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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Fire crews respond to reported explosions in Kent

By Alec Linden

KENT — A fire broke out inside a downtown general store in Kent Sunday, Nov. 16, prompting reports of explosions and drawing a swift response that prevented wider damage, according to authorities.

Kent Fire Marshal Timothy Limbos said Monday that the blaze erupted at 4 North Main Street — home to Woodford's General Store — and was first reported just after 11:30 p.m. when Litchfield County Dispatch received 911 calls about flames and explosions in the area.

The first crews to arrive found a heavy fire burning at the back of the building, with flames beginning to



PHOTO BY BERNIE MEEHAN

Kent Volunteer Fire Department crew members responded quickly to contain the fire on North Main Street late Sunday night, Nov. 16. Propane tanks were found at the scene.

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Health officials brace for surge with virus season ramping up

By Debra A. Aleksinas

As winter approaches in the Northwest Corner, local health officials say a wave of seasonal viral respiratory illness, from flu, RSV, COVID-19 and a mélange of other viruses, may not be far behind.

Already, area clinics are seeing a rise in colds, parainfluenza and stomach viruses, such as norovirus, an early sign that the 2025-2026 respiratory virus season could arrive

sooner, and hit harder, than usual. “So far, we’ve seen a handful of COVID cases, very small amounts of flu. It could be that we simply are not yet in the viral respiratory season yet,” said Dr. Ron Santos, medical director of Sharon Hospital’s Emergency Department.

Santos, who also serves as the hospital’s chief of staff, said some neighboring areas are already feeling the impact.

“Another provider in New Jer-

sey said they are seeing a ton of COVID and flu,” Santos said.

He noted that his wife, a labor and delivery nurse who also works at a CVS pharmacy in Great Barrington, Mass., recently came home and reported an uptick in respiratory illnesses there.

“I think it just hasn’t come up to our neck of the woods yet,” said Santos.

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Blumenthal swears in Cornwall officials

By Ruth Epstein

CORNWALL — U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D) visited Cornwall on Sunday to administer the oath of office to officials elected in the Nov. 4 municipal election, telling attendees that “This election was not too suspenseful, but was still extraordinarily meaningful.”

Blumenthal’s appearance underscored the importance of local government, a theme echoed by First Selectman Gordon Ridgway in his opening remarks.

Ridgway said small towns cannot shut down, referring to the federal government, which just came back after being closed for 40 days. “Local government has a big impact on its citizens. We have to look after our roads and school. We can’t just



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D) swears in Cornwall selectmen John Brown and Rocco Botto at a ceremony Sunday, Nov. 16.

close them.”

Blumenthal, surveying the audience made up of mainly those who were re-elected to their positions, said, “You have served with dedication. Today we celebrate democracy.”

He talked about the Board of Selectmen, noting that it has worked to enhance and preserve the diversity of the community. Affordable housing has been one of its focus-

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PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Linda Amerighi, Sharon town clerk, and Vera Dinneen, Cornwall town clerk, will be retiring this year after decades of service.

Decades of duty conclude for two Town Clerks

By Ruth Epstein

Over their combined tenure of 56 years, Sharon Town Clerk Linda Amerighi and Cornwall Town Clerk Vera Dinneen have seen a lot. As they prepared their upcoming retirements, they looked back over their years as chroniclers of town business with a tinge of sadness, much laughter and a sense of pride.

As neighboring clerks, their towns border one another in a strange configuration. The covered bridge is the dividing line. “If someone gets married in that area, we have to ask them which side of the

river did the wedding take place, so we give them the proper license,” said Dinneen. “And the same has to be determined if there is a drowning. Which side of the river was the person pulled out from?”

They want it known the job entails much more than filing deeds and issuing certain licenses.

Amerighi was working as a secretary in the lab at Sharon Hospital in 1987 when she was tapped by the Democrats to run for the office. She said she was “blindsided” when someone else was chosen, so the

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Special Olympics contender raising funds for 2026 competition

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Josh Brennan of Salisbury is heading to the 2026 Special Olympics in Minneapolis in June and he needs a little help.

Brennan, who competes in track and field and golf but will be concentrating on bowling this time around, needs to raise \$800. He raised \$290 as of Sunday, Nov. 16.

He belongs to the Titans, a group of Special Olympians based in western Massachusetts. His mother, Chris Brennan, explained that the Titans group was much closer to Salisbury than the nearest Connecticut group, so joining it made logistical sense.

Josh Brennan has been involved with the Special Olympics for 15 years. He said that while the competition is fun, the chance to meet up with others and make new friends is the real appeal of the program.

When he’s not working on his bowling game, Brennan is a vol-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Josh Brennan needs to raise \$800 as he prepares to return to the Special Olympics in 2026.

unteer at Noble Horizons, helping with the senior recreation programs.

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Falls Village film series continues

Filmmaker Eric Veden released the newest episode of his documentary series chronicling Falls Village. More at lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Asleep at the wheel accident

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 8, Koriann Wiggins, 19, of East Canaan fell asleep at the wheel while driving on Route 7 near the intersection with Route 112. Her GMC Sierra K2500 struck a stone wall and came to a final rest on its passenger side. She was transported to Sharon Hospital by Salisbury EMS services for knee pain. Wiggins was issued an infraction for “failure to drive right.”

Motorist breaks utility pole, flees

On the morning of Nov. 9, troopers were dispatched to a low hanging utility wire over Route 41 in Salisbury. Upon arriving, they found that a vehicle had struck a utility pole, breaking it in half, and subsequently fled the scene. Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Trooper DaSilva #915 at joshua.dasilva@ct.gov or through Troop B's phone line at 860-626-1820.

Motorist flees after damaging property

At about 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 9, an unidentified vehicle drove off of Route 272 near the town green in Norfolk, traveling across the lawn of the residence of 2 Memorial Green, striking a boulder and bushes. Anyone with information regarding the accident is asked to contact Trooper Montano #1010 using the Troop B phone line, 860-626-1820.

Harassment, protective order violation arrest

On Nov. 10, troopers arrested Patrick Redmond, 37, of North Canaan for a warrant regarding an incident dated Sept. 26 of this year on Ethan Allen Street in Salisbury. He was processed for second degree harassment and violation of a protective

Pedestrian struck by passing car mirror

At around noon on Nov. 11, David Kurish, 78, of Sharon was driving on Main Street in Sharon when he became distracted and veered into the shoulder. The mirror of his Audi A6 hit one of two pedestrians walking on the shoulder, a minor, who was subsequently taken to Sharon Hospital for suspected minor injuries. Kurish was found to be at fault and was issued infractions for failure to drive in proper lane, distracted driving other than the use of a handheld device, and failure to carry an insurance card.

9-1-1 hang up yields arrest

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 12, troopers were dispatched to a Church Street address in North Canaan on the report of a hung up 9-1-1 call. Troopers arrested Jeffrey Beatrice, 34, on disorderly conduct and third degree harassment charges. He was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Nov. 13.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Send mail to P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or email editor@lakevillejournal.com

Correction

Regarding the Nov. 13 article about Norma DeMay: she has three grandchildren and the author she noted was James Patterson.

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

- Oblong Books
- Ocean State Job Lot

Man, 60, dies in single-car crash on Route 272 in Norfolk

By Riley Klein

NORFOLK — A 60-year-old Oregon man is dead after a single-car crash Friday, Nov. 14, according to Connecticut State Police.

Kevin Scott, of Portland, was driving a Ford Escape southbound on Route 272 (Litchfield Road) when he exited the roadway while negotiating a curve and struck a utility pole. The Ford rolled onto its side and the airbags deployed. No other vehicles were involved in the crash and there were no passengers in the car.

Jon Barbagallo, public information officer for Norfolk emergency services, said the roof of the vehicle had to be cut open so first responders could reach the driver. The extrication took about 10 minutes.

Scott was transported by Norfolk Ambulance to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The utility pole snapped at its base.

Anyone with information on the crash is asked to contact Troop B at 860-626-1820.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Norfolk fire and ambulance crews respond to a one-vehicle crash on Route 272 (Litchfield Road) shortly after 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.



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Food closets have been established at the Community Health & Wellness Centers in Northwest Connecticut.

CHWC pantries fight food insecurity

The Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) has opened food closets at its health centers in Torrington, Winsted and North Canaan, offering nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products to patients in need. The organization is also distributing gift cards to local grocery stores so patients can purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and meat.

Along with access to CHWC's Community Food Closet, patients can meet

with a community health worker to connect them to additional resources, such as soup kitchens and food pantries.

CEO Joanne Borduas, in a Nov. 12 statement, thanked The Draper Fund at Northwest CT Community Foundation and the Torrington Savings Bank Foundation for providing grants to support the programs. “These grants enable us to make a significant difference in the health and wellbeing of families in our community,” she said.

Land trusts in Sharon, Salisbury win grants to protect nearly 300 acres

Connecticut Land Conservation Council has awarded two grants to preserve hundreds of acres in the Northwest Corner.

The Sharon Land Trust received a grant of \$131,250 to help purchase the 64-acre Whitetail Forest property.

The property is primarily upland core forest, with exceptional biodiversity that includes three state-listed species of special concern at or very near the property, including the Eastern ribbon snake.

Public access will be provided for recreation. SLT plans to create a new section of its Red Mountain trail across the property following a scenic ridgeline.

The Salisbury Association Land Trust received \$100,000 to help support the acquisition of the 221-acre Miles Mountain property in Salisbury, which features core forest that harbors keystone species. The acquisition protects vital water resources.

The Salisbury Association plans to create a new hiking trail linking to the popular trails at the Trustees of Reservations' Bartholomew's Cobble across the Massachusetts border. The property is also part of the scenic Hou-Bike bicycle trail loop.

The grants were funded by CLCC's Land & Easement Acquisition Program.

Wreath-making returns Nov. 24

FALLS VILLAGE — Community members are invited to join the Housatonic Valley FFA in making Christmas wreaths at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Monday, Nov. 24 and

Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Park on the south side of campus (left-hand side when facing the school from Warren Turnpike).

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Our Towns

Housatonic adds new names to its Wall of Honor

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School is a place of pride. There is pride in its building and campus; in the support it receives from the community and its students and staff.

There is also a great amount of pride for its graduates, and that is clearly evident in the Wall of Honor sponsored by the school's alumni association. The latest inductees were installed at a ceremony held on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Established in 2017, the Wall of Honor recognizes graduates who display strong character traits, personal/professional achievements and have given significant volunteer service to their communities. Six individuals were added to those who have previously been recognized. They are: Jon Higgins, class of 1969; Erin Godburn Lamb, '01; Dorothy Segalla Lotz, '52; Marshall Miles, '71; Ellery "Woods" Sinclair, '56 and Tom Zetterstrom, '63.

In his opening, Principal Ian Strevor spoke specifically of three of the inductees who made an impression on him. He said Miles, (the only one who was honored posthumously) was a voice to those who faced injustice, Sinclair, for his reverence to the school, and Zetterstrom, who has doggedly worked to beautify the school grounds. "These alumni have achieved in so many ways and exemplify the core values of this institution."

John "Willie" Hallihan introduced Higgins, whom he met back in their school days on the football field. "Even back then there was evidence of his leadership," he said. He spoke of his extensive business accomplishments and service to the community. "His resume is but half of the story," said Hallihan. "It's also what he's done for individuals. It's hard to quantify. He's a humble man and still doesn't know why he's here, but I do. Many have been touched by his ripples of generosity."

Higgins, in his acceptance, said, "I'm honored and humbled, and then joked, "After listening to him, I might be something."

In speaking of her sister Lamb, Katie Godburn Shubert said her true calling became apparent when she became a mother, first to a child with a genetic disorder and then a few years later to quadruplets. Two of the children have disabilities and she has worked tirelessly as an advocate for families with similar situations. She is a founding member of organizations whose focus is on helping those families with special needs. "She is a quiet leader whose skills were developed here," said Shubert. "She has truly given back to her community."

Said Lamb, "My time at Housatonic prepared me for life, but in an unexpected path. What I learned here, was how to learn. I needed to stand up for those who couldn't advocate for themselves.

Diane Lotz Coe spoke on behalf of her mother, saying her yearbook quote fit her well: "Good nature and good sense must ever join." Coe spoke of Lotz's long tenure as a nurse at Sharon Hospital and the accomplishments she made in that field, including helping to design the ICU, as a supervisor overseeing all



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Housatonic Valley Regional High School Wall of Honor recipients and nominators. From left: Tracy Atwood, Tom Zetterstrom, Katie Godburn Shubert, Erin Godburn Lamb, Diane Lotz Coe, Dorothy Segalla Lotz, Sara Sinclair Jack, Ellery 'Woods' Sinclair, Jonathan Higgins, Willie Hallihan and Mark Miles.

the units and assistant director of nursing. "She brought joy to the hospital with her number one priority being the safety and well being of all the patients."

Miles was nominated by his brother Mark Miles, who said he wished he could have been there that day. Miles realized his dream of being a radio announcer and for decades was the voice of the Northwest Corner.

"He could get into difficult situations because he knew it was right," said Miles. "After he died, I found out all the things he did for the community. He was always promoting entrepreneurs and charities. He wanted to

get messages out to the community."

Sinclair came back to his alma mater as a teacher in 1963, making a great impact on the legions of students he taught. Those who went through his classes all knew about his affinity for "Moby Dick." Eventually becoming chairman of the English department, he enjoyed connecting his students with nature. His daughter Sara Sinclair Jack said he "had a passion for his community of Falls Village, serving on a host of committees, including more than 50 years on the board of the D.M. Hunt Library.

In his acceptance, Sinclair

said, "I was so enriched by the experiences here at this high school and community."

Tracy Atwood nominated Zetterstrom, noting his reverence for trees. As a photographer with a passion for trees, he has supported a great number of initiatives to save endangered species. As a conscientious objector back during the Vietnam War, he was in Washington, DC, working with underprivileged students on art projects. 300 of which are owned by the Smithsonian Institution. Zetterstrom's works are in several museums, including the Library of Congress. More recently, his work is focused on ridding invasive plants that are destroying the landscape.

Zetterstrom recalled how the Housatonic campus was barren after a renovation and the Arboretum and Landscape Committee essentially did what the WPA did when it built the school in 1939; helped to make it green. He has spearheaded a movement of installing trees, many of which are provided by various alumni classes. "These have added to the beauty of the campus," he said.

At the end of the program, the audience members joined in singing the school song. A luncheon for all followed.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The home at 10 Williams Road was built around 1860 and sold for \$815,000.

October real estate sales in Sharon

By Christine Bates

SHARON — The six transfers during the month of October in Sharon represented the end of the real estate season as these properties typically went under contract during the late summer.

Median home prices calculated on a 12-month basis hit a high for the year at \$610,000 but still lower than last year's October median of \$677,500. Homes for sale remain at a steady level of around 20 with the median price per square foot rising to \$368.

In mid-November there were 18 homes listed for sale with 13 asking more than \$1 million and only two less than the median of \$610,000.

Transactions

1 Skiff Mountain Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1799 plus a ranch plus 7.44 acres sold by Wilmington Savings Fund FSB Trust Residential Credit Opportunities Trust in foreclosure for \$400,000 to 1 Skiff LLC.

258-260 Gay Street — 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch on 1.24 acres sold by Shirley A. Hoffkins to Holly Leibrock

for \$300,000.

10 Williams Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 1.26 acres built in 1860 sold by Rodger L. Hicks to Steven R. Krog for \$815,000.

86 Douglas Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch on 0.57 acres sold by Felix I and Jeanmarie E Bustillo and to Theodore Scott Moore for \$375,375.

276 Gay Street — Ranch on 114.21 acres sold by James Digangi to Poconnuck Land Partners LLC for \$2,050,000.

Caray Hill Road — 28.06 acres sold by YS Connecticut Holdings LLC to Maryanne T. and Alexander C. Toppan for \$735,000.

** Town of Sharon real estate transfers recorded as transferred between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, 2025, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Property details from Sharon tax cards. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS and market data from Infosparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.*

Kellogg welcomes new principal

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Andrew Deacon has been appointed principal of Lee H. Kellogg School, effective Dec. 1. He succeeds Stacey Calo, who resigned earlier in the school year and stepped down last month.

Deacon was at a meet and greet with the Kellogg community Monday afternoon, Nov. 17 in the school library.

He said he was encouraged by his warm reception in his initial meetings with students, parents and school staff. When he takes over next month, "there will be a lot of listening and learning"

"And I'll be building relationships."

Deacon currently serves as a literacy interventionist and instructional coach at Sharon Center School. His previous experience includes roles as supervisor of student development and academic success for grades Pre-K-12 in the Milford Public



PHOTO PROVIDED

Andrew Deacon

Schools, as well as director of academics and intervention support for grades K-5, assistant principal, literacy and numeracy specialist, and fourth-grade teacher in the Torrington Public Schools.

Deacon holds a bachelor's in art history from Manhattanville College, a master's in elementary education and a sixth-year certificate in reading and language arts from the University of Bridgeport, a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Bridgeport, and a Superintendent of Schools

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PHOTO FROM ZOOM MEETING

Jennifer Markow receives a farewell vase during the Cornwall Board of Selectman meeting Nov. 4. Markow did not seek re-election, while fellow board members Gordon Ridgway, center, and Rocco Botto were each elected to another term.

Markow concludes time as selectman

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Jennifer Hurlburt Markow was honored with flowers and a ceramic vase during her final meeting as a member of the Cornwall Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Markow, who served one term on the board, said she plans to remain involved in the community in other ways. “It’s been a good experience being selectman,” she said. “Now I can focus on different areas.”

Markow remains an active member of the Parks and Recreation team and helps at Cornwall Consolidated School.

Looking back on her time with the Board, she said the role “kind of gives you a totally different view of the town. I definitely recommend everybody be a selectman at least once.”

“It’s an acquired taste,” responded First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, who was elected to his 18th term on the board that day. “Thank you for your continued service.”

“It’s been really great serving on the Board with you,” said Selectman Rocco Botto, who was also re-elected. “We had a great team.”

John Brown was elected to fill Markow’s seat. It will be his first term as a selectman.

Kent warns residents of email scam

KENT — Town Hall announced Nov. 10 that a fraudulent email is being sent to some Kent residents impersonating the Land Use Office.

Anyone who receives an email from planning-dept.townofkentct@usa.com is advised that it is a fake address. Thus far, recipients from the scam address have been asked to submit a payment regarding a special permit application and an “Application

Review and Approval Fee.” These requests are false and refer to no real Land Use Office activity.

The town cautions recipients of any communication from the email address to not reply in any way, including hitting the “unsubscribe” button.

Anyone contacted by the impersonator is asked to email the Land Use Office at landuseadmin@townofkentct.gov or call 860-927-4625.

Traditional cheeses carry culture across generations

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Photographer and cheese researcher Babs Perkins gave an unusual presentation at The David M. Hunt Library Saturday, Nov. 15.

There was a slide show, and plenty of information, as per usual.

What made it unusual was the samples of cheese — not just any cheese, but a rare cheese made by a few people in the former Yugoslavia.

“In Search of the Whey: Tracking down a Balkan cheese on the verge of extinction and why it matters to us in Northwest Connecticut” featured photographs taken by Perkins in what she described as “10 years in the field,” tracking down the makers of traditional cheeses in the Balkans.

The cheese in question is called “Sir iz Mijeha.” There are variations on this name,



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Babs Perkins, right and the Hunt Library’s Meg Sher prepare cheese sample plates for an overflow audience at the library Saturday, Nov. 15.

depending on where you are in the Balkans and who you are talking to.

Perkins explained that the countries that make up the former Yugoslavia are defined by religious, ethnic and political divisions that are difficult for outsiders to penetrate.

Sharon hair salon to close by year’s end

By Matthew Kreta

SHARON — After more than two decades in business, Shear Illusions in Sharon will close its doors in late December. Owner Rebecca Welsh will be cutting hair at Kent Hair Studio going forward.

“I’m sorry to be closing the doors, I just feel like it’s time for a change,” Welsh said.

Shear Illusions opened in May 2005 in the Sharon Plaza, where it operated for 12 years. Welsh moved the business into its current location on West Main Street in 2017.

Welsh has been cutting hair for 35 years. After getting her cosmetician license in Poughkeepsie, New York, Welsh’s first haircutting job was in Millerton at Main Street Hair. Following subsequent employment in Millbrook, Welsh moved to Cal-

ifornia where she continued her career.

After a few years, Welsh returned to the area and worked at Kent Hair Studio before purchasing Shear Illusions.

Now, she will be returning to Kent Hair Studio, currently run by Debbie Row.

“It’s bittersweet, but I just feel like it’s time to move forward, and putting in 20 years... that’s a lot,” Welsh said. “I hope you all join me at Kent Hair Studio.”

Although she is only moving one town over, Welsh was thankful for her time in Sharon and was hopeful that any clients who still want her services would know where to find her going forward.

Welsh can be reached in Sharon at 860-364-5111 until the end of the year. The number for Kent Hair Studio is 860-927-3342.

Economic and demographic forces are combining in the region in such a way that traditional cheeses “are on the verge of extinction.”

When Yugoslavia ceased to function as a Communist federation in 1989, and the country broke into its constituent republics, there followed a 10-year period of civil wars based on ethnic and religious differences.

Perkins said one big problem for the traditional cheese industry is that the civil war period killed a lot of men. She pointed out that women outnumbered men in her photos, and that almost everyone involved was elderly.

The reason the cheeses are going extinct is because of the loss of generational knowledge, teaching and tradition, or “intangible cultural heritage” (as opposed to tangible cultural heritage, such as archaeological sites).

Perkins took the audience through a visual tour, in both video and still photographs, of the cheese being made in stone buildings, with wood-fired stoves, in remote, high-elevation settings.

Then it was time for the taste test. Everybody got a small plate with four pieces of cheese and a couple of pieces of bread as a palate cleanser. A mark in the upper left-hand corner of the plate indicated

where to start.

Some of the cheeses were made from cow’s milk, some from sheep’s milk, and some were a combination. Perkins said cows produce much more milk than sheep, so if a cheese maker is aiming at volume, a cow is more efficient.

The taste test was very popular with the audience.

Perkins said that despite the economic and demographic headwinds, there are signs that the traditional cheese industry is making a comeback.

She told the story of one youngish man who left the farm, went to university and earned two master’s degrees, yet could not find a job.

So he returned to the farm to make a go of it.

This is what Perkins is most interested in.

“For me, the intangible cultural heritage is the bedrock of the culture. It’s a tool for social cohesion, community building, peace building.”

How does this translate to Northwest Connecticut?

Perkins said if Connecticut consumers make the effort to find the local farmers who are growing heritage tomatoes (for instance), they will be using the same process of maintaining intangible cultural heritage elements as the Balkan cheese makers.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Pursuant to CT State Library, Office of Public Records, Form RC-075, regarding the disposition of public records, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, CT, announces plans to dispose of students’ cumulative records for the following years of graduation: 1997, 1998, 2000-2015. Please contact the Registrar at (860)824-5123x1170 to arrange a time if you wish to pick up records prior to the disposition. A government issued photo ID will be required for verification. All forementioned records will be disposed of no earlier than Friday Dec 19, 2025.

proposed dock will be 4 feet wide and 45 feet long projecting into the lake. The dock will be assembled offsite and floated to the property location from the Town Grove where it will be secured by steel posts anchored into the lakebed. The dock will be positioned within one foot of the shoreline to provide stable and convenient access to the water”. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map and lot 47 11 and is known as OSHARON ROAD. The owner of the property is WATSON PAUL SURV & ELAINE SURV.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 27, 2025:

Exempt -Application IWWC-25-75 by Elaine Watson for/to “Install a dock adjacent to the ordinary high-water mark of Lake Wononscopomuc. The

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on November 10, 2025:

Deemed Not Exempt -Application IWWC-25-76 by Michael Pallone requesting a declaratory ruling for a new septic system in the upland review area as maintenance of a residential property. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 12 as lot 20 and is known as 85+85A Sugar Hill Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Carl Andrew Gerlach.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Sally Spillane, Secretary 11-20-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF WILLIAM KRUKOWSKI Late of New York AKA William Edward Krukowski (25-00408)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 6, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to

promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Lisa Maria Inzerillo
c/o William O Riiska
William O. Riiska
3 Farnam Road
PO Box 1340
Lakeville, CT 06039
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
11-20-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JEREMY ROBIN DAKIN Late of Falls Village (25-00381)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 4, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are:
Amanda Halle, 7 Puddlers Lane, Falls Village, CT 06031
Peter Halle, 7 Puddlers Lane, Falls Village, CT 06031
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
11-20-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JAMES VAN B. DRESSER Late of Salisbury (25-00416)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 4, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Emily D Vail
Vail & Vail, LLC
5 Academy St
PO Box 568
Salisbury, CT 06068
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
11-20-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF STEVENS HECKSCHER HARRISON AKA Stevens H. Harrison Late of Lakeville (25-00415)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 4, 2025, ordered that all claims must be

presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are:
David A. Clement
and Jay Tyron Badgley, II
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
11-20-25

Salisbury Housing Committee Annual Meeting

The Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) is holding its annual meeting to elect officers for the coming year on Wednesday, December 3 at 5:00 pm, by Zoom. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting and may submit nominees for the Board before the meeting. Nominations may be made to SHC, PO Box 10, Salisbury. The Zoom address will be available at salisburycthousing.org. SHC is the proprietor of affordable rental units located in Salisbury. Anyone interested in renting at any SHC location should call Tammy Broderick at 860-435-0049.

11-20-25

OBITUARIES

Allen Young

SHARON — Allen Young passed away on Saturday, Nov. 8, after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. He would have turned 85 on Nov. 14.

Academically, Allen was hard to match as he sailed through the Bronx School of Science, Yale University, and Harvard Law School. He returned to Yale in his retirement to earn a MA in history. Allen’s sport was reading history books, and he could probably tell you what Napoleon had for breakfast.

Allen spent 26 happy years at PricewaterhouseCoopers where he was Deputy General Counsel. It was in that time that he developed a love for a perfect Manhattan straight up. This remained his cocktail time favorite.

Allen was active in Sharon town politics and served on

the board of The Hotchkiss Library. He served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Democratic Town Committee. He was also on the board of Crescendo.

Allen is remembered by his family as being joyful and deeply kind.

He is survived by his wife Lindley Young, his daughter Ridgley Straka, his son Nate Young and stepdaughters Katherine Singer and Ann Volkwein. His grandchildren and step-grandchildren are Hazel Straka, Henry Straka, Alisa Young, Victor Young, Jackson Singer, Sloane Singer, and Maximus Saxton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Hotchkiss Library.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Lynne Killmer Stanton

SHARON — Lynne passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 4 after a long illness. She was born in Sharon, Connecticut, and attended Sharon Center School and HVRHS. In her junior year, Lynne transferred to Rincon High in Tucson Arizona. She made lifelong friends at HVRHS.

Lynne had many interests and talents and was known for her kindness and humor. She had a seat weaving business, was an avid gardener, loved boat rides on the lake, sold antiques and collectibles, and also hosted many fun celebrations (an annual pumpkin fiesta was a favorite) with family and friends! She started The Hills advertising magazine (a great joy in her life) where she met and made many lifelong friends.

She is survived by her

husband, Bill and her sisters, Eileen and husband Ralph Coons of Tucson Arizona, Noreen and husband Tim Fahey of Huntington Vermont, and brother Ted Killmer and wife Annmarie of Divide Colorado. She leaves behind Bill’s brother Tom and sisters Sandra, Therese, and Mary and their families. She loved her many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends’ children.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. The family would like to thank The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, Lolly Schroeder for her kind and compassionate care, HVRHS friends for love and support, and friends and family for all our shared times! Contributions can be made to SVAS PO Box 582 Salisbury CT 06068-0582.

Shirley J. Bronson

AMENIA — Shirley J. Bronson passed away, peacefully, Friday morning on Nov. 7, 2025. She was 76 years young.

She was born Oct. 4, 1949, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Rudolph and Eleanor (Cameron) Richardson.

Shirley resided in Vermont in her early years until the family moved to New York state and by 1958 Shirley was joined by four siblings, Sheila, Stuart, Steven, and Eleanor.

Shirley graduated from the Webutuck Central School systems and BOCES taking courses in secretarial and accounting, later working for Leon Rostein, Anderson Peet, Wassaic State School and the New York State and Texas State prison systems. Commuting to NYS prisons with her brother Steve and nephew Weston made the commute more enjoyable.

In 1971 Shirley married Edward Bronson of Amenia and together in 1972 became Jehovahs’ Witnesses.

In 1974 the Bronson couple welcomed a baby girl, Heather Lee. Heather came to be a great support to her mom especially after her dad was killed in a car accident (1997). The “duo” left the area and moved to Texas. Here Shirley became a good friend to the Lampasas

Congregation. She came to work for the State of Texas prison system and as a Home Health Aide. Knitting, crocheting and ministry occupied most of her days. She loved dachshund dogs and Siamese cats. Her faithful kitty, “Drambuie” was there with her until the end.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Heather and husband Jason Blackwell of Taylor, Texas; her sisters, Sheila Breen of Millerton, New York and Eleanor Campbell of Wingdale, New York, two brothers, Stuart Richardson (Cora) of New Lebanon, New York and Steven Richardson of Wassaic, New York. Also survived by brothers-in-law, Carl Bronson (Bertha) Montana and Steven. and many nieces and nephews from the Richardson and Bronson families. She was pre-deceased by Ralph Bronson.

Shirley’s faith and hope in the Resurrection and living forever on a Paradise Earth as Jehovah promises kept her going through those difficult last days.

Memorial service and reception are arranged through the Lampasas, Texas congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Cards and condolences can be sent to Heather Blackwell. 2002 Muscovy Cove, Taylor, Texas 76574.



Elizabeth Stone Potter

SALISBURY — Elizabeth Stone Potter passed away peacefully on Nov. 5, 2025, due to complications of Parkinson’s disease. She had recently celebrated her 94th birthday.

She was born in northern (then still rural) Westchester county to Ralph and Betty Stone.

“Pebble” (a nick name afforded her as the first child in a family of Stones) cherished all her communities, especially those in New York City and Norfolk, Connecticut.

After a childhood education in a much storied one room schoolhouse in Waccabuc, she left home for northern Virginia and became a proud member of the Foxcroft School class of 1949.

Graduating from Foxcroft she went, with her big horse in tow, to Wellesley College. There (or at least nearby) she met the dashing Idahoan with a sports car who would become her husband for nearly 60 years.

She and Dave set up a home in New York City after some time at Marine Corps camps and in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where their first child was born.

Pebble raised two boys in the teeth of the complicated era that was the ’60 and ’70s, and she did a really good job of it, perhaps helped along by her one nightly cigarette and vodka on the rocks.

Education was the love of her professional life. She taught for a little while at Spence School, but spent nearly 40 years teaching at Chapin School. She founded the audio-visual department at Chapin (even though she was perplexed by the family VCR machine), taught lower school science, led a home room for fourth graders, and generally left a positive imprint on generations of talented young women. She loved Chapin – its people and values, and all the girls she taught there over the years – and worked very hard at being the best teacher she could be. She no doubt sends a Green and Gold hug down to all her former colleagues

and students and wishes the very best to every girl who ever walked in the doors on East End Avenue.

In the early ‘70s, Pebble’s friendship with Barbara Gridley led her to Norfolk, a then remote but highly civilized town in northwest Connecticut. The house on Mountain Road became home, a refuge but also a place of excitement and discovery. Norfolk was and is a place filled with what Pebble referred to as “all the best people” – she loved everyone and we know that she missed dearly her social life with the Isabellas and all the friends in town and at the Country Club.

Though too many of those friends have already left, there are many still there and we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love you continued to show Pebble after she moved to Noble Horizons.

And her last community at Noble Horizons was a gift to us all. It would take too long to thank everyone there, but we are deeply grateful for the care and love and tenderness you showed Elizabeth (she finally lost that nick name when she got to Noble!). It is a wonderful, caring place.

Elizabeth was much beloved by her sons David and Nick, her daughters-in-law Ellen Bauerle and Lee Findlay Potter, her grandchildren Claire (Michael Schneider) and Natalie Potter and Arthur, Lila and Nina Potter, and most recently a great grandson Bennet Stone Potter-Schneider. We all will miss her dearly.

There is so much more to say – the pets and the sports, her resilience and humor, and the trips and the curiosity about nature and the environment. Elizabeth loved this earth and she made everything she could of her time here. We love her and miss her.

The family is planning a memory service in the Spring of 2026.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

BRIEFS

SWSA Ski Swap and Sale Dec. 6

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association’s annual Ski Swap and Sale will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Lakeville Hose Company firehouse on Brook Street.

Those wishing to sell equipment must bring their items to the firehouse on Friday, Dec. 5, between 4 and 7 p.m. Equipment will not be accepted on Saturday, the day of the sale.

On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to noon, sellers can pick up

their money or unsold equipment. Any money you make selling your equipment, you keep — SWSA does not take a commission. Any remaining equipment after noon Saturday will become the property of SWSA.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit several SWSA youth ski programs. Check www.jumpfest.org for more details.

The sale will include a huge display of new winter sports equipment and clothing.

NOTICE OF PASSING

Priscilla Cortesi Belcher

Priscilla Cortesi Belcher born September 2nd, 1930 in Huntsville, and lifelong resident of Canaan/Falls Village, passed away at Geer Memorial Hospital in the cared nursing facility on November 11th, 2025, Veteran’s Day. She was 95 years old. Priscilla did not want an obituary or a formal service. Like Priscilla, her friends find workarounds to make the right thing happen. Priscilla made no mention against a notice of passing like this box is or letters of appreciation, let alone other appropriate celebrations other than a formal service. There will be future letters of appreciation in The Lakeville Journal, the more the merrier. Celebrations are in the planning stages for this coming spring and will be announced in the Journal. If there is anything to learn from the life of Priscilla, it is that both the greatest tragedy, yet the best blessing you can ever remember in life is that you are more loved than you will ever know.

Anne Chamberlain

CORNWALL — Anne Chamberlain passed peacefully at home on Nov. 7, 2025, with her family by her side. She is remembered and celebrated by her two children, Bonnie and David Rovics, their spouses John Bordage and Reiko Maeda, her four grandchildren Jacob Bordage, Leila Paravacini Rovics, Kotoha and Yutaka Maeda Rovics, and her sisters Tippi Loeb and Sue Chamberlain.

Anne grew up in Great Neck Long Island, spent many wonderful years of her younger life in NYC, and moved to Connecticut to raise a family in the 1970’s. Anne was a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and studied extensively at Julliard with Beve-ridge Webster. She lived in Cornwall Bridge, for close to 40 years, and served as the choir director and organist at the UCC Church, as well as a piano teacher for Simon’s Rock of Bard College. Anne moved to Boston/Jamaica Plain at the age of

80 to live in a shared home with her daughter and son-in-law. Anne rekindled her life-long connection to the Quaker community in the last few years of her life, and the community of friends was deeply present for the end of her life.

Anne was a global presence and loved learning the history of music, art, culture, past and present. She studied music and the musicians, composers and artists who created and wrote the music she loved. She traveled extensively on a minimal budget, inspired by her Aunt Betty Chamberlain. Anne spent many summers living in Hanoi, Vietnam, working on music with the Hanoi Symphony musicians, continuing well into her 70’s.

Anne’s legacy will be remembered as a musical inspiration to so many others, and a deeply devoted environmental activist who tread very gently on this earth. everloved.com/life-of-anne-chamberlain/obituary/

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to obituaries@lakevillejournal.com



Worship Services

Week of November 23, 2025

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627	St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest-in-Charge In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome
FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org	UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality
The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org
The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building	Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!
All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us	
Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org	
Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138	

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Cahill for his service to Sharon Ed.

Before the recent municipal elections get too far in the rear-view mirror, I wanted to say a word of thanks to retiring Sharon Board of Education chair, Doug Cahill. Doug served for 12 years with unfailing diligence, judgment, integrity and good humor, as I can attest from having served for eight of those years with him.

There is one achievement from his tenure on the Board which is often overlooked: if you look at the last eight years of actual spending — the years covered by the budgets available on the town website — you will see that Sharon Center School's spending has been virtually flat. This year's budget of \$4.166 million is up only 1.5% from actual spending of \$4.103 million in 2017-18. By contrast, the Consumer Price Index has risen 32%.

Even more remarkably, the school is up to date on all major maintenance: new roof, new boilers, air handling system, paving, etc.

But most impressive is that his primary concern has always been squarely where it should be: making sure that Sharon school students receive the quality education mandated by the state and the supports they need to prepare for a healthy, productive life. It is a fitting coda to his time on the board (and kudos to Sharon teachers, administrators and staff) that the school recently received Connecticut "School of Distinction" status based on performance and progress.

A huge vote of thanks to Doug for his years of dedication to the children of Sharon.

Anne Vance

Sharon



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The Thanksgiving meal will be cheaper this year

The president was correct last week when he stated that the cost of a Thanksgiving meal at Walmart will be lower this year. He neglected to add that this year's dinner contains six fewer products than its 2024 basket and only 22 items, compared to 29. I guess that is no surprise.

By this time, shrinkage is everywhere among products. This is a common tactic used by manufacturers to give the appearance of a larger product, when in fact, you're getting less. In the food category, it is running rampant, so why not at Thanksgiving? Cans are smaller. There are fewer items in smaller packages, and, of course, the 'fool you' trick of keeping the package size the same but filling it with air.

Walmart, among other grocery stores, has announced a 25% drop in its 2025 Thanksgiving basket, serving 10 people. This means you, the savvy shopper, can save money this year and still provide a hearty meal for your family.

Wells Fargo's Agri-Food Institute provides an annual run-down of the year's prices for the typical Thanksgiving meal. This year, they predict that consumers will pay 2-3% less for their Thanksgiving meal, despite food-at-home prices increasing 2.7% so far in 2025. The latest Consumer Price Index report indicated that beef, bananas, and coffee were responsible for much of that increase, and (Praise Be) none of them are Thanks-

THE RETIRED INVESTOR BILL SCHMICK

giving staples.

As always, those numbers will depend on a shopper's strategies and food choices. For example, if you exclude beef and eggs from the menu, chances are the dinner will be cheaper. If you stick to store brands, a typical menu will come in at \$80 versus \$95 for a meal of national-name brand items.

Some national brands, however, use certain loss-leader items to keep in the running for your holiday dollars. Cranberries and frozen vegetables, for example, may be cheaper than store brands, so do your homework. As for dessert, stick with pumpkin pie, which is down about 3% in price from last year,

The dinner's pièce de résistance, the turkey, will also drop in price this year. Retail turkey prices are down 3.7%. Additionally, keep an eye out for sales. As of last weekend, I scored a \$.67/pound frozen turkey and a \$.87/pound ham at my local supermarket chain. Given that I am a bit of a skinflint, I usually

buy several turkeys during the holiday season.

It is not that I especially crave the taste of a 20-pound big bird, but my dog loves them. At the current price of a 12-ounce can of dog food (between \$2-\$3), or a premium brand (\$3-\$7), the price of a turkey is a steal. I throw it in the oven, often while I am writing this column. Once done, I chop it up into bite-sized chunks and freeze it in baggies, except for the drumsticks, which my wife loves. But I digress.

Donald Trump has claimed that the only grocery item that has increased in price is beef. We all know that is not true. Why would the nation's president try to pull the wool over our eyes when dozens of food items continue to increase in price? One word—affordability.

He knows that consumers are faced with the rising cost of everything. It is an

increasing hardship that has become even more difficult lately. Millions of Republicans as well as Democrats depend on SNAP to eat. The same can be said for those enrolled in Obamacare who face massive premium hikes.

Tariffs, immigration, and peace deals may be nice, but they only go so far. The opposition is aware of this. Increasingly, Democrats have used this issue effectively, as evidenced by last week's elections. I suspect that this message of affordability is beginning to ring loud and clear in the Oval Office. I'll leave it at that because my oven (and my dog) are telling me my first roast turkey of the season is done.

Bill Schmick is a founding partner of Onota Partners, Inc., in the Berkshires. Bill's forecasts and opinions are purely his own and do not necessarily represent the views of Onota Partners, Inc. (OPI).

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — November 1900

In the game between the overshoe and the sidewalk, the overshoe gets “stuck” every time these days.

SHARON — No services were held last Sunday in the Episcopal Church, the rector not being able to reach Sharon in time. As usual the services will be held next Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Phillips of New Haven expecting to preside.

Lots of people are fond of swearing at the telephone, but they realize how important it is when a storm comes along and puts it out of business. Yes “blessings brighten as they take their flight.”

A.B. Landon returned Tuesday from Vermont with over thirty fine cattle. He was in Vermont throughout the storm of last week and says he just about froze to death — thought he would thaw out when he got back to Lakeville, but found the climate here about as severe as in Vermont.

Harry Gill is working in the forging room of the Holley M’f’g Co. for a short time.

100 years ago — November 1925

The garage of the Canfield Motor Sales Co. at Canaan was practically destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. The garage was formerly a livery stable and being of wood it burned with amazing rapidity, seeming to be ablaze all over almost at once. The fire started when a backfiring Ford ignited oil and gasoline. One of the workmen, John Fallon, was overcome with smoke and had to be carried out. In the building was a large number of cars some of which were saved, although about 21 cars were destroyed a number of them being new Fords in which the company dealt.

The portrait of the late Dr. George H. Knight has been finished by Miss Emmet, and is to be placed in the new building called the Knight Hospital at the Institution at Mansfield. The portrait will be on exhibition at Heaton & Co.’s store for a few days in order to give Dr. Knight’s friends an opportunity to see it.

Status Report

KENT — Parks and Recreation Director Matt Busse posted a request for proposals (RFP) Wednesday, Nov. 12, calling for quotes from landscape designers regarding the refurbishment of Emery Park’s stream-fed swimming pond, which has laid defunct for six years. The Park and Recreation Commission has \$500,000 already allocated towards the project, with \$100,000 in additional funds pending approval by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and town meeting vote. Bids are due Dec. 1, after which the Commission is expected to select a bidder during its regular meeting on Dec. 2.

It was announced recently by the highway commissioner that a concrete road will be constructed from the bridge at West Norfolk to the Norfolk green, a distance of about two miles, the cost of construction being estimated at about \$125,000. The present highway is narrow and in places it is difficult to pass large trucks, the drivers of which apparently do not wish to get too near the edge of the road alongside the fence, for fear of cave-ins. The new road will thus require considerable filling to widen it.

LIME ROCK — H.V. Eggleston has rented a house in Lakeville and moved there for the winter.

The work of remodeling the interior of Robert’ Store to provide quarters for the post office has been started. The former dry goods section of the store will be used as the post office, a partition being installed to separate it from the rest of the store.

Clifton Tripp has finished his duties at the Journal office and has returned to his home in Pine Plains.

The coal strike thus far has caused no distress in this section. Most of our home owners laid in supplies for winter before the strike occurred. Some soft coal is being used, but practically everyone has been able to secure coal for immediate needs. Meanwhile the coal operators and miners have lost friends, almost everyone feeling that these coal strikes come with altogether too much regularity about every two years and each time coal gets a substantial boost in prices. The dear public as usual is the goat.

50 years ago — November 1975

New car sales are on the rebound, according to several Tri-State area dealers, after a bad 1975 sales year. Not all dealers report a sales spurt, however, as some find little change from last year’s pattern and say sales are down.

The Lakeville Water Company which provides water service to some 860 customers in the Town of Salisbury, Monday filed a formal application with the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission for a 34 per cent rate increase. Should the full amount of the \$21,900 annual rate increase be granted, the quarterly bill of a typical residential customer using 10,000 gallons of water would rise from \$7.38 to \$9.90. No increases have been requested for water companies in Canaan, Norfolk or Cornwall, which also are owned by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company.

Salisbury selectmen decided Tuesday night to defer action on a proposal by Resident State Trooper Robert

Smithwick to make Academy and Library streets each one-way in an effort to relieve entrance and exit congestion at the new Market Place of Salisbury. Instead they decided to ban parking on Academy Street for some distance back from Main Street to determine whether this will alleviate the problem at the corner.

The promotion of David N. Parker to vice president and executive editor of The Lakeville Journal was announced this week by Journal Publisher Robert Estabrook. Parker has been managing editor for the past 3½ years.

Members of the Canaan Volunteer Fire Company gathered at the Main Street firehouse last Friday to take down the communications tower. The tower was taken down with the help of Tony Ghi’s crane and moved in one afternoon to the new firehouse. Other firefighting equipment was also relocated on Friday.

The American Farmer Degree, the highest degree of membership in the Future Farmers of America, was conferred last week on Robert Wood, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wood of Falls Village. Wood joined 703 other FFA members, representing about one per cent of all FFA members, in accepting the honorary degree at the 48th FFA national convention in Kansas City, Mo. Wood is a student at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

A heretofore nameless road off of Route 7 in Falls Village has been designated as Stein Lane in honor of Arthur D. Stein Jr. The little roadway was named both to honor Stein and to aid travelers seeking homes located along the road. The road was part of a development started several years ago by Ralph Sandmeyer of Cornwall. Initiative in naming the road stemmed from Edward Woebse of Route 7, a nearby resident. Woebse said that many persons would stop at his home seeking directions to the road. Woebse decided upon a name for the road, got Sandmeyer’s agreement to posting the name, and arranged for a bold-faced sign. The post office and other town agencies have been notified of the new name.

The newest resident of Cornwall Bridge arrived on Nov. 14 at 10:13 p.m. Expected in December, the newborn son confounded his parents, Dorothy and Philip Wolfe, by his sudden arrival Friday night. Dr. Josephine Evarts had planned to be on hand to deliver him at home, as she had his sister Catherine. But there was no time. The young father, who had assisted at the earlier birth, delivered the child himself. When “Dr. Jo” arrived she found mother, son and father

doing nicely. Having caught his parents unprepared the baby has not yet been named. He is the grandson of Jean Wolfe of West Cornwall and of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clarke Jr. of Cornwall Bridge. He is the great grandson of the founder of the Dark Entry Forest Association, the late Dr. William C. Clarke.

25 years ago — November 2000

While strongly affirming its support of Essent Healthcare’s purchase of Sharon Hospital, the Ombudsmen for Sharon Hospital met with some questions and concerns at a meeting Friday. About 100 people attended an informational meeting at Sharon Center School to hear the group, which formed to help disseminate information to the public about the proposed sale. James Buckley, former senator and retired federal judge, who serves as chairman of the ombudsmen, opened the meeting, emphasizing that everyone in the room has the same objective: to keep Sharon Hospital as a viable acute care facility.

At last, the town of Lakeville has a new postmaster, Drew Ohmen, most recently the postmaster in Falls Village, took over the position Oct. 21. Mr. Ohmen was stationed in Falls Village from 1993 until this year. He was postmaster in South Kent from 1987 to 1993 and he has worked for the U.S. Postal Service since 1973. In his years as a civil servant, Mr. Ohmen has seen and taken part in major changes in the way mail is sorted and delivered. “The major change is automation, the way the mail is sorted,” he said.

CANAAN — A \$22,000 technology grant has been awarded to North Canaan Elementary School. Principal Thomas Gaisford made the announcement at last week’s Board of Education meeting. A portion of the state funding, he said, would go toward updating computer equipment in the school library and increasing capacity in a couple of hubs. Most will be spent to purchase new computers to replace older models.

Falls Village resident Betsy Howie will read from and sign her novel “Snow” Saturday Dec. 2 at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village from 4 to 6 p.m. The reading, signing and reception, which will follow the library’s monthly book sale, will also be a fundraiser for the library. Copies of “Snow” will be available at the library for \$15 each. Five dollars from each book sold will be donated to the library.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury’s Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.

Foolish to rebuild in extreme conditions?

Dear EarthTalk: Isn’t it foolish to rebuild millions of homes in areas ravaged by floods or wildfires given the likelihood that this extreme weather will keep occurring?

Mike Aspen,
Baltimore, MD

In recent years, the continued global prevalence of climate change has increased the number of weather-related catastrophes. In fact, eight of California’s 10 largest wildfires have occurred in the past five years, resulting not only in the loss of lives but also significant property damage. Due to this repeated phenomenon, many climate experts suggest that towns at a high risk of weather-related catastrophes should be abandoned, not rebuilt. Financial, logistical and safety factors indicate that rebuilding in low-hazard areas can be significantly more beneficial than rebuilding in high-hazard areas.

Building new homes in areas at high risk of flood or wildfire contributes up to \$3 billion to disaster-related costs annually. At the current rate, experts predict that some 220,000 homes could be built in locations exposed to high wildfire hazards by 2030, making for unprecedented financial loss from property damage. In the case of Greenville, California, for instance, rebuilding is predicted to cost around \$1 billion, yet most residents do not plan to return, largely because experts think the area could be destroyed again in the next 30 years. “Governments can save billions of dollars each year and keep people safe from disasters by building just a small percentage of new homes away from the highest-risk areas for wildfires and floods,” says Ryan Ness, Director of

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Adaptation at the Canadian Climate Institute.

To make matters worse, the use of fire-resistant material to rebuild is costly and thus not required by law, leading to increased risk. Though urban planners stress the need for fire-resistant design, officials often push for rapid reconstruction, thus waiving environmental permits and zoning regulations.

Beyond the lack of fire-resistant material, the location of rebuilt homes increases the dangers that residents face as the frequency of weather-related disasters such as droughts, floods and wildfires has increased fivefold since 1970 and have led to the deaths of 2 million people globally. Furthermore, wildfires do not just destroy homes—they degrade air quality, water supply and forests, causing permanent detrimental effects.

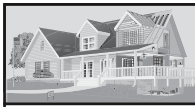
The Canadian Climate Institute recommends building housing and infrastructure in low-hazard areas, moving away from high-risk zones. Another recommendation is to create, maintain, and make publicly available maps that show where hazardous areas are to warn potential residents. Moreover, the Institute also suggested reforming disaster assistance programs as a way to deter risky urban development.

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In a world that has echoes of Germany in the 1930s with brownshirts forcibly rounding up immigrants, it is a wonderful respite to follow the adventures of these three aging nuns in Austria who have defied the Church authorities by escaping the nursing home that confined them and who have returned to their beloved cloister. This was only possible with the help of the local community who have provided all the support necessary for them to stay. What I love is both this support from past students and that they have become social media stars for their resistance. NPR has a delightful article about them which can be viewed at: www.npr.org/2025/11/04/g-s1-95178/austria-nuns-flee. For the Sisters' Instagram account, please see @nonnen_goldenstein. This will brighten your day!



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VIRUS SEASON

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Early signs point to a busy season

The virus season typically begins with RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) starting in October and early November, “and builds momentum around November and December and peaks in January or February,” according to Dr. Ulysses Wu, an infectious disease specialist with Hartford HealthCare.

“We don’t limit respiratory virus season to RSV, covid and flu. We lump them into the annual virus season with 10 or 15 other pathogens out there that people need to be aware of.”

Those include rhinovirus, the most common cause of the common cold; adenovirus, which causes a wide range of illness from mild cold-like symptoms to more severe infections like pneumonia, pink eye and gastroenteritis; pertussis, a highly contagious bacterial infection of the respiratory system; and parvovirus, which is more common in children than adults and causes an itchy rash, among other seasonal pathogens.

Dr. Wu noted that the reason COVID-19, RSV and flu grab the most headlines is because “these are the ones you can get a vaccine for. But we are still seeing all these other respiratory viruses that are happening.”

Vax fatigue, new COVID variant raises concerns

Vaccination rates for both influenza and the updated COVID-19 boosters remain low statewide. Health officials attribute this partly to pandemic fatigue and a misplaced sense of security after last winter’s surge subsided.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Aug. 31 that COVID-19 hospitalizations could rise higher than last season, particularly

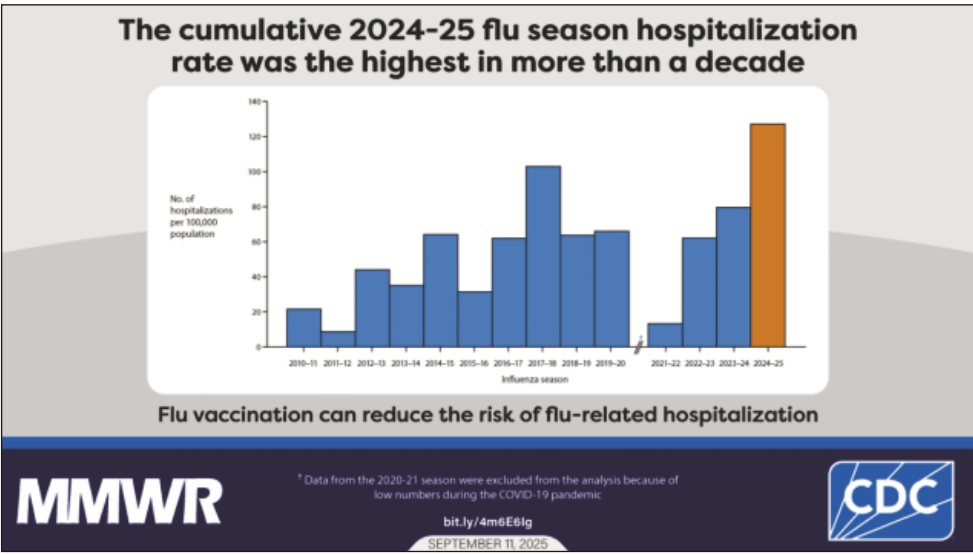


IMAGE FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
This CDC graph shows flu season hospitalization rates by year from 2010 to 2025.

among older adults and those with weakened immune systems, and if a new variant emerges.

In its annual outlook, the agency cited declining vaccine uptake and the potential impact of a new, faster-spreading variant as key risk factors.

“While this season’s combined peak hospitalization rate is expected to be similar to that of last year, a higher combined peak rate remains possible,” according to the CDC.

“This underscores the need to plan and prepare for the possibility of a higher peak,” driven by several factors, including the emergence of a new COVID variant with an increased ability to evade the body’s prior immunity or a new variant associated with higher clinical severity.

The CDC further noted the “predominance of an influenza subtype with more severe outcomes” and lower vaccine uptake or effectiveness could make for a severe season of viral sickness.

Clinicians across the Northwest Corner are reporting early cases of norovirus, parainfluenza and the common cold, with children and older adults most affected.

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The start of the 2025-26 school season coincided with a surge in early pediatric cases, according to Dr. Sarah Humphreys, chief medical officer of Community Health & Wellness Center, which operates facilities in North Canaan, Torrington and Winsted.

“Right now, it’s pretty low,” she said of circulating viruses, “but it was peaking around the end of September,” around the same time school reopened and indoor gatherings increased. “It was another type of respiratory virus of which there are hundreds,” she said of the early outbreak.

Simple steps, big impact

Doctors say there’s still time to act.

The best defense includes getting vaccinated, washing hands frequently, staying home when sick, and maintaining good indoor ventilation.

Regarding a slow uptake toward vaccinations, Dr. Wu noted, “People know what they need to get.

Some are just drawing a line in the sand about what they are going to get and what they are not going to get. There should be no confusion about it.”

Health professionals also strongly encourage wearing a mask in crowded indoor settings, particularly for those who are older, immunocompromised or live with individuals at higher risk.

Humphreys said she “stands by the original CDC recommendation, which is an annual booster and then every six months,” particularly for those with underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, COPD, obesity and those concerned about acquiring long COVID, which can lead to “very debilitating symptoms that can last.”

The Connecticut Department of Public Health recommends everyone get the new flu shot each year, unless advised otherwise by your doctor, and most adults can get one COVID-19 shot each year, although adults who are at a higher risk of getting very sick should get two shots.

Adults who are 50 to 74 years old and are high-risk should get one RSV shot, one time. “This is not an annual shot and should not be repeated every year,” according to DPH.

Residents can visit www.ct.gov/dph for vaccination sites and updates on respiratory virus trends across the state.

TOWN CLERKS

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Republicans nominated her two years later, with an assurance the Democrats were on board. Dinneen was working at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area and raising her children when she was elected to the position. She had been working as the assistant clerk.

Respect for their competency and knowledge is reflected in the fact that neither has ever been challenged for their positions. They are proud to carry on the legacy of those who came before them: Dinneen is only Cornwall’s 21st town clerk since 1740, while Amerighi is the 38th in Sharon since 1739. Dinneen has worked with only one first selectman (Gordon Ridgway), while Amerighi has worked with five.

While both must follow the state laws of their office, Amerighi’s duties are busier when it comes to vital records, since Sharon is a hospital town. They both agreed that working on municipal elections is the least favorite task. “They are hell,” declared Amerighi, noting the extreme detail involved in making sure everything is correct. The state and federal ones are much easier since the bulk of the work isn’t under their purview.

They both noted that election laws are constantly changing, making it difficult to keep up with the latest rules. They also don’t care for dealing with petitions, having to make clear they cannot express any views and must remain impartial to any item that may come up for a vote.

Town clerks are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses and death certificates, land records, hunting and/or fishing licenses and their favorite, dog licenses. They both give out dog biscuits to their canine visitors. Amerighi smiled as she told about one dog who insists his owner bring him into her office weekly for a treat.

The two were in accord

that they bend over backwards to be of service to all.

As with any job when dealing with the public, there are stories to be told. Both receive phone calls asking about the weather from people planning to travel to their towns. One question popular among town clerk circles is posed by those seeking dog licenses. They’ll want the clerks to examine the dog to determine whether their pet is neutered or not. “We can’t answer that,” said Amerighi with a grin. “I tell them I’m not a veterinarian.”

Amerighi gets asked if she thinks motorists need snow tires when they plan on driving on one of the town’s dirt roads. Those coming for the weekend will call to ask her about the weather. Dinneen remembered one couple who came to obtain a marriage license. “He was wrapped in chains and she was pulling him. I wonder if that one lasted.”

Dinneen quipped, “The town clerk’s office is information central.” But, they lament, times have changed over the years with the use of electronics taking over for in-person contact and phone calls, which they miss.

Both emphasized the incredibly strong role the local and state town clerks’ associations have played for them and how much they’ll miss being a part of that camaraderie. “We’re like a family,” said Dinneen. “We share everything,” said Amerighi.

As they end their times in office in December, they look back with gratitude for the opportunity to have served. “It was the best experience of my life,” said Amerighi.

She plans to spend more time woodworking, painting and sewing. Dinneen will be traveling, spinning wool, knitting, gardening and being with her grandchildren. A party to honor Dinneen and retiring Tax Collector Jean Bouteiller will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Cornwall Town Hall.

FIRE

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PHOTO BY BERNIE MEEHAN

Woodford’s General Store at 4 North Main Street sustained fire damage in the rear, but the blaze was successfully contained by emergency crews shortly before midnight Sunday, Nov. 16. An investigation was launched by the Kent Fire Marshal to determine the cause of the fire.

extend toward the neighboring structure.

KVFD Assistant Chief Wendell Soule was the incident commander on scene. He said that the severity of the incident was quickly apparent: “I elevated it to second alarm about four minutes after dispatch.”

Firefighters extinguished the blaze quickly, preventing further damage.

No injuries were reported, as neither building was occupied at the time.

Limbos credited the quick containment to the coordinated and professional efforts of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department and mutual aid partners from Cornwall,

Gaylordsville, Litchfield, Northville, Sherman, Warren, Wassaic and Eversource.

Newly elected First Selectman Eric Epstein responded to the call. He said, “There was heavy fire when we arrived” and he noted “there were a couple of propane tanks that look like they exploded.”

He said the nearby Swyft restaurant sustained fire damage on the exterior.

A portion of North Main Street was closed while crews dealt with the blaze, but later reopened.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is underway and further details will be announced when available.

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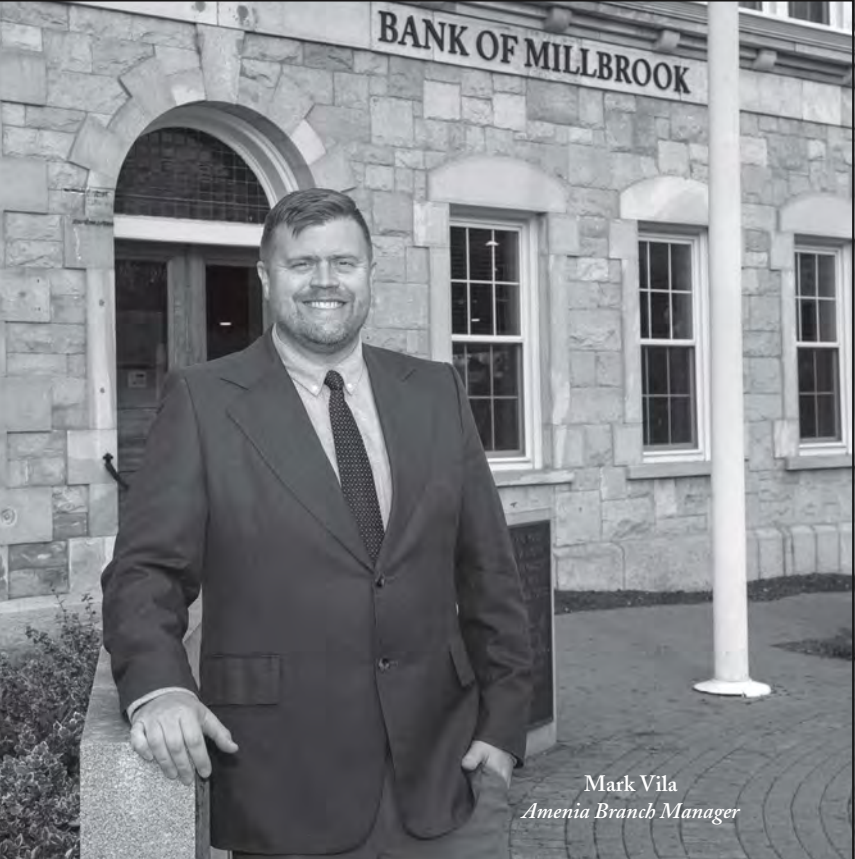
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es and he pointed out that Ridgway likes to say it’s about “keeping the corn in Cornwall,” which is a metaphor for maintaining the beautiful landscape.

He said Ridgway talked about small-town government not being able to close down. “Local officials can’t afford to do that, and you wouldn’t let them do it.”

The senator spoke of

the difficult job local officials face. “They can’t leave. They’re always accountable to you.” He thanked everyone for participating in the election process.

A focal point of the ceremony was the large Democracy Cup, given to the town having the largest voter turnout in the state for a presidential election. Cornwall earned that honor in 2024.

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COMPASS

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MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Gratitude and goodbyes at Race Brook Lodge

With the property up for sale and its future uncertain, programming is winding down at the iconic Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield, Massachusetts. But there are still events on the calendar designed to carry music lovers through the winter and into spring.

From Friday, Nov. 21, to Monday, Nov. 24, Race Brook Lodge will hold its Fall Gratitude Festival. Celebrating the tail end of fall before the colder depths of winter, the festival features an eclectic mix of music from top-notch musicians.

The festival begins Friday, Nov. 21, with an evening of Indian classical music with Eric Fraser (bansuri flute), Abhik Mukherjee (sitar), Mir Naqibul Islam (tabla) and Vinay Desai (santoor). Fraser is one of the few exponents of the original “gayaki-ang,” or vocal style, of bansuri flute. He is also a key member of Brooklyn Raga Massive, a nonprofit musicians’ collective that creates cross-cultural understanding through the lens of South Asian classical music. Fraser’s playing rings with authenticity and pure Indian tone, carrying a distinct and masterful sound imbuing a pure gharana, or lineage. He is also a multi-instrumentalist, educator, composer and songwriter.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, Palestinian multi-instrumentalist Zafer Tawil (qanun, violin, nay) performs alongside friend and collaborator Rabbi Zachy Asher (oud), offering Arabic maqam, Sufi trance, piyut and tarab sounds that bring ancient desert traditions to life. Tawil and Asher present a rare vision of collaborative futures at the crossroads of art and justice, music and spirituality. For this performance, Duo al Rouh will be joined by vocalist Zahra Zubaidi, percussionist Rich Stein, violinist Megan Gould, belly dancer Myrto Daskaloudi and other special guests.

Rabbi Asher will also lead a special Shabbat gathering, ceremony and dinner with songs, teachings, dance, stillness, silliness, poetry and wilderness time for adults and kids on Friday, Nov.



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Duo al Rouh (Rabbi Zachy Asher, left, and Zafer Tawil) will explore the crossroads of art and justice, music and spirituality at The Gratitude Festival at Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield.

21. Everyone is welcome. Shabbat dinner is included.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, master Senegalese sabar percussionist Aba Diop performs with fellow griot artists and global collaborators the Yermande Family. The group’s full-length release, “Family,” affirms sabar as a rhythmic language that has shaped music across continents and centuries and continues to shape what comes next. The group takes its name from the Wolof word “yermande,” which means compassion, care

for others and deep respect for community.

Closing out the festival on Monday, Nov. 24, keyboardist John Medeski, along with bandleader Mike Rivard on bass and sintir, Will Bernard (guitar), Mister Rourke (turntables) and Dean Johnston (drums), performs as Club d’Elf. Club d’Elf has been helping audiences lose track of time for 27 years with its synthesis of Moroccan traditional music and electronic, dubbed-out funk.

Race Brook Lodge is a restaurant, inn and event

space that provides a place for guests to engage with nature, culture and community. With a commitment to sustainability and accessibility, Race Brook Lodge is a unique Berkshire institution. The property is for sale and long-time owners Dave Rothstein, Casey Rothstein-Fitzpatrick and Saadia Khan hope that the new owners “will care for the property in a way that is respectful to the land and our local community,” said a social media post.

For tickets to the Fall Gratitude Festival, visit rblodge.com/fall-gratitude-festival-2025.



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Ayni Herb Farm will be one of the many local vendors at Foxtrot’s Farm & Friends Market Nov. 22-23 in Stanfordville.

COMMUNITY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Holiday craft fairs and DIY workshops: a seasonal preview

As the days grow shorter and the first hints of winter settle in, galleries, studios, barns, village greens and community halls across the region begin their annual transformation into warm, glowing refuges of light and handmade beauty.

This year’s holiday fairs and DIY workshops offer chances not just to shop, but to make—whether you’re mixing cocktails and crafting ornaments, gathering around a wreath-making table, or wandering markets where makers, bakers, artists and craftspeople bring their best of the season. These events are mutually sustaining, fueling both the region’s local economy and the joy of those who call it home.

This year, there is an especially community-driven spirit to area craft fairs and makers markets. Nowhere is that clearer than at Foxtrot’s first annual Farm & Friends Market, Nov. 22-23 in Stanfordville,

a new collaboration between farmers, makers and neighbors designed to bring people together in an intentional, deeply local way.

“Farm & Friends Market is a collaborative, warm and cozy, pre-holiday gathering,” said co-organizer Kate Farrar of Foxtrot Farm & Flowers. “It blends the charm of a winter market with the connection and quality of a local food and makers fair. Think fresh produce, pantry goods, handmade gifts, twinkle lights, good smells, warm beverages and friendly faces.”

Farrar said the aim was to create something “not rushed or overly commercial, but festive, simple and meaningful.” The vendors are people she and co-organizer Anja Rothe, of Fat of the Land Apothecary, already knew and have worked alongside. “If we find success in this collective model, which we hope and plan to, we hope to accept new vendors

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From cobwebs to candy canes: is it too soon for holiday cheer?

I just put the skeletons away — literally — into their neatly labeled Halloween plastic bins, along with the faux cobwebs, flickering lanterns and haunted houses that feature tiny tea lights. As I closed the lid, I found myself eyeing — albeit hesitantly — the Christmas décor.

We just voted, and now I’m sprinting toward Christmas? Too soon? Maybe. But before you judge, hear me out.

As an interior designer with a seasonal division, decorating restaurants, hotels and client homes fills the calendar long before December’s first flakes fall. While many of you are still working your way through leftover trick-or-treat candy, I’m busy fluffing garlands, steaming bows and untangling strings of lights that somehow tie themselves into sailors’ knots. Full inventory assessments are underway, batteries and extension cords are being tested, and by Thanksgiving or shortly after, every wreath, tree and ornament will be perfectly placed.

WRITER'S NOTEBOOK KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

As for my own holiday décor? Well, it’ll likely go up somewhere between Black Friday and Christmas Eve, when I’ll be tip-toeing through my living room at 2 a.m., stringing lights and hoping I get even half of it up before I run out of time.

This year, I’m seriously considering pulling a page from my freshman daughter’s and college-aged niece’s book. Their bedrooms in our home are already little winter wonderlands — soft fairy lights, flocked mini trees, cozy throws, flannel sheets and all the sparkly magic of the season. It’s less “Santa’s Workshop” and more “quiet snow globe” — peaceful, pretty and brimming with cheer.

And honestly, who couldn’t use a bit more of that?

Truth be told, there’s some science behind it.



PHOTO BY KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Continued on next page **Holiday decorations bring cheer.**

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in years to come,” said Farrar.

To further support the artists and creatives at Farm & Friends Market, vendors don’t pay to be there. “We are collectively hosting a market that is not pay-to-play,” Farrar said. “We build and host this market together in the spirit of collaboration and mutual benefit for the small businesses that make the Hudson Valley so special. If you love small businesses, this is the market to attend.” A weekend raffle will also benefit the Tri-Corner Feed. For more info and a list of vendor, visit: fox-trotfarmflowers.com

Here is a list of other upcoming craft fairs, markets and DIY gatherings to fill your season with creativity, connection and a little magic.

Nov. 21: Craft and Cocktails at the David M. Hunt Library: An evening of crafting and cocktails where participants will have a chance to turn old hardcovers into faux floral displays. Visit huntlibrary.org for more information.

Nov. 22: The Hotchkiss Library in Sharon will host a workshop on making woven holiday cards with Anne Cameron. More info: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com

Nov. 23: Pre-Thanksgiving Cooking Class: Join chef and owner of Westerly Canteen, Molly Levine for a Thanksgiving cooking class and com-

munal meal at Hammer-town in Pine Plains. Info: westerlycanteen.com

Nov. 29–30: Willow Wreath Making at BES in Millerton: all-ages are welcome for this wreath-making workshop using locally sourced decorative materials. More info: shop-bes.com

Nov. 29: Kent’s Sip, Sparkle & Stroll: from 4 to 8 p.m., take a stroll along Main Street in Kent and enjoy the delightful lights, shops, galleries, restaurants and festive cheer.

Nov. 30: Cottage Courses presents a papier-mâché, hand-painted ornament workshop at Troutbeck in Amenia. More info: troutbeck.com

Dec. 7: Make your own holiday wreath at Arethus Farm Foundation in Litchfield. More info: arethusafarmfoundation.org

Nov. 21–22: Uncle Al’s Thrift Shop’s annual Christmas sale at the St. Joseph School gym in Millbrook. stjosephmillbrookny.org

Nov. 22: Mad Rose Art Market opens in Miller-ton. This holiday salon of unique and inspired gifts for the holidays is open until Dec. 31 with an opening reception on Nov. 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. madrosegallery.com

Nov. 22: Tivoli Artists Gallery Holiday Show & Sale. Handmade gift items in a variety of media on sale. Opening reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Tivoliartistsgallery.com

Nov. 22: 48th Annual Group Holiday Sale, Rhinebeck. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Delamater Inn and Conference Center, this show features a collection of 20 artists. Also open Nov. 23, 10 a.m. To 4 p.m.

Nov. 23: Noxon Road PTA Craft Fair, LaGrangeville. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., this holiday craft fair benefits the Noxon Road Elementary School’s PTA.

Nov. 28: Millerton’s Festival of Lights: from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., get ready for a magical day of holiday cheer. More info: visitmillertonny.com

Nov. 28 – Dec. 31: Holiday Boutique at The Spa at Litchfield Hills is a shopping haven featuring thoughtfully curated gifts. Info: Litchfield-spa.com

Nov. 28: Kent Tree Lighting, 4 p.m. at Kent Town Hall. Caroling, cocoa, cookies and a visit from Santa.

Nov. 28–30: Basilica Farm & Flea Holiday Market, Hudson. Since 2013, this huge annual event is part timeless flea market, part farmers market, part 21st century

craft and design fair. Info: basilicahudson.org

Nov. 29: Barnspace Market at Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield. A great opportunity to discover unique options for your holiday gifting. Info: rblodge.com

Nov. 29 and Dec. 13: Salisbury Handmade at the White Hart ballroom in Salisbury. This annual event features different artisans at each market. Info: artisansale.org

Dec. 5–6: Noble Horizons Holiday Market: from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit the holiday market at Noble Horizons in Salisbury. On Dec. 6, there’s even storytime with Mrs. Claus! Info: noblehorizons.org

Dec. 6–7 & 13–14: Winter Wonderland Market at Wassaic. Artist alumni and local makers fill the mill with handmade creations and

stocking stuffers. Info: wassaicproject.org

Dec. 6–7: Troutbeck Holiday Bazaar. Visit Troutbeck in Amenia for a thoughtful selection of wares from local shops, artists, jewelers and New York City-based boutiques. Info: troutbeck.com

Dec. 6: Santa, Cookie Contest & Tree Lighting, Sharon.

Dec. 13: Holiday Fête at Fiddlestyx in Sharon. From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., visit Fiddlestyx for gifts, food and music. Info: fiddlestyx.info

Dec. 13–14: A tavern takeover at Stissing House Craft Feast in Pine Plains. 50 makers and dealers with pottery, baskets, textiles and more, curated with Deborah Needleman. Broth, carols, brooms, whittled spoons and winter cheer. Info: stissinghouse.com

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Sandi Ouellette's
Illuminated Designs

Local artist Sandi Ouellette is the imaginative force behind *Illuminated Designs*. This creative exhibit features painted dotilism stones, laser etched tumblers, and wooden wall art.

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Exhibit will stay open weekends 11-4 until November 23rd

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...holiday cheer

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Studies show that people who decorate earlier tend to be happier. Psychologists say it triggers nostalgic feelings, releases dopamine — the “happy hormone” — and brings back joyful memories from childhood. In other words, twinkling lights really do make life brighter.

Still, not everyone’s on board with decking the halls before the bird’s even in the oven. So, in the spirit of balance, let’s do a deep dive into the pros and cons.

The Pros of Decorating Early.

Longer enjoyment: You’ve spent time, energy and maybe a small fortune on décor — why not enjoy it for more than three weeks?

Less stress: Getting it done early means you can actually relax come December. Imagine that!

Instant cheer: The world feels a little kinder under twinkle lights.

Creative freedom: You’re not rushed. You can style and restyle until it feels just right.

Built-in motivation: Once it’s up, you’ll want to keep everything else organized and tidy. (It’s the decorator’s paradox.)

The Cons of Decorating Early.

Holiday burnout: Start too soon and you might be ready to take it all

down before Santa even arrives.

Thanksgiving confusion: A turkey centerpiece under mistletoe just feels ... conflicted.

Peer pressure: Not everyone’s thrilled about jingling bells before mid-November.

Storage shuffle: Early decorating means the Halloween bins and Christmas bins battle for garage space.

Power bills: All those early twinkle lights can add up — financially and electrically.

For me, it’s a toss-up. I’m not hosting Thanksgiving — I do a big bash in October for our traditional Canadian Thanksgiving — so we’ll be at my in-laws’ here in Lakeville. That might give me just the breathing room I need to lean into the sparkle a little sooner.

But really, in the end, it isn’t about when the décor goes up — it’s about what it stirs inside us. The scent of pine, the glow of soft lights, the little moments that slow us down and remind us what we’re grateful for. Whether in November or December, if your holiday décor fills your home with peace and your heart with joy, that’s perfect timing.

Kerri-Lee Mayland is an Emmy award-winning news anchor and designer. She lives in Lakeville.



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Black Crust Bakery uses organic, all-natural ingredients to make their bread.

COMMUNITY: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Black Crust Bakery pop-up at Center on Main

Come to the Center on Main in Falls Village on Sunday, Nov. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m., for an afternoon treat of fresh sourdough bread, local spreads, a selection of Harney & Sons tea, and good conversation.

Falls Village’s own Black Crust Bakery is also offering holiday-focused sourdough bread

and croissants for all of your Thanksgiving (and snacking) needs.

Black Crust Bakery uses organic, non-GMO, high extraction flour combined with an aged sourdough starter, filtered water and Himalayan sea salt. All Black Crust Bakery bread is made by hand. Allowing time for fermentation provides the bread with a deep and complex flavor profile and makes

it easier to digest. The bakery offers ancient grains like einkorn and kamut, and because of the minimal processing of these flours, many

with gluten sensitivities are able to enjoy these ancient grain loaves.

This is a free event and purchases are not required.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Shaken, stirred and sketchy

WAMC’s Joe Donahue joined Devin McEwan and Sandra Boynton at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury on Nov. 13 to discuss the mother-son duo’s new book of holiday tipples, aptly titled “Extremely Happy Holidays.” Pleasantly buzzed guests swilled bubbles, wine and festive cocktails as McEwan explained how the book came to be: “I don’t know if it’s peer pressure if your mom is doing the pressuring,” he said of Boynton, his universally beloved illustrator and humorist mother. Boynton contributed her pictographic and design skills to McEwan’s dry humor and less-dry recipes for a snappy catalog of cocktails. The book is available at Oblong Books.

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER 20

Katro Storm's "Once Upon a Time in America"

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 246 Warren Tpke., Falls Village, Conn.

Opening reception 3 to 5 p.m. The first show of the year at the student-curated Kearcher-Monsell Gallery features acrylic on canvas paintings by Katro Storm, an artist who lives and works in New Haven.

Feeding Local Families: Food Drive & 50/50 Raffle

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Drawing Nov. 20, 2 p.m. Donations accepted daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Support local families facing food insecurity by donating nonperishable items or purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets at the front desk. All proceeds help put food on community tables. Tickets available until the drawing on Nov. 20.

Digital Safety for Youth: What Parents Should be Talking About

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Project SAGE will present "Digital Safety for Youth: What Parents Should Be Talking About" at the library. This interactive, 90-minute workshop designed for parents and caregivers of teens and tweens provides a foundation for talking with youth about online safety, including online stranger danger, cyberbullying, artificial intelligence, and more.

Genre Fiction Adult Book Club for Book Lovers and Busy People

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

If you enjoy reading and discussing fantasy, romantasy, romance, mystery, thrillers, or YA, join us for an initial meetup about a new book club. Come help establish the vibe of this fun, low-commitment group! Bring ideas for books you'd like to read. Thursday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is requested at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15640578.

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NOVEMBER 21

COLD WAX PAINTING WORKSHOP With Artist Carolyn Abrams

Mad Rose Gallery, 3 Main St, Millerton, N.Y.

Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested in experimenting with oils and cold wax? Join the workshop with this exciting medium. \$275 All materials included. Contact Dune at info@madrosegallery.com

Christmas Sale

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook, N.Y.

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will hold its annual Christmas sale on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, at the St. Joseph School gym. The sale features holiday decorations, gift items, and new and like-new toys and games. Hours are Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church.

Craft and Cocktails

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We'll be making floral displays using recycled books. A signature cocktail and small nibbles will be provided and participants are welcome to bring their own food and drink for yourself or to share. Registration is requested: forms.gle/jXoEUUSNMY9fpmxg6. This program is limited to those aged 21 and up.

NOVEMBER 22

Wendell Minor: American Stories

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Nov. 22 through Jan. 11 Reception: Saturday, Nov. 22, 5 to 7 p.m. (registration requested at cornwalllibrary.org/events) The Cornwall Library presents an exhibition of book jackets, original watercolors, and drawings by award-winning illustrator Wendell Minor, curated by Stephanie Plunkett of the Norman Rockwell Museum.

Woven Holiday Cards with Anne Cameron

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to noon. The holidays are nearly upon us! Come for a quiet interlude at the library and make some woven paper cards! Open to everyone 12 and over, and everything you need will be

supplied. Please register: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/14367669

Farm & Friends Market

Foxtrot's Big Red Barn, 6862 Route 82, Stanfordville, N.Y.

Nov. 22, 3 to 7 p.m. & Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A cozy pre-holiday market featuring local food, handmade goods, and seasonal gifts. Enjoy fresh produce, pantry staples, crafts, and warm drinks by the fire. Dinner and beverages available Saturday evening; coffee and baked goods Sunday morning.

Wax-Painted Candles

BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

In this cozy class, we use tea lights to paint unique taper candles. Pay per candle and make as many as you'd like-great for the holidays or as gifts! Cost is \$20 to reserve your spot and \$2 per candle at the workshop.

Met Live: Arabella

Millerton Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Strauss's elegant romance brings the glamour and enchantment of 19th-century Vienna to cinemas worldwide in a sumptuous production by legendary director Otto Schenk that "is as beautiful as one could hope" (The New York Times). Sung in German.

Taste of the Revolution: Pickling & Fermenting for All Ages

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

3 to 4 p.m., we'll explore the use of salt for pickling and fermentation, learn how & what to pickle for your holiday feasts, and taste locally pickled and fermented treats. In connection with Salisbury READS Revolution Song, we'll serve a side dish of 1770's history about the importance of salt to colonial-era survival, travel, exploration, expansion, and trade. Registration is requested at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15451835.

Duo Al Rouh & Friends

Race Brook Lodge, 864 Undermountain Road, Sheffield, Mass.

Palestinian multi-instrumentalist Zafer Tawil and oud player Rabbi Zachy Asher join forces for an evening of Arabic Maqam, Sufi trance, piyut, and tarab, blending music, spirituality, and storytelling.

NOVEMBER 23

Community Tea Time and Bakery Pop-Up at The Center on Main

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. thecenteronmain.org

Nov. 23, 1 to 4 p.m. Join neighbors for an afternoon of tea, bread, and conversation at The Center on Main. Enjoy fresh sourdough from Black Crust Bakery, local spreads, and Harney & Sons tea. Free and open to all; bread purchases are optional.

Pre-Thanksgiving Cooking Class

Hammertown Barn, 3201 NY-199, Pine Plains, N.Y.

Join Westerly for a pre-Thanksgiving cooking class focused on standout vegetable sides and accompaniments. Enjoy a hands-on demo, a family-style Sunday supper with beverages, and take home a detailed instruction booklet with local sourcing tips. Tickets: www.exploretock.com/westerly-canteen/event/578729/seasonal-sides-with-molly-levine

Wild Baskets

BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Make a wild basket inspired by birds nests, and primitive basketry. We will explore simple woven basket techniques and use foraged materials to create unique and textural baskets.

NOVEMBER 25

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

St. John's Episcopal Church, 12 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

A community-wide, interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m. The service is organized around "A Thanksgiving Prayer" by Howard Thurman. The interfaith gathering is a long-standing tradition, and has welcomed participants from community members of all faiths and no faith traditions, as well as civic leaders.

Native American Rights Activism

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. The David M. Hunt Library will host Dr. Nancy Bonvillain for a virtual program on Native American Rights Activism. She will lead a discussion centering on Indigenous societies globally and their efforts to secure political, economic and cultural rights. These include protections of their lands and resources, sovereign control of their communities, and maintenance of their languages and sacred practices. Register at us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xnRHug6ZSZaAfsmlzk5b4Q

NOVEMBER 28

Holiday Season Kick-off

The Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House, 413 Sharon Goshen Tpke., West Cornwall, Conn.

The Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House invites the community to Moon Zappa & Friends, a multi-faceted exhibit, book signing, tea and opening reception party on Friday, Nov. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. to kick off the holiday season in style.

Tree Lighting in Kent

Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Blvd., Kent, Conn.

Kick off the holiday season Friday, Nov. 28, at 4 p.m. with a community gathering outside Town Hall. There will be caroling around the tree, hot cocoa, cookies and a visit from Santa.

NOVEMBER 29

Barnspace Holiday Market

Race Brook Lodge, 864 South Undermountain Road, Sheffield, Mass.

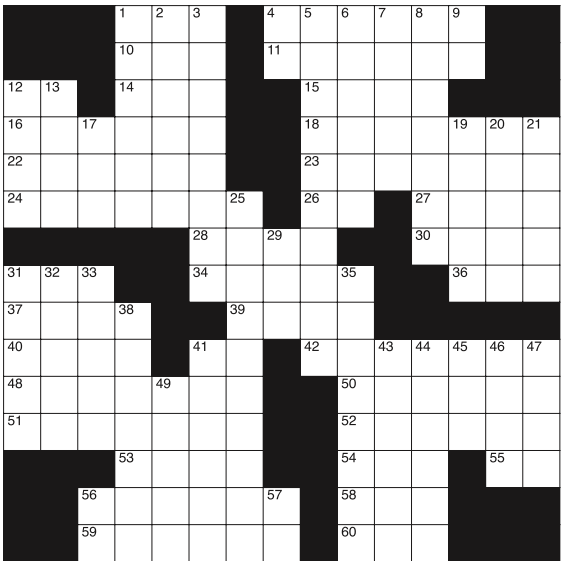
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The Barnspace Holiday Market is a great opportunity to discover unique options for your holiday gifting, and enjoy live music, delicious culinary offerings, and creative community spirit at Race Brook Lodge.

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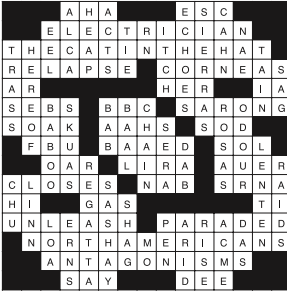
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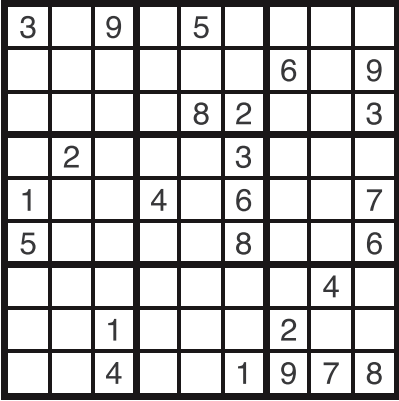
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- Sea vessel
- Lacking poetic beauty
- Tall, swift and slender dog
- Sports personality Michelle

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- Bad grades
- Popular S. Korean rapper

November 13 Solution

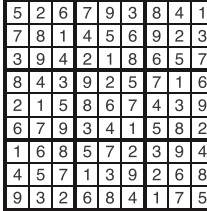


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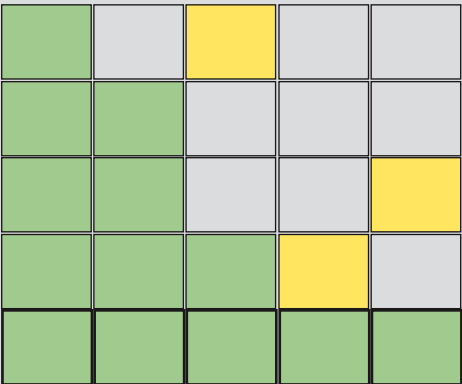
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November 13 Solution



Word of the Week

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Sports



Morgan's defense locked down Housatonic's high-powered offense to win 4-2.



Ava Segalla concluded her varsity career with 133 goals: the HVRHS record.

Final four finish for Mountaineers girls soccer

By Riley Klein

NEWTOWN — Housatonic Valley Regional High School's girls soccer team's state tournament run came to an end Wednesday, Nov. 12, with a 4-2 semifinal loss to Morgan High School.

The final four finish was the deepest playoff push for Housatonic since 2014. Lainey Diorio scored both

goals and keeper Vi Salazar logged 10 saves in the semi-final game.

"It's an unfortunate loss but you know they played their hearts out," said HVRHS coach Don Drislane. "Awesome season."

It was the final varsity soccer game for HVRHS's two senior captains: Ava Segalla and Madeline Mechare. Segalla ended her varsity career

as the leading goal scorer in school history with a total of 133.

Morgan's size and speed on the field helped the Huskies control possession and earned them a bid to the Class S girls soccer championship for the second year in a row. In 2024, Morgan lost in penalty kicks to Coginchaug High School.

This year, the Huskies

faced Old Saybrook High School in the Class S championship game at Trinity Health Stadium in Hartford on Saturday, Nov. 15. Morgan won 2-0 to claim the 2025 Class S title.

HVRHS goalie Vi Salazar had 10 saves in the semifinal game Nov. 12.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

GNH collides with Holy Cross in NVL football showdown

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — Holy Cross High School won 36-20 against the Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football team Saturday, Nov. 15.

The hard-fought contest was won in the air. Holy Cross QB Brady Lombardo completed 16/31 passes for 309 yards with five touchdowns and one interception.

GNH pounded the ground game for a total of 209 rushing yards. Cole Linnen, Jaden Hoffman and Trevor Campbell each ran in one TD. Wes Allyn caught an interception on defense.

The result did not alter Naugatuck Valley League (Copper) standings with Holy Cross (6-3) remaining in third place and GNH (4-5) remaining in fourth place. Seymour and Woodland Regional sit tied at the top

with undefeated 9-0 records ahead of their upcoming matchup Nov. 26.

GNH scored first against Holy Cross on a seven-yard rush by Jaden Hoffman. Holy Cross responded with three quick reception touchdowns — two by Dae'Sean Graves and one by Devonne Drake — before halftime, creating an 18-7 lead at the break.

In the third quarter, Trevor Campbell scored for GNH and Nathan Craft scored for Holy Cross.

Holy Cross added two more reception TDs in the final quarter with one by Aaden Hall and another by Drake. GNH's Linnen scored a 31-yard touchdown run to bring the final score to 36-20.

The final regular season game for GNH will be the Turkey Bowl against St. Paul Catholic High School Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in Bristol.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Left, Owen Riemer braces for impact with Dae'Sean Graves. Right, Tyler Roberts cuts in the backfield. Below, Esten Ryan is stopped short of the goal line in the game against Holy Cross Saturday, Nov. 15.



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