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## Controversial 'hero pay' to be distributed next month

By Debra A. Aleksinas

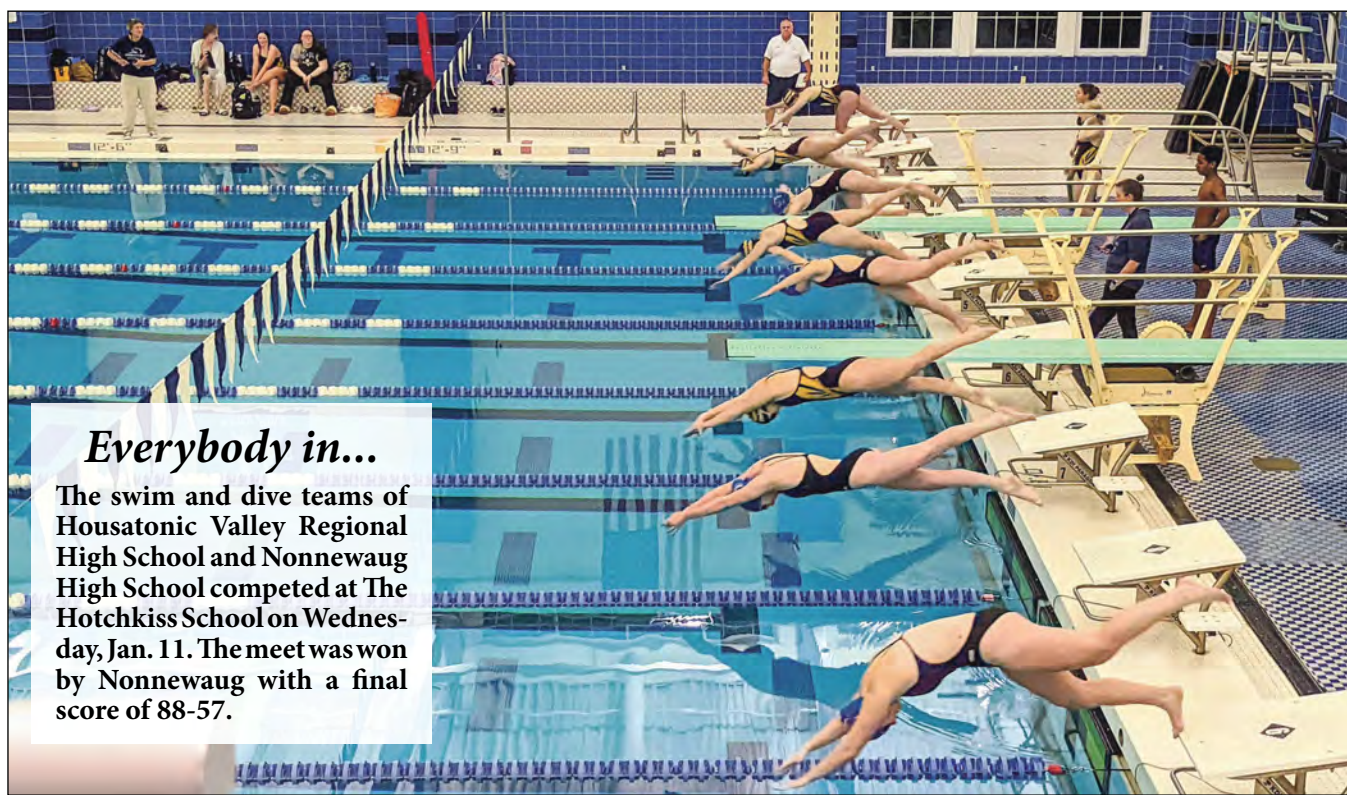
In early February, more than 155,000 qualified frontline workers in Connecticut who staffed vital services in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic will begin receiving "hero pay" bonuses.

The one-time payouts range from a maximum of \$1,000 for those who earn less than \$50,000 a year, to as low as \$100 for workers with higher salaries.

State Comptroller Sean Scanlon's office confirmed on Jan. 9 that the bonuses will be distributed next month in batches, and that the process is being handled by the Public Consulting Group (PCG).

PCG sent email notices to applicants regarding their status in late 2022, and anyone who did not receive notices or have questions can call them at 833-660-2503, according to Scanlon's office.

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### Everybody in...

The swim and dive teams of Housatonic Valley Regional High School and Nonnewaug High School competed at The Hotchkiss School on Wednesday, Jan. 11. The meet was won by Nonnewaug with a final score of 88-57.

PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

## COG hears of broadband need

By Riley Klein

GOSHEN — Leaders from across the region gathered on Thursday, Jan. 12, for the first Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOC) of 2023.

The hybrid meeting was held on Zoom and in-person at NHCOC headquarters in Goshen.

Mayors, Selectmen, and experts from the area reported on key topics and out-

comes from 2022 as they looked ahead and reviewed plans for the coming year.

Broadband Mapping Coordinator David Lukens from the Geographic Information Systems Office has led data collection efforts for mapping the availability of high-speed internet across the state.

Lukens reported that while the expansion of broadband networks has rapidly increased in Connecticut, progress has

been notably slower in the Northwest corner.

The ongoing process of data collection and mapping is being completed as part of the opening phase of two large-scale broadband expansion programs: the Connecticut Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP), funded by ARPA Capital Projects Fund, and the Broadband Equi-

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## Housing Trust, sellers helped family achieve dream of homeownership

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — A Millerton family's disheartening, two-year search for an affordable home turned to good fortune in time for the holidays, thanks to assistance through the private, nonprofit Salisbury Housing Trust.

"We are ecstatic," said Griffin Cooper, who purchased a home on White Hollow Road in Lakeville on Dec. 19 from the housing trust for \$250,000 and moved in just in time to celebrate Christmas and ring in 2023.

"We probably looked at 20 houses," before being handed the keys to his new home, he noted.

"We had to fight tooth and nail just to

make an offer, and then we'd get outbid by folks who came in and paid cash," recalled Cooper, who is the marketing and outreach coordinator at the North East Community Center in Millerton.

"They had been looking everywhere for two years, but the homes were just scooped out from under them," noted Leo Gafney, vice president of the Salisbury Housing Trust.

Sellers' generosity made the home affordable

The three-bedroom, two-bath, 1,519-square-foot antique cottage, which is perched on a natural landscaped knoll on just over an acre of land, was originally listed at \$500,000 before being lowered to \$450,000, and eventually sold by owners Lee and Barbara Collins to the housing trust for \$325,000.

The housing trust was then able to sell the home to the Coopers at a subsidized price.

The couple had resided in the pale blue clapboard house for more than a half-century before deciding it was time to sell. Lee Collins said a recent newspaper article in The Lakeville Journal about the Salisbury Housing Trust led to their decision to sell their home at a price that would add to the town's affordable housing stock and put the home within reach

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"We probably looked at 20 houses. We had to fight tooth and nail just to make an offer, and then we got outbid by folks who came in and paid cash."

Griffin Cooper, homeowner

## Substitute teacher events a success

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose was enthused about the recent "Sign and Sub" events to recruit substitute teachers.

"It was a resounding success," she said in a phone interview Friday, Jan.

13. Rose said 30 people signed up over three sessions in Sharon, Kent and North Canaan earlier this month.

Rose reported "a great need for substitutes across the district" to the Region One Board of Education at its Dec. 5 meeting.

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch (second from left holding scissors) cut the ribbon on the hospital's new, upgraded helipad Thursday, Jan. 12.

## Sharon Hospital upgrades helipad

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Sharon Hospital held a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new helipad on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Hospital President Christina McCulloch cut the ribbon Thursday morning as the green landing lights gleamed behind her.

The new helipad has an 80 foot walkway, up from 60 feet in the previous iteration. The pad itself is slightly smaller at 40 by 40 feet, down from 50 x 50.

David Jensen, the Regional EMS Coordinator for the hospital's parent company Nuvance, said 40 x 40 feet is the federal standard.

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## 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.

### Collision at intersection

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at approximately 5 p.m. Denis Odea, 64, of Salisbury was traveling eastbound on Route 126 in Canaan in a 1997 Volvo 960. Johan Diaz Vaquez, 24, of Wassauc was stopped at the intersection of Dublin Road and Route 126 in a 2019 Lexus. The Lexus proceeded to make a right turn onto Route 126 and collided with the Volvo. Diaz Vaquez was found at fault and issued a warning for failure to grant right of way at an intersection. The Volvo was towed from the scene.

### Liquor store burglary

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at approximately 4:45 a.m. burglars forced entry at the Mountain Spirits Liquor store on John J. Curtis Road in Norfolk, absconding with a large basket of liquor. Troop B is investigating and asks anyone with information to contact Troop B.

### Three-car crash

On Friday, Jan. 13 at approximately 6:45 a.m. three vehicles traveling westbound on Route 44 approaching the town of North Canaan

were involved in a collision. Jonathan Becker, 34, of Torrington, driving a 2021 Subaru Legacy attempted to pass several vehicles. The Subaru sideswiped a 2014 Fiat driven by Courtney Lynn Kane, 42, of New Hartford, and rear-ended a 2015 Jeep Patriot driven by Hilda Ramirez, 33, of Torrington. The Jeep traveled off the roadway into a field across from the Blackberry River Inn. The Fiat traveled off the road onto the Blackberry River Inn property. The Subaru left the road and traveled onto the Blackberry River Inn property, coming to a stop in front of the building after making minor contact with the structure. Becker reported neck pain and was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital by Norfolk EMS, and was found at fault for the accident and was issued a citation for insufficient insurance, operating a vehicle too fast for conditions, unsafe passing and failure to maintain lane. All three vehicles were towed from the scene.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com).

## Falls Village to use ARPA funds for Day Care Center boiler

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen approved an expenditure of about \$7500 for a new boiler at the Falls Village Day Care Center at the regular monthly meeting of the board Monday, Jan. 9.

First Selectman Henry Todd said the boiler failed recently and needed to be replaced.

## Discussion on nuclear weapons set for Jan. 21

SALISBURY — "Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation: A conversation with Chris King, Acting Chief, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, United Nations" will be held at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.

The risks posed by nuclear weapons are reaching heights not seen since the depths of the Cold War. Urgent measures are necessary to prevent any use of nuclear weapons, prevent their spread and bring about their eventual elimination. King will start the conversation with a 20 minute presentation, followed by a 40 minute question and answer period.

This event is in person only. Please register at [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org).

The event will be held after normal library public hours. Please enter the library before it closes to the public at 4 p.m.

## Correction

An article in the Jan. 12 edition of The Lakeville Journal incorrectly identified the head coach of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity girls basketball team as Steve Dodge. The coach is Jake Plitt.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

## Going, going — gone out of business

The This 'n' That for Habitat thrift store on Ashley Falls Road in North Canaan was open for its last day on Sunday, Jan. 15 and experienced a flood of shoppers over the weekend. The popular store had been operated by Habitat for Humanity of Northwestern Connecticut for more than a decade.

## Community Foundation plans scholarships for area students

The Northwest CT Community Foundation is awarding scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year. Scholarship applications are now available for the more than \$250,000 available to area students. Scholarship guidelines, requirements and applications are available at [northwestcf.org/scholarships](http://northwestcf.org/scholarships).

Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year must be submitted by April 1. The Northwest CT Community Foundation serves Litchfield County with a collection of more than 30 scholarship funds from local donors. These funds provide

scholarships to area students throughout the Northwest Corner.

Most, but not all, scholarships are awarded to residents of the Foundation's 20-town service area. The Foundation serves the towns of Barkhamsted, Bethlehem, Canaan/Falls Village, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Washington and Winsted/Winchester.

For a complete list of scholarships, visit [northwestcf.org/scholarships](http://northwestcf.org/scholarships).

## Cornwall Historical Society receives humanities grant

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Historical Society was recently awarded a \$7,300 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant by CT Humanities (CTH). This grant will help supplement the Society's operating budget.

These grants are administered by CTH, with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of

Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the state legislature. These grants are designed to assist organizations as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Cornwall Historical Society was one of 725 organizations in Connecticut receiving an operating support grant.

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## Canaan Foundation offering grants

NORTH CANAAN — The Canaan Foundation is accepting grant proposals from nonprofit organizations for community programs and projects that benefit residents of the Town of North Canaan.

The application deadline is Jan. 31. Grants, up to a maximum of \$2,000, will be announced in March.

Proposals are welcomed in such areas as education, essential services, the environment, recreation, the arts, health and social services.

The application is available at the Foundation's website: [www.canaan-foundation.org](http://www.canaan-foundation.org).

## Online This Week

Look for these stories and more, exclusively at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

### Mural at Lakeville Post Office

New sign gives the history of the artwork. See the video at [www.tricornernews.com/multimedia](http://www.tricornernews.com/multimedia)

### 'TheVow from Hiroshima' conversation

Millerton Moviehouse film draws post-screening discussion. Go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

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Pursuant to Sec 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified the third installment of the Grand List October 1, 2021 is due and payable January 1, 2023. Pursuant to Section 12-71b of the Connecticut State Statutes, the Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax is due on January 1, 2023. Payments must be received or post marked by February 1, 2023. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before February 1, 2023, interest at the rate of 1% (18% per year) will be added for each month from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until paid. Minimum interest \$2.00.

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## Our Towns

# Food waste diversion program planned at Falls Village station

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — A food waste diversion program is coming to the Falls Village transfer station.

Transfer station coordinator Tracey Wilson got the go-ahead from the Board of Selectmen at the latter's Jan. 9 meeting.

The goal is to get food waste out of the municipal solid waste stream, Wilson told the selectmen.

Food waste is heavy and contains a significant amount of water.

Now that Falls Village



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**The team at the Falls Village transfer station is ready to help residents separate food scraps from regular household garbage. From left, Demetri Ouelette, Peter Roussis and Tracey Wilson.**

and other Northwest Corner towns are no longer shipping waste to the now-closed waste-to-energy plant in Hartford, the garbage is being shipped out of state for disposal in landfills, an expensive and environmentally unfriendly proposition.

Removing the heavy food waste will lessen the shipping cost, Wilson told the selectmen.

Wilson elaborated during an interview at the transfer station Saturday, Jan. 14.

She said the program will get started in March.

The program will not require anyone to sign up, unlike a similar program at the Salisbury-Sharon transfer station.

The transfer station will provide compostable bags for residents to get started. The bags are available at area stores.

And between now and March, Wilson said the transfer station will provide information for residents on what goes in the bags and what doesn't.

The food waste will be collected by Curbside Compost, a company that collects food waste and turns it into compost.

Wilson said she thinks "there will be a learning curve" as residents settle into the new routine. "It will take a little time to get used to it."

## Fiber optic hearing to be scheduled

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At its regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 9, the Board of Finance voted to postpone a Jan. 27 town meeting on the Frontier fiber optic proposal and instead hold a public hearing to get feedback from the public.

As of Tuesday morning, Jan. 17, the date, place and time had not been set. (Go to [www.canaan-fallsvillage.org](http://www.canaan-fallsvillage.org) for more information.)

First Selectman Henry Todd reported that negotiations with Frontier Communications to provide fiber optic lines for the entire town are ongoing.

Todd said that Frontier has come down to \$544,000, from the initial price of \$750,000, to connect Barnes, Undermountain and Music Mountain roads. Frontier is already planning to install fiber optic lines in the rest of the town.

Questions about the cost were raised at an information meeting last month.

Finance board member Eric Carlson said he thought it unwise to go ahead with the planned Jan. 27 town meeting on the issue and instead proposed a public hearing so that residents can get their questions answered.

Todd said he will continue his discussions with Frontier and try to get the price down still further.

# Sharon Housing Trust considers Community Center conversion

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — A public discussion was convened at the Sharon Playhouse's Bok Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 15 to discuss affordable, workforce housing, in particular the use of the Community Center building for housing. At least 50 residents attended the meeting, which was planned by the nonprofit Sharon Housing Trust (SHT) and was led by board members Bob Whelan and Dale Jones.

A current proposal focuses on conversion of the Community Center building at 99 North Main Street, envisioning four apartment units within the two-story building measuring a total of 3,600 square feet. Whelan indicated that each level measures under 2,000 square feet.

The apartments would offer one or two bedrooms and one bath. The location is seen by the SHT as ideal because it is next to Sharon Center School.

Enlarging the footprint of the building would not be possible, as was suggested by a resident because the lot measures only 0.26 acres and each apartment would need two parking spaces in the rear, a total of eight spaces.

The town currently owns and maintains the building at an annual cost of approximately \$16,000, included in the town budget. By en-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**Affordable housing options were discussed during a community-wide forum held at the Sharon Playhouse's Bok Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 15. Sharon Housing Trust board member Bob Whelan, at right, served as co-leader of the open discussion.**

gaging in local financing of the project, the town could ensure that tenants of the apartments would be locally employed residents needing affordable housing, Whelan explained.

"The Community Center is relatively do-able and not too expensive to get done," Whelan said, indicating that the building is solid, having been well-maintained by the town.

A show of hands poll indicated that nearly all of those present would consider the Community Center proposal further as a possibility.

Expanding the conver-

sation to existing affordable housing, Sharon Ridge's 32 units have a waiting list numbering 85 families. In all there are 36 affordable housing units in town, Whelan added, with the remaining four scattered around town.

Additional housing possibilities were discussed for land at 145 Hospital Hill Road. Whelan said that the State Department of Housing is willing to provide resources with an expectation that the town will control the project.

# Sharon Town Hall elevator repair due

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — For more than two weeks the Town Hall elevator has not been working, preventing any public meetings from being held in the building due to access requirements.

Cost estimates for repairs were discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Jan. 10, held at the Community Center building.

First Selectman Brent Colley reviewed two repair estimates obtained by town Building Official Stanley MacMillan. Replacing the non-working pump would cost an estimated \$41,000 plus \$2,500 for disposal of the old hydraulic oil, Colley said. Replacing the entire motor unit, including the pump, would cost an estimated \$55,000 plus the additional \$2,500 to dispose of the old oil.

MacMillan had recommended that the town opt to replace the entire power unit at once due to the age of the equipment.

Selectman Casey Flanagan asked whether the oil could be useful at the Town Garage, rather than having the town pay the disposal fee.

Following discussion, the selectmen voted unanimously to adopt MacMillan's recommendation and ask the Board of Finance to allocate funds for replacement of the entire unit, including the oil disposal fee. Colley will determine whether the oil could be used at the Town Garage.

Seeking to renew an application for federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, Robert Loucks, Commander of local American Legion Post #126, asked the selectmen to reconsider the Legion's earlier request

to add \$8,000 to install air conditioning at the Legion Hall. Loucks explained that the air conditioning request should have been included with their original application for furnace replacement at a cost of an additional \$8,000. The project is slated for the spring of this year when the Hotchkiss Library is expected to vacate the space it is currently renting while library renovations are underway.

The Legion Hall is used as a place of refuge during storms. Loucks reasoned that if the town should ever want to take over the building, the improvements would be desirable.

"The building is a good resource for the town," Loucks said, seeing its use as a "refuge center" becoming more essential, particularly if the town proceeds with plans to convert the Community Center building to affordable housing apartments.

Loucks explained that it would make sense to install the evaporator unit for the air conditioning at the same time that the furnace work was being done.

The selectmen agreed to study the issue in the coming weeks, exploring whether the air conditioning could be combined with a project to install air conditioning at the dog pound.

Raising an issue of traffic safety, resident Margaret Keilty asked the selectmen to consider placing three-way stop signs at the intersection of King Hill Road and Hospital Hill Road. A recent serious collision heightened the concern, and Keilty told the selectmen that near-misses are commonplace. Colley agreed to discuss the idea with the town's road foreman and to gather public comment.

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# OBITUARIES

More obituaries appear on page A5.

## Julia C. Segalla

CANAAN — Julia C. Segalla passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. She was born on Jan. 22, 1926, the daughter of Marcello and Aurora Del Tenno. Julia and her sister, Antoinette, were raised in Canaan, where Julia remained as a lifetime resident. She



is survived by her children, Tina Segalla-Grant and husband, Larry of Brookfield, Connecticut, Mark D. Segalla and wife, Deborah DeSimone of New York City, and by her grandchildren; Kelly and Chad Scandrett, Melissa Grant, Mark A. and Kate Segalla. She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony (Peno), and daughter, Alena.

A member of the first graduating class of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1943, Julia was a well-respected and compassionate educator. She attended the New York City Universal School of Arts as well as Boston University's Conservatory of Music before she married, and in 1958 Julia returned to college receiving a Bachelor of Science (1962), a Master's in Science in Reading degree (1968), and a Sixth Year in Guidance and Administration from the University of Hartford (1974).

She began her career as a much-loved kindergarten teacher at Botelle Elementary School in Norfolk and taught at Batcheller Elementary School in Winsted and Salisbury Central School. She instilled in every student an enthusiasm for reading and could convince even the most reluctant child to embrace learning. In 1968 she was hired as the very first Resource Teacher in Regional School District 1, and in 1980 served as the Early Childhood Coordinator for the Regional District.

In 1978 Julia was awarded a year's sabbatical and attended Columbia University to pursue advanced degree graduate courses. During that year Julia also traveled to Japan for five weeks and accompanied by an interpreter, visited local schools conferring with teachers and administrators. Upon re-

turning to the United States, Julia was chosen as a Friendship Ambassador from Connecticut and traveled to Germany where she lived at the home of the Commissioner of Education in Northern Germany and visited schools throughout the region, observing reading and teaching techniques.

Julia was named Region One Director of Pupil Services in 1986. Known for her care and love for children, Julia traveled throughout the northwest corner of the state for many years meeting with parents and children aged birth to three to evaluate and provide support for families who could benefit from special education resources.

The in-home program she developed was replicated throughout Connecticut, in part because of the many families whose children achieved significant educational and personal success by following the in-home curriculum. Chosen by the senior class as their faculty advisor, Julia was honored to have the HVRHS yearbook, The White Oak, dedicated to her in 1976. Julia officially retired from HVRHS in 1992.

Julia was an active community member. She was elected to the North Canaan Board of Finance and served as secretary. She was also an energetic member of various local and regional organizations, including the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, the Northwest Connecticut Girl Scout Council, the Woman's College Club of Litchfield County, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Women Educators.

For twenty years, Julia was the children's and adult choir director as well as organist of the North Canaan Pilgrim Congregational Church. Julia's professional interests were balanced by her love of travel, including journeys to over thirty-three countries, most notably traveling to Russia and China in 1973, the year after these countries were open to Western world travelers. Trips throughout the

United States and on cruise ships were frequent, some with family and some solo. Julia and her family spent many memorable vacations at the much-loved lakeside cottage Peno built for Julia's mother, Aurora Phifield, in Woodford, Vermont. After Julia retired, she spent the winter months at her home in warm and sunny Venice, Florida.

Julia delighted in entertaining, and was well recognized for her culinary abilities, known by many for her tasty homemade soups and special Christmas rolls. Equally enjoyable to Julia was her participation in various HVRHS plays, most notably playing Bloody Mary in South Pacific and Fraulein Schneider in Cabaret. Creative as well as artistic, Julia's greatest gifts to her family and friends were a curious mind and a love of reading, art appreciation, singing, and travel.

Julia was a person of strong faith, who always saw the good in people. Never one to speak ill of others, Julia provided comfort to many with her acts of kindness. She was a compassionate, generous woman with an undeniable work ethic always willing to learn and listen to alternative points of views. A woman of great courage and perseverance, Julia battled macular degeneration and Alzheimer's disease in the later years of her life. She was able to maneuver those years with grace by using her intelligence and the many good habits she practiced throughout her life. Despite these challenges, she remained positive and upbeat. Her strength, humanity, and kindness will be deeply missed, and remembered by many.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Geer Village Lodge in Canaan (77 South Canaan Road, Canaan). Due to Covid-19 challenges, facial coverings are required. There are no calling hours and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family would be honored by a donation in Julia's memory to the Friends of the Canaan History Center (P.O. Box 145, Canaan, CT 06018), an association dear to her heart.

# OUR TOWNS

## Landowners donate acreage, easement to Land Trust

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association Land Trust (SALT) greeted 2023 with two conservation gifts that will keep on giving: 43 undeveloped acres atop Sugar Hill Road in the Amesville section of town, and a Forever-Wild Conservation Easement encompassing 82 acres on Dugway Road.

Both transactions were finalized in December and announced by SALT on Jan. 9.

The Sugar Hill Road property, donated by Owen and Jennifer Thomas, connects with the land trust's 205-acre Prospect Mountain Preserve, as well as the National Park Service Appalachian Trail land.

At the request of the Thomases, the Sugar Hill Road site will be called Inka's Woods, named after the family's much-loved dog.

According to John Landon, chairman of SALT's acquisition committee, there is an existing connector trail going through the property, the Limestone Springs Trail, which leads to the Limestone Springs Shelter and the Appalachian Trail.

In a separate transaction last month, the land trust also accepted a Forever-Wild Conservation Easement from John and Betsy Sprague. The easement protects 82 acres of highly visible forested landscape of ecological and



PHOTO BY HARRY WHITE

A 43-acre parcel on Sugar Hill Road in the Amesville section of Salisbury, named Inka's Woods, was recently donated to the Salisbury Association Land Trust.

geological significance on the northwest side of Brinton Hill, also known as Gallows Hill.

The tract abuts 66 acres of previously protected forever-wild lands, and the Sprague Easement expands protection on Brinton Hill to almost 150 acres. The new easement also protects 1,716 feet of road frontage, much of it directly along the Housatonic River.

"The Forever-Wild designation ensures that native processes, not the hand of man, guides the succession of this forest into the old-growth stage," said Landon.

Old growth forest, he noted, is extremely rare in Connecticut and is notable for its long-term stability, complexity and species diversity.

To help with Sprague closing costs, SALT received its first Transaction Assistance Grant from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC).

Jeanette Weber, president of the Salisbury Association, noted that both the Thomases and Spragues hope their donations will inspire other landowners to consider conservation efforts for their land.

## Drug outreach at hospital

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Greenwood's Counseling and Referrals is providing free Narcan kits and fentanyl test kits to the community on a weekly basis at area hospitals, including Sharon Hospital.

Julia Jagger, Community Outreach and Recovery Navigator at Greenwood's, was on hand at the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 12, for the regular weekly stop from noon to 1 p.m.

The Narcan kit contains two four-milligram doses in the form of a nasal spray. Narcan is a potentially life-saving medication designed to help reverse the effects of

an opioid overdose.

The fentanyl kit requires mixing a small amount of the substance in question with water, and dipping the test stick in the fluid.

Jagger said that about 23 people came the previous week.

She explained that the immediate goal is to help drug users avoid overdoses.

A long-term goal is to engage with drug users, build relationships, and, when the time comes, make referrals for treatment.

Greenwoods will be at the rear entrance to the hospital on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. The service is open to anyone.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Narcan kit contains two four-milligram doses in the form of a nasal spray.

## Foley is new fire chief in North Canaan

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The Canaan Fire Company named a new chief and officers for 2023 at its annual election meeting on Dec. 1, 2022.

At 34 years of age, Michael Foley has become the youngest Canaan Fire Company member to attain the position of Chief. His father, John, had served as Chief until his untimely death in

2009. Young Michael Foley had begun his service in 2006 as a member of the Canaan Junior Fire Company.

Former Chief, Brian Allyn, had served in that position for seven years within a 36-year tenure of service to the company.

Also elected during the annual meeting were Steve Kroehle, deputy chief; Doug Palmer, assistant chief; Ryan Foley, captain; Pat McGuire, first lieutenant; Brian Carley,

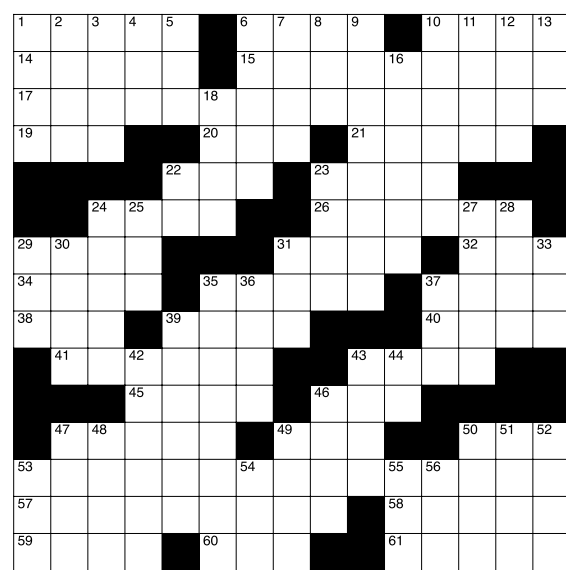
second lieutenant and Chris Curtis, third lieutenant. Tian Wohlfert was named Fire Police Captain.

Elected officers were Steve Hutchins, president; Isaac Freund, vice president; Robin Foley, treasurer and Maribeth Marchi, secretary. Elected to the Board of Directors were Rick Weaver, Rob Kilmer and Rory Taylor. Marv Marshall will serve as veteran representative.

## Brain Teasers

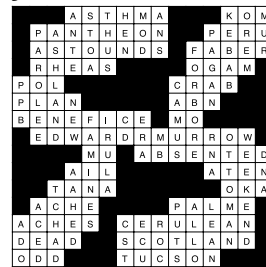
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Not invited
6. Whale ship captain
10. One point south of southwest
14. Small cavity in a rock
15. Recidivists
17. City of Angels hoopster
19. A way to mark with one's signature
20. OJ trial judge
21. Rice cooked in broth
22. One point east of due south
23. One point east of southeast
24. Complements an entree
26. Grouped by twos
29. Disfigure
31. Woods
32. Political action committee
34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
35. Kin groups
37. Philippine Island
38. Contrary to
39. Bluish-gray fur
40. Comprehend the written word
41. Natural depressions
43. Felines
45. Breathe noisily
46. Taxi
47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
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53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Monetary units of Peru
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. High points

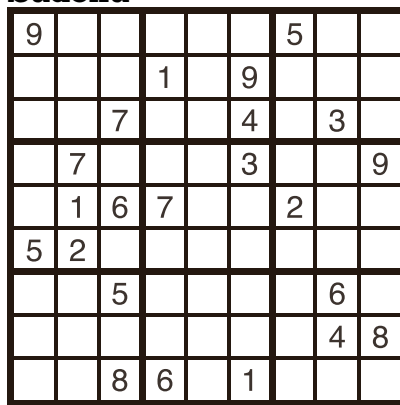


13. Soviet Socialist Republic
16. People who can account for you
18. Taunt
22. South Dakota
23. Cover the entirety of
24. Kids' favorite visitor
25. A way to save for retirement
27. Fencing swords
28. C. China mountain range
29. Type of sandwich
30. Team
31. Paddle
33. Partly digested food
35. Most cagey
36. Shoppers make one
37. Cathode-ray tube
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. Concern
44. Blood group
46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
50. Type of bread
51. S. Nigerian people
52. Scottish tax
53. Young women's association
54. Brazilian city
55. Hide of a young animal
56. Midway between north and northeast

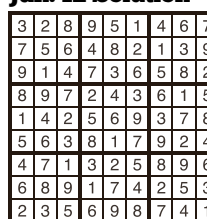
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### Sudoku



### Jan. 12 Solution



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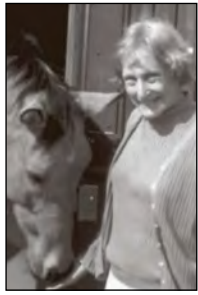




# OBITUARIES

## Helen Gaylord Townsend

FALLS VILLAGE — Helen was born in 1931 in Rockford, Illinois, the youngest of the four children of Mildred Ingersoll Gaylord and Robert Gaylord. Her father ran the family company Ingersoll Milling Machine, one of the largest machine tool companies in the world. She was mostly raised by a nurse, Fern with whom she remained in close contact with until Fern's death in the eighties.



own Dance Studio, Dance Adventures in the Grange Hall in Falls Village.

She also served on the Board of Tri-Arts a local theatre group with New York connections. She had roles in many of their productions through the years such as; Oklahoma, Barnum, Fiddler on the Roof and the Music Man. Helen volunteered for Reading for the Blind in Litchfield using her wonderful speaking voice to help others.

Helen and David spent many summers exploring the East Coast with friends and family on their boat La Bayadare (named after a Ballet in honor of Helen).

Their connection to New York City remained unbroken as they spent time in the city with relatives and friends and supporting the Paul Taylor Dance Company and various other theatre and dance productions through the years.

Helen lived for her children, grandchildren and many pets. They had a series of Labradors, Scotties, Australian Shepherds, horses and cats. One Australian Shepherd she rescued from a ranch in Montana after he broke his leg and was discovered to be deaf. Max lived the next 13 years in Falls Village and was always faithful and grateful to Helen. Her support for causes she believed in (theatre, dance, environment, animals, the Democratic Party and abortion rights) was ongoing throughout her life.

On Dec. 24, 2022, Helen died with her family and her beloved rescue cat Nala by her side in Falmouth, Maine. She is survived by her husband David and daughter Lila (Portland, Maine), daughter Sheila (Golden, Colorado), granddaughter Claire Nimlos (Lakewood, Colorado), granddaughter Danika Nimlos (Pasadena, California).

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the animal rescue group of your choice.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.lindquist-FuneralHome.com](http://www.lindquist-FuneralHome.com) for the Townsend family.

## Ruth Turner Tyrol

SALISBURY — Ruth Turner Tyrol, 98, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 11, 2023, at Mount Carmel Nursing Center in Manchester, New Hampshire.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1924, in Glastonbury, Connecticut, daughter of the late Leon and Louisa Killam Turner.

Ruth dedicated many years of her life to the United Church of Christ. She was a member over the years of the South Glastonbury Congregational Church, the Sharon UCC Church, and The Salisbury Congregational Church UCC. She also served in leadership roles on numerous local associations, state and national committees and organizations of the United Church of Christ. She was an avid UConn sports fan and a lifetime member of The American Camping Association.

Ruth and her late husband, Alden, were beloved directors of the Silver Lake

Conference Center in Sharon for thirty-one years. Ruth will be sadly missed by many members of the Silver Lake Community and Deborah Home, whose loving support and friendship she treasured throughout her life.

Ruth is survived by her son Don and his wife Marcia; granddaughter Anne and her sons Gavin and Cameron; grandson David, his wife Natalie, and children Jens and Katherine; and her niece Susan Turner.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Alden Bidwell Tyrol, and her brother Leon Turner.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at the Salisbury Congregational Church on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Ruth's memory to Hospice, the Silver Lake Scholarship Fund, the Salisbury Congregational Church, or a charity of your choice.

Another obituary appears on page A4.

Send obituaries to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)

## Noble Foster 'Nobby' Richards

SALISBURY — Noble Foster (Nobby) Richards of Salisbury passed away peacefully at Noble Horizons on Jan. 6, 2023. He was 91 years old.



Noble devoted himself to his family and friends, and to the institutions where he lived and worked. Born on Jan. 13, 1931, to Foster and Bertha Richards, he attended Kent Center School and South Kent School. He graduated from South Kent in 1949, having served as the head prefect, and captain of the hockey team. After South Kent, Noble attended Trinity College in Hartford, where he majored in mathematics and was a member of the Air Force ROTC. While at Trinity, friends introduced him to Elizabeth Kotsrean, a student at Connecticut College. The two were married on Nov. 23, 1954, in Clayton, Missouri. They immediately moved to Japan, where Noble served as an Air Force pilot.

In 1956, upon completion of his military service, Noble returned to South Kent School as a mathematics teacher. He remained at South Kent as a teacher, coach and ultimately head of school until his retirement in 1996. While teaching at South Kent, he earned his MA in Education from Wesleyan University. To students and faculty colleagues at South Kent, Noble served as a role model — a humble, yet quietly powerful leader who applied the Christian values in which he believed. As a dedicated member of the school family, he did whatever was required, whenever it was required to support the school and its students.

After retiring from South Kent School, Noble and Liz lived in Kent and spent summers in Truro, Massachusetts where they had purchased a home in 1961. In 2017 they moved to Noble Horizons in Salisbury, where Noble became an integral and beloved part of the community. When Liz moved to the Noble Horizons memory unit, Noble vis-

ited her daily, usually arriving on his tricycle.

Noble was loving, playful and deeply caring. He cried when his children and grandchildren departed after a visit to Kent or Truro. On Cape Cod, he fished with his sons from a wooden dory he built himself. He played games and danced with his grandchildren. He collected and arranged bottle brush, clover, Queen Anne's lace, sea lavender and other wildflowers. Protected in military overalls, he plunged into the brush near the family house to gather heaping buckets of blueberries for family breakfasts.

Noble loved to hike and bike. He worked many summers as a Cape Cod National Seashore ranger, walking the trails and beaches and sharing his knowledge of plants and wildlife with visitors. He rode every bike-able roadway in northwestern Connecticut and in the towns of Truro and Provincetown on Cape Cod. For a 90th birthday present he proposed a bicycling trip on the KT Trail in Missouri. He completed that ride in October 2022 in the company of 15 family members and friends.

Noble is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his three sons, Timothy, James and Andrew; three daughters-in-law, Margaret Clarke, Yvonne Richards and Kristin Richards; six grandchildren, Sarah, Charlotte, Rachel, Christopher, Hannah and Audrey Richards; two grandsons-in-law, James Griffin and Ryan Crownover; and a great-granddaughter, Lillian Crownover. Many family members were with him in his final hours.

A memorial service for Noble will be scheduled at South Kent School, with details to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Noble's memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Noble Horizons, or South Kent School.

## Babette H. Barrett

NORFOLK — Babette H. Barrett, 98, passed away Jan. 8, 2023, in Salisbury. She was the loving wife of her high school sweetheart, the late Robert E. Barrett.

Babs was born in 1925 in Winsted, the daughter of Helen and Arthur Herman. She graduated from the Gilbert School, and with Bob raised a family of four boys.

For eleven years she worked as the Assistant Director of the Hitchcock Chair Museum, and was an active member of several organizations and clubs in Norfolk including the Isabella Eldridge Club and the Norfolk Library Associates.

Babs was an avid and highly regarded maker of hooked rugs, and enjoyed teaching the craft to oth-

ers for many years. She was known for her impeccable taste and style, her fastidious housekeeping, and her excellent cooking and baking skills.

She is survived by her sister, Sandra Iacino, and three sons: Timothy, Thomas (Julie Bloch), and David (Gina Hyams). She was predeceased by her eldest son, Peter. She adored her three grandchildren, Spenser, Peter, and Annalena.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Norfolk Public Library, 9 Greenwoods Rd. E. Norfolk, CT 06058. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

## Salisbury Central School 1st Trimester Honor Roll

### 8TH GRADE

#### Highest Honors

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#### High Honors

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#### Honors

Wyatt Bayer, Braeden Duncan, Wiley Fails, Benjamin Fiorillo, Jackson McAvoy, Robbie Nellson, Christopher Race, Ryan Segalla, Islay Sheil, Joseph Yuranich

### 7TH GRADE

#### Highest Honors

Emma Sisk

#### High Honors

Mia Belter, Max Bochnovich, Nico Bochnovich, Jack Campbell, Sadie Chapel, Tess Churchill, Louise Faveau, Sophia Franconline, Aryanna Horton, Olivia

Lounsbury, Julia Maier, Lily McCabe, Kennadi Mitchell, Teagan O'Connell, Michael Parris, Bridger Rinehart, Vincent Valcin

#### Honors

Petal Carter, Niki Clark, Luca Floridis, Angel Gonzalez, Kian Kennedy, Angelo Russillo

### 6TH GRADE

#### Highest Honors

Phoebe Conklin, Alexandra Philipp

#### High Honors

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#### Honors

Hugo Barrutia, Jamison Boone, Theodore Dittmer, Thomas Downey, Bodhi Guariglia, Evelin Kaufman, Lucas Miles, August Olson, Camilla Race, Shiva Tantri, William Warder



## Worship Services

Week of January 22, 2023

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

### The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.

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### St. John's Episcopal Church

12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT  
Rev. Paul Christopherson  
SUNDAY SERVICE  
10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II)  
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860-455-9290

### North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC

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Worship services Sundays at 10 am [www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational](http://www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational)  
860-824-7232  
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](http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org)

### The Lakeville United Methodist Church

519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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Pastor Joy Veronesi  
860-455-9496  
[Lakevillemethodist@snet.net](mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net)

### The Sharon United Methodist Church

112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green  
Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care  
No Sunday School in Summer  
Pastor Sun Yong Lee  
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[sharonumc5634@att.net](mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net)

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[canaanctumc@gmail.com](mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com)  
We hope you will join us!

### All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church

313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT  
Wespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M.  
Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. John Kreta  
860-824-1340 | [allsaintsofamerica.us](mailto:allsaintsofamerica.us)

### Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon

9 South Main, Sharon CT  
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The Rev. Heidi Truax  
[trinity@trinitylimerock.org](mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org)  
(860) 455-2627

### Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT

Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons  
The next meeting will be  
Sunday, February 12 at 10:50 a.m.  
For information, contact Jo Loi at [jokialoi@gmail.com](mailto:jokialoi@gmail.com)  
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Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church  
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SUNDAY MASSES  
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10 AM - Sacred Heart  
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Tuesday  
9 AM - St. Bernard

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## HERO PAY

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"We plan to make more announcements regarding the exact date, numbers and schedule in the coming weeks," said the state comptroller's office.

"We can never fully repay essential workers for the unimaginable sacrifices they made throughout an unprecedented pandemic, and these payments, which will be arriving in the coming weeks, are just one way we can show our immense appreciation for them," said Scanlon.

Within weeks of Premium Pay's launch, it became clear to state officials that the \$30 million allocated to the program was insufficient as applications poured in.

On Nov. 23, during his first order of business after re-election, Gov. Ned Lamont asked the legislature to increase funding for the Premium Pay Program from \$30 million to \$90 million.

During a special session in late December, lawmakers came to an agreement with the governor and settled on a \$105 million appropriation and a new tier system to ensure that the largest grants go to the people who need it the most – those making less than \$50,000.

"A number of us had conversations about how ridiculous the low level of funding was for the program, but we had to take what we could get. We had to cooperate with

the governor," said State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64).

"We all knew that the program was woefully underfunded, and we advocated for as much as we could during the special session," she said.

"These people are all heroes, they all sacrificed and risked their lives on the front lines."

The Premium Pay Program, also called "hero pay," was created to reward essential private sector workers who remained on the job during the start of the 2020 global pandemic.

That group was among the first to qualify for COVID-19 vaccines, and including

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*State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64)*

healthcare workers, first responders, teachers, grocery store clerks as well as individuals supporting the manufacture of essential goods, those with disabilities, public safety, food distribution and other vital services.

Under the Premium Pay model unveiled last summer, the state advertised \$1,000 bonuses for qualifying full-time workers making an annual salary of less than \$100,000, bonuses ranging from \$800 to \$200 for workers making between \$100,000 and \$150,000, and \$500 bonuses for part-time workers.

Though well intended, the underfunded program fell short of many people's expectations, said Horn.

"It was not realistic, and we shouldn't be doing that," Horn said during a brief lunch break between sessions of the Connecticut General Assembly last week.

Horn explained that under the updated plan, only people who make less than \$50,000 will receive the maximum \$1,000 and those with higher incomes will receive gradually smaller amounts.

### Revised tier system

According to the state comptroller, about 66,000 workers, or about 45% of the 155,000 who qualified under the program, will receive the \$1,000 bonus.

Under the revised tier bonus system, workers making \$50,000 to \$60,000 will receive \$800; those making \$60,000 to \$70,000 will receive \$750 and workers making \$70,000 to \$80,000 will receive \$500. Those in the \$80,000 to \$90,000 income bracket are eligible for a \$250 bonus, and workers earning \$90,000 to \$100,000 will receive \$200. Those who earn between \$100,000 to \$150,000 qualify for a \$100 bonus.

Qualified part-time workers will receive \$200 instead of \$500 as originally advertised.

And there was yet another wrinkle.

Municipal workers, who were included early on in the labor committee's larger Premium Pay proposal, do not qualify under the updated program, even though that group included teachers and first responders.

State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30), noted that while federal relief funds were made available to municipalities, most towns have not used the monies for pandemic pay.

"Obviously, folks on the front lines put their lives on the line every single day to provide the services we needed to survive," particularly rescue personnel who were often first on the scene, said Harding. "They deserve to be compensated for what they did for us."

That these first responders were excluded from the "hero pay" program, and that many others deemed essential will only be rewarded with a few hundred dollars, said Harding, "defies all logic."

In addition, a third category of workers listed as "IC" by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which included food pantries, soup kitchens and gasoline station workers, was also excluded from eligibility to stretch the funding.

Gov. Ned Lamont suggested during his 2022 state of the state address that employers could also do their part and share responsibility of providing hazard pay bonuses to their employees.

Responding to the governor's comment, the head of the state's largest business coalition said in an interview Jan. 10 that private-sector employers have sacrificed enough.

"Connecticut employers took care of their employees during the pandemic through salary increases, supplemental pay, bonuses, expanded benefits, training to upskill, tuition reimbursements, childcare, and developing even safer workplaces, as shown by the continued decline in workers' compensation premium rates," said Chris DiPentima, president and CEO of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA).

## HOUSING TRUST

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of the young family of four.

"We found the article very interesting, so we decided to sell it to the housing trust," said Collins. "It was something we were happy to do."

John Harney, Housing Trust president and a local Realtor, said the White Hollow Road property was in excellent condition and required only minimal updates, including a new oil tank and improved attic ventilation, in addition to a septic inspection.

"Lee and his wife wanted to support local affordable housing for a young family. They are setting an unbelievable example of doing something to benefit the town," at their own financial expense, he said.

The economics of the housing market, said Harney, have squeezed out small, no-frills, entry-level houses which were not uncommon in the 1980's and 1990's. He said he views efforts of the Salisbury Housing Trust as "helping to provide starter homes for families."

Young families today, particularly in the Northwest Corner, he said, "are against a rock and a hard place with rising interest rates and with most local homes purchased with cash by flippers, therefore depleting the inventory of traditional starter homes."

"Trying to get a traditional loan as a middle-class family has its challenges," noted Cooper, who in the weeks leading up to the transaction being finalized, was cautiously optimistic after two years of high hopes and dashed dreams.

"It's a wonderful house, but you don't think it's really happening. I still have no expectations at all," he revealed in the weeks leading up to the deal being sealed.

### Success after stroke of serendipity

Prior to moving into a duplex in Millerton pre-pandemic, the Coopers had rented a home just over the line in Lakeville, but it was sold out from under them, said Cooper, so the family decided to explore home ownership options.

The family looked at several dozen houses throughout the Berkshires and Litchfield County, and most were beyond their budget. At one point, the White Hollow Road cottage house came to his wife's attention, said Cooper, but the original listing



**The home on White Hollow Road in Salisbury that was sold by the Salisbury Housing Trust as an affordable housing property.**

price put it out of their reach.

Cooper, who also is a correspondent for The Millerton News, said throughout the experience, he was constantly reminded of the sage advice given to him years earlier from his grandfather, who was a medic during World War II, and his dad: "Don't overstretch your means."

Then, a stroke of serendipity. One day at work Cooper was talking to coworker Jennifer Kronholm Clark about his misadventures in house hunting. It just so happened that Kronholm Clark is a member of the Salisbury Housing Trust and also serves as chair of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission (SAHC).

She suggested he reach out to Gafney, and that's when Cooper recalled an article he had written for a local publication on affordable housing in the town of North East and had interviewed Gafney.

"It wasn't something on my radar even though I had previously had contact with the Housing Trust," noted Cooper, who reconnected with Gafney.

Cooper described the guidance he received from Salisbury housing advocates as "reassuring," and he and his family, he said, are thankful for the generosity and kindness of the sellers for parting with their home

at a price that made it an affordable option.

**Housing Trust on a roll**  
Since its inception in 2000, and counting the most recent White Hollow Road purchase, the Salisbury Housing Trust has built or renovated 16 homes in more than a half dozen locations throughout town.

The homes are primarily single-family, two- and three- bedroom structures that are priced to sell below the current median home sales price.

Late last August, the Housing Trust purchased a single-family home at 70 East Main St. for \$250,000. They had planned to invest another \$100,000 to \$150,000 to update the aging structure, and then subsidize the home and sell it as affordable housing for around \$200,000.

Housing Trust officials noted that the two recent home purchases have nearly exhausted their line of credit, and although private donations are "trickling in," the trust needs to beef up its assets for current and future projects.

"Fundraising is not easy," noted Gafney. "It's a lot more difficult than it was years ago and the need is much greater." As a result, the private nonprofit Housing Trust has decided to apply to the state for financial support.

## COG

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ty, Access and Development (BEAD) Program, funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

BEAD is a federal program that guarantees at least \$100 million dollars to each state for broadband planning, deployment, mapping, equity and adoption services. The 5-year action plan prioritizes an end-to-end, fiber-optic network with open access.

Connecticut's BIP has allocated \$42.9 million to invest in low-income/multi-family curb-to-home and business broadband infrastructure buildout, with a focus on underserved areas in the state.

Funding from both programs is being released in phases, with BIP funds being released this quarter and the next wave of BEAD funding set for June 30.

While reviewing the NHCOC Legislative Committee Report, discussion commenced on the topic of affordable housing.

Included within the report was a recommendation to "amend 8-30g, the Affordable Housing Appeals Process, to provide towns with greater flexibility to address local planning and zoning issues."

The amendment would allow towns with populations under 10,000 to reduce the affordable housing goal laid out by Connecticut General Statute 8-30g from 10% to 4-5%.

Gordon Ridgway, first selectman of Cornwall, motioned to remove this recommendation from the report.

"We would like to have more affordable housing, at least in our town, than we have now," said Ridgway.

The motion received little support and sparked discussion about the topic.

Doug Thompson, first selectman of Burlington, expressed frustration regarding statute 8-30g.

"What I don't like is the

definition of affordable housing is determined by the state," said Thompson. "If we could soften 8-30g in any way, I would be in favor of it."

Some members of NHCOC felt the difficulty in expanding affordable housing has been compounded by increased conservation efforts in their towns.

"Finding a place to put affordable housing in our town is exceedingly difficult," said Henry Todd, first selectman of Falls Village and chair of the NHCOC, as he explained that 80% of land in Falls Village is not suitable for building.

Ridgway added that home prices in Cornwall have increased 50% in the last year, to an average price of \$800,000.

"At \$800,000 we are pricing out our young people and old people. We're in a very difficult situation here," said Ridgway in support of retaining the 10% goal.

Ridgway's motion received no second, and the recommendation to amend 8-30g remained in the NHCOC Legislative Committee Report.

The council also reviewed recent statistics for opioid abuse in Litchfield County and discussed best practices for allocation of opioid settlement dollars.

Litchfield County experienced 58 fatal overdoses in 2021, 31 of which occurred in Torrington. Statewide, opioid overdoses have increased due to the prevalence of fentanyl.

In 2016, fentanyl represented 53% of overdoses statewide but by 2020 that figure had increased to 85%.

Education, outreach, and distribution of Narcan were identified as best practices to improve the situation moving forward.

Final decisions for the allocation of settlement funds are expected to be made at the next NHCOC meeting, scheduled for Feb. 9.

## SUBSTITUTES

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Rose said the applicants were interviewed on the spot and their applications processed.

Some of the new subs were already in the classroom, shadowing a teacher for a day (and getting paid for it).

Substitutes get a daily rate of \$110.

Rose said the system is mostly online, so substitutes have flexibility in picking assignments.

When teachers schedule a day off in advance, the substitute can pick that particular

day in advance as well.

There are assignments that come up at short notice, requiring the early morning phone call, Rose said.

The 30 people who signed up are a mix of retirees, mothers looking for some extra income, and college students, Rose said.

"And we're still getting applications."

Both Rose and Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter expressed gratitude to The Lakeville Journal for helping to publicize the "Sign and Sub" events.

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: LEILA HAWKEN

## Illustrations on view at Historical Society

By all accounts the opening reception for the current exhibit at the Sharon Historical Society in Sharon, Conn., was a superb success. Visitors mingled with artists and lingered over their works, all part of the current gallery exhibit, "Illustrators in the Northwest Corner."

The opening event was held on Saturday, Jan. 14. Selected works of the late masters Eric Sloane and Arthur Getz were a strong draw, paired with the showings of the works of 17 significant area artists.

Opening alongside the illustrators' exhibit is a small, locally significant display titled "The Ebenezer Gay Family," presenting a glimpse into the life and family tree of this 18th-century local farming family.

As an illustrator, an artist entices the viewer into instant dialogue with an evocative story being told. And each piece in the current exhibit has a story to tell. There is whimsy, certainly, along with profound commentary and emo-

tional appeal. Importantly, there is remarkable art created by astoundingly talented illustrators who live among us, members of our communities.

Eric Sloane, 20th-century artist, gained recognition for his rich landscapes and particularly his cloud paintings, a few of which are included in the exhibit. Arthur Getz enjoyed a career between 1938 and 1988 creating a wealth of covers for The New Yorker magazine. Representative samples of the 213 covers he created are included in the exhibit, positioning the original painting beside the corresponding New Yorker cover.

Garth Kobal attended the exhibit eager to see the illustrators' works. He has been the curator of the ArtWall at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn.

"We've shown some of these artists at the library," Kobal said. "We're all lucky to live among so many practicing artists in the area," he added.

Among the illustrators invited to participate in the invitational con-

temporary exhibit, cartoonist Peter Steiner related that he began practicing drawing when he was 4 or 5 years old. However, his professional career, including many years of cartooning for The New Yorker magazine, began at age 40.

"I like showing my work," he said. "You want the stuff to be seen."

Steiner even has a blog titled "Hopeless but not Serious." And a gift for readers of The Lakeville Journal, Steiner's cartoons are a weekly feature within the editorial pages.

Warren Prindle, creator of "Bronx 55," an oil painting selected for the exhibit, characterized himself as "a small fish in a sea of big fishes." The painting is to become the cover of a comic book.

Newly moved to Sharon, Carol Neiley visited with artist Emily Rutgers Fuller, admiring her portraits of Emily Brontë and Stephen Sondheim, the latter created during the pandemic lockdown.

The exhibit is a "meeting of art and history,"



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Peter Steiner's illustrations are featured at The Sharon Historical Society.

said Mary Terrizzi, wife of Kent artist Scott Bricher who has provided illustrations for Mad Magazine for 20 years. His "Dogs Playing Video Games," published in Mad in 2003 is a wittily engaging nod to the classic "Dogs Playing Poker," inviting comparison.

"Every single piece is done to a deadline," Terrizzi explained, de-

scribing the work of an illustrator. Bricher added that his video games painting was created over a single weekend, the time allotted by the magazine's editors. An illustration can be a collaborative effort, Terrizzi said, with a finished work subject to scrutiny and adjustments by editors to fit their publication's content

sensitivities. "Illustrators have a powerful effect on humankind," Terrizzi said. The historical society illustrators' exhibit invites visitors to experience that effect.

On view through March 3 at The Sharon Historical Library in Sharon, Conn. For more information go to [www.sharonhist.org](http://www.sharonhist.org).

ART: ELIAS SORICH

## Wassaic's Eve Biddle Shows Work in New York City



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Onlookers at the opening the current show at The Davidson Gallery.

The scene at the Davidson Gallery in Chelsea, N.Y., was as you might expect for an opening in Manhattan—bustling with artistic types, flowing with champagne, and bespotted with art both compelling and odd. Floating between the many friends, collectors, art students, and gallery-hoppers packed into the space was Eve Biddle, co-founder of the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y.. It was Biddle's work, both sculpture and

screenprint, that hung on the walls and rested on pedestals that evening, alongside the work of her late mother, Mary Ann Unger.

The exhibition, titled "Eve Biddle | Mary Ann Unger: Generations" was curated by Ylinka Barotto, who seamlessly interwove the work of both artists across the gallery's two floors. Noticeably absent were labels that might normally indicate what was made by whom—few observers, however, had much difficulty. The works on display belonged distinctly to each artist, while also remaining

deeply in conversation with one another.

That was one of the more striking elements of "Generations" — the way in which Unger and Biddle's art was so clearly connected, and yet remained entirely un-subsumed by the other. In the case of "WONDERLAND ME, AUGUST 2021" and "UNTITLED," two pieces that formally couldn't be more different—one made of aluminum wiring bent into a lung-like shape, the other screenprint photography of a hand with black ribbons emanating outward—clever placement drew out their connection. In the twist of a tendril and the arc of a wire, an unmistakable kinship emerged.

Biddle gave much of the credit to Barotto for crafting an exhibition that emphasized those connections and spoke after the opening to how surprising and delightful it was to experience.

"I saw things that I had never seen before, even though they'd been literally right in front of my face every day... And I loved seeing those two

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## ...Eve Biddle shows work in New York City

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pieces next to each other. [They emphasized] that idea of a conversation across generations and across time. I mean, my own kids influence my work, whether they're actively collaborating or not. But that conversation continues even in death with my mom, because I still work with her work so much."

Biddle spoke also to the significance that the exhibition had for her in her dual role as an artist, and as Unger's daughter.

"It was very emotional. But really wonderful also. It was a relief, to have it feel like a two-sided conversation. It's a strange thing, my mom died when she was 53, and I'm 40. So, I haven't lived as long as she has, and I haven't made as much work—but we're sort of edging into this territory where we're peers. Which is strange, you know?"

Unger passed away in 1998 after a battle

with breast cancer when Biddle was just 16. In the ensuing decades, both the family and the Mary Ann Unger Estate, founded in 2008, have worked hard to reintroduce Unger to the art world. Those efforts have seen considerable success, Unger's work is currently on display at, or in the collections of, The Whitney, The Art Institute of Chicago, and The Brooklyn Museum, to name a few.

Of Unger's works shown at the Davidson Gallery, there are a number that had never been exhibited before. A series of six vibrant watercolors, spotlighted on the second floor, was a particularly delightful example. Abstracted over landscapes both literal and more formless were images of interlinked bones, vascular systems, and other anatomy-adjacent shapes. Residing next to them was Biddle's mystifying

and compelling "NEW RELICS: 18 LINKS IN GLASS" a sculpture made of opaque glass, resembling a pile of interlinked Möbius strips, similar also to a heap of bones.

Here as before, the individual integrity and simultaneous intertwining of these two artists made for an engaging viewing experience.

"It was great because I did not have the experience of thinking, 'Oh no, I accidentally copied Mom's art.' We all internalize stuff and spit it back out in a new way. That's our job as creatives and artists and writers."

On display as well that evening was the strong connection between Biddle and the hamlet of Wassaic. In the exhibition notes that accompanied the opening were attributions to Wassaic Project community members, who Biddle considers to be collab-



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Artist Eve Biddle, center, is one of the founders of The Wassaic Project.

orators in her artistic practice.

"Almost all of my work that was shown was made in Wassaic. Either in my studios at Maxon Mills or in the print shop or in the barn or in collaboration with some of our master printers. I really think of the Wassaic Project as a radical collaboration... All of the fabricators that I work

with, everyone's name is there [in the exhibition notes], because they're all part of the work."

As the evening lengthened, and the small elevator ferried fresh batch after fresh batch of gallery-goers up to Davidson Gallery, the overwhelming sensation was of an opening run well and attended even better. Down the street,

across the block, and all over Chelsea other galleries were having opening receptions as well—and the work of Biddle and Unger felt right at home among them.

"Eve Biddle | Mary Ann Unger: Generations" is on view at Davidson Gallery in Chelsea through Feb. 18th on Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Send event announcements to [compass@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:compass@lakevillejournal.com)

### Presentation by American Mural Project

Amy Wynn, the executive director of The American Mural Project (AMP) in Winsted, Conn., will present an overview of AMP's mission and future projects on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. following the Kent Library Association Annual Meeting at Town Hall in Kent. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information on The American Mural Project go to [www.americanmuralproject.org](http://www.americanmuralproject.org) To register for this talk go to [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)

### Flower Arranging Course at Floral Study

Floral Study on N. Main Street in Kent, Conn., is hosting a series of hands-on floral design courses using pin frogs. Flowers, vases and pin frogs will be available for attendees to use and take home after the class. The flower arranging courses are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. with tickets for \$225. Advance registration is required by going to [www.floralstudy.com](http://www.floralstudy.com)

### Emerging artist show at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent

Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent Barns on N. Main Street in Kent, Conn., will present an exhibition of emerging artists titled "Cool & Collected," curated by associate director Lani Holloway. The artists featured in the exhibition will include Amanda Acker, the estate of Yayoi Asoma, Kirstin Lamb, and Mary Tooley Parker. The showcase will be on view through March 5, with the opening reception held on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. for more information go to [www.kbfa.com](http://www.kbfa.com)

### Literary Seminar at Scoville Memorial Library

Author and lecturer Mark Scarborough will lead a weekly literary seminar at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., featuring the work of American modernist novelist Gertrude Stein, French modernist novelist Marcel Proust and the Austrian founder of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud. Titled "I Think, Therefore I Talk: Stein, Freud, Proust, And Modern Identity," Scarborough's series will feature readings from Stein's 1909 novel "Three Lives," Proust's 1913 novel "Swann's Way" which is the first volume in his work "In Search of Lost Time," and from Freud's 1905 case study "Fragments of an Analysis of a Case of Hysteria." The seminar meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. starting on Jan. 24 through March 14. Registration in advance for this in-person and Zoom seminar is required by visiting [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)

### Intro to Magic The Gathering

Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury Conn., will host an introduction to playing the trading

### Reception at Cornwall Parish House

A mixed media group art show will hold its opening reception at The Parish House of The United Church of Christ in Cornwall on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 11:30 a.m. "Celebrating Light" will feature work by Cornwall residents Robert Adzema, Sybil Perry, and Sandy Dolinsk. The show will be on display at The Parish House on Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall, Conn., through March 11. For more information call The United Church of Christ at 860-672-6840.

### Photography Show Opening Reception

Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., will host an opening reception for a photography show by Brooklyn, N.Y. based artist and part-time Cornwall resident Sarah Prud'homme on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m.. "Inhuman Time" is a series of digital photographs by Prud'homme examining the details of volcanic stones. In the past she has shown a series of photographs on roadkill at The Brooklyn Cottage in Prospect Heights in Brooklyn. "Inhuman Time" will be on view at Cornwall Library through March 4. For more information go to [www.cornwalllibrary.org](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org)

### Chess Mondays

Drop into The Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn. for "Chess Mondays" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees can play in the chess court (weather permitting) or in the library reading room. No registration is required and no instruction is given. For more information go to [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)

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EDITORIAL

Coming together while COVID still has a hold

It has been fantastic to see our schools and area nonprofits and businesses back to holding open events, creating more face-to-face connection than has been the case for the past two-plus years of pandemic life. Isn't it great to have school sports back full steam for all levels of competition? It's such a valuable part of learning for elementary, middle and high school students. What is found on the soccer field or basketball court are skills that can benefit our children not only for their school careers, but also on into their adult lives. It's the same for other extracurricular activities, like band or theater, which have been challenging during COVID.

Much is lost for children when the year they would have come out and taken part of any of these activities is a time of shut down. It's next to impossible to make up for that time, when the initial willingness to try something new is denied. The confidence that would have been built can take on a downward slide from which it is extremely difficult to recover.

So it's very tempting to just jump back in and let the viruses surrounding us have their way. However, going into the holidays and in their aftermath, there has been a rise in the COVID infection rate (see Debra Aleksinas' story on Litchfield County's positivity rate in last week's Lakeville Journal.) The flu and RSV, as well as other infections, have run rampant this season, taking advantage of fewer people protecting themselves in public to affect their unchecked spread after a couple of years of better control with mask wearing.

How many people do you know who have tested positive after a couple of years of remaining unscathed? There are too many of us. It's to our benefit that the vaccines and boosters have given most of us a layer of protection that was not part of our lives in 2020, yet COVID is still a devastating illness, depending on the severity of the case and the health of the person affected.

Keep thinking of protecting yourself and those around you with distance and masking, and whatever else you feel works, even as we all continue to try to enrich our lives and those of our families, friends and neighbors by reconnecting and gathering once again. The balance of maintaining our mental and physical health is not easily defined in these times, but it's critical that we all try. And remember that outdoor or generally open, well-ventilated activities are among the safest still.

Be well but continue to do everything possible to enjoy life.

**"We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy."**

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963

An Appreciation

Nicolas Courter Osborn

My appreciation of Nic Osborn regards his skiing. The grace with which that brawny little mesomorph descended a hill on skis reminded me of Gabriel arriving at the Annunciation. Nic skied in a helmet painted with Day-Glo to look like a brain, with squidges of caulking compound poking up here and there. In those days, few others were smart enough to wear a helmet.

Once, when we were in Austria, Nic, who had discovered at Hotchkiss Four Corners that he had forgotten his parka, was forced to ski in the clothes he had. I will never forget the supercilious Europeans in the lift line. Decker out in the latest Alpine gear they began to snicker and point, seeing Nic push off the chair not only in a brown Carhartt suit but, to their greatest amusement, a pair of cross-country skis. Didn't this American workman know you didn't attempt this piste with these skis? But as Nic floated past them, their sneers turned to astonishment and later they crowded around him in the bar.

And while I never saw him doodle on a napkin, no one could ever forget what Nic could do with Champagne corks — fashioning them into break dancers with movable parts or Louis Quinze chairs or Irish Setters.

To conclude: I will say one thing I have never said — and will never again — aahoooh, Nic!

Marietta Whittlesey

Gallatin, N.Y.



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A blanket of green in January

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ethics ejected, no longer key: political rot

Miss 500 Boebert stands churlishly small  
Defacing the House with brazen gall  
She of a six pack, a stale brew  
Ransoming their nation, insurrection their hue

6 beats 200 in McCarthy's game  
He squeaks out Speaker, chagrinned & lame  
Conferring to 6, elaborate powers  
Regardless of national impacts pour

150 of the 200 thus quiet  
Were deniers post the January 6 riot  
Illegality is their standard play  
Untruths, busting rules, the realm of their day

Ethics are ejected, no longer key  
Legislative value is based solely on "me"  
The Ethics Committee Is gone/ slew  
In this House there'd be too much to do

Demise of democracy is far from done

Conspiracy and distortions, there's the fun  
Taylor Green's endless egregious tales  
Scalise's Born-Alive ludicrous rail

Up first for this House is women's rights  
An Abortion bill, a massive health fight  
With U.S. Maternity Mortality off scale  
This gambit, against the public, will fail

Two years coming of grandstanding waste  
By a party without goals just a Base  
Their actions to improve the nation are not  
What's coming is political rot

"Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools, that don't have brains enough to be honest."

— Benjamin Franklin

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — January 1923

Those who annually gather ice from the lake are beginning to wonder when it will be thick enough to harvest. At present there is about two feet of snow with about seven inches of ice.

Mr. A.H. Heaton was at his accustomed place in the store again on Tuesday, after being ill for a few days with indigestion.

The chemical truck was called to the White Hart Inn on Tuesday about noon to extinguish a blaze in the kitchen caused by the ignition of a pan of hot grease in the oven. The blaze had the makings of a first class fire, but prompt action with fire extinguishers soon subdued it.

50 years ago — January 1973

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles will soon require more "minimum rump space" for boys and girls who ride the state's school buses. Students from seventh grade up will be guaranteed at least 15 inches rump space apiece when new regulations developed by Commissioner Robert Leuba and his staff take effect.

The selectmen's office at Salisbury Town Hall received a telephone call direct from the office of Gov. Thomas Meskill Tuesday afternoon, asking for conservation of fuel oil in all public buildings.

Women students will be enrolled at The Hotchkiss School for the first time in

September of 1974. School trustees decided also to enlarge the school's student body to approximately 500, with a goal of about 150 girls by the fall of 1976.

25 years ago — January 1998

Janet Manko of Lime Rock has been named associate publisher of The Lakeville Journal Co. LLC effective Feb. 2. Publisher A. Whitney Ellsworth made the announcement this week. The company publishes three weekly newspapers, The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and The Winsted Journal.

Joan Lamothe is opening a creamery on Canaan Mountain Road in Falls Village next month. The business will feature a variety of cheeses and eventually raw milk.

Dr. William Adam who lives near Beckley Furnace in Canaan has uncovered a document with Ethan Allen's signature — an agreement to build the first blast furnace in the Northwest Corner in Lakeville at the outlet of Lake Wononscopomuc. The two-page document, written in January 1762 while Mr. Allen was living in Lakeville, was part of a collection of papers found by the late writer Terry Southern in the house he owned next to Dr. Adam.

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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# Hit by a truck, but not in the hospital

Many people have heard that there are five stages of grief. To be accurate, Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross did groundbreaking research with dying patients who appeared to go through several phases of coming to terms, sometimes, with the dying experience. David Kessler co-authored two books with

one you can feel as though you've been hit by a truck and all your bones are broken and you just hurt all over. One woman said recently in my group, "My fingertips hurt, I'm telling you. The tips of

## THE GRIEF JOURNEY

EILEEN L. EPPERSON

Kubler-Ross and adapted these stages to reflect the grief journey. They don't map on exactly, I suggest. In his website, we read: "The five stages, denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance, are a part of the framework that makes up our learning to live with the one we lost. They are tools to help us frame and identify what we may be feeling. But they are not stops on some linear timeline in grief. Not everyone goes through all of them or in a prescribed order. Our hope is that with these stages comes the knowledge of grief's terrain, making us better equipped to cope with a life and loss. At times, people in grief will often report more stages. Just remember your grief is as unique as you are." Go to [www.grief.com/the-five-stages-of-grief](http://www.grief.com/the-five-stages-of-grief).

There are many models of grieving, all of which are useful if you don't pin yourself down to any particular one. Future columns will explore other models. Everyone grieves differently but most people experience numbness and/or emotional tsunamis, mental disorganization, chaos, confusion and fear pretty much right out the gate. Go to [www.aftertheheartbreak.com/stop-telling-me-about-the-5-stages-of-grief](http://www.aftertheheartbreak.com/stop-telling-me-about-the-5-stages-of-grief).

When you've lost a loved

my fingers actually ache."

How-ever, you don't have any bandages or bruises and you're

not in the hospital. It is critically important to take care of yourself, especially when you don't feel like it. Have someone be watching over you, perhaps from a distance, but checking in. Because sometimes you just don't care about anything, least of all yourself.

What has hit you affects you mentally, physically and emotionally and it is possible to put yourself or someone else in danger because you are not thinking clearly. You may misplace things, forget where you put your keys, and lose essential information. You may forget names of people you know well. A common report is driving somewhere and having zero idea how you got to your destination; you were in a fog as you drove but you did not realize you were. You may be obsessed with thinking about your loved one and unable to focus. And there is all that ----- paperwork to handle. You can fear you are losing your mind. You may be, but most likely you are not, but 'attention must be paid,' as Linda Loman says in the Arthur Miller play, "The Death of a Salesman."

Physically, you may get sick. You may be sleeping a lot or you may not be able to sleep. You may not want to budget off the sofa or you may

not be able to sit still.

Emotionally, you can be all over the place. Out of control. Crying the moment you hear a certain song or smell a certain fragrance — the grocery store may be a dangerous place for you to go. Too public.

You are in a tender place. Your humanness has been struck, slammed and stunned — the mental, physical and emotional impacts are real and need to be included rather than resisted.

The sense of being broken inside is a physical experience. You need a lot more down time. You may not recognize yourself. Allow extra time to do everything: cooking, driving, getting to sleep, walking the dog ("Where is the LEASH?").

Especially if you are driving and seized with sobbing, pull over and go through it before you get back on the road. Be careful even though you have never felt less interested in doing that.

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# The tyranny of a college diploma is hard to overcome

The world is run by the college educated. They govern us, run the corporations, make the rules. If you want to join them, you need a college diploma.

Once considered a glowing achievement, it has become a requirement to get ahead in America. But what about those who can't obtain one?

The barriers are numerous and for many otherwise intelligent, employable people, insurmountable.

The problem starts as early as ninth grade when the Algebra requirement strips all hope from young people who think visually, have learning differences, or simply can't wrap their brains around the abstract math. Remember, Albert Einstein failed at mathematics. Those who can jump this first hurdle can continue on a college track while four out of five teens who fail Algebra will drop out of high school. Eighty percent of drop-outs point to Algebra as one of the reasons they quit.

This problem is so severe that the Bill and Me-

linda Gates Foundation has launched a "grand challenge" to address it. In the meantime we need to find a workaround so that young people are not derailed by a single subject.

College costs money. You might be able to get loans or even grants to cover most of

your costs, piling up debt that you may never be able to pay off. But you will never get enough to cover all your costs. Those college loans can weigh you down for decades after you graduate or, worse, don't graduate.

And who will support you while you study? Working is not a choice, but a necessity for most people. A part-time job doesn't cut it when you are supporting yourself. This region has no public transportation so you need a car to attend.

On-line courses only work if you have reliable internet service. A college education is simply not possible for everyone.

We hear stories of heroic women who finished college

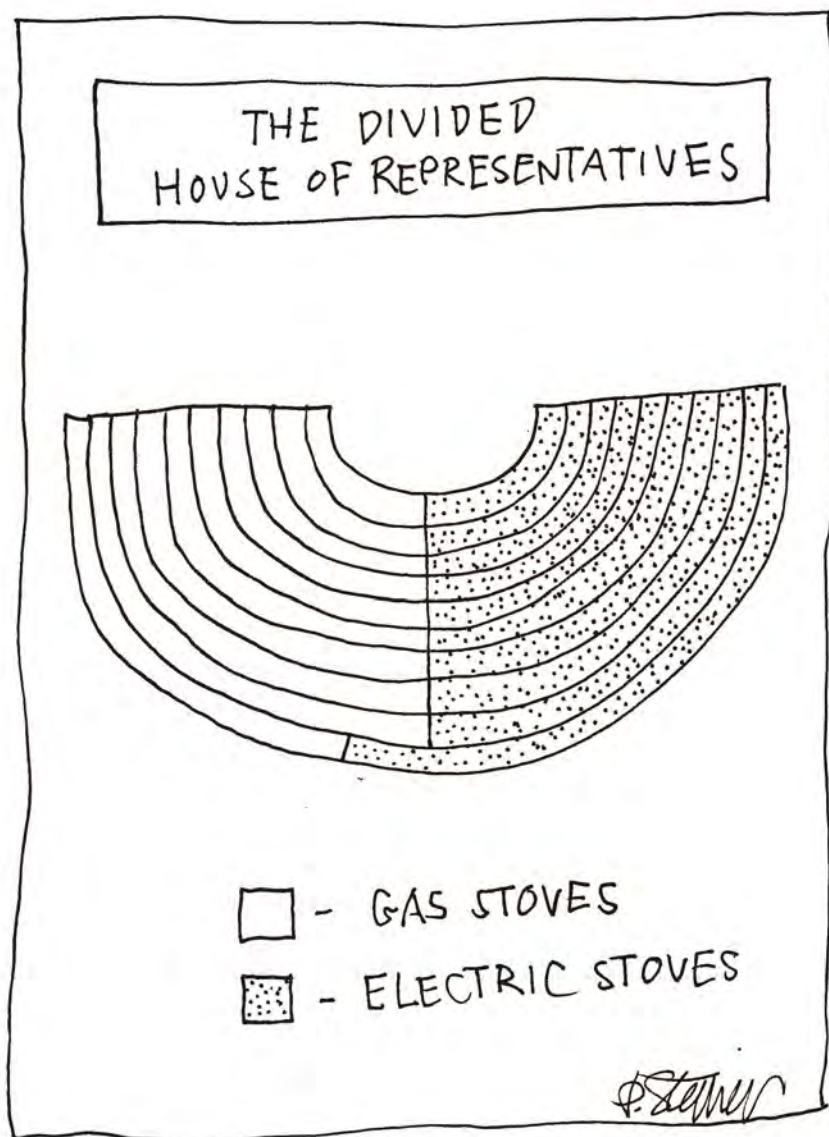
while working two jobs and caring for their children. Do we ever stop to think about the toll this takes on the women and their children? We need to ask ourselves how many college requirements remain relevant in our adult lives.

We all know people who slipped through college without learning anything except how to cram for tests. Yet they are accepted as educated when autodidacts who learn for the love of it are not.

We need to expand alternatives to college like apprenticeships, trade schools and technical schools. We need to reduce the cost of education over all. We need to remove the stigma of the differently educated. We need to give people a chance to prove themselves without requiring a piece of paper to even get an interview.

People learn differently. We should not penalize them for their differences.

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# How I learned to never look a bear in the eyes

It has been almost six years since my wife and I moved to Lakeville. After years of surviving the hustle and bustle of New York, moving permanently to this beautiful town at the southern foothills of the Berkshires for us was like moving to paradise. Surrounded by beautiful trees, brooks, lakes and the chirps of the birds all around us made us feel so lucky and fortunate to finally end up in a place where we feel at home.

But from the first days of our move, there was almost like a folklorish tale of the different kinds of animals circling around the neighborhood. At times these animals made their presence become very obvious, as they barked, snorted, squeaked and growled, waking us up in a sort of panic and unease in the middle of the night. But none of those sounds of animals raised that mixture of fascination and fear in me as when I first heard of the everyday and ongoing visits all around the town, by a very special and my most favorite of the animals, the bears.

Bears, I should admit, have a special place in my heart. Something about the way they move and behave has a certain level of dream-like quality. And the bears have also captured the imagination of writers and artists throughout the ages, where they were portrayed as loving and warm-hearted creatures. The bears definitely have a special place in the myths, legends and folktales of many nationalities and cultures.

In most Native cultures, bears are considered to have magical powers for healing the ill. Bears have become symbols of strength and wisdom. The bears portrayed in the children's books from "Winnie-the-Pooh" to Bill Martin Jr.'s, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?", have for decades provided children and their parents with a sense of love, comfort and safety.

Safety? Did I say, safety? Oh no. That's exactly what seems to be the main reason for an occasional alarm in the neighborhood when a bear has been spotted either going through a garbage can or actually walking in

through the front door and trashing every part of the house, causing alarm and despair. Through the entire last summer we heard stories of mama bear with her cubs standing right on the front lawn of a neighbor, or a bear smashing a mailbox in search of perhaps, a love letter? A sandwich?

Who knows? But the fact is that, in a few months, as the weather becomes warm and lively, the bears will wake up from their hibernation and come back and visit us again and again. Which brings me to the moment when I actually came face to face with a bear and had a very casual and most civilized encounter.

It was the last week of July, when I was sitting in our backyard reading a book and I couldn't believe my own eyes when I found myself just a few feet away from a giant of a bear casually strolling his way through our backyard.

To this day, I still cannot fathom how I was able to keep myself calm and relaxed. Although I did sense my heavy breathing and the beating of my heart, I did manage to not even show any kind of tension or uneasiness when facing this unexpected guest. The bear looked at me once, and then passed behind the armchair and then the charcoal grill and not finding anything that would

be of interest he proceeded toward the driveway.

But just before he approached the sidewalk, he stopped, turned around and for a few moments we had an eye contact. Yes, the bear and I gazed at each for some time, which seemed to be an eternity. Then, lowering his jaw towards the ground, the bear turned around and left our house and vanished like a ghost in a fairy tale.

Family members and friends reacted with alarm when I told them about my encounter with the bear. They

advised me to always have a can of bear spray and a noise maker to protect myself. And my brother-in-law who lives in Florida was much more decisive when he promised to lend me his shotgun so I can shoot that "ugly beast" if he ever showed up again.

I know, I should always be careful and take all the precautionary measures to protect myself, because, who knows, my next encounter with a bear might not be as congenial as this one. But, the memory of that special moment when I actually, yes, I did look at a bear right in the eyes, and the bear looked right in my eyes, will be a memory I will cherish for the rest of my life.

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# Sports

## Nonnewaug defeats Housy 78-37

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatic Valley Regional High School's varsity boys basketball team continued the hunt for their first win of the season on Friday, Jan. 13, when they hosted the Chiefs of Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury.

While the Chiefs kept five seniors on the court for the majority of the game, the Mountaineers started two freshman, one sophomore, one junior and one senior.

Housatic looked to create opportunities for the big man early on as they ran plays deigned around senior center James Demaraies.

Nonnewaug put the kibosh on that strategy by trapping Housy's freshman guards near half-court and forcing turnovers before the ball could reach the paint.

Coach Kurt Johnson trusted his game plan and encouraged the Mountaineers to keep moving the ball.

"The pass is there if you look for it," Johnson said from



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

**Housatic Coach Kurt Johnson started four underclassmen in the game against Nonnewaug on Friday, Jan. 13.**

the sideline.

As Housy continued to swing the rock, the Mountaineers found their way down close to the basket.

"That's what we're looking for!" rooted Johnson after a strong finish by Demaraies in the second quarter.

Despite their efforts, the Mountaineers fell to a 41-22 deficit by halftime and Coach Johnson went back to the drawing board. Due to difficulty penetrating the paint, Housy worked the perimeter in the

second half, led by freshman guard Owen Riemer.

Riemer put up a career-high 18 points on the night, nailing six 3-pointers over the course of the game.

As Riemer went to work beyond the arc and helped spread the floor, more opportunities were created for Demaraies in the key.

Despite their efforts, the Mountaineers were plagued by turnovers throughout the game. The Chiefs capitalized on this as they turned steals



**Senior center James Demaraies worked the post in the Friday night game in Falls Village.**

into fast breaks and kept Housy on their heels.

Nonnewaug was led in scoring by senior guard Corbin Dillane and senior forward Ben Stewart, each of which scored 18-points.

The final score was 78-37 in favor of the Chiefs. Nonnewaug's record advanced to 4-4 while Housy fell to 0-9 as a result of the game.

Housatic returns to the Falls Village court on Friday, Jan. 20, when they host Shepaug Valley. The JV game will start at 5:30 p.m. with varsity to follow at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Lo and behold! Fishable water in mid-January!**

## A brief encounter ...

With a few hours in hand on Saturday, Jan. 14, I voyaged forth, looking for fishable water.

Stream number one was raging, which is what I was afraid of.

Stream number two I skipped, because getting in and out would require more time than I had.

Stream number three was just right, with only a dusting of snow and no shelf ice to make the going tricky.

I strung up the trusty little fiberglass 4 weight, and in keeping with the Official 2023 Tangled Lines Mantra ("Carry Less") I brought one small box of flies, heavy on the bushy dries and size 12 beadhead Woolly Buggers.

Nobody would come to the surface, and my fingers were too stiff to fool around with dry-dropper rigs.

Instead I tied on a piece of clothesline, aka 3X fluorocarbon tippet, and sent a black Woolly into the depths.

## TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Long story short, tickled three, landed two, including an exceptionally fat one for this time of year.

Proper catch and release demands proper handling of fish. We get our hands wet before handling a fish. We smash down the barbs on our hooks and avoid "grip and grin" photos. And we keep the time the fish spends out of the water, gasping for air, to the absolute minimum.

This last bit is especially critical in cold weather. We do not want the eyes and gills of the fish to freeze.

On this day it was about 34 degrees out, so that wasn't likely.

But it is something to keep uppermost in the mind when indulging in winter trout adventures.



**Freshman guard Owen Riemer drained six 3-pointers against Nonnewaug. Riemer led the Mountaineers in scoring and set his new career-high with 18 points on the night.**

Send sports news to patricks@lakevillejournal.com

## Human dog sled sign-ups open for SWSA event

SALISBURY — Registration is now open for the Human Dog Sled Race to be held on Friday, Feb. 3 as part of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's 97th JumpFest and the Eastern Ski Jumping Championships.

The weekend events take place on Friday, Feb. 3, Saturday, Feb. 4, and Sunday, Feb. 5 at Satre Hill.

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