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PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Sisters Rosemary Keilty, left, and Patricia Keilty are the registrars of voters in North Canaan.

Opposite parties, shared duty: Two sisters oversee North Canaan elections

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — Two sisters representing opposing political parties are serving side by side as North Canaan's registrars of voters, proving that partisan labels take a back seat when it comes to ensuring fair elections.

Rosemary Keilty represents the Republicans and Patricia Keilty the Democrats, but there are no political delineations when it comes to serving the public. They acknowledge that while they may have some differing views when it comes to governmental issues, they have no trouble working together to ensure

proper voting procedures are maintained. "Our job has nothing to do with our political affiliations," Patricia said. "Coming from different parties is not an issue."

Patricia said she was always the outsider in her family when

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Lakeville Journal at Scoville Memorial Library

Accuracy and reputation key to local news

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — What makes or breaks a local newspaper is its reputation, Lakeville Journal Executive Editor Christian Murray said at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, March 7.

Murray and publisher James Clark led a discussion at the library that was originally scheduled for January, but the weather intervened.

Karen Vrotsos, the head of adult programming for the library, introduced Clark and Murray, and noted that thousands of American newspapers have closed in recent decades, creating regional "news deserts."

Clark said the news business is under "tremendous pressure even



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Publisher James Clark, left, and Executive Editor Christian Murray speak at Scoville Memorial Library March 7.

as local news remains the most trusted source."

Clark said there are many ideas being discussed for the future of newspapers, including the possibility of going fully digital and eliminating print. He was quick to add that going all digital is not the plan for the Journal and The Mil-

lerton News.

"We all enjoy a print product," Clark said. "But we're also strongly focused on reaching readers on whatever platform they prefer — particularly online."

He also noted that while the

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The Hydrilla Menace

Hydrilla threat prompts new prevention plan at Lake Waramaug

By Debra A. Aleksinas

WASHINGTON, CONN. — Town and lake officials are exploring plans to install an additional boat decontamination station about two miles from Lake Waramaug's public boat launch as an aggressive strain of the invasive aquatic plant hydrilla spreads through Connecticut waterways.

The proposed station, which would likely be located at the New Preston firehouse, is designed to intercept boats before they reach the lake and would supplement the inspections already conducted at the public boat ramp.

The proposal is aimed at preventing the plant from reaching Lake Waramaug, one of the state's largest natural lakes and a popular destination for boating and recreation in Northwest Connecticut.

Concern about hydrilla intensified locally after the plant was discovered four years ago in East Twin Lake in Salisbury, where monitoring and costly treatment efforts continue.

The latest plans were discussed on March 5 during an informational question-and-answer session at Bryan Memorial Town Hall in Washington Depot, which drew about 40 participants via Zoom and about a dozen attendees in person, including town officials from surrounding towns.

Questions from participants focused on the cost of the watercraft sanitization project, its location away from the New Preston boat launch and the reason for operating two separately staffed inspection locations.

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.

Region One considers schedule changes to make up for snow days

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Board of Education will consider a schedule adjustment at a special online meeting Tuesday, March 17, at 8:30 a.m.

Region One has used six snow days this winter. To avoid extending the school year to Monday, June 22, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley has proposed several calendar adjustments to ensure the district meets the state requirement of 180 school days.

Shanley-Brady said on Monday,

March 9 that the district doesn't include snow days in its calendar. When a closing occurs, the district adds a day to the school year.

She said extending the school year into the last week of June would be cumbersome for families who have planned for vacations or summer camp.

Under the proposal, Friday, May 22 — originally scheduled as a day off for students and a full day of professional development for teachers — would become a

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Online This Week

Cornwall signs contract for new firetrucks
Cornwall Volunteer Fire Dept. is getting two trucks. More at lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Train strikes truck in Cornwall

On the morning of March 3, a Kenworth tractor trailer belonging to Thomaston Oil and Propane Inc. was parked on Railroad Street in West Cornwall while making a propane delivery to a residence. While parked, a Housatonic Railroad Company freight train was traveling northbound on the adjacent tracks and eventually struck the truck, which was determined to be parked too close to the rails. The train was reportedly moving at about 10 miles per hour at the time of contact. There were no injuries reported in the incident and both the truck and train could be driven from the scene. The truck operator was issued a written warning for improper parking.

Vehicle rolls on Millerton Road

On the evening of March 3, Manpreet Singh Multani, 33, of Canaan was driving on Millerton Road just south of the intersection with Lovers Lane in Sharon when the car drifted onto the shoulder, struck an embankment and rolled over, coming to rest upright in the roadway after

striking a utility pole. Multani denied medical attention but the vehicle, a Toyota RAV4, was towed from the scene. Multani was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

Icy road spin-out

At around 9 a.m. on March 5, Tonya Roussis, 56, of East Canaan was driving south on Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury, just north of the intersection with Farnum Road. While traveling, her Volkswagen Tiguan Sport lost control on the icy roadway and slid into a tree. The vehicle was towed, but Roussis was uninjured. She was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

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Main Street crash

Near midday on March 5, Sophia Yan, 31, of Kingston, New York was driving west on Route 44 near downtown Salisbury when she lost control rounding a curve, causing the Subaru Outback she drove to veer off the road and strike a utility pole. Yan was uninjured though the vehicle was disabled in the crash. She was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

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

Kent home prices climb in 2026

By Christine Bates

KENT — The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home in Kent increased to \$607,500 for the period ending Feb. 28, 2026.

The figure marks a 28% increase from the \$475,000 median recorded for the 12 months ending February 2025, and up from \$483,000 for the comparable 12-month period ending February 2024.

The unit sales of single-family homes in Kent on a 12-month rolling basis remained within their historic range.

A total of 28 single-family homes were sold in the 12 months ending Feb. 28, 2026, compared with 29 sales in the period ending Feb. 28, 2025, and 32 sales for the 12 months ending Feb. 29, 2024. Historically, annual sales of single-family homes in Kent typically range between 25 and 35 transactions.

Inventory of all homes remains limited. As of early March, there were seven single-family homes on the market. Of those, four were listed above \$1 million with only one residential property listed below the current \$607,000 median price. No residential condos are listed for sale. Six parcels of land are listed on the MLS ranging from \$340,000 to \$590,000. Summer furnished rentals are now hitting the market for \$6,500 to \$30,000 per month.

Condo prices also appreciated over the past year.

The 12-month trailing median price for a condo in Kent increased to \$439,000 for the period ending February 28, 2026 — its highest point in 20 years. This peak



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The Kent Hills Condominium at 80 North Main Street was built in stages between 1971 and 1987 and features townhouses and apartments. Sales and prices have increased recently.

marks a \$100,000 increase from the \$349,000 median recorded for the 12 months ending Feb. 28, 2025, and from \$289,000 for the comparable period ending Feb. 28, 2024.

The sale of condos accelerated during this same period with a total of nine units sold in the 12 months ending Feb. 28, 2026, compared with only three sales in the period ending Feb. 28, 2025, and four sales for the 12 months ending Feb. 29, 2024.

February Transfers

13 Cobble Heights Road – 4 bedroom/3.5 bath new Tudor style home on 8.14 acres sold by Otto Penzler to Tian and Peter Gao for \$1,375,000.

16 Stone Fences Lane – 3 bedroom/2.5 bath Cape on 2.77 acres sold by Virginia and James Blackketter to Frank DiNapoli for \$625,000.

January Transfers

80 North Main Street, Unit B5UA4 – 2 bedroom/2 bath condo built in 1974 sold by Susan Forbes Markowitz to Richard and Leslie Lillian Levy for \$423,000.

25 North Main Street, Unit U4 – Commercial Con-

do sold by 25 North Main Street LLC to Pathway Performance Group LLC for \$220,000.

Kenmont Road – 63.5 acres including 20.5 acres of vacant residential land and 43 acres of forest sold by Kenmont Kenwood LLC to Rachel Fitch LLC for \$1,200,000.

349 Kent Road -3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1930 on 9.3 acres sold by Deborah Ann Executor of Estate of Willam Blank to Christopher and Lynn Harrington.

December Transfers

311 Kent Road – 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home built in 1947 sold by Virginia and Pierfillipoto Lauren Dipaolo for \$577,000.

39 Treasure Hill Road – 2 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1979 on 24.9 acres sold by Claire Irving to Michael and Shannon Anderson for \$1,133,000.

441 Seager Mountain Road - 2 bedroom/2 bath ranch sold by Federal National Mortgage Association Fannie Mae to Daniel Powers for \$425,500.

November Transfers

18 Mountain View – 3 bedroom/2 bath Cape on 1.59 acres sold by Todd and Sharon Cipolla to Edgard Roberto Puente and Gabriela De La Olivia for \$515,000.

30 Studio Hill Circle – 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home built in 1989 sold by David and Deborah Bain to Michael Lynch Trustee 30 Studio Hill Revocable Trust for \$1,055,000.

80 North Main Street, Unit #B1UA1 - 2 bedroom/2 bath Condo sold by Martin and Kathleen Lindenmayer to Zeng Lingbo for \$400,000.

3 Chase Hill – 2 bedroom/1 bath Cape of 780 square feet sold by Natalie Reid to Ryan and Mary Heacox for \$265,000.

80 North Main Street, Unit U10 – 2 bedroom/1.5 bath Condo sold by Susanne Ederly to Nancy Macklin for \$440,000.

80 North Main Street, Unit B4UA1 – 2 bedroom/2 bath Condo sold by David Sturges to David Cashner and Christopher Jordan for \$280,000.

80 North Main Street, Unit U06 – 3 bedroom/2 bath condo sold by Julia Sammartini Trustee Julia Sammartini Trust to Susan Forbes Markowitz for \$545,000.

* Town of Kent real estate transfers recorded between November 1, 2026, and February, 2026, provided by Kent Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Note that recorded transfers frequently lag sales by a number of days. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Our Towns

North Canaan welcomes new face at Town Hall front desk

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — It's Jess times two at the selectmen's office at Town Hall. Jessie MacDonald Lawrence has been named by First Selectman Jesse Bunce as the new administrative aide.

"We're all learning together," she said this week, as she and her assistant Teri King Aitken greeted visitors and worked through the stream of paperwork that comes with running a town office.

The selectmen's office serves as a "hub" at Town Hall, she said, working closely with personnel from all the departments. She is responsible for getting out all minutes and agendas, paying bills and creating the monthly newsletter, among many other tasks.

Lawrence was chosen from a pool of more than 90 applicants. The last aide left in November and former Se-

lectman Christian Allyn and Aitken, who worked in the tax collector's office for 25 years, stepped in on a temporary basis for a few months until a permanent person could be named.

Lawrence is a hometown figure, having grown up in Canaan. The daughter of Tammy and George MacDonald, she graduated from the Explorations School in Winsted and has worked in customer service since then. She owns a photography business and loves capturing local events through her lens. In her spare time, she plays on a co-ed softball team.

"Some people have been surprised to see me here," she said.

She is enjoying the job and looks forward to working with what she calls "the team" in years to come.

As for the present, "I'm here to keep Jesse in line," she joked.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Jessie MacDonald Lawrence, a North Canaan native, has been appointed administrative aide in the selectmen's office at Town Hall.

Draft town budget up 4.4% in Salisbury

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — At the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting Monday, March 2, First Selectman Curtis Rand said the current municipal budget proposal for 2026-27 includes a spending increase of 4.4%.

The selectmen and the Board of Education will present their initial budget proposals to the Board of Finance during a remote meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

The budget draft, labeled "Draft #2," includes total expenditures of \$9,618,325, an increase of \$413,223 or 4.4%.

The proposal includes 4% raises for Town Hall employees (but not the selectmen). Some employees are getting more than 4% to reflect additional hours and/or responsibilities.

Comptroller Joe Cleaveland noted that the municipal spending proposal does not include education

spending, either at the town level or for the Region One school district, or revenue projections. There are also adjustments to be made for a couple of town departments before the presentation to the finance board.

Earlier in the meeting, Rand said that the state's Department of Administrative Services (DAS) plans to close the Torrington transfer station on June 30, a year ahead of schedule.

Salisbury recently voted to join the Northwest Resource Recovery Authority (NRRRA), a group of northwest Connecticut towns with the idea that the authority would take over the Torrington transfer station.

Regarding a proposed pedestrian tunnel underneath Route 44 at the Salisbury School, Rand said the town's attorney is working on a legal agreement that makes it clear the town is not responsible for building or maintaining the tunnel.

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Kratom, an herbal drug, pulled from Northwest Corner shelves after state ban

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — Kratom products are disappearing from smoke shop shelves across the Northwest Corner after Connecticut classified the substance as a Schedule I controlled drug, effectively banning its retail sale.

Long marketed as a legal herbal supplement and widely sold in smoke shops, convenience stores and gas stations across the region, kratom is now being removed from store shelves as retailers move to comply with the state ruling.

Kratom is a plant-derived substance made from the leaves of a tropical tree native to Southeast Asia. In the United States it has been sold as a powder, capsule or drink additive and promoted by some users as a way to manage pain or ease opioid withdrawal symptoms.

The change became official Feb. 24 when the state's Legislative Regulation Review Committee unanimously approved regulations placing kratom on Connecticut's controlled substance schedule.

"We've been watching the rise in kratom dependency across the United States for several years, and Connecticut becoming the seventh state to schedule it is a significant policy shift," said Jana Wu, director of clinical integration at Mountainside Treatment Center in Canaan.

Concerns about kratom use and dependency have surfaced in the region, as clinicians in the Northwest Corner report seeing increasing numbers of patients seeking help for kratom use or withdrawal.

Providers at Mountainside, High Watch Recovery Center in Kent and clinicians with the McCall Behavioral Health Network in Torrington have previously noted the substance's growing presence in treatment settings across the region.

Supporters of the ban, including state representatives and the state Department of Consumer Protection, cited public health risks and the need to keep unregulated substances away from children, often referring to it as "gas station heroin."

"Many of the patients we see initially began using kratom to manage anxiety, chronic pain, or withdrawal from other substances, be-



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Packages of kratom that were on the shelf at Smoker's Choice in North Canaan.

"The withdrawal can be brutal for some people."

*Jana Wu,
Mountainside
Treatment Center*

lieving it to be a safer alternative, but over time developed tolerance and dependence," Wu said. "The withdrawal can be brutal for some people. As access changes, it will be critical to ensure that individuals already using kratom daily have accurate information, medical guidance, and access to detox and treatment resources."

Sharp rise in admissions

Wu noted that sudden bans such as the one involving kratom can also create risks for people who are already dependent, potentially triggering withdrawal and pushing some toward more dangerous opioids.

Mountainside reported a sharp rise in kratom-related treatment admissions. Internal data from the treatment center show 67 clients were admitted for kratom use in 2024, rising to 184 admissions in 2025.

According to the center's clinical data, patients presenting with kratom use also show higher rates of underlying mental health conditions, including anxiety, depression and ADHD.

Clinicians say kratom use is also appearing among younger adults, including college-aged users. At Mountainside, patients presenting

with kratom use tend to skew younger than the overall treatment population, with many in their mid-20s.

Concerns about youth access, unregulated sales

State officials said the move to ban kratom in all its forms was driven by concerns about unregulated sales and youth access.

"These substances pose a significant public health risk, particularly to children, as they have been widely available for purchase by people of all ages, with no regulation, testing, or other public health protections," said Department of Consumer Protection Commissioner Bryan T. Cafferelli in a statement announcing the ruling.

Lawmakers on the committee said the vote reflected bipartisan concern about the drug's accessibility.

"Kratom is dangerous to our kids. It doesn't belong in places where they can easily access it," said Rep. Christie Carpino (R-32), co-chair of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee. "Today we took a bipartisan vote to keep it away from our kids and other individuals unaware of the harm it can cause."

Mountainside has hosted a free, open-to-the-public kratom recovery support group since 2023, offering a space for people to discuss how the substance is affecting their mental and physical health, relationships and finances.

While the group has drawn participants from across the country and in-

ternationally, clinicians said they are now seeing a growing number of Connecticut residents joining in search of information and support, reflecting the drug's increasing presence locally.

Kratom products being pulled from shelves

Kratom has been marketed in the United States as a supplement that some users say helps manage pain or ease opioid withdrawal symptoms. It has no approved medical use and is not prescribed by physicians.

State officials say kratom products have been widely available in Connecticut at gas stations, convenience stores and smoke shops, often without age restrictions, testing requirements or product labeling standards.

In addition to kratom and its derivative 7-hydroxymitragynine, the updated controlled-substance schedule also adds several other substances, including bromazolam, flubromazolam, nitazenes such as isotonitazene, tianeptine and phenibut, drugs that officials say have raised concerns among health and law enforcement agencies.

The law allows regulators to reconsider the classification in the future if new research establishes a verified medical use for kratom.

Retailers across the Northwest Corner are expected to be affected as stores move to comply with the new classification.

State officials say they will work with local law enforcement and health agencies to implement the change and educate retailers about the new classification.

The ban means that law enforcement officials in the state will treat kratom the same as other substances that are considered to be dangerous and addictive with no accepted medical use, such as heroin or MDMA, a synthetic drug commonly known as ecstasy.

It also prevents kratom products from being sold in the state, and people could face drug charges related to the possession or distribution of kratom.

Following the ban, the Canaan treatment center reported that Wu was visiting Connecticut gas stations and smoke shops "where kratom products are being pulled from shelves in real time as retailers rush to comply with the state's new classification."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Effie and Angaza Mwando at Hunt Library Feb. 26.

LHK students gain deeper understanding of Black history

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Leaders of Our Culture Is Beautiful (OCIB) — Effie and Angaza Mwando and Shawn Matel — led students from the Lee H. Kellogg School on a lively tour of Black history Thursday, Feb. 26, at the David M. Hunt Library.

Effie Mwando said she and her husband Angaza started the organization, which is based in Torrington, about five years ago. Matel, meanwhile, is a long-time OCIB volunteer.

The group brought a wide range of materials — dolls, books, posters, percussion instruments — and kept the presentation lively, handing out prizes and taking questions.

Angaza Mwando gave a quick lesson on the djembe drum, which he said is made of wood with a goat skin drum head.

He showed the students how to get three distinct sounds.

First was a "bass," a low-pitched sound created by striking the center of the drum head with the hand.

A "tone," a sharper, higher-pitched sound made by striking the edge of the drum head.

And the "slap," which is just what it sounds like.

The presentation also highlighted many prominent Black figures, including James Brown, James Baldwin, LeBron James, Rosa Parks, Katherine Johnson and Maya Angelou.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Audit report for the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2025 is on file for public inspection in the Town Clerks office during regular office hours and online at sharonct.gov.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2026-0310 by owner Congregational Church of Salisbury, Inc. for a use rendering more than 30% of the total lot area in impervious surfaces and retaining less than 30% of the total lot area in vegetative ground cover associated with sidewalk construction at 30 Main Street, Salisbury, Map 54, Lot 78 per Sections 403.4.c and 403.4.d of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies of the agenda, meeting instructions, and application materials may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT. Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Robert Riva, Secretary 03-05-26 03-12-26

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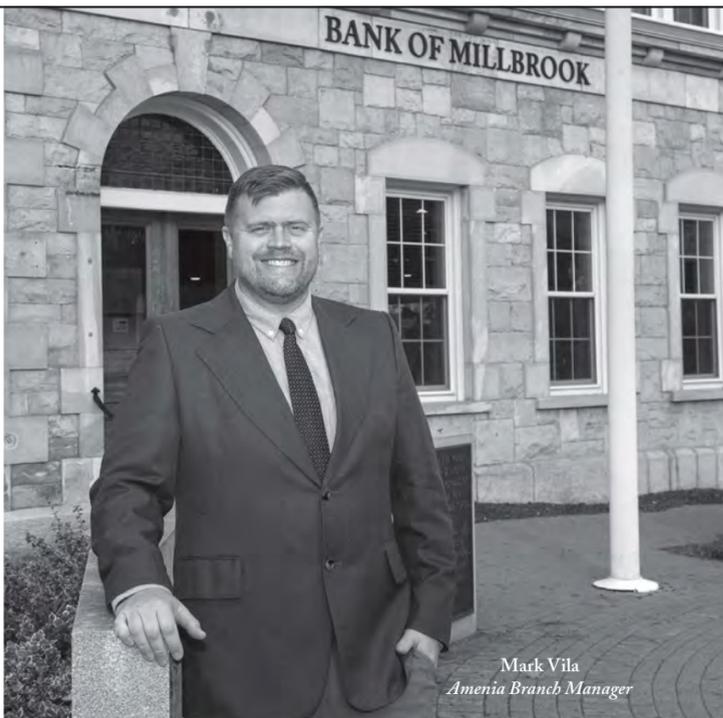
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OBITUARIES

Alice Gustafson

LAKEVILLE — Alice Gustafson (née Luchs), 106, of Lakeville, Connecticut, passed away on March 2, 2026. Born in Chicago on Dec. 15, 1919, Alice was raised between New York City, Florida and Lime Rock, where she graduated from Salisbury High School in 1937.



with Music Mountain and Crescendo Music Program. She was also an active member of the Salisbury Congregational Church, the Nichi Bei Fujinkai society, and served as a docent at Philipsburg Manor. Alice is survived by her son, Gordon Gustafson, and his wife Christine, her daughter Elizabeth (DeeDee) Dohan, and her husband Andrew, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert.

Her celebration of life will take place on Saturday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Salisbury.

While flowers are a lovely tribute, those who wish to further honor Alice's memory may consider a contribution to Music Mountain, Crescendo, or the Congregational Church of Salisbury.

Carol Hoffman Matzke

KENT — Carol L. Hoffman Matzke passed away peacefully with family by her side on Feb. 22, 2026.



daughter, Cathy resided with her family. It was in Seattle that she met and married her second husband, William A Matzke, Jr. Carol and Bill had a vibrant life in the Seattle area where she supported her children and step-children in raising their families, volunteered for The Fisk Genealogical Library, the USO at Sea-Tac Airport, and was an active member of two church communities: Evergreen Covenant Church in Mercer Island, Washington and St Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, where she served as senior warden.

In 2017, after many years splitting her time between Seattle and Kent, Carol settled full-time in Kent. Carol was frequently spotted walking her dog along Kent's roadways, sometimes in the pre-dawn darkness. She was a regular at the soccer games, plays, concerts, and other activities of her many New England grandchildren.

In 2024, Carol found a loving home with her daughter Barb's family in Upton, Massachusetts, eventually transitioning to memory care at Keystone Place in Torrington, where she passed peacefully with loving family and caregivers by her side.

Carol is survived by her daughters, Cathy Miller, Barbara (and David) Lundbom and Tracy (and Rich) Horosky; stepson Scott Hoffman; stepdaughters Lori (and Dick) Ehrig, Andrea Matzke, Cynthia Matzke, and Lisa Matzke as well as 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Johanne LaGrange, Rod (and Fayne) Lawrence and Ann Wessel. She was pre-deceased by husband John Hardie Hoffman (1984), husband William A. Matzke, Jr. (2001), stepson John Morris "Jay" Hoffman (2023) and sister Gale Lawrence (2024).

Memorial services are planned in both Kent and Seattle later in the spring. Remembrances honoring Carol's life can be made to the Kent Library Association (P.O. Box 127, Kent, CT 06757) or the Northwest USO (17801 International Blvd, PMB #313, Seattle, WA 98158).

Alfred Lyon Ivry

SALISBURY — Alfred Lyon Ivry, a long-time resident of Salisbury, and son of Belle (Malamud) and Morris Ivry, died in Bergen County, New Jersey, on Feb. 12 at the age of 91, surrounded by family members. Born and raised in Brooklyn, he was a graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School and Brooklyn College, where he earned a B.A. in English literature and Philosophy and served as drama critic for the school paper.



Alfred earned a PhD in Medieval Jewish Philosophy from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1963 and in 1971 was awarded a D. Phil in Medieval Islamic Philosophy from Oxford University, Linacre College.

He enjoyed a long career as a professor of Jewish and Islamic philosophy, with appointments at Cornell, Ohio State, Brandeis, and New York University. Alfred wrote more than one hundred scholarly articles and book reviews, and was the author or editor of nine books, including Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed: A Philosophical Guide, published in 2016.

Alfred and Joann, his wife of 67 years, moved to the Berkshire area in the early 1990s, splitting their time between the Twin Lakes and New York City until their respective retirements. After that, they lived in Salisbury full time, availing themselves of the region's many cultural offerings. They relocated in late 2020 to Noble Horizons for two years before moving to New Jersey to be closer to their children.

In their many years together, Alfred and Joann traveled regularly, frequenting museums, national parks,

and other destinations. Alfred was an avid reader of the newspaper, fiction, and poetry, and possessed both a sharp wit and an estimable sense of humor. Throughout his life, he enjoyed outdoor activities including swimming, hiking, ice skating on Twin Lakes, and tennis. Like many Brooklyn boys of his era, he followed the Dodgers, but happily took his children to Red Sox games at Fenway Park and later his grandchildren to see the Red Sox at Yankee Stadium.

In Salisbury, Alfred became a successful gentleman farmer, and embarked on canoe trips and fishing expeditions on Twin Lakes and beyond. He took up birding, among other hobbies, and with Joann developed and enjoyed the friendships he made in Salisbury and environs, and especially amongst members of the Great Barrington-based Berkshire Minyan, of which they were founding members.

Above all, Alfred was committed to the Jewish tradition and people, and to his family. He is survived by his wife, Joann (nee Saltzman); children, Rebecca and husband Clifford Stein, Jonathan, Sara, and Jessica, grandchildren; Molly and husband Josh Mark, Noah and wife Noa Shapiro, Ben Stein, Talia, Max, Isaiah, and Esther Ivry; great-grandchild, Aaron Mark; and colleagues and friends made throughout his life. He was predeceased by his sister, Grace.

Donations in Alfred's memory may be made to the Berkshire Minyan and to the Yaakov Goff Fund at the Yaakov Herzog Institute for Jewish Studies.

Larry Power

LAKEVILLE — Larry Power passed away peacefully at home on March 9, 2026.



Larry was born at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City in 1939. He had a successful public relations firm for over 35 years in NYC.

After retiring, he chaired the Sharon Land Trust board for many years. He always said one of the most important things he ever did was saving

the Twin Oaks Field from development.

He is survived by his husband Lea Davies of 44 years.

Donations in his memory can be sent to East Mountain House in Lakeville in honor of Keavy Bedell or the Sharon Hospital Primary Care Project in honor of Doctor Jonathan Joseph.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

In remembrance

Grace E. Golden

As we reflect on the first year of our mom's passing we can be grateful to God for having the best mother and grandmother of all.

We miss you every day and still struggle with your loss.

Love your children, Karl Jr, Alton, Patricia, Evie, and Eric.



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Worship Services Week of March 15, 2026	
<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
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<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>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!</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
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<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
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BRIEFS

Honoring a lifelong scout

Sandy Rhoades of Falls Village will be honored for his decades in Scouting on Sunday, March 15 at the Elks Lodge in Torrington. Rhoades said on Friday, March 6 that the announcement caught him by surprise. Asked how long he's been involved with the Scouts, he said "80-something years."



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Open house March 14 for affordable homes in Norfolk

NORFOLK — The Foundation for Norfolk Living will host an open house at Haystack Woods on March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Five homes remain available for purchase by first-time homebuyers earning 80% or less of the area median income. A separate stand-alone three-family house is

also being developed in partnership with the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity.

The homes are expected to be ready for occupancy in May, when officials plan to hold a formal ribbon-cutting and celebration.

More information is available at norfolkliving.org.

Holley Place affordable home groundbreaking March 24

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Housing Committee will break ground on a 14-unit apartment building at 11 Holley Place on Tuesday, March 24, at 11 a.m.

The apartments will be designated as affordable housing, supported by fund-

ing from the Connecticut Department of Housing and private donors.

First Selectman Curtis Rand, State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Department of Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno will speak at the groundbreaking.

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Science and Blind Conviction

One of the virtues of Science is to keep people from accepting a first thought that makes no sense. It says, "Let's just think about that. Does it make sense? Are you sure?" It says "No, Mr. Aristotle, eels do not form from the mud at the bottom of rivers." Authoritarians tend to hear what they want and decide that it is true. "Surely vaccines are dangerous." is one such thought. The voice that proposes the first thought can be seductive; it is confident and speaks in a tone that says how can you not know this? People hearing the supposedly authoritative voice of RFK Jr., skipped their children's measles vaccinations on the pretext that vaccines cause autism.

RFK Jr had been in American Samoa in June 2019 and spread the idea that measles vaccine begets autism. Low rates of vaccination declined further. A tourist with measles introduced the infection to the under-protected Samoan population and an epidemic ensued, introduced by a tourist, peaking in the Fall of 2019. Measles virus is exceptionally infectious. Thousands of people were infected, and the island closed down--schools, factories, markets, and tourism. Vaccinators from CDC and several countries, arrived went house to house, vaccinating the residents. The population was about 195,000, and 13,666 vaccinations were given to previously unvaccinated adults and 1,113 children. By Mid-December there were no new cases.

There were, nonetheless, 800 cases of measles in total and 83 deaths, most in children under 5. Eighty-three deaths is a horrendous number, when the vaccine could have prevented them. There is more to learn from these numbers. Of the vaccinated children who did not get measles, some, according to Mr. Kennedy's theory, should have developed autism. I called the Samoan Health Authorities and asked if they were seeing more autism than usual. They were fighting filariasis, but not autism. Measles vaccination does not cause autism to increase, but something does, and Mr. Kennedy has no idea how to find out what that is.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr confessed to licking cocaine off toilet seats and then explained that's why he doesn't fear bacteria. That is hard to top, but perhaps God looks after fools and drunks, or perhaps someone had just swabbed the toilets with Clorox. Then he told us that mRNA vaccines are dangerous and should not even be considered by the FDA. He said they don't work in the upper respiratory tract, but they do. That rook- ie error has been retracted. RFK Jr. should think first but does not. mRNA vaccines are part of the future, which does not guarantee that Moderna's new influenza vaccine will be given a fair hearing at the next FDA meeting which has been seeded with vaccine skeptics.

The United States has withdrawn from the World Health Organization. After the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, more than a decade ago, an organization called CEPI (the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations) formed. Their goal was to make vaccines for new

THE BODY SCIENTIFIC

RICHARD KESSIN

pandemics and have them in the field in 100 days. That takes mRNA vaccines. Vaccines derived directly from the virus genome 9 which is usually made of mRNA, not DNA, can be made quickly. Later, chemists can make drugs as they did with Covid 19. CEPI is funded by the Norwegian Sovereign Welfare Fund, The Gates Foundation, and many others. But not the United States. They do not need our money but someday we may need their mRNA vaccines.

That we are set to discourage vaccines and better ways to make them means that we are ceding leadership in science and medicine that has been American for decades. European countries, Japan, China, Australia, Israel, India and others are now industrial powers, as good at advanced molecular genetics and vaccines as we are. We risk that they will collectively surpass us, a competitive deficit that we do not need.

The NIH and other research institutions work through study sections, which meet three times a year and go through about 100 grant applications, submitted by scientists in colleges and universities around the country. About 20 % are funded. The other 80 scientists can make changes and reapply. The judgment determines the future of the applicant's lab, including support for PhD students, so a lot is at stake. This process also faces disruption. I served on a study section for four years and submitted applications to fund my own lab for nearly 30. The process was honest and apolitical. Now the Trump administration has decreed that applicants can have their grants moved up in rank if administrators think one meets the President's priorities better than others. The system is now more open to political corruption. Is there to be a political officer at each study section?

There is good news. Congress has not cut the NIH budget by 40% as the Trump administration wanted. Let's see if Universities and other research organizations can keep their Ph.D and MD fellowship programs going. That the number of students in them will be reduced, is a given.

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Great Again?

Six American soldiers this Saturday were transported to Dover from Kuwait where they perished in drone strikes in their makeshift tent/trailer center. 40,000 to 50,000 US soldiers are based across the Middle East – 11 of 18 of their bases are air unprotected, makeshift facilities. "Great Again"? Loss of life in the Middle East commenced last Friday, February 27, in a war without Congressional approval or any prior communication with the people of this nation. Is this "Great Again"?

Regardless of the lightened descriptors of hostilities, conflict, in Iran rages a war – called such by Trump, by his Secretary of Defense. At least in 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution authorizing President Johnson to use "all necessary measures" to repel attacks, serving as a functional, though not a formal authorization of war. 58,000 Americans lost their lives in the Vietnam War lasting from 1964 to 1973, through Presidents Johnson and Nixon. Is this – unsanctioned war – 6,000 miles out of range - with an unclear purpose an example of "Great Again"? Making America Great Again?

500,000 to a million Americas live and work in the Middle East as engineers, consultants, technologists in energy, in defense, in business development. 10's of thousands of Americans are traveling in the Middle East at any given time. These Americans, at risk with the avalanche of missiles and drones, were given no advanced or real-time communications, initially offered no assistance beyond "move out." Eight of the key

OPEN SPACE

KATHY HERALD-MARLOWE

embassies in the region are without an ambassador, have stood vacant for years. Is this "Great Again"?

In his brilliant best-selling "1929," economist Andrew Sorkin draws parallels of 2025 to the extreme excesses of the 1920's that led to a stock market crash, a decade of depression. Income inequality in the US is currently the greatest since the Gilded Age. The wealthiest 1% of Americans hold about \$55 trillion in assets – roughly equal to the combined wealth held by the bottom 90% of Americans. The "big, beautiful bill," passing the GOP-dominated Congress in the summer of 2025, gave tax breaks to corporations and billionaires while removing health care for millions. White House doors, White House favors, White House pardons, and access to White House related moneys are wide open to those who give millions to Trump campaigns, to reconstruction of partially demolished sections of the White House, to the naming/renaming of landmarks. "Great Again" - is it the redistribution of wealth back to the levels of the corrupt 1920's? Is it demolishing sections of the White House. Great Again?

1936 was the last time the US experienced net negative migration – more Americans migrating out of the US to other countries than in. The only other US instance of negative migration was in 1936, with the migration during the depression of Americans to Russia. In

2026, migration of Americans out is to Mexico, Canada and to Europe - a diversity of Americans representing a range of ages, families with and without kids, and the young choosing international colleges and universities over American. American migrants are leaving to counter lessening incomes, to expand social coverage, to access lifestyle advantages, and some to just be away from Trump. According to the Wall Street Journal, 180,000 + Americans left in 2024 – more in 2025 with more expected in 2026. Migration out comes with the increased demand for locating alternative places to live outside the US, international relocation companies burgeon. Americans leaving the US - Great Again? The loss of population, the loss of students. Great Again?

The demographics of the US was enviable just a year ago to Japan, Russia, Greece and numerous others nations whose populations are in decline. The US did not have a declining population when it welcomed immigration – a long-extended welcome. Yet today in the US there is a reframing of immigration to a negative concept. Immigrants legal, illegal, a few criminals are relentlessly pursued by ICE while other immigrants are self-deporting leaving a needy work force depleted in services and agriculture in particular. Great Again?

Additionally, the US

birthrate is in decline – the needed 2.1 birth per woman for population replacement is down to 1.6. Birthing in the US has become riskier as women are not protected from pregnancy complications, from life-endangering situations with doctors who are reticent to intercede for the life of the mother, the life of the child. Fear and questionable restrictions came with the repeal of Roe vs Wade. Is this progress, is this Great Again?

1,000 children have been infected, died from long eradicated measles. Vaccines are villainized by a questionable lead as Secretary of Health and Human Services. An unhealthy nation is that Great Again?

Make America Great Again fits and looks good on a baseball cap. It is worn with intensity this ball cap. But what is its meaning? What is America Great Again? What is the essence of this slogan: a billionaire President unbound for his and his family's wealth, billionaires tax free, common folk precluded from health care, Americans leaving "the shiny city on the hill", Americans deployed willy-nilly in Venezuela, Greenland, Iran, or America reneging on its promises of support to Ukraine, its NATO partners? Tell us please what is "Great Again"? How do we know it when we see it? Is it Constitutional?

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —
March 1901

FALLS VILLAGE — Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dickson spent Sunday in New Haven. Wallace, in his inimitable way describes the New Haven fire department responding to an alarm on Chapel Street and during the excitement he got caught in the surging crowd and was carried four blocks out of his way.

FALLS VILLAGE — Mr. Miles Blodgett is busy getting out timber for their new house which they expect to erect in the spring on the hill near the barn between the two roads.

Mr. D. Moore went to New London Wednesday, taking his pet spaniel with him.

A very enjoyable poverty social was given by the scholars of the High Grade school at the home of Miss Julia Traver on Thursday evening and a goodly number were present. Everybody was dressed in clothes suitable to a state of poverty. All jewelry, fine clothes "biled shirts, dood kollers" and clean shaves were tabooed, and many amusing fines were imposed on different ones for being too well dressed. Altogether the social was amusing and pleasant.

LIME ROCK — Ten days ago there were good prospects that the Borden Milk Co. would establish a bottling works here at the railroad station. The farmers felt good. The company has decided, however, to set up in Canaan.

100 years ago —
March 1926

LIME ROCK — Perry Loucks is not quite so well.

The first public ski meet ever held in the Town of Salisbury will be staged in Salisbury Village, near the Library, at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14th, weather permitting. There will be a jumping contest and cross-country run. Handsome silver cups will be given the winners in each event.

LIME ROCK — Repairs are being made to the Belter

home, which was damaged by fire recently.

TACONIC — Mr. Elmer Knipmeyer has severed his connection with Hilltop Farm, but is remaining at the cottage till his plans for the future are completed.

50 years ago —
March 1976

Nancy Van Doren this week was selected as Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Connecticut state representative to attend a seminar in Washington D.C. in April. Nancy, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van Doren of Cornwall. She was picked as one of 70 students to participate in the 1976 Leadership Seminar.

Promoters of revived rail service for the Housatonic Valley won a victory Monday as Connecticut legislators moved forward a bill extending the charter of the proposed Berkshire Railroad. The General Assembly's transportation committee approved a bill which would extend operating rights for the railroad to South Norwalk on the Boston-New York Shore Line route.

The Lakeville Journal is acquiring a new web offset newspaper press. An erector from the Goss Division of MGD Graphic Systems this week began installing a new three-unit Goss Community press, which arrived from Chicago Monday in four components on a large trailer truck. Forklifts from Community Service helped unload the units. The new press will replace the used Cottrell web offset press on which The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and other newspapers have been printed since mid-1973.

Steven Jackson, regional wildlife biologist in charge of a program to re-establish the eastern wild turkey in the state, would like to hear from anyone who sights a wild

turkey in Litchfield County. Some 22 hens and toms were released last year in the Norfolk-Canaan area. These were wild birds, trapped in New York state and donated by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. Other turkeys were released on the New York side of the border near Kent and Salisbury.

CANAAN — The portable classrooms have completed their 500-foot trek from the North Canaan Elementary School grounds to their new position adjacent to the Canaan Town Hall. The 25- by 65-foot building was moved into position last week and is now awaiting the interior electrical and plumbing changes that will make it possible to use the building for additional town office space.

25 years ago —
March 2001

Reggie the Robot rocked 'em at the First 2001 Robotics New England Regional Competition in Hartford last weekend. The diminutive motorized machine was named the contest's outstanding rookie and he, along with the team of Housatonic Valley Regional High School students that created him, is headed for the national competition in Florida next month.

Two weeks before the start of spring, the Northwest Corner found itself digging out from yet another snowstorm. Predicted to be a record-breaking nor'easter, in the end the storm dropped between 12 to 14 inches on the area and despite minute-by-minute updates on the Weather Channel, it turned out to be more or less like any other snow day.

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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Signs of spring

OUR TOWNS

Artist Donald Bracken's layers of representation

By L. Tomaino

CORNWALL — Artist Don Bracken's work explores the relationship between nature and a changing world, drawing inspiration from the forests where he grew up and the environmental and social shifts he observes today.

His exhibition, Points of View: Landscapes by Don Bracken, is on display at the Cornwall Library through April 23.

Standing before a large forest scene rendered with cracked polymer clay, Bracken explained that the piece, titled White Dawn, reflects his reaction to the political climate when Donald Trump became president.

"[It] is partly about when Trump became president. That's why it's White Dawn, it's like everything is going to change. He's such an anti-environmentalist and I wanted to do a picture that appears bucolic, that is like our reality being fractured," Bracken said.

In the beauty of his forest scenes, these concerns might not at first be apparent without the counterpoint of an explanation.

"I tend to be pretty po-



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Cornwall artist Don Bracken in front of his 48" x 60" work in polymerized clay and acrylic on canvas.

litical in general. I try to be subtle about it," he said.

"I was an artist in residence in the World Trade Center in '97," which, Bracken says, has informed his work since then.

"I wanted to do something for the 10-year anniversary" of the Sept. 11 attack, "and I started using clay. I was doing these giant wall pieces on panels that were the size of the windows in the World Trade Center."

They were displayed in the New York State Museum in Albany. For the 20th anniversary he and another artist curated a show in a 10,000 square foot space on the 91st floor of the new World Trade

Center. Bracken has been awarded many residencies and grants. His work has been exhibited in museums that include the Mattatuck, Katonah, and New Britain Museums.

Bracken's colored canvases, too, are subtle: tonally rich, bright paintings suggesting delicate, ephemeral beauty, a quality shared with his work in earth tones using natural materials that change, like the clay cracking. He also works with large, swirling strokes, in three dimensions: "I do a lot of massive sculptures. I have a 15 x 15 foot installation in my studio made of vines and branches. I love sculpture."

White Hart hosts student concert

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The middle school chorus from Salisbury Central School held a coffeehouse concert at the White Hart Inn Thursday evening, Feb. 26.

Under the direction of teacher Jen Moros, who accompanied the singers on the piano, the show kicked off with Evelyn Adkins, Madeleine Carr and Brooke Kain singing "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" from the musical "Annie."

Next up was Zeira Collins with John Lennon's "Imagine."

Then Noah Tencer, Lucas



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From left, Evelyn Adkins, Madeleine Carr and Brooke Kain sang "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" at the White Hart Feb. 26.

Wang and Miguel Santiago Leyva took on "Fuge for Tinhorns" from "Guys and

Dolls." This was the second year for the middle school coffeehouse event. Last year it was held in the school cafeteria but students Jackson Magyar and Maddie Carr had bigger ideas. They reached out to White Hart manager Dan Winkley and arranged for the use of the large event room on the hotel's ground floor.

The SCS cafeteria manager Millen Murray supplied the cookies, and the White Hart donated the space and the coffee or tea.

The event was well-attended, with most of the 115 chairs filled and a number of people standing.

'Mary Poppins Jr.' visits Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Rehearsals for the Falls Village Children's Theater production of "Mary Poppins Jr." were in full swing Saturday afternoon, March 7.

Jean Bronson and Mark Alexander were busy adjusting the costume of Roan Jack, trying to take into account the character's need to move about and gesticulate.

Alexander also devoted considerable time to the formal costume of Lev Sadeh, who plays Mr. Banks, paying particular attention to the proper adjustment of bow tie and wing collar.

Over at the piano, Alec Sisco was putting Scarlett O'Connor, Ruby Cameron and Lois Musgrove through their paces on "Cherry Tree Lane — Reprise."

Then director Darcy Boynton took over, "Mr. Banks" joined the company and the group worked on the combination of song and dance.

Meanwhile, production manager Tracy Flynn bustled around doing several things at once.

The production has some 30 children involved, from Region One towns and several towns across New York state.



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Darcy Boynton, right, works with the cast March 7.

The show opens at the Center on Main, 103 Main St. in Falls Village, on Friday, March 27, 6 p.m., with addi-

tional shows Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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The hour-long session focused on preventative measures to keep hydrilla out of Lake Waramaug, which is bordered by Washington, Warren and Kent, and is the state's second-largest natural lake.

Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and an expert on invasive aquatic plants, served as the event's guest speaker. Sean Hayden, executive director of the Lake Waramaug Conservancy, introduced Bugbee, noting that the state aquatic plant expert would "set the stage for what we're concerned about when it comes to hydrilla."

Aggressive hydrilla strain spreading

Bugbee said that the state has been tracking hydrilla since 2016, when an aggressive subspecies was discovered in the Connecticut River.

The strain — *Hydrilla verticillata* ssp. *lithuanica* — traces its origins to Lithuania and has proven particularly aggressive in northern climates.

Bugbee said the plant was discovered in East Twin Lake in Salisbury in June

2023 near O'Hara's Landing Marina.

"As far as we knew, it was not in any other place, but that all changed quickly when it spread to other waterbodies in Connecticut," Bugbee said. "We think it spreads primarily by watercraft at boat ramps."

To illustrate the threat, Bugbee showed a slide of one of his survey boats nearly engulfed by hydrilla in the Mattabesset River. "We are very much worried this is going to be the condition of other lakes if hydrilla is not stopped."

According to Bugbee, hydrilla is often referred to as the world's worst invasive aquatic plant. It can grow up to one inch per day, eventually forming dense surface mats that block sunlight and deplete oxygen.

Hayden said the possibility of hydrilla reaching Lake Waramaug remains a constant concern.

"If there is anything that keeps me up at night, it's hydrilla," he said.

Monitoring and prevention efforts

Hayden said the lake conservancy already maintains a strong monitoring program. Four times a year, an aquatic plant specialist surveys the shoreline looking for invasive species. "We have been able to eradicate the invasives using mapping and hand-pulling techniques," he said.

Additional precautions are already in place at the public boat ramp. Every boat and trailer entering the lake is inspected for plant life by monitors working under the town's parks and recreation department.

The conservancy is also launching an education campaign and installing signs around the lake reminding boaters to clean, drain and dry their watercraft before entering the water.

"It's not just Lake Waramaug," Hayden said. "We are looking beyond the shoreline to see where these invasives are coming from and eradicating them."

Despite those efforts,

"We've been very lucky, but we don't want to press our luck."

— Dean Sarjeant, Lake Waramaug Authority

LOCAL NEWS

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Connecticut and New York legislatures have introduced bills designed to support news organizations, including funding journalism jobs, they have also considered bills to remove requirements that legal notices be published in local newspapers.

While legal notices are a source of revenue, Clark said they also provide a valuable public service. "All the recent Wake Robin decisions were in our legals section," which complemented the paper's reporting.

Clark said long-term success in local news comes down to three essentials: adequate funding, enough reporters and, as he put it, "simply doing the reporting."

"It's challenging," he continued. He said LJM Media,

the organization that publishes the two papers, is in its fifth year as a non-profit.

He thanked the community for the financial support, which has allowed for the hiring of new reporters and editors and expanded coverage.

One of those hires was Murray.

The native New Zealander used to be based in Queens, N.Y. and worked for outlets such as amNewYork, Newsday and Reuters.

When Clark was looking for a new executive editor and sorting through resumes, Murray's experience with the Queens Post — a local news service he founded that reported on neighborhoods in that borough — caught his attention.

In Queens, Murray had a large urban readership. Here in northwest Connecticut and eastern Dutchess County, the population is markedly different.

"But the nuts and bolts of reporting are the same," Murray said. "Communities of any size want to know about affordable housing, healthcare, new businesses and public safety."

In Queens, "the scale is bigger, but it's the same board meetings. The machinations are pretty much the same."

Murray, who moved to northwest Connecticut five years ago, said local news is often more meaningful than national news for readers. "I want to know about the restaurant down the street, or the property up the road."

He said bigger publications are often content re-writing press releases. "Quality journalism is at the local level. Our reporters are out there talking to people."

Murray said he chatted recently with a friend who works for Fox Digital.

"He's covering Iran from his apartment in Long Island City!"

Asked about how the two local papers cover national issues, Clark said "We cover how they affect our communities and what they're doing about it."

"We'll continue providing news as we see it and keeping

it balanced," Murray added. Asked about using Facebook and other social media, Clark said "we see Facebook as one platform of many. We want to get our news to people where they are."

The questioner followed up, asking how Facebook comments are moderated.

Clark said that "in general we use as light a touch as possible" for comments. "We'll delete or hide comments that are simply inflammatory or profane."

Clark mentioned "HVRHS Today," the student publication from Housatonic Valley Regional High School that is a collaboration between The Lakeville Journal and the high school.

"That's their newspaper. They're not writing for The Lakeville Journal."

Clark said there are three high schools in The Miller-ton News' coverage area, and he hopes to expand the program.

Both Clark and Murray kept reiterating the importance of local newspapers being accurate and fair.

"Reputation matters so much in local news," Murray said. "We're much more accountable to our communities" than larger newspapers.

"When we ship the papers, we know we're going to see the people we're writing about in the checkout line at LaBonne's," said Clark.

THE KEILTYS

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it came to politics. She had Democratic leanings in a Republican household, "but it was OK because we were always taught to think for ourselves."

Patricia's late husband, Lawrence Potts, was chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and the registrar. He tapped her to be a poll worker in 2004 and then she became a certified moderator. When he died, she temporarily stepped in as registrar, which then became a permanent post. When Republican registrar Anna McGuire died in 2022, Patricia approached Rosemary, who had retired as principal of North Canaan Elementary School, to see if she'd be interested in serving. She agreed.

The arrangement works well because both of them are strong advocates for voting rights. They work to facilitate registrations, explain voting procedures and help residents understand when and how to cast ballots.

"We want to make sure everyone understands their options," Rosemary said.

Both also believe that voting is a privilege and every effort should be made to participate.

"It's your responsibility," Rosemary said. "So many people fought hard to get the vote for everyone," she said, referring to earlier periods when only landowners and white men were afforded the right. "Maybe we have to work harder in our schools to show how to respect that."

Asked about a federal proposal that would require individuals to show a birth certificate or passport before voting, they expressed opposition. "That's like instituting a poll tax," Patricia said. "That's not necessary. There are plenty of ways to show identification. We want to enable people to vote."

They both chuckled recalling some of the questions that have been posed to them. "Someone asked me if they could register Republican if I signed them up," Patricia said. Another wanted to know if they had to vote Democratic because they'd registered with that party.

They are certified registrars, having passed the required tests given by the University of Connecticut. While they are comfortable most of the time carrying out their duties, they were faced with a new experience after the last municipal election in November when the first

selectman's race required a recount because the initial margin of victory was three votes in favor of Jesse Bunce.

That automatically triggered a recount, which is a complex undertaking that must be done with precision. Bunce ultimately won.

"We really had to study up," Patricia said. "There is such a distrust of elections, so we wanted to be transparent and follow every detail." They received help from the Secretary of State's office and other registrars. It was also the first time new tabulators were used, but they carried out the procedure smoothly, and in the end the margin was two votes.

"That was a perfect example that every vote counts," she said, giving praise to the crew of poll workers who are efficient in carrying out their duties and treating voters with respect.

There are 2,177 registered voters in North Canaan as of this week.

The sisters said registrars around the state use the Connecticut Voter Registration System to tie in with the Secretary of State's office and explained all the information they are able to access. The system will soon be updated to another called Total Vote.

As a former teacher, Rosemary enjoys seeing her former students coming in to vote. Several of them have appeared on the ballot in local elections and serve as employees and volunteer board members of the town.

In their spare time, the two are voracious readers, with historical fiction as their favorite genre. Patricia attended graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley, after attending Smith College, and stayed on in California for several years. She studied medieval Spanish and Portuguese literature and loves language. She is an artist and jewelry maker.

Rosemary attended Manhattanville College, majoring in English. Her father suggested she take education courses as well, but she didn't.

After substituting, she realized teaching was for her and went back to get her certification, going on to have a successful career as a teacher and administrator at NCES.

The two expressed their pleasure at being registrars. "Voting is critical to our democracy and we play a small part," Rosemary said. "It's an honor to do it."

REGION ONE

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half day for students, with the professional development held in the afternoon.

Friday, June 5, currently scheduled as a full day for students, would instead become a half day, with teachers completing the remaining professional development hours originally planned for May 22.

Thursday, June 18 would be a half day for students and a full day for staff. Friday, June 19 would remain the final day of school and the date of Housatonic Valley Regional High School's graduation.

At the board's regular monthly meeting Monday, March 2, members received an update on the district's proposed 2026-27 budget.

Business Manager Sam Herrick said the budget committee has reduced the initial proposed spending increase from 9.01% to 5.92%, representing roughly \$570,000 in cuts.

The reductions include eliminating the Scientific Research Based Interventions coordinator stipend, reducing one full-time shared school psychologist position, consolidating a high school main office position following a retirement, and reductions in spending for athletics and facilities.

Additional adjustments were made to tuition and

transportation lines, while some technology purchases will be funded using unexpended funds from prior budgets. Some maintenance projects have also been deferred.

Herrick said rising health insurance costs — projected to increase by 13.5% — along with special education expenses remain the primary drivers of the budget increase.

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Lenore Mallett at The Colonial Theatre.

Lenore Mallett builds community at the Colonial

By Sally Haver

On any given day in Salisbury or Lakeville, you might spot Lenore Mallett picking up dinner at LaBonne's supermarket or chatting with neighbors. What many may not realize is that this same neighbor helping people find plumbers, foster dogs — even future spouses — is also helping revive the historic Colonial Theatre in North Canaan and quietly shaping community life across the Litchfield Hills.

Mallett is one of the driving forces behind the restoration and reopening of the more than 100-year-old Colonial Theatre, which she and members of the Fiorillo family purchased, renovated and reopened in 2023 as a communi-

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MUSIC

The Mozarts you don't know at the Mahaiwe

By Graham Corrigan

For centuries, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart has overshadowed nearly everyone in classical music, including the talented musicians in his own family: his father Leopold, his sister Maria Anna Mozart and his son Franz Xaver Wolfgang Mozart who were all prolific composers and musicians in their own right.

On March 15, Great Barrington's Mahaiwe Theater will explore the legacy of Mozart with its "Meet the Mozarts" concert. It's mostly Amadeus — a quartet will perform the maestro's "Piano Trio in B-flat, KV 502" and "Quartet in G minor, KV 478" — but the evening will feature works from both the elder and younger Mozarts.

"The story of Mozart is forever an enigma," said Close Encounters with Music's artistic director Yehuda Hanani. "It's really a mystery. How did a man who, as a child, dazzled the roy-

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DANCE

From students to owners at New Milford's award-winning dance studio

By Natalia Zukerman

For Elizabeth Frabizzio and Zoe Czerenda, the studios at FineLine Theatre Arts in New Milford, Connecticut hold a lifetime of memories. Both women grew up there, first as students, then as young teachers. Last September, they became the studio's new owners.

The studio was founded in 2006 by Broadway veterans Elizabeth Parkinson and Scott Wise. Parkinson, a former principal with the Joffrey Ballet, and Wise, a Tony Award winner for "Jerome Robbins' Broadway," built the school on professional-level training paired with a strong sense of community. As they prepared to step back from running the school, they didn't look far for successors. In September 2025, they handed the studio keys to two dancers who had come up through its ranks.

"It felt like the natural progression of my career," Frabizzio said.

Frabizzio joined FineLine as one of its earliest students during her senior year of high school. Not long after graduating, the founders offered her a small class to teach.

"They gave me my first class as I was dabbling in the professional world and auditioning and performing," she said.

Her career soon took her well beyond New Milford. She performed as an ensemble dancer in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, with the modern dance company Momix, and appeared in Darren Aronofsky's "Black Swan."



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Elizabeth Frabizzio and Zoe Czerenda, once both students at FineLine, are now co-owners.

Over time, teaching pulled her back toward the studio. About 10 years ago, after getting married, Frabizzio began gradually taking on administrative responsibilities and helping run the school behind the scenes.

Also a New Milford native, Czerenda began dancing at FineLine as a child and later joined the studio's pre-pro-

fessional repertory company, Artists in Motion. By age 15 she was assisting with classes.

Today, Czerenda and Frabizzio share the day-to-day work of running the studio. Their first school year as owners has come with a few surprises.

"It's been kind of a wild ride," Frabizzio said, laughing. She welcomed her second child last summer, just as the transi-

tion to ownership began.

"I'm so lucky that I have Zoe," she said. "She's an amazing partner. She kind of steered the ship and ran the show the first trimester of the year."

While the leadership is new, the philosophy of the studio remains firmly rooted in what Parkinson and Wise built.

"I'm definitely preserving the technique and the passion that Elizabeth and Scott brought to FineLine," Frabizzio said.

The founders' Broadway backgrounds shaped the studio's approach to training, emphasizing strong technical foundations for dancers of all levels.

"A solid technique is something that anybody would want, regardless of aspirations," said Frabizzio. "If you want to be a professional or if you want to be a recreational dancer, it's important to learn the right way."

FineLine now serves more than 100 students ranging from age 3 through adults. Classes include ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, lyrical, acrobatics and musical theatre, along with vocal performance and drama. The theatre program is led by Robin Frome, who also runs the Sherman Playhouse.

The studio recently received another sign of its local support, earning first place in Litchfield Magazine's 2026 Readers' Choice awards.

"We were really excited to come in first place," Frabizzio said. "It's so great for the area."

At the same time, the new owners are mindful of how

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WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

Before the Oscars: watch it or skip it

By Brian Gersten

With awards season upon us, it's that familiar time of year when one might realize they have seen little to no buzzworthy films this past year. Perhaps you were too busy shoveling your driveway this February to catch "K-Pop Demon Hunter." Or maybe, after realizing there are 469 known feature films featuring Frankenstein's monster, you thought it untoward to see the latest iteration of "Frankenstein" by Guillermo del Toro before viewing the previous 468 installments.

Whatever the case may be, if you need some last-minute conversational guidance for your upcoming Oscar party, I am here to get you up to speed on some of the 2026 Academy Award nominees that are worth seeing — and worth skipping. "One Battle After Another" — SEE IT

Arguably the best movie of the year and a film that reflects our contemporary American moment better than anything else. Watching "One Battle After Another" is like looking

in a mirror — witnessing an oppressive white nationalist government (represented by a grotesque Sean Penn) attempting to thwart a coalition of resolute freedom fighters (led by Leonardo DiCaprio, Teyana Taylor, Chase Infiti, Regina Hall and Benicio del Toro). It's a 3½-hour revolutionary roller coaster with unexpected laugh-out-loud humor, capped off with one of the greatest chase scenes ever put on film. A must-see.

"FI" — SKIP IT
A 2½-hour formulaic car commercial with next to no redeeming qualities. I'd skip it faster than Brad Pitt driving a McLaren at 200 mph.

"Bugonia" — SEE IT (BUT EXPECT NIGHTMARES)
Emma Stone and Jesse Plemons are hauntingly terrific in this twisted kidnapping escapade. Plemons plays a gaunt conspiracy theorist who thinks our capitalist overlord (Stone)

is an alien intent on destroying mankind and taking over the world. A brilliant take on the complexity of conspiracies, the film keeps you guessing until the very end about what's true and what's not.

"Hamnet" — SEE IT (BRING TISSUES)
A Shakespearean tale of love and loss. To call it a tearjerker would be an understatement. A powerful and instant classic.

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ty cultural hub serving North Canaan and the surrounding region.

That Mallett is a creative, entrepreneurial, energetic and successful professional is indisputable. Today she holds two almost full-time jobs. The first is as a top-rated sales executive at William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, where she connects clients to the "homes of their dreams." The second is managing the Colonial Theatre.

"We took on the acquisition and renovation of what was once the town's popular movie hub decades ago and reconfigured it for the benefit of the town and its surrounding communities," Mallett said. "It was our intention to remake it into a cultural hub, one that could house a wide diversity of events with broad public appeal."

"We figured a good way to start was to rent out small spaces within the building," she added. "We loved helping young entrepreneurs, acting as a launching pad for their small businesses, and we kept the rent affordable. Initially we had a housewares store, a hair salon, a baker in the basement and a photographer on the second floor. They all flourished, outgrew their spaces and successfully moved on. For us, it was like baby birds leaving the nest."

Today the Colonial Theatre continues to support community programs, including its largest tenant, Canaan Kids Art Space. The organization hosts an after-school club for children ages 6 to 10 and a summer program with four one-week sessions, providing families with a safe and creative environment where chil-



The Malletts and the Fiorillos outside of The Colonial Theatre.

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“It was our intention to remake it into a cultural hub, one that could house a wide diversity of events with broad public appeal.”

LENORE MALLETT

dren can learn about many forms of art and create their own work. Organizers also maintain a policy that no child is turned away for lack of funds, working with families to ensure participation.

The Colonial's space — encompassing a second-floor ballroom, a 120-seat theater and several smaller rooms — is highly versatile and can be reconfigured to accommodate a wide variety of events and audiences. The venue has hosted

movie screenings and festivals, graduation and awards ceremonies, large family reunions, birthday parties, cultural festivals, arts and crafts fairs, educational workshops and literary events including book readings and author talks.

"The space is open for the community to use as they see fit," Mallett said.

Mallett's generosity of spirit is also reflected in her volunteer activities. When her children were younger, she became a reading tutor at their elementary school, helping more challenged readers catch up with the rest of the class. She was also the co-founder of ReGroup, a Stamford-based nonprofit that helped women successfully return to the workplace after taking "gap years" to raise families.

More recently, Mallett and her husband became partners

in Robbie's Community Market in Great Barrington, the eatery founded by Sheffield native Robbie Robles that opened last summer.

Most recently, the Colonial hosted the Falls Village and North Canaan historical societies' George Washington Ball celebrating the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

Coming up is a movie series featuring notable films from the 1980s and 1990s, to be shown once or twice a month. Planned titles include "Back to the Future," "Top Gun," "Jurassic Park," "The Princess Bride" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." More events are in development, Mallett said. Community members can follow announcements on the Colonial Theatre's website, canaancolonial.com, or watch the theater's marquee for upcoming programs.

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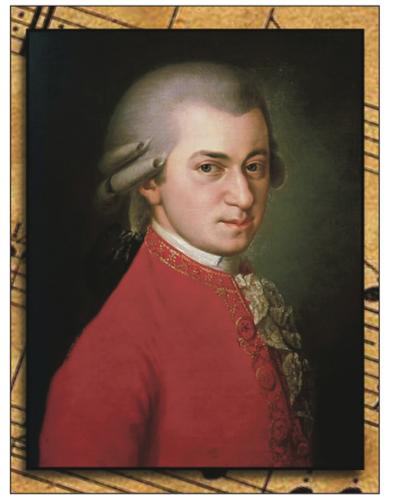


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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

als of Europe end up in an unmarked grave?"

Leopold Mozart is best known for writing a foundational textbook on playing the violin. His catalog included church music, opera dances and symphonies, though much of it has been lost over time. Amadeus was his seventh child, and he served as the boy's primary music teacher after the toddler began imitating the piano lessons taken by his older sister.

"Mozart's father really made him what he was," Hanani said. "He was a devoted pedagogue. He drilled him, and he corrected his early pieces. And then, of course, he was a great promoter. He created the legend."

Mozart's son, Franz Xaver Wolfgang, was born just four months before his famous father's death. His musical education included lessons connected to such figures as Joseph Haydn and Antonio Salieri, and he socialized with contemporaries such as Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann. He was a renowned composer in his own right, "and he probably would have been much more acknowledged and known if not for his misfortune of being the son of a great genius," Hanani added. Wolfgang would often perform his father's work alongside his own. As his tombstone notes, "May the name of his father be his epitaph, as his veneration for him was the essence of his life."

The Mahaiwe's concert will feature a fourth Mozart: AI Mozart. "We are living in a very revolutionary technological, artistic, cultural time with AI, and it's creating some kind of cultural crisis," Hanani said. "So, we're doing something a little whimsical, a little naughty and a little serious at the same time." The three-minute piece uses Mozart's existing oeuvre to create a composite work.

Hanani has mixed feelings. "If you compare [AI Mozart] to Leopold and Wolfgang Mozart, it's not so bad. But next to the real Mozart, it's full of clichés and platitudes, and it's really drawing on something that was already there... There's no spark in it."

For more information and tickets, visit Mahaiwe.org

... The Oscars

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"Sinners" — SEE IT (IF YOU LIKE HORROR FILMS)

The one film of the year where the buzz surrounding the project might outweigh its artistic ambitions. Racist white vampires terrorizing Black juke joint patrons in the Jim Crow South is as scary a horror premise as there is, and there's loads of powerful symbolism at play. But at the end of the day, it felt like just another gory, gruesome horror movie. Loved the Buddy Guy cameo, though.

"Marty Supreme" — SEE IT

Whether you like Timothée Chalamet or not, his performance as the Trump-esque Marty Mauser — a professional pingpong player and hustler who will stop at nothing to achieve his goals — is an astute take on the affliction of American exceptionalism. With an anxiety-inducing pace and cadence we've come to expect from director Josh Safdie, the film is full of truly bizarre and memorable moments and characters.

"The Alabama Solution" — SEE IT

Pine Plains resident Andrew Jarecki takes viewers inside the Alabama state prison system in a documentary constructed almost entirely from cellphone footage covertly shot by prisoners. The conditions inside are utterly deplorable and completely shocking — resembling modern slavery more than rehabilitation. One struggles to make sense of the inhumanity and to come to terms with the fact that this is happening in America in 2026.

The 98th Oscars will take place Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Conan O'Brien and broadcast on ABC, with streaming available on Hulu.



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THEATER

Berkshire Waldorf School updates “Little Women”

By Mike Cobb

The Berkshire Waldorf High School presents “Little Women” by Kate Hamill, adapted from the novel by Louisa May Alcott, at The Unicorn Theater in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Director Kendell Shaffer has taught screenwriting for the Writers Guild Foundation High School Screenwriting Workshops. About the choice of play, Shaffer said,

“The idea of ‘Little Women’ came from our senior girls who wanted a play with a heavy female cast after doing ‘The Outsiders’ last year. Kate Hamill’s adaptation is spunky, funny, with a contemporary feminist slant that transcends Louisa May Alcott’s ideas to today’s audience.”

Actor Noelle Bodenstab said, “My role is Hannah. She’s very sassy and a very big contrast from the role I played in ‘The Outsiders’ last year. I feel as though it’s exercising my acting abilities, and I’m really excited to see how it turns out in the play.”

Actor Leo Martinez said, “I am playing Laurie, who is a friend of the Marches and this lonely, rich, sentimental guy who doesn’t really like the traditional idea of a man. His character revolves around his love for Jo, who doesn’t fit into the role of a girl very well, and them growing up together.”

The production features contemporary and original songs performed by the Berkshire Waldorf High School rock band.

“Having been a TV producer in L.A. before relocating to the Berkshires, I like to add live music to plays I direct, similar to underscoring a film or TV episode,” said Shaffer. “The



Students at Berkshire Waldorf High School rehearse for the performances of “Little Women” March 13-15 at The Unicorn Theater in Stockbridge.

music helps guide the emotion and elevates the experience for both the audience and actors. Using contemporary music performed by our school’s rock band updates this classic play.”

“We are fortunate to have so many talented students at the Berkshire Waldorf High School and professional mentors working with the students as costume designer, choreographer, musical director, and vocal coach. The Berkshires are alive with artists, and it’s a gift to work with its seasoned and emerging talent,” Shaffer added.

Performances start at 7 p.m. Friday, March 13; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

For more information, visit berkshiretheatregroup.org.



Some of the updates to the production involve changing traditional gender roles.



Students learning “fight” choreography.

... FineLine

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Students at FineLine Theatre Arts.

demanding dance culture sometimes become.

“What I pulled from the professional world was how toxic it could be,” Frabizzio said. “I just want these kids to feel loved. I want them to feel empowered and to know that they are enough at any ability.”

For the past 15 years, Frabizzio has primarily taught children between the ages of 3 and 10 — often their first introduction to dance.

“I don’t take that role lightly, especially now that I’m a mom,” she said. “I know what those first impressions are and what they mean.”

Her goal is simple: “I want them to walk away with love and joy,” she said. “I want them to be excited to come to class.”

Accessibility is also part of the studio’s mission. This school year, FineLine awarded \$23,000 in scholarships to students through an application process sup-

ported in part by community performances at the studio.

Looking ahead, FineLine will present its annual spring performance at the end of May, followed by its summer programs in July and August.

For Frabizzio and Czerenda, the studio’s next chapter is less about reinvention than stewardship.

“We’re really trying to preserve what they gave us,” Frabizzio said. “And that’s the love and the joy of dance.”

“Being an educator has been the greatest blessing of my life,” said Czerenda.

“To be a safe space, a light of positivity or an outlet for these kids is what makes this experience so special. They teach me how to be a better educator and I like to think I help them become better humans as well as dancers and performers.”

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Letty Cottin Pogrebin, a founding editor of *Ms. Magazine*, will be in conversation with Anne Kreamer, a journalist focusing on women’s issues.

Registration is required.
For more information, go to CornwallLibrary.org



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On Friday, March 13, The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook will host a reception and lecture with Robin Wall Kimmerer, bestselling author of "Braiding Sweetgrass." A plant ecologist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kimmerer blends Indigenous knowledge and Western science to explore how plants and ecosystems can teach us about reciprocity, resilience and our relationship to the natural world. The in-person event is sold out. To register for the online event, visit caryinstitute.org



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Deborah Simon's "Ecological Streams of Consciousness: Sika Deer (2025)."

ART

Winter exhibit closes

This Must Be the Place, the winter exhibition at Wassaic Project, will have its closing reception on Saturday, March 14. The exhibition showcased the work of 11 artists throughout the seven floors of Maxon Mills, exploring personal and cultural history, material transformation, the sacred and speculative and immersive encounters. There will be artist talks beginning at 2 p.m. followed by open studios of the March artists-in-residence program.

Tri-Corner Calendar

MARCH 12

Art Talk with Suzan Scott

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Torrington painter Suzan Scott discusses her exhibition "This Beautiful Place," sharing what inspires her about the Litchfield Hills and the view from her studio. 5:30 p.m. Free.

James Herriot The Simple Life of the World's Most Famous Veterinarian

Online.
Hosted by the David M. Hunt Library, "James Herriot The Simple Life of the World's Most Famous Veterinarian" will be presented virtually at 1 p.m. Register at huntlibrary.org

Genre Fiction Book Club: "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Discuss genre fiction at 6:30 p.m. while enjoying snacks and good company. Didn't get a chance to finish the book? No worries. Come and share your thoughts, ask questions and maybe suggest a book for the next session. Copies of "Horse" are available for loan. Registration appreciated at scovillelibrary.org

MARCH 13

Christian Sands Trio

Indigo Room at The Mahaiwe, 20 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Christian Sands — Steinyway Artist and five-time Grammy nominee — is a rising jazz powerhouse. Blending stride, swing, bebop, fusion, Brazilian, and Afro-Cuban styles, he reimagines jazz with technical brilliance, sensitivity, and swing. 5:30 p.m. Tickets at mahaiwe.org

Family Bingo Night

Sharon Center School Gym, 80 Hilltop Road, Sharon, Conn.
This community event will support the SCS 8th Grade Class of 2027 and help fund their Washington, D.C. senior trip. 6 p.m. For questions or details contact Karen Rios at sharoncenterschoolpto@gmail.com.

RiverBlue

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Local band RiverBlue — the musical partnership of Hudson Valley veterans Ron Minkoff and Dan Blum — performs original songs and thoughtful covers blending rock, folk, bluegrass and

country. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

Lunch & Learn: Tech Talk with Pam Doran: What is AI?

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Lunch and Learn at Hotchkiss Library of Sharon returns from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, with "Tech Talk with Pam Doran: What is AI?" Registration is required hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com.

MARCH 14

Nail Trimming Workshop

Hunky Hounds, 332 Norfolk Road, East Canaan, Conn.
Learn how to safely and confidently trim your dog's nails at this workshop from 12 to 2 p.m. Register at hhcanines.com

Amenia Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Session

Amenia Town Hall, Amenia, N.Y.
The Town of Amenia, New York will host a community engagement session for its Parks and Recreation Master Plan from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents of all ages are invited to share ideas for improving local parks, programs and recreation spaces. Registration encouraged at engagingamenia.com

Hike Foote-Pope and Furnace Brook Preserve

Foote-Pope Preserve entrance located on Pierce Lane, Cornwall, Conn. Cornwall Conservation Trust will lead a fun hike on the Foote-Pope and Furnace Brook Preserve Trail at 10 a.m. Meet at the Foote-Pope Preserve entrance located on Pierce Lane adjacent to the kiosk in Cornwall at the bottom of Pierce Lane.

Easter Photos with Mini Cows

Hackett Farm Supply, 2297 Salt Point Tpke., Clinton Corners, N.Y.
Enjoy crafts and snacks, meet two Mini Highland Cows and help Here Comes the Beef, a local 4-H club, raise funds for field trips and awards. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Join Claudia Cayne at 4 p.m. for a lively, informal discussion of "Theft" by Abdulrazaj Gurnah. Learn more at scovillelibrary.org

Items appear as space permits.

Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com.

Recent Acquisitions

Sharon History Club, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.
Come see some recent acquisitions from the Barbara Bartram Estate at 2 p.m. Free. Please register by emailing rspv@sharonhist.org

MapleFest and Maple Bake Sale

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road (Route 4), Sharon, Conn. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Maple sugaring demonstrations, tours of the working sugarhouse, conservation info and maple baked goods for sale. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 12 and under, free for ages 2 and under.

MARCH 15

Pastel Drawing From Life

Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.
Painter Polly Shindler leads this Cottage Courses workshop exploring form and composition through still life using pencils and pastels. Participants will create works on paper inspired by flowers and fabric. Open to all. 1 to 3 p.m. Sign up at troutbeck.com

Makin' Cake

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Theatrical work starring Dasha Kelly Hamilton explores race, equality and cake baking. 3 p.m.

Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

REVOLUTION SONG Book Discussion with Peter Vermilyea

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
From 4 to 5:30 p.m., discuss this year's Salisbury READS book, "Revolution Song" by Russell Shorto. Peter Vermilyea will lead the discussion, connecting Shorto's themes and characters with our own local Revolutionary War history. Registration is required at scovillelibrary.org

Build a Rag Rug Loom at Shop BES

BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. 10 a.m.
Construct your own 2-by-3-

Last week's WotW

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Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.

1. Stable animal, wears a saddle
2. _____, set, go!
3. Special indulgence
4. Not before...
5. From sky or from slush

foot rug loom from pre-cut wood components and learn the basics of rag rug weaving. No experience necessary. Pre-registration required at www.shop-bes.com/classes

MARCH 17

Modern Irish Literature Discussion

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Dathalinn O'Dea leads a discussion of modern Irish literature, featuring an excerpt from A Ghost in the Throat by Doireann Ní Ghríofa, winner of the An Post Irish Book Award for Nonfiction and a New York Times Critics' Top Book of 2021. Copies available at the library or by email. Tea and sweet treats in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. 2 p.m.

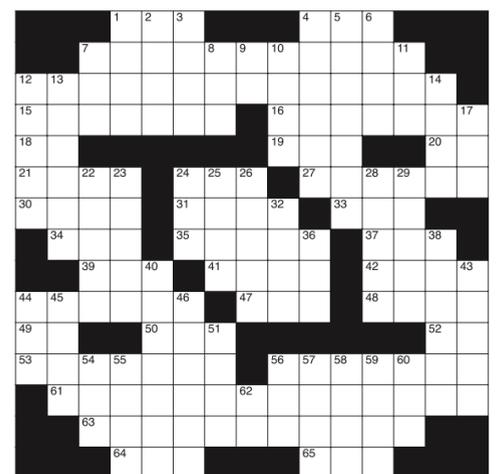
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Blockchain-based entity
4. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
7. Painted with glue
12. Legendary crooner
15. Structure made with strips of wood
16. Tropical fruits
18. Commercial
19. Comedienne Gasteyer
20. The Ocean State
21. Ancient Scot
24. Basics
27. Stated propositions
30. Scottish island group
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Large tree
34. Engine additive
35. Conspiracy
37. Drunkard
39. Someone who is morally reprehensible
41. Ancient Syrian city
42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
44. Carry (slang)
47. Sweet potato
48. European river
49. The Golden State
50. Windy City ballplayer
52. New Testament
53. Possess spiritually
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Popular historical novel
63. In a law-abiding way
64. A place to sleep
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Impression in a surface
2. Computer language
3. Relating to the ear
4. Occupant
5. Member of Great Plains people
6. Social media firm
7. Digital audiotape
8. Midway between east and southeast
9. Chronic, progressive disease
10. Chinese lute
11. Not wet
12. Moves wings up and down
13. Communication devices



14. Swiss river
17. Female sibling
22. Receive
23. Relating to a type
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Steep bank
26. Taxi driver
28. Moves into without difficulty
29. Bicycle manufacturer
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on it
38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
40. Die
43. Matched
44. Literary genre ___-fi
45. Cannon
46. Pounded
51. British rock group
54. Debt relief order
55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Ailments
60. Famed singer Charles
62. Camper

March 5 Solution

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		1	3			6		

March 5 Solution

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

Taft knocks Kent girls basketball out of NEPSAC tournament

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Kent School's girls varsity basketball team lost 42-39 to Taft School in the first round of the New England Prep School Athletic Conference playoffs Wednesday March 4.

These two Founders League teams had already played twice in the regular season, with Kent winning both games.

Kent was ranked in 3rd in the playoff tournament and Taft was ranked 6th.

This match was a defensive clinic. Kent's Kaya Nuthall scored three seconds into the game, and the score remained 2-0 until Taft's Sara Santimaw hit a 3 pointer with 3:39 left in the 1st period.

The low scoring period ended with Taft leading 11-8. Lock-down defense from both sides persisted in the second quarter, ending in a 16-12 Taft lead.

Taft gradually took charge in the third quarter with good control and great shots by Santimaw, Jalisa Matthews and Emma Strub, ending the period with a 32-21 Taft lead.

The lead grew to a maximum 38-24 for Taft with five minutes left in the game.

Fans of both teams were ready to call it a day, some thrilled and others disappointed.

Then, Kent changed the tone. The game became a true nail-biter.

The 14-point lead was eaten away by Kent, virtually single-handedly by Caoimhe Brophy. Her shots from outside the paint and under the basket were all perfect swishes.

With two minutes left, the margin was cut to 3 points. Kent family and friends were cheering and encouraging Kent to close the gap.

Taft's defense was able to contain Brophy shotless and the game ended 42-39 for a close, tough Taft victory.

Taft then lost to Sacred Heart Greenwich 58-35 in the semifinals, who went on to win the title over Loomis.



Kent's Kaya Nuthall drives the lane.



Taft's Sara Santimaw takes a jump shot.



Taft and Kent players battle under the basket.



Taft's Maddy Little on defense.

PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Senior Olivia Brooks plays point guard for HVRHS.

Housy makes states

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School's girls varsity basketball team advanced out of the first round of the Divison V state tournament with a 41-38 victory over Howell Cheney Technical High School Friday, March 6.

HVRHS was ranked 19th in the tournament and Cheney was ranked 14th.

Senior captains Olivia Brooks and Maddy Johnson

each posted a double-double in the first round. Brooks had 14 points and 10 rebounds while Johnson had 14 rebounds and 10 steals.

HVRHS advanced to play 3rd-ranked Academy of Aerospace and Engineering in Windsor Monday, March 9. Aerospace won 58-20 and knocked Housatonic out of the tournament.

The @Housy_athletics Instagram page praised the effort of the team. "So proud of our girls!"



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Allyn signs with UNE

On Monday, March 9, HVRHS senior Wes Allyn committed to play NCAA football at the University of New England. Allyn played tight end and linebacker in his varsity years.

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