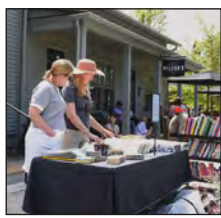


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Luiza, 6; Cecilia, 4; Nathan, 4; and Aria, 6, show off their face paint and balloon animals during the fifth annual Lakeville Journal Street Fair on Aug. 8.

Lakeville Journal Street Fair brings together nonprofits for day of local fun

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Live music, lobster rolls, face painting and a mix of local nonprofit organizations filled Academy Street in downtown Salisbury on Saturday, Aug. 8, for the fifth annual street fair hosted by The Lakeville Journal.

The decision to highlight nonprofit organizations is one that Lakeville Journal Publisher James Clark feels strongly about.

“Part of what makes this region

so special is the number of people who give so freely of their time and resources,” Clark said. “As a nonprofit ourselves, we know that work isn’t always visible, and the Street Fair gives us a chance to celebrate the work these organizations are doing and the people behind them.”

Audrey Cole of the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA) was on site with information on the often-bewildering subject of Medicare.

Cole, who lives in Sharon, said

the WCAAA is a nonprofit serving 41 towns in Western Connecticut with Medicare counseling, Alzheimer’s care, caregiver support, meals, transportation, chore assistance and more.

Medicare is always a hot topic, she said, in part because figuring out which program to choose — and when to sign up — can be difficult. “There are lots of deadlines, lots of programs,” she said.

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Building inspectors in short supply across Northwest Corner towns

By Ruth Epstein

A series of departures and retirements has left several towns confronting a regional shortage of qualified building inspectors, with four municipalities turning to a newly formed private company while Sharon filled its vacancy with a veteran inspector and contractor.

The vacancies arose throughout the spring and summer, when Jim Clark left his positions in Falls Village and Norfolk in May, Joseph Manley retired from Kent and Warren in July, and Stan MacMillan retired from Sharon in June.

The search for a building in-

spector was a shared concern among Falls Village, Warren and Kent town leaders. Before a recent Council of Governments meeting, Falls Village First Selectman Dave Barger said he spoke with Warren First Selectman Greg LaCava and Kent First Selectman Eric Epstein about their vacancies. LaCava told them that Warren contractor John Papp was forming an LLC to provide building inspection services.

“We had a vacancy and people weren’t knocking down the doors to take it on because of the stringent requirements,” Barger said.

He reached out to Papp, as did Kent’s Eric Epstein and Norfolk First Selectman Henry Tirrell. Papp has since been hired by all four towns.

Barger said Papp works as a subcontractor and his firm, Litchfield Building Inspection Services LLC, gets a percentage of the building fees.

“It’s interesting,” Barger said. “We no longer do anything by paper. Everything is electronic. This has moved Falls Village into the 20th century. Someday we’ll get to the 21st,” he joked.

Papp, 40, of Warren, and his associate, Jonathan Abbott, 33, of New Preston, were familiarizing themselves with the Kent office last week as they took on their new roles.

Papp acknowledged that the requirements for becoming a building

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The Hydrilla Menace

Hydrilla retreats as members invest in future of Twin Lakes

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Four years into the battle against hydrilla at Twin Lakes, members of the Twin Lakes Association received their strongest sign yet that the invasive plant may finally be yielding. Now, lake officials are placing greater emphasis on prevention alongside continued management, with a focus on protecting the lakes and making those efforts financially sustainable for the long term.

During the association’s annual meeting Aug. 8, TLA President Grant Bogle told nearly 90 people that no viable hydrilla plants have been found in East Twin Lake so far this season despite intensive aquatic plant surveys. But even if hydrilla appears to be retreating, its legacy is reshaping how the TLA prepares for the future.

“This is the first year we have

not found a viable plant in the lake, so far,” Bogle said, before receiving enthusiastic applause from the packed pavilion at Camp Isola Bella in Salisbury.

“This is good news, but we can’t declare victory,” he cautioned.

With an eye toward the long-term health of Twin Lakes, members unanimously approved the charter for a newly established Twin Lakes Preservation Fund, or LPF, creating a permanent pool of assets intended to grow over time and eventually help shoulder the substantial cost of protecting the lakes from future threats.

From crisis response to permanent stewardship

The association has spent more than \$1 million over the past three years combating the invasive plant and strengthening its lake-man-

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PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MURRAY

The North Canaan dog park sits next to the children’s playground at Bunny McGuire Park. Town officials are considering relocating it because of safety concerns.

Voters reject funding to relocate North Canaan dog park

By Christian Murray

NORTH CANAAN — Voters rejected using \$6,800 in state funds to relocate North Canaan’s existing dog park at a town meeting Monday, Aug. 3.

The proposal failed 65 to 46, with two blank ballots among the 113 votes cast.

Sandwiched between a children’s playground and a softball field, the current dog park has raised safety and logistical con-

cerns, but finding a suitable new home for it has proven complicated.

First Selectman Jesse Bunce emphasized that the Aug. 3 vote concerned only the use of Local Capital Improvement Program funds — not whether the dog park should be moved or where it should go. LoCIP provides state funding to municipalities for eligible capital projects, including improvements

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Bollard damaged by mystery driver
On Aug. 3, a complaint reached Troop B of a damaged bollard at the Cornwall Bridge Post Office parking lot. Troopers had no information regarding the incident besides camera footage showing the post undamaged before 8:10 a.m., and then showing it damaged after 8:45 a.m. on Aug. 3. There were no witnesses or other identifying factors of the driver or vehicle responsible for the damage.

Misdemeanor summons for evading crash scene
On Aug. 4 at approximately 5:20 p.m., Matthew Herz, 63, of Millerton lost control of his Toyota Tacoma while driving south on Millerton Road near the intersection with Lovers Lane in Sharon. The vehicle struck approximately 75 feet of wire rope guardrail before going down an embankment, eventually stopping in a residential yard. Herz evaded the scene, and was later issued a misdemeanor summons for evading responsibility with property damage. He is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 14.

Lakeville rear end
On the afternoon of Aug. 5, Bruce Garner, 66, of Lakeville was driving south on Route 41 in downtown Lakeville at the intersection with Farnum Road when he stopped to allow pedestrians to cross. A construction truck driven by Christopher Jennison, 40, of Winsted was following behind and was unable to stop in time, colliding with the rear of Garner's Toyota Tundra. No injuries resulted from the incident and both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

Coca-Cola truck parking crash
Just before 9 a.m. on Aug. 6, Brian Mahon, 65, of Wallingford, Connecticut was driving a truck owned by the Coca-Cola Company near the Sharon shopping center when, upon preparing to park for a delivery, the truck struck guide wire on a utility pole. Mahon was issued a written warning for failure to drive in proper lane.

Rear-end leads to operating without license ticket
Just before 7 a.m. on Aug. 7, a rear-end collision occurred at the intersection of Route 41 and Millerton Road in Sharon, causing disabling damage to a Honda CRV and GMC Sierra. The driver of the Sierra—Austin Richard, 30, of Rensselaer, New York—was following the CRV, driven by Bruce Newman, 61, of Great Neck, New York when they collided at the stop sign. Richard was found to be at fault, and was issued an infraction for following too closely resulting in a collision, operating a vehicle without sufficient insurance and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Unsafe passing rollover
Near 9 p.m. on Aug. 7, Marcos Deramos was driving east on Route 44 near the intersection with Tim O Connor Road in Norfolk. He was being followed closely by a Toyota Camry driven by Sami Milling II, 27, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, who tried to pass Deramos' Toyota RAV4 on the left. While trying to pass, Milling's vehicle collided with the rear left of Deramos' RAV4, causing her car to roll. As a result of the accident, Milling was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital on suspected minor injuries, and Deramos was uninjured. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Milling was found to be at fault and was issued an infraction for unsafe passing and a verbal warning for operating a motor vehicle without sufficient insurance.

Car collides with utility pole
At approximately 10 p.m. on Aug. 8, José Jesus Rivera Castellanos, 22, of Millerton was driving west on Route 44 near the intersection with Belgo Road in Lakeville when he veered off the side of the roadway and struck a utility pole. He was uninjured, but his Honda Civic was disabled in the crash and was towed from the scene. He was ultimately issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

Disorderly conduct arrest
At approximately 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 9, troopers responded to an address on Clayton Road in North Canaan on the report of a non-active disturbance. Troopers arrested Richard Segalla Jr., 52, of North Canaan on the charge of disorderly conduct. Segalla was taken into custody, processed and released on a \$500 non-surety bond. He was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 10.

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

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PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Housing the offices of the Great Mountain Forest and the ICBX Café, 10 Station Place was sold for \$750,000. Built in 1898, it was originally the train station for the Central New England Railroad.

Frozen real estate in the Ice Box

By Christine Bates

NORFOLK — The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home, excluding condos, in Norfolk — known as the “Ice Box of Connecticut” — fell to \$320,000 for the period ending July 31, 2026. Over the last year, the rolling 12-month median peaked at \$526,500 in September 2025.

The current median of \$320,000 is 22% below the \$410,000 recorded a year ago and 16% below the \$381,500 median for the comparable period ending July 31, 2024, unlike other towns in the Northwest Corner, which have seen rising values.

Norfolk median prices remain well below the 2007 “bubble level” of \$550,000, but are back strongly from their lowest point in March 2017 of \$166,000.

Closed sales of single-family homes occur about once a month in quiet Norfolk, with 11 sales in the 12 months ending in July 2026, compared with 12 in the comparable 2025 period and 17 in 2024. Like the rest of Litchfield County, Norfolk saw its most active period during the pandemic-era housing boom, with 38 homes sold from March 2020 to March 2021.

Inventory of one- and two-family homes for sale reached 14 in early August, about a year's inventory. Higher priced homes dominated the market with four over \$1,000,000 and not one under the current median price of \$320,000.

Norfolk Transfers January
10 Station Place – 3,619-square-foot commercial building in the center of Norfolk transferred by Ten Station Place LLC to 10SP LLC for \$750,000

February
177 Estey Road – 2.3-acres of vacant land transferred by Rocky Road Norfolk LLC to Courtney Leclair for \$320,000

March
321 Litchfield Road – 2 bedroom/2 bath home on one acre transferred by Jason and Joy Benoit to Christina Roy and Orion Newall for \$245,000

123 Goshen East Street – 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 5.99 acres transferred by Peter Coffeen to Diane Marucci for \$625,000

27 Westside Road - 0.24 acres of vacant land transferred by estate of James Cur-

tiss to Eliza Anastasia Hazel Little Trustee and Eliza Anastasia Hazel Little Revocable Trust for \$40,000

April
70 Colebrook Road – 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 9.16 acres transferred by Megan Tashash and Baxter Poe to Kathleen Paskus, Tamara Jean Willoughby and Kristine Kathleen Seganek for \$550,000

20 Lovers Lane – 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch on 1.87 acres transferred by Kerry and Katherine Yelsits to Tyler James Yelsits for \$300,000

93 Greenwoods Road – 6 bedroom/1 bath home transferred by Judith Louise Anderson to Vito Anthony Parisi and Yvonne Louise Beroud for \$290,000

May
16 River Place – 2 bedroom/1 bath home on .07 acres transferred by Thomas Mattson to Parrish House Inc. for \$65,000

June
81 Laurel Way Extension – 3 bedroom/2 bath cape on 7 acres transferred by Norman Peter Chesler Jr. to Rachel Miller and Lewis Feuer for \$617,000

78 Deerfield Road -4 bedroom/4 bath home on 2.8 acres transferred by George Case Trustee, George S Case Revocable Trust and Mary Bell Case Trustee, Mary Bell Case Revocable Trust to Winter Mead for \$1,750,000

21 Haystack Woods Road – property transferred by Foundation for Norfolk Living Inc. to Diane Radcliff for \$180,000

200 North Street- property transferred by Michel Sinclair to State of Connecticut for \$90,000

July
None
* Town of Norfolk real estate recorded as transferred between January 1, 2026, and July 31, 2026 provided by the Norfolk Town Clerk. Property details from Town of Norfolk tax cards and CT MLS where available. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Musical guests, Brother Other, play an outdoor acoustic set in Kent during the sidewalk sale.

Kent Sidewalk Sale Days celebrates half a century

By Lans Christensen

KENT — A highly anticipated summer tradition, Kent Sidewalk Sale Days celebrated its 50th anniversary Aug. 6 through 9, bringing businesses, organizations and shoppers together for bargains and outdoor shopping on Main Street.

Tents and canopies spanned the length of the street, providing shoppers with a wealth of choices and great deals. Favorites like Terston, Foreign Cargo, and House of Books were joined by newcomers Perfectly Paired, Westerlind and others.

A premier destination of the event has always been the St Andrew's Tag Sale. This year the "early bird"

opportunity was scheduled for Thursday afternoon, giving dedicated shoppers first choice of the offerings. Glass, china, kitchen equipment and art were polished and cleaned to "as new" condition.

The success of this earlier access was evident in the long line of customers waiting for the 4 p.m. opening — and shoppers leaving with armloads of bargains.

Weather for the event was hot and humid as predicted, with the "feels like" temperature nearing triple digits. Rain held off, although it prompted the Karl Allweiler concert to be rescheduled from Saturday evening to midday Sunday.

Beyond sidewalk shopping, Sale Days offered mu-



Shoppers stop by the popular House of Books and Terston during the sidewalk sale.

sic, entertainment, food and drink, as well as fire truck rides and games for children.

The Kent Chamber of Commerce organizes and presents Sidewalk Sale Days, with Chamber Vice President Ellen Corsell and Board Member Gary Kidd playing

key roles. Corsell emphasized Kidd's contributions, saying she was in awe of "his motivation, innovation, and determination to make this the best Sale Days ever."

"I am so happy to see the town so alive with people from everywhere," Kidd said.

Lamont visits Torrington health center to discuss rural care

By Alec Linden

TORRINGTON — Rural health care continues to pose unique challenges, but the Northwest Corner's Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) is ready to take them on, said the organization's CEO, Joanne Borduas, during a recent visit from Gov. Ned Lamont.

The governor was joined by public health officials at CHWC's headquarters on Thursday, Aug. 6, for a brief conference in recognition of National Health Center Week, an annual celebration of the approximately 1,500 Federally Qualified Health Centers across the country. CHWC's three locations — Torrington, Winsted and North Canaan — are among that group, offering sliding-scale payments regardless of insurance status. The CHWC serves as the only primary care provider for many in the region, especially those in lower income brackets.

Also present were Sen. Paul Honig (D-CT), Dr. Mandar Jadhav, of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Deb Polun, of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, Lisa Ferris, of the United Way of Northwest Connecticut and Petra Clark-Dufner, of the University of Connecticut's Area Health Education Center Network.

During her opening remarks, Borduas said there was much to celebrate, including the recent reinstatement of CHWC's dental practice after losses forced its suspension last year. However, challenges remain, she said.

One, Borduas said, is a misconception among policymakers that affluent areas do not need services.

"Sometimes there's a misconception when you talk about areas that are considered a bit affluent — that there's no need, they don't need services," she said. "So not true."

Lamont said his experience lobbying in Washington for federal health care funding has been similar.

"We had to go talk to Dr. [Mehmet] Oz," Lamont said, referring to the administrator of the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services since 2025. "He said, 'You know, I thought you were a couple of big cities and a lot of leafy suburbs.' And I said, 'I don't think you understand Connecticut.'"

Connecticut ultimately received \$154 million in 2026 through the new federal Rural Health Transformation Program and is expected to receive additional funding annually through 2030. The state will disburse the funds to providers and programs through grants.

Borduas said CHWC will focus on four key challenges unique to Northwest Corner health care as the federal funds are rolled out: transportation and geographic isolation, workforce recruitment, digital infrastructure and an aging population.

"The Northwest Corner is probably, I'll be biased again, one of the most beautiful parts of the state," she said, "but it is lacking in resources, and probably our biggest barrier here is the lack of public transit."

Addressing transportation is a key priority for the organization, Borduas said, including through the organization's mobile unit BETTY — "Bringing Exceptional Treatment to You" — which brings services directly to patients.

BETTY was outside the Torrington facility accepting school supplies for children in need. Donations will be distributed to students at the Torrington Police Activities League's 19th annual school supply event at Coe Memorial Park on Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some supplies will be reserved for the CHWC's school offices, some of which are located at HVRHS, North



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

State and local officials discuss health care policy during a conference at the Torrington Community Health and Wellness Center office on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Canaan Elementary School and Sharon Center School.

Borduas also emphasized telehealth and the need to care for the region's aging population.

"These folks want to age at home," she said. "We need to make sure we can care for them so that they can do so with dignity."

Overall, Borduas said she hopes to use the funds across these initiatives to "forge ahead" by enhancing and expanding the vital services CHWC provides.

Honig, a Harwinton res-

ident, said he recognizes the organization's importance to the region. "I have personal experience with this area being a primary care desert," he said.

Jadhav, who serves as a liaison in Washington for the 1,500 Federally Qualified Health Centers across the nation, offered final remarks.

Despite impending cuts to Medicaid, he said, "this is a good year to celebrate." He reported that FQHCs have moved from a negative to positive margin, "and that's because you are innovative."

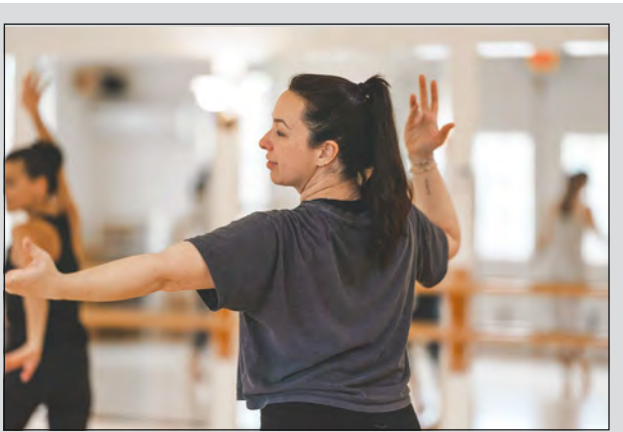


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Salisbury native Darcy Boynton is the co-owner of Blue Studio Dance in Lakeville.

Darcy Boynton wants students to 'embrace the process'

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — When Darcy Boynton addressed Salisbury Central School's graduating class in June, she urged students to focus on the process of learning rather than the outcome. It's an outlook the Salisbury native has followed throughout her own career as a director, teacher, business owner and dancer — in no particular order.

"I firmly believe that the people who are the most successful, in any endeavor, are process-oriented," she said. "The process is where we spend most of our time and where we grow. In the process, we become a team."

During an interview at the White Hart on Friday, July 31, Boynton expanded on her argument for embracing "the process" and discussed her passion for using arts education to shape growth, development and confidence in children.

Boynton has been able to lean into her definition of "the process" with the establishment of Blue Studio Dance, which she co-founded with Falls Village resident Amber Cameron in 2023. The pair met at the Sharon Playhouse more than 15 years ago during a production of Oklahoma!, and have since taken their show on the road, teaching and choreographing together throughout the region. Entering its fourth year, Blue Studio Dance offers a variety of dance programs for children and adults with the goal of fostering a sense of belonging and artistic freedom.

She is also involved in children's theater productions. She directed the last four musicals at Salisbury Central School, including Annie, Fiddler on the Roof, Matilda, and Newsies! She also directed Mary Poppins for the Falls Village Children's Theater in March.

Boynton said she deliberately and thoughtfully

challenges her dance and theater students and performers.

"I want to get them to stretch their abilities," Boynton said. "It's respectful to hold them to a high standard. Children get undersold all the time by adults."

Boynton said she looks for the "sweet spot" between embracing the learning process and the final result.

"We want a good experience, but we can put on a good show too," she said, adding that striking that balance requires "constant readjustment" as rehearsals go on.

One measure of success, Boynton said, is whether students come back. Boynton said the results have been encouraging.

"We have a very high return rate for the SOAR musical," she said.

SOAR (Seek Originate Aim Reach) is the after school enrichment program at SCS. SOAR is a non-profit organization founded in 2000, and Boynton is a board member.

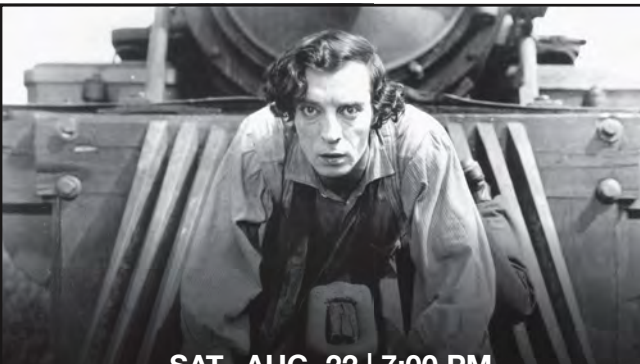
A Salisbury native, Boynton attended SCS, Indian Mountain School and The Hotchkiss School before graduating from New York University, where she began as a theater major and switched to English.

After college she floated between New York, San Francisco and Connecticut, unsure of where she was headed.

"I kind of fell into arts education," Boynton said. She co-founded and operated Shooting Star Arts Camp alongside Elise Babbigan, also from Salisbury, and operated the camp for six years. It was located where Blue Studio is now.

Boynton believes arts education is too often regarded as supplemental to the standard curriculum, but her years of directing and teaching have proven its value.

"The arts are integral, like math or science," she said. "They are part of a core education."



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Kent native explores where the Declaration signers are really buried

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Jennifer Epstein Rudnick, a National Park Service ranger in Washington, D.C., and the author of “Search for the Signers: Visiting the Graves of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence,” said that finding the graves of the signers turned out to be more complicated than she initially thought.

For starters, it was by no means clear that the actual remains of some of the signers were actually beneath their gravestones.

Rudnick spoke at the South Canaan Meetinghouse Tuesday, Aug. 4, as part of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society’s “First Tuesdays at 7” series of summer talks.

Rudnick is the daughter of The Lakeville Journal reporter Ruth Epstein and Ed Epstein, and grew up in Kent, attending Kent Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS).

At Gettysburg College, she met fellow historian Peter Vermilyea, who is the head of the Social Studies Department at HVRHS.

With the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence,



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jennifer Epstein Rudnick spoke in Falls Village Aug. 4.

Rudnick said she came at the subject of the signers from a different angle.

“I wasn’t interested in them while they were alive,” Rudnick said. “What I ended up doing was looking for their graves. I figured I’d find them, take a photo. It wouldn’t be that hard.”

What began as an interesting but modest side project became more complicated.

“I realized that just because the stone was there didn’t mean the signer was in the grave.”

She offered some examples of irregularities she uncovered, starting with Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, 50 years after the Declaration was adopted, and was buried at his home in

Monticello in Virginia.

His remains are still there, beneath an impressive monument. His original headstone, however, is at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Rudnick said the family graveyard at Monticello was plagued by visitors looking for souvenirs. They “chipped away at the original headstone” until it had to be removed.

The original eventually wound up in Missouri in recognition of one of Jefferson’s major achievements, the Louisiana Purchase, which included the territory that is now Missouri.

Closer to home, Roger Sherman of Connecticut is said to be interred in the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, where a head-

stone and monument bear his name.

But Rudnick quickly found a problem. “

“The cemetery opened in 1796. Sherman died in 1793. So where was he for three years?”

During her research, Rudnick found that while cemetery guides often provided the official version of who is buried where, cemetery caretakers sometimes told a different, more nuanced story.

In Sherman’s case, the caretaker told her that before the Grove Street cemetery opened, New Haven’s notables were buried on the town green.

As the town grew into a city and space became limited, graves and remains were moved. Mostly.

“He said there was no record of Sherman ever being moved “to Grove Street, Rudnick said.

“He’s probably still on the green.”

In the case of Caesar Rodney of Delaware, the quest initially seemed straightforward. At Christ Episcopal Church in Dover, Delaware, there was a monument marking his grave.

Then Rudnick noticed a plaque on the cemetery wall stating that Rodney’s remains had been moved to the

church yard in 1889 – more than a century after his death in 1784.

This time, it was the cashier at the gift shop and the local visitor center who provided the additional information.

As Rudnick bought a scarf bearing the names of all 56 signers, the cashier asked what brought her to the shop. After learning of Rudnick’s interest in Rodney, the cashier said “Oh, he’s probably not really there.”

“We think it’s a woman,” added the cashier as she

completed the transaction. Seeing Rudnick’s surprise, she elaborated.

When the remains were relocated from the family graveyard, those doing the moving were not sure if they had found Rodney. Popular opinion holds that it was a woman’s remains that were interred in Rodney’s new grave.

Rudnick asked if that was true, where was Rodney’s body?

“Under Runway Seven of the Dover Air Force Base,” she replied.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Singers Jennifer Marshall (left) and Emily Levin perform as part of the church’s First Friday concert series on Aug. 7.

American classics fill Salisbury Congregational Church

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The songs of Charles Ives, Rodgers and Hammerstein and Aaron Copland filled the Salisbury Congregational Church on Friday, Aug. 7, as singers Jennifer Marshall and Emily Levin performed for the church’s “First Friday at the Meeting House” concert series.

Accompanied by David Baranowski on piano, Marshall, a soprano, and Levin, a mezzo soprano, performed together and separately, beginning with “Stepsisters’ Lament” from Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella.”

Marshall, who lives in Danbury, sang three songs

by Danbury native Charles Ives.

“He ended up selling insurance and did music on the side,” she said. “He didn’t think he was very good at it.”

Levin sang “What a Movie!” from Leonard Bernstein’s “Trouble in Tahiti” with considerable elan. Introducing the song, she said it was a personal favorite.

“It’s Bernstein at his sharpest,” she said.

The next concert is Friday, Sept. 4, with contralto Alison Gish and pianist Melody Faber performing “Stabat Mater” by David Butler and the “Hermit Songs” of Samuel Barber.

All First Friday concerts begin at noon.

Making decorative books by hand in Salisbury

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Artist and educator Lilly Rand showed nine adults and two teenagers the basics of making a small decorative book from scratch in a workshop at the Scoville Memorial Library Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Rand, who teaches art at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, had supplies galore spread across tables in the children’s area of the library.

There were wallpaper samples, wax, various kinds of string, binder clips, envelopes, pencils, markers, awls and many different types of paper.

Rand said children of artists often donate “whole

studios’ worth of supplies” to the high school when their parents die.

She got the group started with a basic design she called the “Japanese four-hole binding,”

using three stiff pieces of paper folded to create six pages.

Rand demonstrated techniques for folding the paper, creating a sharp edge, using an awl to create the holes, and how to use the wax and string. She also pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of having the knot inside or outside the finished book.

The class worked diligently, with the occasional raised hand to ask for assistance.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lilly Rand shows workshop attendees how to make decorative books using paper.

After about an hour, everyone was admiring each other’s handmade books.

Rand noted that almost everything she used is read-

ily available. Now that the group has the basics down, she said, there was no reason not to continue making books at home.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 July 27, 2026: Approved with Conditions Recommended by the Town Engineer — Application #IWWC-26-30 by Patrick Mulberry for Construction of a Barn Garage with One Bedroom Dwelling Unit and associated site work and planting. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 04 as lot 31-1 and is known as 11 Route 7, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Delbert L. Auray Jr. 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 08-13-26

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 3, 2026: Deemed Consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development — 8-24 Referral at 7 Ethan Allen Street, for moving the train station. Approved Conditioned on approval by the Town Engineer - Site Plan Application #2026-0316 by Chuck Tuz for additions to existing buildings in the Lake Protection Overlay District (Section 404). The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 38 as Lot 09 and is located at 117 Interlaken Road in Lakeville. The owners of the property are James and Miriam Broner. Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with

the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8. Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Robert Riva, Secretary 08-13-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ANN L. FORD SALDIVAR, Late of North Canaan (26-00306)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 5, 2026, 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: John Saldivar c/o Michael Downes Lynch Law Office of Michael D. Lynch, 106 Upper Main Street P.O. Box 1776 Sharon, CT 06069 Jordan Bergs, Clerk 08-13-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOHN E. CALHOUN Late of Cornwall AKA John Edward Calhoun (26-00294)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 30, 2026, 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: Nancy G. Calhoun c/o Charles R. Ebersol Ebersol, McCormick & Reis, LLC 9 Mason Street, PO Box 598 Torrington, CT 06790 Jordan Bergs, Clerk 08-13-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF KENNETH J. MACKENZIE, Late of Cornwall Bridge (26-00267)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the

Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 16, 2026, 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: Adam Mackenzie c/o Brian McCormick, Ebersol McCormick & Reis, LLC 9 Mason Street P.O. Box 598 Torrington, CT 06790 Jordan Bergs, Clerk 08-13-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PETER J. BROWN Late of East Canaan (26-00287)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 29, 2026, 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: Sandra D. Brown c/o Katherine E. Mulry Reid & Riege P.C. One Financial Plaza Hartford, CT 06103 Jordan Bergs, Clerk 08-13-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RICHARD A. MCGRIFF, Late of Salisbury (26-00241)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 22, 2026, 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: Kevin F. Nelligan The Law Offices of Kevin F. Nelligan, LLC 194 Ashley Fls Rd PO Box 776 Canaan, CT 06018 Jordan Bergs, Clerk 08-13-26

OBITUARIES

Samuel Marshall Busselle

MILLERTON — Sam Busselle, Millerton resident for 50 years who dedicated himself to connecting people and improving life in his community, died peacefully July 31, 2026, at Woodland Pond, New Paltz, New York.



Born in 1940, he was the son of architect Alfred Busselle and educator Martha Knapp Busselle. He grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, where he graduated from the Lawrenceville School and then Yale University, which he attended on a swimming scholarship, followed by a master's degree from the Yale School of Architecture. He then taught high school for several years in the Boston area, where he met his wife, Rebecca.

Sam, Rebecca, and her 7-year-old son Wynne moved to Manhattan, quickly expanding their family with the birth of Katrina and Max, all the while gut-renovating a floor of an abandoned SRO on St. Mark's Place. Weekdays Sam left the lively East Village neighborhood by bicycle to work uptown on Fifth Avenue for the General Learning Corporation in the environmental services division. On weekends he tore down plaster walls, laid flooring, built bookcases, plumbed a kitchen and bathroom, and cut a door to a sizable outdoor rooftop where the family grew tomatoes, and the kids splashed in a plastic swimming pool. Strapped into kiddie seats on their parents' bikes, with Wynne in the lead, the family explored New York City and picnicked in its parks.

After a few years, time came for a change. The family moved to Bo, Sierra Leone, West Africa, where they spent three extraordinary years as Peace Corps volunteers. As Architect for the Southern Province, Sam taught drafting to young men desperate for skills that might lead to jobs. He oversaw simple construction projects fashioning blocks on site, and built a factory and the first ever morgue for the Bo Government Hospital. The Peace Corps experience permanently shaped his worldview and commitment to making a difference.

Dependent on a small Peace Corps readjustment allowance, with no jobs and no place to live, Sam and family returned to the United States during a recession in 1975. After a year renting in Stanfordville, they turned to Millerton and found a tumbled down house that had been a two-room farmstead built around 1790 and expanded a century later. A weed field with clumps of burdock surrounded the dirt driveway. Dark cement stucco covered the house. Inside were greasy kitchen walls, and a cabinet door dangled by its hinges. A family with 10 children had vacated after two second floor ceilings collapsed. But always forward thinking, Sam noted hand-hewn beams and, under bright red paint, an original brick chimney wall and Dutch oven. Worn linoleum gave him little hope for good floors

beneath, but the attic held wide oak boards. Sam knew the house bones were venerable and solid. He had found a lifelong renovation, re-renovation, and maintenance project. He set to work making a home and finding a role in his new community.

He took a job with the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities as an architect/planner for the Wassaic Developmental Center campus, which had been mandated to upgrade or close. Twenty years later he retired after working tirelessly to move residents out of an isolating institution into community homes. He followed that with a planning role at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center, while giving much time and thought to problems in the Dutchess County criminal justice system.

Sam's volunteer roles began with a seat on the North East Town Board, followed by years on the Planning Board. But his deepest satisfaction came from co-founding, with Wendy Curtis, the North East Community Council, a group dedicated to improving local access to County agencies in this rural area. That group secured funding, acquired a building and became the thriving North East Community Center.

Sam loved the rural life. He enjoyed splitting logs for the wood stoves, tended a vegetable garden, and got a kick out of briefly owning an aged tractor and a rickety pickup truck. He swam in any body of water he could find, rowed a scull on twin lakes, rollerbladed and biked on the Rail Trail, and hiked the nearby mountains. He loved Tanglewood, Music Mountain, Norfolk chamber music, and opera in Manhattan. He and Rebecca traveled in Europe, Africa, Japan, and Indonesia. He took never ending pleasure in his children and grandchildren. And just as he loved uniting people in a common cause, he loved a good party.

Admired and beloved by many, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rebecca, of Millerton, New York; his son Wynne Morriss and wife Suzanne of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; daughter Katrina Busselle and husband Ney Marks da Silva of Cold Spring, New York; and son Max Busselle and wife Juliet of Los Angeles, California; his twin sister Harriet Barrow of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, and sister Polly Bishop of Brooksville, Maine. He was predeceased by sister Lucy Myers. He will be dearly missed by his five adored grandchildren, Nick, Julia, Olivia, William and Alexandra, and nieces and nephews, Whit, Steve, Rob, Samantha, and Scott and their families.

A gathering will be held to celebrate Sam's life at 1 PM on Sunday, August 30, 4511 Route 199, Millerton. Kindly respond to Rebecca, beccabuss@gmail.com. Donations in his memory may be made to the North East Community Center, www.neccmillerton.org.

Edith May Haskell Gorat

WEST CORNWALL — Edith (Edie) May Haskell Gorat passed away July 7, 2026, after a short illness. She had attended Sharon Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She enjoyed flower gardening and baking.

She is survived by her daughter, Edith May (Chicky) Gorat of Idaho and a son Peter Gorat Jr. of West Cornwall, three grandchildren, Nicole, Danielle and Peter Gorat, a sister, Olive Haskell Goddard of Cape Cod, and a brother John Haskell of Kent and sev-

MILLERTON — Our precious Olly Josiah Rea, beloved son, cherished brother, treasured grandson, and dearly loved by so many, went home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 25, 2026, at just two years old.

Though his time on earth was far too brief, Olly's life overflowed with joy, laughter, and unconditional love. He filled every room with his contagious smile, infectious giggle, and endless curiosity. His joyful spirit had a way of drawing people to him, and it was impossible not to smile in his presence.

Born on July 17, 2024, to Johnathan and Darryl Sue (Lasko) Rea, Olly was happily simply being with the people he loved. Whether enjoying family vacations, running through church hallways with an ear-to-ear grin, or making everyone around him laugh with his playful personality, he embraced childhood with a joy that was unmistakably his own.

Olly delighted in the simple things that make childhood so special. He loved Mickey Mouse, Lightning McQueen and his friends from Cars, dinosaurs, and every opportunity to be surrounded by family and friends. Whether excitedly saying, "Ready, go", curiously asking, "Ooh, what's that?", pointing off into the middle distance, making "vroom-vroom" sounds as he



raced his toy trucks across the floor, or doing his happy twist, Olly embraced each day with wonder and excitement. He loved watching airplanes soar overhead, eagerly searching the sky whenever he heard one. He found endless joy splashing in the water, pulling his favorite wagon, and never wanted his carousel rides to end.

He never shied away from a camera, saying, "Cheese!", leaving behind countless photographs that beautifully tell the story of a little boy whose radiant smile could brighten anyone's day. Olly was the epitome of a daddy's boy, and loved to be in his father's arms, always reaching for him with a beckoning wave to be picked up. He also had a particular talent for finding the frosting on a cupcake—often preferring generous handfuls of icing while leaving the cake behind—a memory that will forever bring both smiles and tears to those who loved him.

One of Olly's favorite places was his church. From his earliest days, he was raised in a home where Christ was known, loved, and faithfully served. He grew up surrounded by parents who taught him about the love of Jesus and by a church family that treasured him as one of their own. He especially loved the attention of the older girls at church, who eagerly played with him, loved on him, and delighted

Astrid Daphne Satre

SALISBURY — Astrid Daphne Satre passed away peacefully on July 25, 2026, in Sarasota, Florida, after spending the last year and a half at a rehabilitation center. She was 87 years old.

Born on April 11, 1939, in Salisbury, Connecticut, Astrid was the only daughter of Astri and Magnus Satre. Her parents emigrated from Norway in the early 1900s and settled in Twin Lakes, Connecticut, where she spent her childhood surrounded by the beauty of the Berkshire foothills and the rich Norwegian heritage that remained an important part of her identity throughout her life.

Gifted with artistic talent from an early age, Astrid attended the University of Denver, where she earned a degree in Art. She began her professional career in New York City as a commercial artist, but her adventurous spirit soon led her in a different direction.

In 1963, Astrid joined Norwegian Cruise Line, embarking on an extraordinary chapter of her life. She sailed around the world six times, visiting countless countries and experiencing cultures across the globe. Along the way, she formed lifelong friendships with people who remained dear to her throughout her life.

In 1969, Astrid married and later became the proud mother of two children, Vibeke and Vidar. After her marriage ended, she devoted

herself to raising her children on her own in Norway. Her strength, determination, and unwavering love provided them with a secure and caring home, and her example of resilience left a lasting impression on both of them.

In 2005, Astrid returned to the United States to reconnect with her roots. She divided her time between Connecticut and Florida, enjoying the changing seasons of New England and the warmth of the Florida sunshine. It truly gave her the best of both worlds.

Creativity remained a constant throughout Astrid's life. Whether through drawing, quilting, or sewing, she found joy in making beautiful things with her hands. Her artistic eye, patience, and attention to detail were evident in everything she created, and many family members and friends will cherish the quilts and handmade gifts she lovingly shared.

Astrid will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, her creativity, her quiet strength, and her deep love for her family and friends. From a small town in Connecticut to voyages across the world's oceans, she lived a life filled with curiosity, courage, and meaningful connections.

She is survived by her daughter, Vibeke; her son, Vidar; and many dear friends in both the United States and Norway whose lives were enriched by her kindness, warmth, and enduring friendship.

Her family finds comfort in knowing that her remarkable journey came full circle—from the Norwegian heritage that shaped her family, to a life that crossed oceans, and finally back to the country where her story began.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Olly Josiah Rea

in every hug, laugh, and mischievous smile. To them, he was much more than a little boy—he was their little buddy.

Although his time with us lasted only two short years, Olly's life was rich in laughter, hugs, adventures, faith, and unconditional love. His joyful spirit, radiant smile, and precious life will forever remain woven into the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved brothers, Cory and Levi; his loving parents, Johnathan and Darryl Sue (Lasko) Rea; maternal grandmother, Susan (Cahill) Lasko; paternal grandmother, Brenda (Senter) Stewart; paternal grandparents, Jimmy and Frances (Tapia) Rea; paternal great-grandparents, Stanley and Margaret (Brennan) Senter; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and countless friends who loved him dearly.

Among those welcoming him into Heaven were his maternal grandfather, Darryl Lasko; maternal great-grandfather, William J. Lasko Sr; maternal great-grandmother, Doris (Hanaburgh) Lasko; maternal great-grandfather,

Joseph T. Cahill Jr; maternal great-grandmother, Vivian (Deats) Cahill; paternal great-grandmother, Sally Garcia; maternal great-uncle, Daniel; paternal great-uncle, Robert, and great-aunt, Patsy.

Family and friends were warmly invited to celebrate Olly's beautiful life on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York, for a celebration of his life party at 10:30 a.m. done by Pastor William Mayhew.

All were invited to fellowship with us as we continue celebrating Olly's life with cake, balloons, and the joyful sharing of memories. Just as Olly delighted in life's simple joys, we invite everyone to celebrate this beautiful little boy who brought so much happiness to all who knew him.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Copake, New York.

Please visit <https://gofund.me/587ac379d> to help support the family during this difficult time. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.PeckandPeck.net

 Worship Services <i>Week of August 16, 2026</i>	
Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon <i>9 South Main, Sharon CT</i> Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. <i>30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT</i> 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 <i>484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville</i> 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 <i>12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT</i> SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest-in-Charge <i>In-Person and on You-Tube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> <i>172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT</i> Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232 FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan <i>Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm</i> www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> <i>St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan</i> <i>St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville</i> 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 <i>St. Joseph Chapel or Church</i> Thursday 8am <i>Immaculate Conception Church</i> Friday 8am <i>Church of St. Mary</i> ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
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The Lakeville United Methodist Church <i>319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039</i> 10 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> 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 <i>16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village</i> 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> 860-824-0194	St. Thomas Episcopal Church <i>40 Leedsville Road</i> <i>Amenia Union, NY</i> SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com <i>A Community of Radical Hospitality</i>
The Sharon United Methodist Church <i>112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green</i> <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 9 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 <i>29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT</i> <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org
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All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church <i>313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT</i> 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	
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EDITORIAL

Growing the next generation of local journalists

Every summer, our newsroom becomes more than a place where stories are written—it becomes a classroom, a workshop, and, we hope, the starting point for future careers in local journalism.

This year, eight interns joined The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News for an intensive six-week experience that immersed them in community reporting. Three were high school students attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School, The Hotchkiss School and Loomis Chaffee School. The remaining five were college students from Ithaca College, Marist University, the University of Connecticut, Loyola University and Northwestern University. Although they arrived with different backgrounds and varying levels of journalism experience, they all shared a connection to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut or neighboring Dutchess County and a curiosity about the communities most call home.

Rather than watching from the sidelines, the interns became part of the newsroom. They covered local events, interviewed residents, wrote feature stories, attended meetings, and worked alongside our editors and reporters as they learned how local journalism comes together—from the first interview to the final edit. Along the way, they discovered that reporting is equal parts preparation, persistence, curiosity and listening.

Their education extended well beyond reporting assignments. Throughout the summer, community leaders and media professionals volunteered their time to lead weekly workshops on subjects that every journalist should understand.

Attorney and LJMN Media Inc. board member Devereaux Chatillon explored media law and intellectual property. Veteran photographer Anne Day shared practical techniques for creating stronger images, even using a smartphone. Francesca Donner, former gender editor at The New York Times and founder of The Persistent, challenged the interns to think critically about female representation in journalism. Compass editor Natalia Zukerman discussed the art of interviewing, while our news editors Christian Murray, Aly Morrissey and Nathan Miller offered practical lessons in reporting, feature writing and the newsroom process.

Perhaps the greatest lessons, however, came from simply being out in the community.

Several interns told us they now pay far more attention to what's happening around them than they did before the program. Others said the experience pushed them beyond their comfort zones, whether that meant approaching strangers for interviews or covering busy public events. One intern joked about discovering “there can be a lot of drama over a tennis court,” a reminder that every community has stories waiting to be uncovered. Another described the experience as “breaking the bubble”—seeing familiar towns through fresh eyes and recognizing the people and issues that shape everyday life.

This week, each intern shares what they learned during the summer on pages B1 and B2.

Programs like this depend on people who know that local journalism matters. We are deeply grateful to the William and Mary Greve Foundation and individual donors for their generous support of this year's summer internship program. We also welcomed one intern through our partnership with Marist University, another investment in developing future journalists.

That investment couldn't be more important. Strong communities need strong, reliable local reporting and coverage of town halls, school boards, housing, healthcare, environmental issues, local businesses, sports, and the countless stories that rarely make national headlines but shape daily life here.

The newsroom will feel a little quieter when they head back to school, but we have every reason to believe we'll be hearing from many of them again.

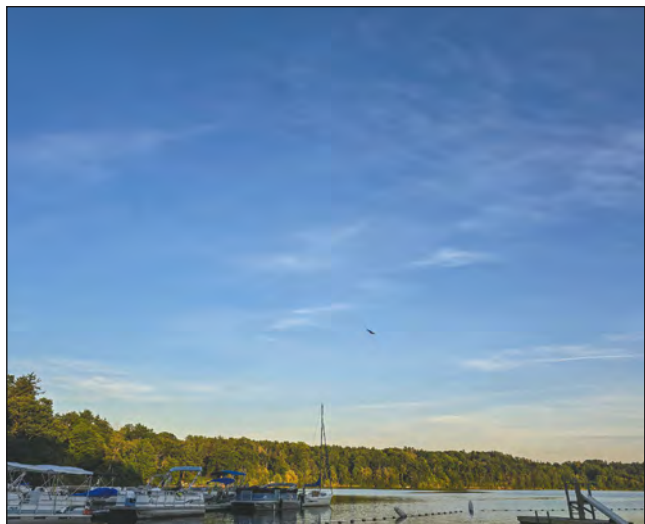


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Opinion



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation to all for a successful 19th Annual Jane Lloyd Fund Clambake

On Saturday, July 25, the Jane Lloyd Fund was proud to host our 19th Annual Clambake. It was once again a gorgeous day to be with friends, family, and neighbors to raise money for local individuals and families affected by cancer.

On behalf of the Jane Lloyd Fund Advisory Board, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who

made this year's event such a tremendous success. Thank you to those who attended, our generous sponsors and donors, and the many volunteers whose hard work made the day possible. Whether you donated your time, talents, resources, or simply joined us in support, you made a meaningful difference.

The Jane Lloyd Fund exists to help members of our com-

munity who are struggling with the financial burden of cancer. By providing assistance with everyday living expenses, we help ease some of the stress so patients and their families can focus on what matters most—their health and healing.

Volunteers make events like our Annual Clambake possible. They are central to our organization and reflect the spirit of the Jane Lloyd Fund and our community. We want to thank each and every volunteer who has helped over the past 19 years. Thank you for your time, your effort, and your willingness to do the unglamorous work that still matters immensely. Thank you for showing up with competence, compassion, and kindness. And thank you for remembering, year after year, that community isn't measured by who we are when things are easy, it's measured by who we

choose to be when someone needs help.

As we reflect on another successful Clambake, we are reminded that the true measure of our community is not simply in what we accomplish, but in how we care for one another. Together we are bringing hope, easing burdens and reminding our neighbors that they are never alone in their fight.

With heartfelt appreciation, we thank everyone who joined us for the 19th Annual Jane Lloyd Fund Clambake. Your generosity and compassion once again turned this annual event into a true celebration of community spirit and hope. We look forward to continuing this important mission together for many years to come.

Tanya Tedder
Scott Davis
Donna Lloyd Stoetznner
Brierley Lloyd Hannon
Salisbury

Thank you for laser light celebration

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Satre Hill the evening of August 2nd for the 250th anniversary celebration we postponed from that eventful July 4th night.

A large crowd, a spectacular laser light show, a DJ playing crowd pleasers, a food truck, free ice cream sandwiches and giant beach balls for the kids—it was a

fun community party enjoyed by everyone!

The Salisbury Association is grateful for all the volunteers who helped with the event. Special thanks to SWSA for allowing us to use the ski jump hill and their facilities there.

Cynthia Walsh
President
Salisbury Association

More letters next page.

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“As we used to say in East Germany: “Stasi ‘raus!’”
— Matthias Weiss

Viewpoint

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gratitude from Hotchkiss Library of Sharon

Just in time, last week's downpours ceased and the sun came out for the 28th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing, now a three-day weekend offering something for everyone.

Crowds gathered to meet the authors, purchase books, attend author brunches, dinners and cocktail parties, enjoy Saturday's cookbook demonstrations, and laugh with joy at the free Kids' Carnival on Sunday. It all unfolded seamlessly due to the incredible hard work of more than 40 volunteers, our hardworking staff, and dedicated board members who did everything from carrying boxes of books and tending bar to selling tickets and hosting events.

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The revenge of Socrates meets Oppenheimer

"Here a slop - there a slop - everywhere a-slop-slop". - just a little tune that pops into my head every time I navigate the news these days. AI and its attendant breathlessly reverberating falderall is making me feel like a four year old trying to learn all the verses to that childhood epic 'Old MacDonald'. "Whoa.. how many chickens? goats? pigs?" AI is now auditioning to be, in my old-timer cranky estimation - 'The Revenge of Socrates' meets Oppenheimer at Alamogordo "I am become death - the destroyer of worlds."

You see, I grew up in ancient times in the 1950's and 60's in rural Massachusets. Back then, there was an electricity that would, now and again, pulse through your veins when one of those wizards at Bell Labs came up with something mind-bendingly clever and cool - like transistors. You know, for radios -so you could carry music around with you as you bopped down the street.

Well, the 'now and again' wonder of appreciating and celebrating how some of our very best and brightest have figured out some new secrets of the universe to assist mankind on its journey, easing physical labor or simply enhancing the enjoyment of our modern lives has become something else -for me. The feeling is more like when, at the age of 16, I strapped an empty burlap sack to my backside under the 100 degree heat of a summertime tobacco net. I then sat and skivvyed along dusty quarter mile long rows succoring the tobacco plants so they would grow straight,

strong, tall and healthy. Healthy, so that the leaves could be harvested, dried, 'processed', rolled, packaged and shipped all over the world - to the devil's bargain delight of all those addictees (sorry -customers).

To the first half of my thesis - 'AI is The Revenge of Socrates'. Socrates, you see, from what I've read in books, was totally against the written word. He thought it would, if pursued, pollute the mental acuity of people. No more training your mind to remember words, thus concepts, thus enabling a high level of truthful evaluation of reality and ideas.

The second half - '..meets Oppenheimer at Alamogordo "I am become death - the destroyer of worlds."' AI-An-thropic, I've read, has come up with and is proceeding

apace with a quaint little 'legal' sommersaulting assault on the the history of the written word. It lost in court when it tried to 'pirate' books to train its AI, so it moved on to buying, scanning - and then shredding the books (to cover it's copyright violating behind).

Oh to be a fly on the wall in any of the 21st century boardrooms worldwide - filled with all of those 'we know best-ies' who have decided to move on from the passe capitalistic catechism of creative destruction to the newly minted millenial mantra - AI data centers will save humanity.

Memory is strange. Put it in a human brain and it learns. Put it on a chip and it earns. "Ee, i, ee, i, Oh!"

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

We need a new foreign policy

We need a new foreign policy. A recent issue of Esquire, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence contained a startling fact that too many of us are unaware of – 239 of our 250-year history has been spent at war. Just since 1945, the U.S. has been involved in dozens of wars, all of which we have lost.

Our tax dollars are being used to finance a war economy. We devote more money to the military than any other country on the planet and more than the next 10 countries combined. The Trump regime is proposing, and our Congress will probably appropriate 1.5 trillion dollars to fund the Department of War in the coming fiscal year. And, that's not all of it, additional billions devoted to undermining other countries' governments covertly through the C.I.A. are appropriated and unaccounted for annually.

In all these wars, the U.S. has killed or stood by while others under its influence have killed millions of innocent people. For documentation, see, "War Made Indivisible" by Norman Solomon. Our war making and support for aggression has not gone unnoticed around the world. In a survey conducted between January and March 2026 in 98 countries of over 94,146 people worldwide, the Democracy Perception Index 2026, a majority of those asked believed the U.S. is the most dangerous country on the planet.

Our foreign policy has long been based on domination not cooperation. Increasingly, it relies on military intervention and political interference in the affairs of other countries using assassination of foreign leaders and the targeting of civilians as its main tools. In addition to these crimes, these wars are bankrupting us with billions in debt. The U.S. military is also a major source of pollution contributing to the destruction of our planet's environment. See the film, Earth's Greatest Enemy by Abbey Martin. And, most importantly, this foreign policy is being carried out with the consent of Congress but not the voters.

A majority of Americans are against the war with Iran; recent primary election results demonstrate widespread rejection of Israeli aggression and U.S. complicity in Gaza. Millions of Americans are against wars of aggression and forever wars. This is support for a different foreign policy; one based on peaceful-co-existence and non-aggression. Honest diplomacy, not war, is the main engine of a successful foreign relations strategy. A strengthening of the United Nations and the principles of mutual respect and cooperation among nations is something for us to fight for.

Leonard Polletta
Lakeville

We need new speed limits, not surveillance

"Speed camera debate continues across Northwest Corner towns" in the August 6th issue of the Lakeville Journal would have been better titled, "Local politicians smell potential new revenue source." We don't need more of Big Brother's watchful eye, we need less of it. At some time or other, almost everyone drives faster than a posted speed limit. Speed limits were assigned to local roads

by traffic engineers more than 70 years ago. Automobiles in the 1950s and 1960s were larger, heavier, had poorer brakes, less precise steering, and less sophisticated tires.

Today's cars are infinitely safer and are capable of negotiating 35 MPH roads at 50 MPH. Yet, when is the last time a speed limit on a local road was raised? The solution, to me, would be to simply do nothing. What we

are witnessing is traffic flowing at prevailing rates, which may be somewhat faster than traffic engineers stipulated 70 years ago. Speed limits on local roads should be considered suggestions. The majority of the driving public has common sense and good judgement. Those who don't never had it in the first place and saddling the rest of with artificially low speed limits will not magically equip them with it. If we really wanted to cut down on speed-related accidents we would limit speeds on all roads to 25 MPH. We don't do that because we accept a certain number of accidents as the price we pay for convenience and expediency. Politicians should not waste their time seeking solutions to problems that do not exist.

Richard Kopeck
Sharon

More letters previous page.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — August 1901

THE JOURNAL this week begins its fifth year, and thanks are due the public for generous support and cooperation. The Journal has at all times endeavored to faithfully represent its section as home paper should, and hopes the public will continue to bestow its patronage and assistance.

Modern day editor's note: This week begins The Journal's 130th year of publication and this year marks 5 years as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are as grateful today for the support of our community as our predecessors were 125 years ago.

Genial John Belcher has purchased a new driving horse, a sweet one they say.

100 years ago — August 1926

Jack Wells of Brooklyn recently caught a five pound pickerel at Twin Lakes. The fish measured 27 inches in length.

A government airplane came to grief near West Cornwall last Sunday. It is understood the two pilots saw that their gas was running low and looked around for a place to land. They selected a cornfield belonging to Eugene Wickwire, and in landing made a miscalculation of the dis-

tance, the plane coming to a stop against a stone wall and barb wire fence, and receiving considerable damage. The pilots escaped injury. The plane was taken apart and towed to Hartford for repairs.

Thomas Graham, formerly of this place, is in the Winsted hospital as the result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on Gay Street, Winsted, Monday evening. He was carried in an unconscious condition by two automobilists from the street and left in a barn nearby where he was found later. He sustained five broken ribs and his left arm was fractured. The automobilists, who are unknown, carried Mr. Graham to the barn thinking he was dead, and left without notifying anyone of the accident. The injured man is the father of Mrs. Peter Phillips.

Mrs. Katherine Johnson Ashe is spending the summer near Asheville, N.C. Mrs. Ashe writes that Asheville was named after her husband's "great-great-grandfather who was a distinguished general in the Revolutionary war."

50 years ago — August 1976

A former Salisbury resident has become "foster father" to a young male chimpanzee and is helping him

learn to communicate more clearly with human beings. The "father" is Walter Benesch, a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and son of Louise Benesch of Amesville. His "foster son" is a 2 ½ year old chimp, Nim Chimpsky, whose name is a take-off on that of Noam Chomsky. Chomsky, a noted linguistics expert at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is known for his skepticism on the subject of chimpanzee research, Benesch said. In Project Nim, Benesch cares for the young chimp like a parent, feeding him, putting him to bed and taking him to visit friends.

CANAAN — Age and ill health have left undimmed Grete Stuckgold passionate commitment to the world of opera. Confined to Geer Memorial Extended Care Facility for the past three years since she suffered a stroke in New York City, the 80-year-old former opera star continues to follow opera through Saturday morning broadcasts. "I've become emotionally involved," she says. Mrs. Stuckgold's interest in opera is no passing fancy. She has devoted her life to the art and was for 15 years prima donna with the New York Metropolitan Opera House. She has sung most of the major soprano roles during her career, and

has appeared in nearly every European country, all the states of the Union and every Canadian province.

ASHLEY FALLS — Sheila Angus, Sheffield correspondent for The Lakeville Journal, produced some shattering news Monday morning when she drove her car through the window of the Ashley Falls Post Office. When Mrs. Angus pulled up in front of the post office she had difficulty in getting her gear shift into the parking position. "The car just refused to stop," she said, and I found myself going into the plate glass window. There were no personal injuries, thank heaven, but you should see the post office!"

25 years ago — August 1976

Housatonic Valley Regional High School senior Candace Deeds spent the last six months in Costa Rica, studying at a high school and teaching at an elementary school. She also found time to check out some of the beaches. "I've never experienced anything like them before," she said of the finely crushed seashells that made the soft shimmering sand.

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



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Our Towns

Rail history comes to life during revived Railroad Days in North Canaan

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN – Trains chugged into North Canaan Saturday for Railroad Days, delighting rail enthusiasts and visitors who simply enjoy the sights and sounds of the rails.

Visitors strolled the grassy area behind Canaan Union Depot, taking in the trains on display, while some ventured up steep steps to tour open cars.

Railroad Days began in the 1960s as a way to celebrate Canaan’s railroading heritage. The depot, built in 1872, became a focal point at the intersection of the north-south Housatonic Railroad and the east-west Connecticut Western Railroad. The Victorian structure helped fuel the town’s growth.

Eventually, it housed commercial enterprises until 2001, when it was heavily damaged by an arson fire. The town rallied to have it restored. Today, the depot houses railroad and accordion museums on the premises.

The Railroad Days celebration has ebbed and flowed over the years, but recently the town’s Events Committee revived the event with a stronger railroad presence.

One train that captured a lot of attention Saturday was the locomotive built for the Boston-Maine line in 1953 by EMD, a branch of General Motors. Connor Mahar of Madbury, N.H., and Mike Labouliere of Berlin, N.H., who work in the railroad industry, were there to explain its significance.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Connor Mahar peers out from the 1953 locomotive built for the Boston and Maine Railroad. He was part of a group that saved the car from being salvaged. It stopped by North Canaan’s Railroad Days this weekend on its way to a permanent home at the Danbury Railway Museum.

“It served a long life in freight yards to carry local freight in the Boston area,” Mahar said. “Then up to three years ago, it was used on a short line railroad in Pittston, Pennsylvania.”

The two share a passion for trains — Mahar owns one caboose and Labouliere owns two — and when they learned in the fall of 2023 that the locomotive was going to be scrapped, they dove into action to save it. They joined forces with others, calling themselves Team 1127, the number on the train. With help from individuals and groups, they were successful in reaching the goal of \$65,000 needed to save it. The car will now have a home at the Danbury Railway Museum.

Both men said their love of trains began in their

childhoods, fueled by their fathers.

“Railroads always had their own appeal,” Mahar said. “They’re often forgotten by preservationists who mainly concentrate on buildings. People forget they are the backbone of the country.”

Labouliere added, “They are still the most efficient way to move items.”

PJ Bailly, operations manager and rain master of Housatonic Railroad, was primarily responsible for gathering the participants for the event. Among those represented were the Danbury Railway Museum, Berkshire Scenic Railroad, Friends of the Valley in Essex, New Haven Technical Society, Naugatuck Railroad, Connecticut Operational Life Services, a Roger Williams train and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

The Housatonic Railroad recently purchased the Canaan Union Depot and is housing most of its operations there. The freight line extends from Pittsfield to Danbury, with a branch going east to Derby, covering a total of 50 miles in Connecticut and 36.5 in Massachusetts.

Bailly said Housatonic Railroad is working on new initiatives, including pur-

chasing more EPA-efficient engines and upgrading its fleet. The railroad has bought five engines in the past two years and also plans to clean up the rail yards on Route 7 south of town.

“Housatonic aims to partner with, and cooperate with, the community,” Bailly said. “We’re trying to reach out. We’ll be offering a Hazmat training session in the near future and are planning other programs. We’re here today not just to show trains, but to support the town. It deals with us every day, so we’re trying to give back.”

The railroad also has job openings in several areas, and Bailly encouraged interested people to apply.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Tomatoes, honey and preserves from Salmon Kill Farm are paired with bread during a library reading Aug. 8.

Readers enjoy farm-fresh bites at Scoville Memorial Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY —Sungold tomatoes, fresh bread, honey and preserves proved tough competition for story time at the Scoville Memorial Library on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Bridget Lawrence-Meigs, farm manager at Fairfield Farm at The Hotchkiss School, arrived with tomatoes, honey and preserves from Salmon Kill Farm. She was joined by Jude Alexis and Anita van de Ven of Black Crust Bakery, and Children’s Services Coordinator Lyla DeRisi and a handful of youngsters who seemed more interested in sampling the goodies than in reading a story.

Three kinds of bread

were paired with the tomatoes, honey and preserves, along with a little maple syrup that snuck into the mix, making for some innovative combinations.

Lawrence-Meigs said the tomatoes were grown in the greenhouse at Fairfield Farm. She cautioned they had not been individually washed, which didn’t seem to bother anyone.

Once the snacks were finished, the youngsters settled in for a reading as DeRisi read Janie Bynum’s “Otis,” about a pig who eschews the mud and prefers to stay clean.

The fastidious Otis has some trouble finding friends among the mud enthusiasts of his acquaintance, but it works out in the end.



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Cars from the Housatonic Railroad and the Berkshire Scenic Line are displayed during Railroad Day on Aug. 8.

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The Hydrilla Menace

Hydrilla retreats as members invest in future of Twin Lakes

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agement programs. About 70% of that cost came from the Twin Lakes community, Bogle said, despite financial support from the town of Salisbury and the state.

“We rose to the occasion, which is great,” Bogle said, “but I am hopeful 10 years from now, should a crisis arise, future boards will have a little extra support.”

In written comments before the meeting, Bogle said hydrilla exposed how vulnerable the lake system is and how quickly the cost of confronting an environmental threat can escalate.

“Hydrilla is not the only nor the last threat that the Twin Lakes community will confront,” he said. “The scope of activities necessary to ensure the lakes remain healthy for generations to come require a sustained, science-driven approach, which is costly.”

The preservation fund already holds about \$350,000 from private donations made this summer.

No formal fundraising goal has been established, but Bogle said approximately \$3 million to \$5 million would be needed to generate what the board considers a meaningful income stream over time, assuming withdrawals of around 5%.

The association expects much of the fund’s future growth to come from bequests through wills and trusts, while annual donations and grants support current operations.

TLA Secretary Erica Cohn, who has been coming to the area since 1981 and has owned property on Rocky Lane for more than two decades, said the board had discussed creating a preservation fund for years.

Hydrilla reinforced the urgency.

“Thankfully, the lake community responded and trusted the board to make the best decisions to preserve and protect the lake,” Cohn said. “We hope that trust continues with the preservation fund so when the next invasive threat appears, the board can move quickly again.”

Cohn said the TLA, which has about 770 members, hopes the lake community will include the LPF in estate planning, allowing it to grow across generations.

Protecting the ‘piggy bank’

Bogle called the LPF spending policy “probably the most important section” of the charter because it governs how the money may be used.

“The last thing you want is to have the piggy bank raided,” he told members, adding that restrictions cannot be so rigid that a future board is unable to respond quickly to an emergency. And so, changes to the fund’s stated purpose or spending policy will require membership approval.

The fund will be overseen by a three-person investment committee — two TLA board members and one at-large member of the lake community, preferably someone with financial expertise. Bill Barton, who stepped down from the TLA board Saturday after 20 years of service, has expressed interest in serving on the committee.

Jeff Bravin, a TLA board member and executive director of the American School for the Deaf (ASD) — which owns and operates Camp Isola Bella — pointed to the camp as an example of the stability an endowment can provide.

The ASD received island property from the Alvord family in 1963 along with funding that has since grown into an endowment supporting the camp.

Although annual fundraising remains necessary, Bravin said, the permanent financial foundation allows the organization to plan strategically — a model he believes could similarly benefit Twin Lakes.

“A permanent endowment gives future boards another important tool to proactively manage the lakes rather than relying solely on emergency fundraising or reacting after problems arise,” Bravin said.

A new financial reality

Even as hydrilla-control expenses decline, the association does not expect lake management to return to the less expensive model of earlier years.

Updated projections call for about \$475,000 in spending in 2026, down from the \$500,000 originally budgeted, largely because of lower treatment costs as progress against hydrilla continues. With projected income of \$375,000, however, the association may still need to draw as much as \$100,000 from reserves.

Members Saturday also unanimously approved a \$450,000 budget for 2027, including \$150,000 for treatment by Solitude Lake Management and another \$150,000 for scientific surveys and lake-management work by Northeast Aquatic Research. Another \$130,000 is budgeted for monitoring, harvesting, biomass removal and watershed work.

To cover those costs, TLA anticipates \$100,000 in grant support, \$75,000 from the town of Salisbury and \$275,000 in dues and donations — the amount needed to balance the budget. About 70% of donors live around the lakes, Bogle said.

The numbers illustrate the balancing act confronting the organization: raising enough money to pay substantial annual operating expenses while building a permanent fund for needs that may arise years or decades from now.

A new line of defense

The absence of viable hydrilla this season does not mean the threat of another introduction has disappeared.

The TLA is working with Bravin and the American School for the Deaf on plans for a boat decontamination unit, potentially located on ASD property across from the old boathouse, a short distance from O’Hara’s Landing marina.

Bogle described the system as a high-temperature decontamination operation



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Nearly 90 Twin Lakes Association members unanimously approved the charter governing the new Lake Preservation Fund during the Aug. 8 annual meeting at Camp Isola Bella. TLA President Grant Bogle, at front, joins members in the show-of-hands vote establishing a long-term financial framework for protecting Twin Lakes.

intended to prevent invasive aquatic plants from being carried into the lake on boats and equipment.

The association is awaiting a decision on a state-coordinated grant application that could pay for the purchase of the unit.

Its purchase price is not included in the proposed 2027 budget.

If grant funding does not materialize, Bogle said he would like the TLA to acquire a unit using existing assets or donations raised for the purchase.

The \$50,000 monitoring line in the 2027 bud-

combined with data from the watershed study, point to increasing phosphorus and nitrogen levels.

The likely sources of many of those nutrients are along the shoreline, Conklin said.

“Once these chemicals build up in the lake, the options for addressing them are few, often impractical and very expensive,” he said.

Left unchecked, elevated phosphorus and nitrogen can contribute to anoxic — or oxygen-depleted — conditions and potentially toxic algae blooms.

While forces such as climate change are beyond the control of individual property owners, Conklin said there are several “knobs that we can turn.”

Among them are pumping septic systems every two years and establishing natural vegetative shorelines to filter pollutants and provide habitat. Conklin also encouraged homeowners to reduce unnecessary nighttime lighting as another way to support the broader lake ecosystem.

The steps may sound simple, he said, but collectively can have a significant impact. “The science is as clear as it is going to get,” Conklin said.

Governance grows with the mission

Members unanimously approved revised TLA bylaws, originally adopted in 1977 and amended Saturday for the seventh time.

“I remember when the by-

laws were one page,” Barton said, gesturing toward the 11-page document distributed at the meeting.

The changes include staggered terms for directors and formal ex-officio board seats for representatives of the American School for the Deaf, Salisbury School, Twin Lakes Beach Club and O’Hara’s Landing marina.

The revised bylaws also require the board to submit the following year’s budget to members at each August annual meeting and allow the board to enter contracts consistent with the TLA’s mission and an approved budget without additional membership approval.

The changes, along with related governance policies, were developed with advice from outside legal counsel as the scope of TLA finances and fundraising has grown.

Former TLA President and current board member Carey Fiertz reflected on the transformation shortly before members cast their votes. The nonprofit, volunteer organization “has come a long way,” he said. “This is an exciting time.”

Fiertz said he was confident the community would continue stepping forward to protect Twin Lakes.

Minutes later, members unanimously approved the revised bylaws, preservation fund charter and 2027 budget.

The next generation

Saturday’s meeting also marked the end of Barton’s two decades on the TLA

board.

Barton, the organization’s senior vice president, acknowledged “some sadness” in stepping aside, but used his farewell to remind members why vigilance and community involvement remain essential.

“Don’t ever think this lake is not going to throw you a curve ball, because it will,” Barton said. Hydrilla, he added, “was a beast,” but the association has confronted milfoil, the threat of zebra mussels and other challenges over the years, and new ones will inevitably emerge.

“It’s been a labor of love,” Barton said. “Local change happens on a local level.”

After the meeting, members filtered from the pavilion, some headed home while others remained for a picnic and the annual Twin Lakes Day celebration.

Among them was John O’Mahony of Pleasantville, New York, who was pleased to see the preservation fund charter approved.

“I have been coming to this lake since I was born,” said O’Mahony, whose aunts owned property at Twin Lakes when he was growing up. “I feel as though we have got to protect these lakes.”

O’Mahony then walked toward the small beach at Camp Isola Bella, where children splashed in the sparkling summer water — another generation beginning to form memories on the lakes the community had just voted to protect for those still to come.

“Don’t ever think this lake is not going to throw you a curve ball, because it will.”

Bill Barton

Outgoing TLA Senior Vice President

get includes approximately \$25,000 for existing boat-launch monitors, with the remainder representing a rough estimate of labor, fuel, maintenance and other operating expenses associated with a decontamination unit.

The concept could initially be tested for several years, primarily on East Twin.

It marks another evolution in the hydrilla response: as herbicide treatments decline, more emphasis can shift toward preventing reintroduction.

Beyond hydrilla

In written comments before the meeting, TLA Vice President of Lake Management Russ Conklin said intensive monitoring will continue in 2027, including extensive plant surveys and diver searches in deeper water.

“We will remain vigilant,” Conklin said.

The association may further reduce herbicide use in East Twin if findings from the remainder of the 2026 season support it.

But Conklin said hydrilla represents only one part of a larger ecological challenge facing Twin Lakes. “Our lakes are aging.”

Several years of water-quality monitoring,

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The advantage in asking WCAAA for help, Cole said, is its independence.

“We work for the taxpayers. We don’t steer anyone in any direction.”

In the parking lot of Johnnycake Books, Linda Ciano, director of community engagement for Project SAGE, greeted visitors beneath a large tent.

The Lakeville-based nonprofit domestic violence prevention agency has two fundraisers currently underway.

“The Bling’s the Thing” offers jewelry donated by supporters at bargain prices, while a five-dollar bill gets shoppers an extra sturdy, large blue Project SAGE tote bag.

Project SAGE is also sponsoring a community art project and inviting anyone to participate — no artistic skills required. The results will be displayed at an event at the Scoville Memorial Library on Sunday, Sept. 13.

At the Salisbury Association, Lou Bucceri discussed a range of local history, from Salisbury’s iron industry and the role of its cannons in the American Revolution to the Holley knife collection and Ethan Allen’s insistence on being inoculated against smallpox by his friend Dr. Thomas Young of Amenia Union.

The idea of deliberately injecting a healthy person with a small amount of a disease was very new and, to many, seemed unwise if not downright evil. Allen got his smallpox inoculation on the steps on the Congregational Church on a Sunday, for maximum publicity.

“And he was hauled into court on a charge of blasphemy,” Bucceri said.

Allen subsequently beat the charge.

During the fair, musician and educator Danny Tieger



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Left: Arlo Tieger, Ollie Spofford and Will Tieger enjoy smoothies and live music.

Below: Attendees sample street tacos, lobster and smoothies.



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Danny Tieger performs playful improv songs during the fair.



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Linda Ciano of Project SAGE greets visitors under the tent.

set the tone in front of a crowd of youngsters eager to hear live music. He asked them to brainstorm about what kind of animal they’d like to hear a song about.

The children came up with a combination of a lion, a bird and an alligator.

Tieger immediately launched into a song, made

up on the spot. “What’s our alligator-bird-lion’s name?” he asked.

“Chomps,” said a little boy. “Chomps it is,” Tieger replied.

Around 1 p.m. John Keilty of Litchfield took over the live music duties. He set up a Bo Diddley beat on one note,

turning it into a repeating motif recorded electronically. He then soloed over it, soaring off in unexpected directions before bringing it back to the riff.

Keilty’s primary job is running a guitar repair business. He plays in a couple of bands, including Shake the Dust out of Litchfield.



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Children show off their balloon unicorns.

INSPECTORS

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inspector can make the field difficult to enter. There are approximately 200 inspectors around the state, he said.

A longtime contractor, Papp said he was looking for a new experience. He’s finding that Kent has a lot of new construction, especially with three private schools within its borders.

Asked if he’d take on other towns if needed, he said his team would definitely be willing to expand.

In Sharon, William Pietrefase, 61, who took over for MacMillan in Sharon as both building inspector and fire marshal, attributes the shortage to the rigorous and time-consuming courses needed to qualify for the inspector’s job.

There are 12 modules that have to be completed, including electrical, plumbing, residential energy and pool and spa installation. Completing all 12 can take multiple years. Classes are held in Hartford, but there is a shift toward online courses.

An alternate route for those with years of experience in the building trades is available. Candidates can challenge having to take particular courses and skip the test.

Pietrefase’s route to his position was a circuitous one. He began his career as a liquor salesman and was familiar with the area because he serviced customers in Sharon. He then worked as a building contractor for 35 years, but the physical demands of the work eventually took their toll.

In August 2022, he was hired as building inspector in



William Pietrefase is the new building inspector and fire marshal in Sharon.

Winsted. “They gave me two years to get certified,” he said. “I did it in seven months.”

Josh Kelly, Winsted’s town manager at the time, sent him to fire marshal school, which he was pleased to do, since many of his family members were firefighters.

After 18 months, he became a building inspector in Torrington, his hometown. He was there for two and a half years before learning that MacMillan was retiring. “I applied because this would give me the opportunity to do both,” Pietrefase said.

Pietrefase said Sharon has a lot of construction going on, a mix of both commercial and residential. “It’s a dynamic situation for a small community.”

The two jobs equal a 35-hour-a-week position, but he is on call 24/7 for incidents requiring a fire marshal.

Being an inspector is a natural step for those in the building trades, Pietrefase said, because it allows them to continue using the skills they have learned.



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John Papp, right, and associate Jonathan Abbott formed Litchfield Building Inspection Services LLC, which serves as the building inspector for Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk and Warren.

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DOG PARK

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to public buildings and recreational facilities.

“Tonight you’re voting on using LoCIP funds to move the dog park,” Bunce said. “You’re not voting on the location. We have four potential areas where we’re looking to put it.”

The dog park is within Bunny McGuire Park, next to a children’s playground and adjacent to the softball field. The area is also used for community events.

In an interview after the meeting, Bunce said safety was the primary reason for considering a move. He recalled seeing a dog come off its leash and enter the playground during a town event.

“Luckily, no real damage was done, but he [the dog] did knock a child down,” Bunce said. “I feel like we should try to make our kids as safe as possible.”

Softballs have also been hit into the dog park, while players have sometimes had to contend with dogs walking across the field, Bunce said. He said representatives of the local softball league have expressed concerns about the dog park’s location and offered to maintain the grounds if it is moved.

Town officials have identified four alternative sites.

One is near the former Boy Scout building and daycare at Sam Eddy Field. A resident objected, saying local Boy Scouts regularly use the property.

Another is town-owned land near the municipal

parking lot behind NBT Bank on Main Street, close to the community garden and the Colonial Theatre. Bunce said the site could be accessed through the municipal lot and is outside the wetlands setback.

Residents expressed concern that dog park users might instead enter from Foot Avenue, a dead-end street where neighborhood children ride bicycles. Bunce said after the meeting that he was likely to rule out that site.

“I don’t want to have residents upset,” he said. “I want to try and put this in a spot that’s easily accessible, but away from children as much as possible.”

The other possibilities are near the Town Hall parking lot as well as on Whiting Drive by the sand and salt pickup area. Bunce said the Whiting Drive site has parking, and is his preferred option.

The vote did not require the dog park to remain at Bunny McGuire Park. It only prevented the town from using the proposed LoCIP funding for its relocation.

Bunce said one resident offered to donate the \$6,800 needed to cover the cost of the move. He plans to hold a public hearing on whether the dog park should be relocated and, if so, where. The Board of Selectmen will then decide how to proceed.

“Ultimately, if everybody says, ‘We don’t want this moved,’ we will take that into consideration,” Bunce said.



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The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News 2026 interns

Meet the next generation of community journalists. Eight interns joined The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News this summer. Below, each shares a brief note on their experiences.



Mia DiRocco

My name is Mia, and I will be a freshman at Northwestern University this fall, where I will be majoring in journalism. I first began working with The Lakeville Journal through the revival of Housy's student newspaper, HVRHS Today, last spring. There I first discovered journalism as a career, and The Lakeville Journal's Summer Internship program. What began as a fun extracurricular has turned into a passion and career path in journalism I can't wait to pursue.

I am relatively new to this area, having moved here from Long Island five years ago. I feel that writing for The Lakeville Journal helped me really get to know this community. From going hula-hooping at the Hunt Library to discussing how to dispose of 55 gallons of melted ice cream with Grassland's owner, I've learned so much about local journalism and the people that make up

this area. Not only this, but the chance to have articles published opened doors for me that I could never have dreamed of. From a summer academy with the New York Times in the city last summer, and now my dream school to study journalism in Chicago, I've found that local journalism has a much further-reaching impact than just this community. The experiences and opportunities I've had here were the focus of my senior year capstone project, which won the Pinnacle Award for Capstone Excellence. None of this would have been possible without the skills and values I learned from working at The Lakeville Journal. I'd like to thank The Lakeville Journal's staff for all their work with the internship program. Local journalism is incredibly important, and I will always be grateful to have gotten to be a part of this paper.



Allison Gollenberg

My name is Allison Gollenberg, and this fall I'll be a senior journalism major at the University of Connecticut. There, I've written about everything from tick populations to tactical urbanism. I decided to study journalism because I love to learn, and with this kind of job, every day I get to research something new. I get to talk to all sorts of people, to make sense of an eclectic selection of topics each week, and it's super fulfilling to share what I learn with the world as a writer. Growing up here in the Northwest Corner it sometimes felt like I was from the sleepiest place on earth. But looking at it with a journalistic eye has made me realize there's a lot going on everywhere I go. This summer I could be found zipped inside of an inflatable whale, traipsing through a rail yard in the rain, dancing to colo-

nial era music or at board of selectmen meetings where I was the only attendee who wasn't also a selectman—and I got to do it all in pursuit of a good story. It was a great reminder that you have to keep your eyes wide to the world around you. Once you do, you see there's a story behind everything. I've spent a long time trying to figure out what exactly I want to do with my life—the only things I'm really able to say about myself are that I get bored easily and I think people are the most fascinating thing we've got. In a selfish way, I love this work because it lets me try on a bunch of different hats and to be nosy for a paycheck. In a less selfish way, I love this work because it keeps me in touch with the workings of the world around me, and I get to keep others informed through what I write.



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Phoebe Tobin

My name is Phoebe Tobin, and I'm a rising senior at Loomis Chaffee in Windsor, CT, though I live in Lakeville. Prior to Loomis, I attended Indian Mountain School, where I revived the school newspaper, formally discontinued in the 50s, entitled Le Scoop, and served as editor-in-chief. At Loomis, I write for our student-led publication, The Loomis Chaffee Log. I've always been someone who loves writing, though throughout the earlier years of my life I was drawn to creative rather than journalism, writing fantastical stories about creatures of my own invention and journeys through time. At IMS, within my idea and eventual execution for the newspaper, I found the stories that happen on earth with the people around us. A curiosity for the stories of those I saw every day, and seeking out what could count as "newsworthy" solidified my love for journalism and is what brought me to spending my summer with The Lakeville Journal. Interning at The Lakeville Journal gave me a new in-

sight into the community I thought I understood just by existing around it in a bubble of my own convenience, speaking only to a circle of people I knew and few beyond that. In six weeks, I've attended many events I truthfully never would have known about beyond a posted sign, like Sharon's 4th of July Celebration and the Jane Lloyd Fund Clambake, and experienced the greater depth of my community through the stories of those I talked to. Additionally, showing up at big events alone, bugging total strangers with questions as I practically shoved a recorder in their face is not something that necessarily came naturally. But as I did it more and more, I improved significantly and will take a new confidence from it back to Loomis and beyond. This internship confirmed for me that journalism is something I hope to keep exploring, no matter what I choose to study down the road, and I'm so grateful for the chance to spend my summer getting to know my community a little better.



Annie Prinz

Hi, my name is Annie Prinz, and I've lived in Lakeville full-time for almost 12 years. This fall, I will be starting my senior year at The Hotchkiss School. Before attending Hotchkiss, I spent my ninth-grade year at Indian Mountain School, after graduating from Salisbury Central School, where I attended middle and elementary school. From a very young age, I've maintained a love for reading. As I've gotten older, that love has also translated into an enjoyment of writing. Whether through journaling or more academic forms of writing in my humanities classes, I've found that it's where I feel most engaged and excited. To be honest, apart from watching Rory in Gilmore Girls, I hadn't thought much about journalism. However, when I found the information for this program back in the fall, it sparked my interest. I love the town I've grown up in, I enjoy writing, and I love meeting

new people, so I figured what better way to do all of that than through this program? Six weeks ago, I was intimidated entering a room where I was the one with the least amount of experience, but it ended up being the greatest opportunity for me to grow and learn. My time at The Lakeville Journal has shown me some of the most important components of what it means to be a journalist, specifically in a smaller community like ours. I can confidently say that I am walking away from this experience feeling so much more connected to the place I call home. Throughout this program, I've been able to work on my ability to build connections with strangers, ask important questions, look at a story from a completely different perspective, and so much more. I know that all of the experiences and conversations I've had because of this program are uniquely meaningful, and I feel very grateful for that.

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Harmony Junction

Where the music takes you.

Shortly after WKZE was founded in Sharon in the late 1980's, the station approached Oblong Books as a possible advertising client. Unwilling to part with cash at that point, Dick Hermans and Holly Nelson proposed creating a radio show in return for advertising. **Harmony Junction was born.**

The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal congratulate **Dick**, our 2026 Estabrook Community Leadership honoree, who continues hosting his weekly program nearly 40 years later, live from 98.1 KZE's studios in Red Hook.

Harmony Junction is every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 and features an eclectic blend of acoustic folk, bluegrass, Celtic and related musical genres contributing to the station's notable musical diversity.

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You may have heard Dick before...
For several years, Dick also did a similar show, "The Borderline," on Robin Hood Radio. Those programs were recorded and are rebroadcast every **Tuesday at 8 pm** and **Saturday at 6 pm**, on WHDD 91.9.

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Lucia Iandolo

I am a rising senior at Ithaca College studying television, photography and digital media production with a concentration in photography and a minor in journalism. On campus, I have worked with our independent, student-led newspaper, The Ithacan, as a writer, videographer and photo editor. Photography has always been important to me as someone who loves storytelling, and from a young age I knew I loved documenting moments of time through the camera. I find it fascinating that we can show so many perspectives through one series of images. At Ithaca College, I knew I wanted to be involved in something that could further my passion. Joining The Ithacan was one of the best decisions I have made. Being a part of the newspaper not only taught me more about photography, but it introduced me to journalism, where I can hear

and share more stories with the local community. I grew up in Dover Plains, New York, and have truly cherished the opportunity to report on my hometown this summer. While growing up, I did not know much about my town or the news surrounding it. Through this internship program, I have learned so much about my home while talking to people in the community. I was also given the opportunity to write for Compass, where I wrote stories about music performances, art showings and vibrant members of our community. While being a part of the internship program this summer, I gained so much knowledge from the incredible editors and reporters. My love for storytelling only grew, and I am so grateful to Nathan Miller, Natalia Zukerman, Christian Murray, and everyone at the Lakeville Journal for their support and kindness.



Jacquelyn Drain

I was born and raised in West Hartford and am a rising senior at Marist University. On campus I am a Managing Editor and City/National Section Editor for the Marist Circle. My time at Marist has been essential to my development as a writer and a journalist. However, my connection to Dutchess County is not new. My dad was raised in Poughkeepsie, meaning I grew up making frequent trips to the area to visit my grandparents or my aunt and uncle, who still live in town. When the time came to decide where to attend college, Poughkeepsie felt like a second home and one I knew I could thrive in. I have always considered myself a writer but was unsure how best to use my skills. I didn't know much about journalism, let alone consider it a possible career path until my senior year of high school. The part of the job that I didn't anticipate was the social interaction, though it has quickly be-

come my favorite aspect. This summer I have had the pleasure of exploring a different side of the area during my time with The Millerton News. I was assigned the Town of North East and Village of Millerton as my coverage area and have since had the privilege of meeting many new people and exploring the beautiful area. From The Moviehouse to zoning board meetings, I have learned so much both about the town and journalism itself. This internship has taught me so much about the triumphs and tribulations of being a journalist. Learning how to apply what I have learned in classes has been an irreplaceable opportunity. I want to give a huge thank you to the entire Lakeville Journal/Millerton News staff but particularly Nathan Miller and Graham Corrigan for their incredible guidance during this experience.



Sophie Gardiner

My name is Sophie Gardiner and I'm from New York City. I'm a rising sophomore at Northwestern University, where I study Journalism, Classics and Political Science. At school, I'm a reporter on the city desk for The Daily Northwestern and a member of the College Democrats. As a person deeply interested in the intersection of communications and politics, I also work on political campaigns in the broader Evanston area. This summer, I've had a great experience diving deeper into journalism, particularly because of how local and community-focused The Millerton News is. I've had a strong passion for journalism for as long as I can remember, both because of its purpose as the Fourth Estate and because of my love for writing. Interning with The Millerton News has solidified my conviction in journalism as essential to a thriving community and it's been really rewarding to gain hands-on experience in

such a meaningful way. I've also learned a lot about how a newsroom operates, which makes me excited to continue exploring the industry in all its capacities – from social media to publishing and law. My skills have undoubtedly improved from my time at the paper: always keeping my eyes open for a good story, asking the right questions and more. When I return to Northwestern in the Fall, I'm excited to bring my sharpened skills to the Daily. I'm also excited to join more magazine-style publications, where I'll focus on the type of long-form feature writing I've enjoyed so much here. I'm so grateful for my experience this summer and I cannot thank everyone at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News enough. When I'm not in a newsroom or library, you can typically find me curled up with a good book, trying new restaurants with friends or going on long walks with a good playlist.



Eloise Pickering

I'm Florida born and raised and a rising senior at Loyola University New Orleans. Salisbury has been a summer destination for me since 2010. Every July for as long as I can remember, we packed our bags and escaped the brutal Florida heat staying with family. I've been studying journalism and working at Loyola's paper, The Maroon, for three years now. The highlight of my college newsroom has been serving as the paper's editor-in-chief for the last year. During that year, we were awarded finalist for the Society of Professional Journalist's Best All-Around Student Newspaper for colleges under 10,000 students. I was thrilled.

When it was time to search

for summer internships, my great-aunt and Salisbury resident proposed The Lakeville Journal. So, I applied and kept my fingers crossed. I was elated when the internship offer hit my email. Being a student journalist in a big city, I was excited to have the opportunity to learn in a small town setting, and I did learn so much. I've spent the summer writing for The Millerton News, and working mainly out in Millbrook. Under the guidance of fantastic editors and surrounded by talented student journalists, the educational experiences I've gained this summer are immeasurable. Not only have I learned more about the mechanics of writing, I've learned how to be a better listener and reporter.

I made real connections. I got to know the owner behind the store, the planning behind the project, and the people behind the community. If you had told me in March that I'd know more about aerated concrete than the average person, I would have laughed in your face. But, I was fortunate to meet two talented men who taught me about the extremely interesting building material. I'm excited to bring all the knowledge I've learned this summer back to New Orleans, where I'll finish my final semester of college this fall. I cannot express enough gratitude to this program and all the people involved for giving me the most interesting and educational summer I've ever had.

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Our Towns



Longtime Kent and Warren building inspector Joseph Manley celebrates his retirement during an Aug. 6 party.

Warren and Kent celebrate building inspector’s retirement

By Alec Linden

WARREN – A celebration of Joseph Manley’s long career as a building inspector in Warren and Kent brought together friends and colleagues for a retirement party in Warren on Thursday evening, Aug. 6.

Manley, who retired earlier this summer after eight years in the role for Kent and more than 20 years in Warren, was recognized by former colleagues and associates for his steady presence in the role.

“He was a pillar,” said Warren First Selectman Gregory LaCava as he served beer, wine, mixed drinks and more from behind the bar of the former Rooster Tail Inn, now a private residence. “It was an area I knew I didn’t have to worry about.”

Partygoers packed the space, which once housed a restaurant, and mingled happily as they sampled hors d’oeuvres and sipped their drinks. As a Kent homeowner and a former municipal colleague of Manley’s in Bridgeport, Donna Culbert said she had a unique perspective.

From both sides, she said, she respected his flexibility and responsiveness in a role which is all about working with homeowners rather than against them. “You were never going to get a hard ‘no’ out of him,” she said, adding, “he’s really talented at looking at all the different perspectives coming at him.”

Approximately 45 minutes into the festivities, LaCava took the floor to thank Manley for his decades of dedicated service to the town.

LaCava gestured to Manley, who stood at the back of the room on crutches due to a recent accident. “Joe has had a less than easy transition to retirement,” he said—“Apparently a second career in the long jump is not in his future.”

What is in his future, symbolized by a gift of a suitcase, is some time spent afar and abroad, according to LaCava. “We hear you really desperately want to travel!” he said.

Injured or not, LaCava congratulated Manley for “making it to the other side.”

“Not the other other side!” a partygoer shouted, followed by peals of laughter from the crowd.

Kent First Selectman Eric Epstein also gave a speech, noting that he hadn’t worked

Family Fun Night at The Town Grove

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Free ice cream, a 40-yard water slide and a looming summer storm made for an eventful Family Fun Night at the Grove on Thursday, Aug. 6.

As dusk began to settle and people wrapped up their activities on Lake Wononscopomuc, an ice cream truck rolled in and parked near the Senior Center.

Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe made the rounds, handing out tickets for free ice cream.

“This is my favorite part of the job,” she said after handing a fistful of tickets to a clamoring crowd of kids.

A water slide was set up on the gentle hill on the lake side of the Senior Center. Reagan O’Reilly asked if she could take a turn and, after getting the go-ahead, launched herself expertly on to the slippery surface, making it all the way to the end — a distance of about 40 yards.

The only potential spoiler was the weather. Large, dark clouds advanced slowly from the south and west as McAuliffe consulted the weather app on her phone.

“See all this activity?” she



Top: Kids line up at Doda’s Ice Cream Truck during Family Fun Night at the Town Grove on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Right: Reagan O’Reilly takes on a 40-yard water slide.



asked, pointing at the screen. “See this blue dot in the middle of it? We’re the blue dot.”

As if on cue, a few sprinkles began to fall. But that was about it, and Family Fun Night came to a successful conclusion.

Annual cricket match raises record \$7,570 for SVAS

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — With funds finally tallied, organizers of the annual charity cricket match at Community Field announced the game raised \$7,570 for the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service on Saturday, June 27, more than twice the amount raised last year.

Club captain David Shillingford attributed the increase largely to support from sponsors, including local companies like B. Metcalf

Paving, Elyse Harney Real Estate, Grasslands Dessert Cafe, Fern and Lakeville Books and Stationery, as well as national or global companies with local ties, like goodapple, Integrum, Capstone and Gooding Christie’s.

Ben Gore, a co-organizer of the match, said that while no players needed the services of SVAS this year, the event offered an opportunity to support the organization’s work within the community.

“We are hugely grateful

for the generosity of our sponsors and the amazing work of SVAS’s all-volunteer team throughout the year,” Gore said. “We look forward to doing it all again in June 2027 with even more sponsors.”

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Local photographer Cedric Gairard’s earthy images now adorn the chain link fence outside the Kent Memorial Library construction site, where a major renovation is underway.

Library construction site gets a facelift

By Alec Linden

KENT — A chain link construction fence outside the Kent Memorial Library has been transformed into an open-air gallery of local agrarian scenes, thanks to a collaboration between the library and Kent-based professional photographer Cedric Gairard.

Since work began on the \$7 million renovation of the historic Main Street building in April this past spring, the site has been closed off and vacant. Library operations, including the popular weekend book sale on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, have moved into a temporary satellite location on Kent Green at 10-12 Landmark Lane.

Library Director Sarah Marshall said that Gairard approached the library himself with the idea, positing that he open up his photo archives for the library to spruce up the

sidewalk next to the construction site.

“It was kind of like choosing between your children, they were all so lovely and wonderful,” Marshall said of the photographs, which depict working landscapes and earthy snapshots of life in Litchfield and Dutchess Counties.

Marshall said that library staff also chose about eight additional images that they plan on cycling into the fence display.

Marshall said that Gairard donated the photos, and the vinyl printing was covered by local donors. She also said it enabled the library to print signs directing people to the temporary Kent Green location alongside regular hours and the weekend book sale times.

“It was just sort of a win-win for everybody,” she said.

Gairard is the founder of FieldWork Press, which pub-

lishes a print newspaper that highlights the interaction of work and landscape in the region. He also consults for clients as a digital designer and brand storyteller. The library has scheduled an artist’s reception for the photographer on Friday, Aug. 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. that is open to the public.

In terms of the library renovation, Marshall reported that progress has been smooth, and that she has been impressed with the project’s architecture firm—Chester, Connecticut’s Wyeth Architects—as well as the construction team, which is Torrington’s Millennium Builders.

She said the projection is for “substantial completion” by May 2027, meaning the library could begin moving back into the building then, but she noted that the move-in process could take some time given the scale of the renovation.

Life-sized Candy Land experience comes to Center on Main

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — More than 30 children immersed themselves in the world of Candy Land at The Center on Main Thursday, Aug. 6, to become moving pawns in a life-sized version of the classic board game.

A collaboration between The Center on Main and David M. Hunt Library, the life-sized Candy Land took place in the main room of the Center, which was decked out with balloons and colorful props, some repurposed from previous Falls Vil-

lage Children’s Theater productions.

Dozens of large, colored rectangles affixed to the floor formed a winding path through the room. Players stood on their assigned colors and followed directions, with the first one to reach the end declared the winner.

Five children played at a time, with Anna Pattison from the library, Britta Sallick from the Center and volunteer Madison O’lynn facilitating. Each round lasted around ten minutes, keeping a steady stream of activity throughout the game.



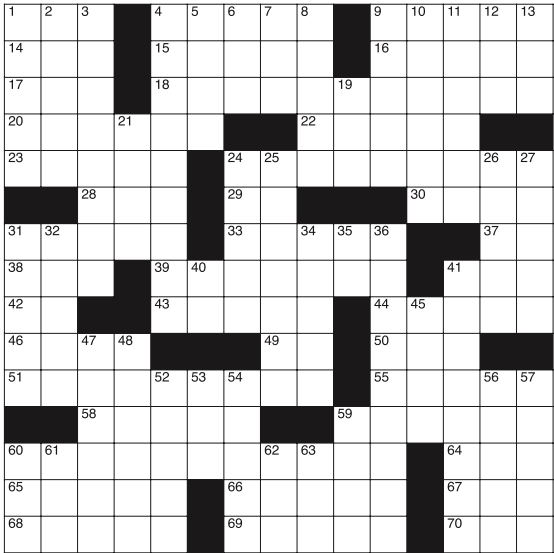
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Children stepped inside an iconic board game in Falls Village Thursday, Aug. 6.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy’s wife
- 15. Derived from ammonia
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest rate
- 18. Experts
- 20. Vascular tissues
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. Administrative region in S. Korea
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Special interest group
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Twelfth star in a constellation
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in grades of size
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. “The Great Lakes State”
- 43. Having earlike appendages
- 44. Momentarily stop
- 46. Ancient kingdom
- 49. Of I
- 50. White clerical vestment
- 51. Songs to one’s beloved
- 55. Charges
- 58. Computer application originator
- 59. A place to dock a boat
- 60. One guided by reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger
- 67. Screen type
- 68. Country legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you anticipate arriving



- 9. Very strong winds
- 10. For each one
- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Pie ___ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Indonesian island
- 25. Educational environment
- 26. Namibian peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop
- 31. Moves into a place of thought
- 32. Out of the way
- 34. Loads a ship
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Relating to a wing
- 47. One who gives a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Sweet persons
- 56. Put into play
- 57. Small cattle breed
- 59. Millisecond
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They ___
- 62. Moon crater
- 63. A place to stay the night

August 6 Solution

B	A	A	E	D	E	E	L	D	B	M	S
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Sudoku

1	4		8					
				1			3	
		8	6	4				
4	9	2					1	
	8				6		7	
			3		5	1		6
3		5		9				2
			4					

Level: Intermediate

August 6 Solution

7	3	1	4	6	9	8	2	5
8	2	9	5	7	3	4	6	1
5	4	6	2	8	1	3	9	7
3	1	7	9	4	6	2	5	8
4	5	8	1	2	7	9	3	6
9	6	2	3	5	8	7	1	4
2	7	4	6	9	5	1	8	3
1	8	5	7	3	2	6	4	9
6	9	3	8	1	4	5	7	2

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Our Towns

Clover Meadows Farm brings artisan goat cheese to the region

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE – Visitors driving into Clover Meadows Farm on Music Mountain Road are greeted by a frisky herd of baby goats, vying for attention as they huddle near the fence. These American Alpines will eventually provide milk for a variety of goat cheeses.

Farm owner Stephanie Baldwin speaks with great enthusiasm about the endeavor, which had been her dream for years.

Baldwin and her husband, Lee, both have degrees in agricultural-related fields. She is from Goshen and he from Salisbury, and for a long time after they were married, they lived in Canaan on a small patch of land. Farming was always in their sights, and

when an 8-acre former horse farm came on the market, they decided to take the plunge and buy it. But when someone else beat them to the purchase, they decided it wasn't to be.

Then serendipity stepped in and the property was once again up for sale. In 2018, they were successful in their bid.

Baldwin described the arduous process of clearing the land and installing fences. They had a few pet goats and added a horse and mini donkey to their menagerie.

She had held a variety of positions over the years, even going back to get a nursing degree, but last September Baldwin finally declared, "I'm going to do it," and began preparing to become a goat farmer and produce cheese.

Baldwin had worked at a cheese-making goat farm in Monterey, Mass. before creating her own facility. After doing extensive research, she converted a storage space in the old horse barn into the necessary rooms.

Baldwin's operations begin with eight milking goats housed in a pen near the barn. Inside, three processing rooms follow the milk through each stage of production. First is the milking parlor, followed by an adjacent room where the milk is stored in a large tank for pasteurization, and third is the cheese-making room, where the milk is churned in another tank on its way to becoming cheese. Baldwin said much of the equipment is similar to what is found in a dairy barn, just on a smaller scale.



PHOTOS BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Top: Baby goats greet visitors coming to Clover Meadows Farm in Falls Village where owner Stephanie Baldwin raises the animals and makes cheese.

Left: Stephanie Baldwin stands in the cheese-making room at her Clover Meadows Farm in Falls Village.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Local readers close out the summer reading program at Scoville Memorial Library with prizes.

Salisbury summer reading program wraps for the season

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The children's summer reading program at the Scoville Memorial Library wrapped up Sunday, Aug. 9, with prizes, games, music from the Berkshire Resilience Brass Band and, of course, more books.

Children's Services Coordinator Kyla DeRisi said 24 children in kindergarten through sixth grade signed up for the program this summer.

Participants could win

prizes, including gift certificates from Sweet Williams, Candy-O's, Lakeville Books and Stationery, Grassland Dessert Cafe, Oblong Books and the Moviehouse.

As the children considered their options, the band, situated prudently beneath a shade tree as the morning grew sunnier and hotter, got started with their unique brand of jazz.

Bandleader Shamu Sadeh encouraged the listeners to grab a percussion instrument and/or dance.

The rooms and all of the equipment are sparkling clean and follow Department of Agriculture regulations. The operation is inspected on a regular basis.

Baldwin said that goats are seasonal breeders. They have babies from March to May, and milking starts after they give birth and generally ends about December.

She milks her eight goats twice a day, garnering 10 gallons, which will make 10 pounds of chevre, a fresh, rather than aged cheese.

The temperature in the milk-holding tank is kept between 33 and 40 degrees.

"The key to good cheese is clean, cold milk," she said.

The liquid is then brought up to 145 degrees for at least 30 minutes and then rap-

idly reduced to 80 degrees. Cheese culture is added for good flavor and rennet to allow for coagulation.

Then it sits overnight at 70 to 80 degrees to develop acidity. Next, the curds are separated from the whey.

The following day, the mixture is placed in cheesecloth and hung to drain for 18 hours. The curds become the cheese. Not wanting to waste anything, Baldwin feeds the whey back to the goats.

On the third day, the cheesecloth is removed, and the cheese is ready for packing.

Then comes the clean-up,

which can take a long time. "I'm a glorified dishwasher," she said, with a laugh.

Her cheese flavors include plain, salted, two savory varieties – lemon and thyme and garlic with chives – and one sweet variety, honey lavender.

Baldwin then turns to the next aspect of the operation: delivering the cheese to various restaurants and retailers, including 109 Cheese Shop in Kent, Ridgway Farm in Cornwall and the Warren

General Store. She also sells her product at farmers' markets throughout the area.

Goats have a special appeal to Baldwin. She talks about them having an individual personality and has names for them all.

Her schedule is rigorous. Once the milking season ends in December, she can lessen her heavy schedule for a few months before it all starts over again.

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