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## Major expansion of Camp Isola Bella underway

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY – Over the past few weeks, Camp Isola Bella on East Twin Lake was alive with the sounds of saws buzzing, hammers pounding and the drone of massive cement trucks. However, for the 16 volunteers working on the island from sunrise to sunset, there was only silence.

The historic camp property, owned by the American School for the Deaf since 1963, has undergone a \$700,000 expansion and renovation, and the alumni who toiled from sunrise to sunset on the last leg of the construction project were all former campers, including ASD's executive director, Jeffrey Bravin.

Bravin, who is in his ninth year as the school's administrator, and 20 years with ASD, used sign language as his interpreter, Marie Langgill, spoke. He explained that the long-overdue expansion will allow the West Hartford-based school to welcome an additional 75 campers to Isola Bella every summer, a 63% increase.

"We had talked about it for years, and now is the time," he said during a late afternoon visit on May 26 during which he took a break from painting the exterior of a newly built cabin to reflect on the camp's increased demand and long waitlist, its link to the community

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## Region One gets heightened police presence

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said Thursday, May 26, that the regional school district is not making any major changes in school security in the wake of last week's school shooting in Texas.

In a phone interview Carter said the six K-8 schools in the Region One towns (Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon) and Housatonic Valley Regional High School all received significant security upgrades in the wake of the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting.

Carter and Region One administrators did meet on Wednesday, May 25, and Carter did ask the state police for a more visible presence — which she got.

On May 26 Carter said the state police "couldn't have been nicer or more responsive."

Looking ahead, Carter said there are possible security measures, such as school resource officers, that could be considered.

Carter sent a letter to Region One parents on May 25. It read, in part:

"As you know, since the Sandy Hook Shooting, all schools in Region One have taken steps to ensure that our campuses are secure and that our staff is well trained to be alert and to respond to any poten-

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### With honor

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Members of the Salisbury Band and the Salisbury Central School band marched together in the Memorial Day parade in Salisbury on Monday, May 30. Lou Bucceri, in period costume as Heman Allen, led the way. See page A6 for more Memorial Day coverage.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Uniforms and flags were on abundant display at the Memorial Day celebration in North Canaan on Monday, May 30, as parade marchers assembled at the Doughboy Monument in the center of town after a procession from Town Hall.

## Housatonic Meadows

# DEEP teams up with environmental groups

By John Coston

SHARON – The protests over the cutting of trees in Housatonic Meadows State Park last winter that brought policy changes at the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), also led to a sprouting collaboration between the state and environmental groups with a goal to preserve and replenish the natural resources at the park.

The public outcry that following the cutting of more than 100 oak and pine trees in the park triggered proposed legislation in Hartford, led by State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64). After last-minute wrangling, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 238 at the end of its session in May. The bill placed new oversight over DEEP's management of what it considers hazardous trees.

But before and after the legislation became law, DEEP had begun meeting with environmental organizations and a group of citizens who called themselves the Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA). Shortly after the protests over last winter's cutting, DEEP held a public meeting via Zoom in the first week of January. In early March, it made a site visit to meet

with local environmental groups. In mid-March it held a second public hearing, followed by a plan that included maps, scope of work and budget numbers.

### Scope of the Plan

The latest meeting between the groups was held on Wednesday, May 24, when discussion focused on a proposed plan to include new trees, plants to stabilize the riverbank, address invasives growth and

riverbank erosion.

Matthew Goculowski, a supervising fisheries biologist at DEEP, and Gerard (Jerry) Milne, a forester with the agency, have held meetings to develop an overall project plan and timeline. Another on-site meeting is scheduled for the first week in June.

"Nicely, they made our citizen group a local environmental group," said Katherine Freygang, an ecologist and environmental educator in

Cornwall and a member of HMPA. "Everyone working on the project is well-intentioned and trying to make it all work."

Besides HMPA, the group includes the Housatonic Valley Association, the Housatonic River Commission and the Audubon Society.

Bruce Bennett of Cornwall, another member of HMPA who is the

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## Lessons for life in agricultural education

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Aware of the challenges to crops and ways of life posed by climate change, a new generation of students is thinking about food production in adaptive ways, relying on advances in agricultural science taught in educational programs at area schools.

The fourth and final panel discussion in a recent series sponsored by the Sharon Historical Society explored the topic, "Rethinking Agricultural and Environmental Education."

Carol Ascher, a Sharon resident, again served as moderator for this event, held on Saturday, May 28, at

the Sharon Historical Society.

Panelists shared a passion for the value of educational gardening and farming, working to instill in their students lessons for life taught by familiarity with the soil and food production.

"Adamah," in the ancient Hebrew, translates to "soil," explained Shamu Sadeh, managing director of education for Adamah Farm, an organic farming program that is part of the Isabella Freedman Jew-

ish Retreat Center in Falls Village.

### Seed to Table

The CSA organic farm program offers a broad array of vegetables and an education program to see the produce go from seed to table.

Getting students from The Hotchkiss School involved in understanding how consumers can be assured access to healthy affordable food is an aim of the school's

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# Regional

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### Three-day forecast

Friday ..... Showers, high 72°/low 51°  
 Saturday ..... A.M. Showers, 78°/59°  
 Sunday ..... Isolated Thunderstorms, 78°/58°

## 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.

### Assault

On May 22 Fawn Rosier, 31, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. The arrest warrant stemmed from an incident which occurred on Feb. 4, when Troop B responded to a domestic dispute at a residence on Sharon Valley Road in Sharon. Rosier was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 23.

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 [johnh@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnh@lakevillejournal.com).

## Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show returns on June 5

The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show will be held on Sunday, June 5, at Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Road, Lakeville.

The show runs from 11 a.m. to 2 and is open to all dogs. There will be food and music and a live band.

Pre-registration is encouraged at [www.littleguild.org/gcms-registration](http://www.littleguild.org/gcms-registration).

## HVRHS brings back safe graduation party after hiatus

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) Class of 2022 will hold "Project Graduation," an opportunity to come together for a final time to celebrate their achievements in a safe, chaperoned, substance-free environment.

Project Graduation is an all-night graduation party at the high school to provide students with a healthy alternative to riskier behaviors that are traditionally associated with that night. Inflatables, games, laser tag, a dance party, photo booth, movies, video games, and prizes are all aspects of

the celebration. The event has been traditionally held at the high school, although this is the first time it will have been held since 2019, due to the pandemic. Since that time, generous donations by area businesses and community members have sustained the event.

Members of the public who would like to contribute should contact Sara Jack at [sjack@hvrhs.org](mailto:sjack@hvrhs.org) or 860-824-5123, ext. 1356. Any donation may be made out to "HVRHS Project Graduation" and sent to Sara Jack, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031.



PHOTO BY MINERVA MISHELL MARQUEZ-MAZA

### Treehugger

A black bear at the town Grove in Lakeville on Saturday, May 21, demonstrated a traditional bear hug for passersby.

## Falls Village train talks, June 7

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society is bringing back the popular summer lecture series, "1st Tuesday at 7," at the South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Rte. 63, Falls Village.

The series was suspended for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, each talk will be about the local railroads. First on the list, Tuesday, June 7, will be "Early Railroads in Northwest Connecticut" by local historian Dick Paddock. Paddock is president of

the Friends of Beckley Furnace in East Canaan, and a member of the Salisbury Historical Society and a trustee of the Salisbury Association.

He has written numerous history related articles for The Lakeville Journal, including a series titled "Rail Tales."

The talks last for about an hour and are open to the public. There is no charge but donations are greatly appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Cheryl Aeschliman at 860-824-5607.

## Explore Pope Preserve June 4

SALISBURY — Join John Landon of the Salisbury Association Land Trust Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. for a walk through the Pope Preserve, located off Route 44 just north of Salisbury.

The 1.3 mile loop trail follows an old wood road to the top of Bittersweet Hill, which affords an exceptional view of Bunker Hill to the west.

The trail then skirts around the upper edge of a 4.5 acre field before descending through a forest to return to the road.

The 79-acre Pope Preserve was acquired by the Salisbury Association Land Trust in

2019. Forest, field, swamp, stream, and marshland environments are all present.

The entrance to the preserve is located on the east side of Canaan Road (Route 44), approximately 0.2 miles north of Cobble Road. Parking is along the shoulder of the road.

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

Check them out inside.

- Ocean State Job Lot
- AARP
- Herrington's

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BAUER FUND AND FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Through grants to colleges, The Bauer Foundation provides indirect scholarship assistance for undergraduate college education to students residing in Regional School District One based on merit and need.

The Bauer Fund operates in the same manner. However, grants from the Fund are limited to students attending either Cornell or Wellesley.

Students attending Cornell or Wellesley should apply to the Fund. All others should apply to the Foundation.

New and returning application forms for the 2022-2023 school year are available at: [www.bauerfundfoundation.org](http://www.bauerfundfoundation.org).

Completed and fully documented applications must be returned to The Bauer Foundation at PO Box 1784, Lakeville CT 06039 postmarked no later than June 23, 2022. Scholarship awards will be announced by August 23, 2022.

05-26-22  
 06-02-22  
 06-09-22  
 06-16-22

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, a public auction consisting of miscellaneous personal property, furniture and household goods will be held at Stor-It-All, Inc., 325 Ashley Falls Rd and 13 Clayton Rd, Canaan, CT 06018 at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 24, 2022. Stor-It-All, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time, for any reason.

Since due notice has been given to the owners and all parties known to claim an interest therein, you are each notified your

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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 (22-00188)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 19, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
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 Megan M. Foley  
 Clerk  
 06-02-22

### Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0185 by Todd and Veronika H. Bromberg for a Variance, 130 Cobble Road, Salisbury Map 55, Lot 17

per Section 304.1 and 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [aconroy@salisburyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Stacie Weiner, Secretary  
 06-02-22  
 06-09-22

### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 23, 2022:

Approved - Application 2022-IW-061 by owners William and Kathleen Reiland for the construction of a boardwalk <d>/<d> wetlands crossing and walking trail. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 67 as lot 2-2 and is known as 63 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury.

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

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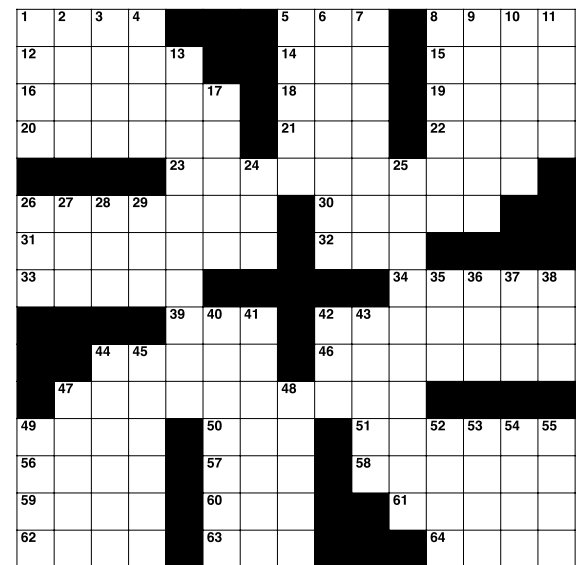
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Orator's podium
- UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- Partner to "oohs"
- African antelope
- Indigenous Thai person
- Monetary unit of Angola
- Becomes less intense
- Insurance mascot
- Tech hub \_\_ Alto
- Actress Tomei
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Type of smart watch
- Natives
- Incompetent person
- Rare Hawaiian geese
- Unspoken relationships
- Passports and licenses are two
- Claw
- Status quo
- Mimic
- Fur-lined cloak
- Ancient foreigner
- In an angry way
- Ill-intentioned
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- S. American plant
- One or the other
- An alias for Thor
- Gratuuity
- In a painful way
- French commune
- Promotional materials
- Greek city
- Assistant
- Confederate general
- Former NJ governor

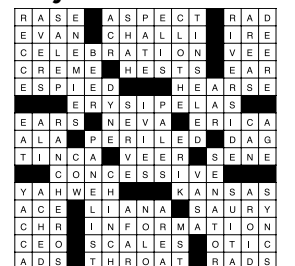
### CLUES DOWN

- Used by gymnasts
- "Luther" actor Idris
- Broad volcanic crater
- Not for
- Blur
- Tots
- Acted leisurely
- About the Alps
- Gets out of bed
- Town in "The Iliad"
- Welsh given name

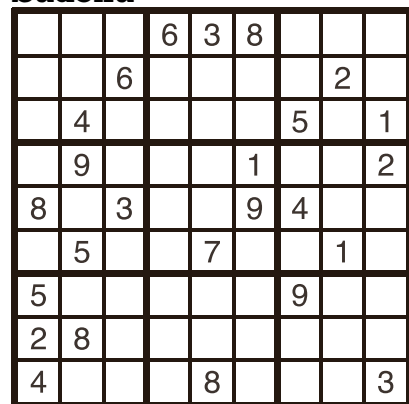


- Remove salt
- Calvary sword
- Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- Keeps a house cozy
- Ballplayer's accessory
- Southwestern Russian city
- Pro sports league
- Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- Stop standing
- Utilize
- Sign language
- Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- Being of central importance
- Ruin environment
- Dessert dish
- Sea eagles
- Fertilized
- Jerry's friend Benes
- Indian river
- Pass into a specified state or condition
- Nocturnal rodent
- A way to travel
- Iron-containing compound
- Ancient Greek City
- NFL signal caller Matt

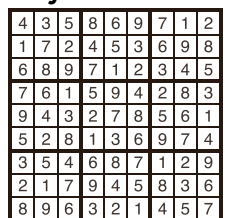
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## Our Towns

# Chris Cho of Sharon Farm Market expands north

By Leila Hawken

EAST CANAAN — A farmer's work is never done, ever, but particularly during planting season.

Work is continuing apace at the new Sharon Farm in East Canaan as the 12 acres of vegetable fields are getting an application of fresh organic soil from McEnroe Farm in Millerton. And, one day soon, the roadside farm stand will begin offering the yields of those fields.

The new owner of the farm stand is Chris Cho, who bought the 130-acre expanse along the Blackberry River last August.

Cho also owns the Sharon Farm Market at Sharon Shopping Center and expects that the East Canaan farm stand will begin by offering seasonal vegetables, farm fresh eggs and meats, all organically produced.

Cho has begun the process of becoming certified as an organic farm, a process that can take up to two years to complete, he said.

"It's beautiful here," Cho said, gesturing toward the Blackberry River flowing through the property to the rear and the hills beyond.

Cho anticipates that the stand will offer organic tomatoes, strawberries, asparagus, swiss chard, kale, mesclun for salads, and more.

Organic meats will also be a specialty, including chicken, pork and lamb.

The Sharon Farm addition brings to three the number of farm market offerings along this rural stretch of Route 44 between North Canaan and Norfolk. Last summer, the original Ford farm stand operated by Ty Ford relocated a stone's throw east of Cho's stand and continued to operate through the season. Ford



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Expecting to open his new organic Sharon Farm stand for summer trade, owner Chris Cho, right, and farm manager Jose Olivera recently oversaw soil preparation at the 130-acre East Canaan farm.

said he will continue to run his locally produced meat and vegetable stand in the new location this summer.

Farther west, Freund's Farm Market and Bakery remains a year-round option.

Expecting to be open only



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

A customer stopped recently at the partially opened Sharon Farm stand on Route 44 in East Canaan.

weekends at first until the harvested produce becomes more abundant, Cho could see adding weekdays at that point, and remaining open until the end of October.

Future plans include restoration of the existing antique barn, Cho said, and incorporating it into the farm

business. And, one day there will be a new stand replacing the older Ford Farm stand.

Getting the fields ready and ensuring smooth operations is Jose Olivera, farm manager, who has recently moved from Chicago, bringing with him 15 years of organic farming experience.

## Gardens & Landscaping



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## Our Towns



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

### First inning flowers

It was Senior Day for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School baseball team on Wednesday, May 25. Senior players, holding bouquets of flowers to present to their loved ones, waited for the pre-game ceremony.

## Sharon studies alternative for parking lot drainage plan

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — A plan for natural storm water drainage for the town hall parking lot was heard by the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24.

The new design is a recommendation of the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission (SEEC) whose members have studied the existing plan to expand the parking lot and stepped forward to propose a more natural, environmentally sound plan.

The existing plan would channel run-off water from three drains into an underground pipe leading to a collection pool where it would be pumped away to join the existing storm water drainage system.

The new design described

by Michael Nadeau, SEEC member, would implement best management practices.

“Pipe and pump is old style, not done any more,” Nadeau said.

The plan will “infiltrate storm water, not pipe it off,” Nadeau explained, adding that pollutants found in parking lots can be mitigated by plantings. When the power is out, the pump does not work, he added in describing drawbacks to the existing plan.

Many options exist, Nadeau said, including using absorbent materials including sand, mulch and indigenous topsoil planted with plants that thrive in those environments and may even absorb and convert pollutants. He suggested the installation of a rain garden in the area to the rear where drainage would collect. In that area herbaceous plants would benefit pollinators.

A planting strip in the center of the parking lot could soak up moisture. With the proper plantings, he said, “you are building habitat.” The planting strip would

have no curbing, promoting self-watering from natural drainage.

First Selectman Brent Colley described plans for better parking lot lighting, indicating that seven lights would be installed with illumination pointing downward. The lighting plan is designed to light all areas, including the center area.

Nadeau noted that many residents believe that a layer of clay underlies area towns, but in fact he said that there is no clay in the northwest corner of the state. Instead the hardpan layer is composed of compacted silty loam.

Nadeau also spoke of the plans for sidewalk repair along the main street, suggesting that consideration be given to methods and materials that would preserve the old trees and their roots while providing for pedestrian safety.

The selectmen agreed to study the additional materials submitted by Nadeau in his committee’s report and discuss the plan at a future meeting.

## Falls Village voters approve spending plans

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Voters approved the 2022-23 budget plans at town meeting Thursday, May 26. The Board of Finance met immediately afterward and kept the mill rate for 2022-23 at 25.7 mills.

The meeting was moderated by Lou Timolat.

About 35 voters approved, by unanimous voice vote, all five agenda items.

For municipal spending, the amount of up to \$2,137,244 was approved.

For education spending (including Lee H. Kellogg School and Region One), the total is up to \$3,621,541.

The town meeting approved an \$18,000 appropri-

ation for the Planning and Zoning Commission to rewrite the zoning regulations.

The town meeting approved an appropriation, again for \$18,000, to update the elevator electronics at 107/108 Main Street.

And the voters approved a list of banks doing business with the town.

There was no discussion on any items except the second, when former town and Region One school board chair Andrea Downs asked why the Board of Finance reduced the LHK budget by \$20,000.

Finance chair Dick Heinz said it was because the town school board did not respond to a query from the Board

of Finance about what they would do in the event of a \$20,000 cut in their spending plan, or a \$20,000 increase.

After the town meeting adjourned, the finance board met and after a brief discussion decided to leave the mill rate at 25.7 mills and to supplement expected revenue

### Join dragonfly survey, June 11

WASHINGTON — Steep Rock Association (SRA) will conduct surveys to inventory all dragonfly and damselfly species in SRA’s nature preserves. Volunteers are needed.

On June 11, a team of “dragon hunters” will meet at the main Steep Rock Preserve parking lot located at

with about \$235,000 from the General Fund.

Before adjourning, Heinz announced he was stepping down as finance board chair for health reasons. He added he would remain on the board for the time being, but would not be attending any meetings in the near future.

2 Tunnel Road, Washington Depot. Participants should bring hiking boots and wading footwear, and a backpack for collected specimens.

Registration is required and donations are gratefully accepted. Please register online at <https://steeprockassoc.org/events-programs/>.



The Lake Wononscopomuc Association

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 9:30 AM

Town Grove Senior Center



# Investing in Sharon Hospital's vibrant future

We are here to serve our community – come see us. Our Emergency Department is open 24/7/365.

We are also growing to better serve the needs of our community. Some recent steps we’ve taken to expand access to care:

- We are launching the Telehealth Kiosk at Sharon Hospital to allow patients without reliable Internet access to come to Sharon Hospital for telehealth appointments with specialists outside of our community.
- We released a new video focused on recruiting physicians and clinical staff to Sharon Hospital. The video includes local doctors and celebrities, highlighting all the reasons we know our region is a special place to live, work and play.



For more information, visit [nuvancehealth.org/sharontransformation](https://nuvancehealth.org/sharontransformation)



# OBITUARIES

## Irene Gloria (Humes) Whitman

**NORTH CANAAN** — Irene Gloria (Humes) Whitman, 89, of 41 Reed Street, passed on at the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan. Irene was the wife of the late James Whitman. She was born August 26, 1932, in Hudson, New York, daughter of the late Andrew and Mabel (Eglin) Humes Jr.

Irene worked for over 30 years as a private duty care-giver around the Northwest Corner of the state. She had graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. Irene then attended St. Margaret Hospital in Albany, New York to become a nanny. Irene loved to do anything outdoors. In earlier years she enjoyed biking, hiking, and nature walks. As her family grew she was always so pleased to spend time with them. It was that time together that was so special to her. She also enjoyed music, especially Polish Polka music. In later years Irene enjoyed the simple pleasure of sitting on her back porch.

She is survived by her

children: Kenneth Whitman and his wife Terry of An-cram, New York; Lawrence Whitman of Sharon; Norma Jean Winslow and her husband James of Punta Gorda, Florida; Leslie Whitman of Canaan, and Emily Whitman of Westfield, Massachusetts. Irene is also survived by her granddaughter Sarah Whitman and great-granddaughter Emma Hill. She also leaves her nieces Lynne Stanton and her husband William; Nor-reen Fahey; and Eileen Coons; her sister-in-law Jackie Eglin. Irene was predeceased by her grandson Kenneth Whitman II; sister Grace Killmer; and two brothers Andrew and Charles Humes.

Graveside services will be held on June 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Mountain View Cemetery, Sand Road, North Canaan. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 99 South Canaan Rd., Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., Canaan, CT 06018.

## James 'Jim' R. Samartini

**KENT** — James "Jim" R. Samartini, 87, of Kent, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at his home on May 15, 2022.

He was married to Julia (Schoenberg) Rubin Samartini for 26 years.

Jim was born April 13, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Leonard and Grace (Tully) Samartini.

He was last employed as chief financial officer for Whirlpool Corporation and previously served as CFO for the Mead Corporation. Jim was as a graduate of Dartmouth College (1957) and obtained his MBA at Harvard University (1961). He was a member of the Harvard Club in New York City.

While at Mead Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, he was treasurer and subsequently, CFO. While at Whirlpool his positions included CFO, Chairman for the Whirlpool Financial Corporation and Chairman for the Whirlpool Foundation. Jim served on many corporate boards over the years including the Whirlpool Corporation, Pinnacle Financial Services and the Mead Foundation.

In earlier years he was very active in the Dayton, Ohio Chapter for Financial Executives Institute as well as president and Board member for the Dayton Opera Association. In Michigan, he served on the board for the Southwest Michigan Symphony Association.

Jim always found a way to contribute to the commu-

nities in which he lived. He served as the former chairman of the board and treasurer at Marvelwood School in Kent, Connecticut. He was the treasurer of the Kent Memorial Library as well as serving on the Kent Zoning Board of Appeals, Kent Lions Club and the Kent Center School Scholarship Fund. Jim also was a Eucharistic Minister and Financial Council member of Sacred Heart Church in Kent.

James is survived by his wife Julia, sons David L. Samartini, James F. Samartini, and Patrick R. Samartini (Jennifer) all of Dayton, Ohio, stepson Alexander S. Rubin (Karlann) of New York City, stepdaughter Laura L. Rubin of Los Angeles, California, grandchildren Michael Samartini and Kristen Kreuv, and great grandson Sawyer Kreuv. He is also survived by his step-grandson James A. Rubin and step-granddaughters Logan J. Rubin and Isabella J. Rubin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, directly at Sacred Heart Church in Kent, CT at 11 a.m. Burial will be private at the Calvary Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. Lillis Funeral Home, 58 Bridge Street, New Milford, Connecticut has been entrusted to care for James and his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Kent Community Fund, P.O. Box 262, Kent, CT 06757.

## Johan Winsser

Johan Winsser, 74, of West Cornwall passed quietly at home after a brief illness. He was a loving and devoted, husband, father, brother, and friend.

He was born in 1948 in the Netherlands, the youngest son of Johan Winsser and Marie Louise van Temmen. He earned a B.A. from Earlham College, an M.Div. from Andover Newton Theological School, and an M.Ed. and Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. After college he held positions in community counseling, before changing careers to teach high school, college and graduate school. For more than thirty years he worked in technology and telecommunications, for a while running his own business, and retired as a senior

network planner for Verizon.

He was a competitive runner, enjoyed gardening and stewardship of conservation lands, was self-reliant, and designed and helped build the house he and his family lived in. He was a scholar of early New England history, publishing several academic articles and then a biography of Mary Dyer, the Quaker martyr, who was hanged in 1660 for civil disobedience. He felt strongly about fairness and justice, had a sharp eye and ear for nonsense, and enjoyed challenging convention.

Johan is survived by his beloved wife, Ann, son Nicholas, daughter Katharine (Katya), and brother Fred of Ipswich, Massachusetts.

There will be no funeral. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

## Thomas 'Otis' J. Stratman

**EAST CANAAN** — The family of Thomas "Otis", J. Stratman, Sr., 64, announce his passing May 9, 2022. He was born March 17, 1958, in Great Barrington, son of the late Lee Stratman, Sr. and Joan (Liner) Stratman.

Thomas was an amazing plumber. He was employed by William Perotti and Sons, Fred Warner, and worked with his brother Chip (Lee Jr.). Thomas was raised in the Canaan Methodist Church. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. He always enjoyed a cup of black coffee, and a chocolate doughnut. Thomas also enjoyed fishing and camping, but his greatest tribute was his devotion to his grandchildren. He was a #1 Opa!

Thomas is survived by his daughter Melissa Ann Stratman of Falls Village, and his son Thomas Stratman, Jr. of

Torrington. He is also survived by his three brothers: Chip & Barbara Stratman of East Canaan; Christopher & Diane Stratman of Florida; Larry & Julianna Stratman of Ashley Falls; and brother-in-law Brian Naventi of New York. Thomas is also survived by his five grandchildren: Chloe, Nicholas, Lydia, Jillian Grace, Amelia and many nieces and nephews.

Thomas was predeceased by his sister Jill Naventi.

Graveside services will be on Saturday June 18, 2022, in Hillside Cemetery East Canaan, at 4:00 p.m. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be sent to Shriners Children's Hospital 51 Blossom St. Boston, MA 02114.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, Connecticut 06018.

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# OUR TOWNS

## Kent voters approve budget; mill rate holds

By Leila Hawken

**KENT** — Residents readily approved the 2022-23 town budget by a vote of 38 to 5 at the annual town meeting on Friday, May 20, on Zoom.

Local attorney Lorry Schiesel was unanimously elected to serve as moderator.

Immediately following the town meeting, the Board of Finance met briefly and voted unanimously to set the mill rate for 2022-23 at 18.57, unchanged from the current year.

The budgets submitted by the Board of Education (\$4,782,410) and Region One (\$2,459,300), and the Board of Selectmen for the town (\$4,473,675), along with additional appropriations for debt service, legal fees, dog fund and the capital fund expenses, total \$13,676,199.

"Everyone worked hard on the budgets this year," Board of Finance chairman Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick commented, thanking all who were involved throughout the process.

## Region One concerns

By Patrick L. Sullivan

**FALLS VILLAGE** — The All Boards Chair Committee (ABC Committee) of the Region One Board of Education met online Wednesday, May 25, to consider a request from Kent school board chair Scott Trabucco that the policy that governs how costs are shared between member towns be changed.

Trabucco proposed adding a provision to the end of policy 7411 along the lines of "No new programs will be placed in the Regional Schools Service Center budget without unanimous consent" of the six member towns.

Trabucco said he was concerned about a replay of the contentious discussions around the creation of the middle-school sports program.

"The crux was whether a school can be forced into a program" if four of the six towns vote for it.

Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said she spoke with Region One attorney Tom Mooney, who told her that policy 7400 states: "As provided by law,

four of the member boards must approve the proposed program/service before it can be implemented."

Monney's opinion was that changing the vote to needing to be unanimous would go against the state law that created the Region One regional school district.

After a thorough discussion, Pat Mechare (chair of the Falls Village and Region One school boards) moved that Mooney perform an audit of the relevant policies and report back to the Region-Wide Policy Committee. Trabucco seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the ABC Committee is Wednesday, June 22.

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# Honoring and remembering sacrifices

SALISBURY — The Memorial Day parade started promptly at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30. Crowds along Main Street and in front of the White Hart and cheered as the music (provided by a combined Salisbury Central School band and the Salisbury Band) neared.

The parade, led by veterans, and including the Lakeville Hose Company, the Rotary Club, the Red Hawks youth hockey team, the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, and the Housatonic Child Care Center, stopped briefly at the Civil War Memorial on the Green and then headed north on Undermountain Road to the cemetery.

One woman leaned out of one of the parade vehicles and tossed lollipops to the children in the crowd.

Chris Williams thanked everyone for coming out, and remarked on how nice it was to have the parade and ceremony after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rev. John Nelson from the Congregational Church read the Prayer of Cardinal Newman:

“May the Lord support us all the day long,

Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,

and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,

and our work is done.

Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last.”

The Gettysburg Address was recited by Skyler and Eden Ohmen. The band played a hymn, and David Bayersdorfer read the names of the war dead, followed by the 23rd Psalm.

Nelson gave the benediction, asking all those present to “commit to the best ways of equity, harmony, and freedom.”

“Taps” was played by trumpeters Sharon Viets and Perry Gardner.

Then the parade reformed and went back toward Town Hall and the library.

— Patrick L. Sullivan



Salisbury

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Skyler and Eden Ohmen (with their father Chris) recited The Gettysburg Address at Salisbury's ceremony.



Sharon

PHOTO BY KATHY O'FLINN

The Sharon Center School band played in the Memorial Day parade.

SHARON — The Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Sharon on Monday, May 30, followed tradition as veterans, vehicles, and the Sharon Center School band made their way down Main Street towards the Veteran's Memorial by the clock tower.

Brian Kenny led the memorial service and Reverend Dr. Martha Tucker of Christ Church Episcopal opened the service with prayer.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the raising of the flag and the presentation of the memorial wreath, keynote speaker Kyle Lepkowski began an impassioned speech about the realities of war. Lepkowski served two tours in Afghanistan over

four years, and recalled his experiences as well as those who did not make it home. “Can you feel that? Can you put yourself in that young man's shoes,” said Lepkowski in reference to his comrade who died in combat. Lepkowski continued, saying that Memorial Day is for those grieving, and the remembrance of those who were lost.

As the scheduled singer could not attend, the crowd joined together to sing “America the Beautiful.”

Kenny closed by thanking the town's volunteer fire department and ambulance services, and Rev. Dr. Tucker closed with prayer, “Let us go forth into the world in peace.”

— Matthew Kreta



Falls Village

PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Sophie Allen on stilts in Falls Village.

FALLS VILLAGE — The Memorial Day observance on the town Green was a short but sun-drenched ceremony that brought out a sizable crowd for the particularly small town.

In lieu of the Lee H. Kellogg school band, children of all ages made their way down Main Street, following behind Sophie Allen, who waved to on-lookers from high above on her stilts. Fire trucks and a line-up of vintage vehicles were also present.

The service was held by The Falls Village Inn, where the traditional flowered wreaths were placed by the small monument dedicated to the memory of fallen soldiers from the town. Led

by First Selectman Henry Todd, Selectman Greg Marlowe and Selectman (and Housatonic Youth Service Bureau board member) Dave Barger, that message of this Memorial Day morning was not only an appreciation for our veterans, but an acknowledgement of the local impact and legacy they had left behind.

“Service means sacrifice, even if that sacrifice means one's own life,” Barger said in his speech. “The impact of this sacrifice ripples through our communities, even one as small as ours. When their stories are shared, these men and women become part of the identity of our hometown.”

— Alexander Wilburn



Kent

PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

The Memorial Day Parade in Kent.

KENT — Kent celebrated Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, under clear and sunny skies.

The parade proceeded from Kent Center School to St. Andrews cemetery where the Rev. Douglas Worthington read a prayer thanking the services for “the All that they have given”.

From there, the parade proceeded to the Civil War Monument. Prayers, and a 21-gun salute were delivered at the nearby War Memorial.

The Gettysburg Address was recited by a Kent School student, and Rev. Worthington again remembered fallen troops and “Their valor, grit, and sacrifice”.

On Main Street, the parade halted at the Kent Library where First Selectman Jean Speck read the poem “In Flanders Field” and Bethany Keck sang “America”.

The Congregational Church was the final stop and parade participants, families and friends gathered to celebrate the day.

— Lans Christensen

CORNWALL — Under sunny skies, the community turned out for its parade and traditional observance of Memorial Day, gathered to recognize the sacrifices of the men and women who were lost in service to our nation.

The ceremony on the town Green also recognized the valor and service provided by local emergency volunteers throughout the two pandemic years when ceremonies could not be held.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, “We appreciate our veterans; this is their day.” He noted, also that this year marks the 90th anniversary of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department.

The address was delivered by 10-time Emmy winning CBS News correspondent Richard Schlesinger.

“How great it is to be together again,” Schlesinger said. Speaking of service-people being honored on Memorial Day, Schlesinger said, “These were people who did what they were ordered to do in horrendous



Cornwall

PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Richard Schlesinger's speech honored veterans.

conditions.”

Honoring local volunteers in service to their community, Schlesinger said, “They would come for you, too, when they hear the call.”

“To a growing degree, we look after each other out of a sense of duty and generosity,” he added.

Named VFW Citizen of the Year was Patty Rovezzi, administrative assistant at Cornwall Consolidated

School, citing her unwavering dedication to her students.

In her closing prayer, the Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, who serves as chaplain to the fire department and as pastor of the UCC Congregational Church, said, “It is up to us to seek peace and justice for all and we call upon our leaders to do the same.”

— Leila Hawken



North Canaan

PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

The Honor Guard from the Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851.

NORTH CANAAN — North Canaan celebrated Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, with a parade and speeches under the Doughboy Monument in the center of town, under sunny skies and flanked by children, parents, grandparents and veterans.

After a five-member Honor Guard from the Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan performed Salutes and Taps at cemeteries and memorials in Falls Village, North Canaan and East Canaan, a waiting assemblage of golf carts, antique cars, military vehicles, fire trucks, tractors attached to

wagons and scout troops with colorful banners began a procession through town.

The North Canaan Memorial Day parade proceeded from Town Hall down Bragg Street to West Main Street to the Doughboy Monument, where Kirk Harrington, commander the Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851, acknowledged State Trooper Lance Carlson, who is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and served as parade marshal.

“We want to honor you this year as parade marshal,” Harrington said. “Thank you.”

— John Coston

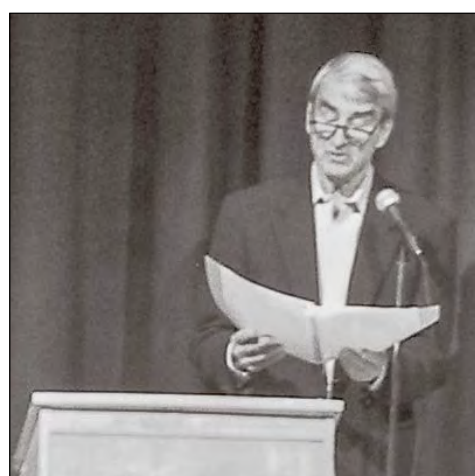


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Meryl Streep featured in article on spreading awareness on pesticide use in agriculture, from *The Lakeville Journal* issue of Feb. 2, 1989.



Sam Waterston reads at an event for a town Historical Society, from *The Lakeville Journal* issue of Sept. 25, 2008.

## Meryl Streep & Sam Waterston

Last week The Lakeville Journal Foundation announced Meryl Streep and Sam Waterston as Honorary Chairs of the Journal's 125th Anniversary Celebration, along with a wonderful essay about the paper by Sam.

This week, Meryl, in her own uniquely lyrical and highly personal words, says what the Journal means to her.

Meryl and Sam, all of us at the Journal and its readers and supporters thank you for your most generous expressions.



***“To look at the paper is to raise a seashell to one’s ear, and to be overwhelmed by the roar of humanity.” —Alain de Botton***

When I come home from very far away  
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Outside, behind the bookstore, on that bench  
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So when I want the real deal, to take the real-feel temperature of the  
place on this planet that I call home, I read The Lakeville Journal.  
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talking to itself”. The voices of our community, the echo rumbling  
through the Litchfield Hills surround, tells me what's happening  
on the ground authentically, what people think and feel, viscerally.  
Rooted in a place I know, from persons who have a real stake in local  
policy, something honest and actual comes through in the pages  
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If we lost the paper, so what?  
You can, right now, google what time church services are. You can  
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each candidate's individual statements and google around or go on  
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kitchen and find everything you were searching for all in one place,  
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Because we recognized what the loss of the paper would mean to our  
community, many people came together to try to save and sustain  
it. The willing generosity of those who worked to invent a solution,  
those who gave and continue to give to maintain this sounding  
board, our town square in oblong pages, our connective tissue, our  
common space, is thrilling.

My friend Anna Quindlen, a newspaperwoman herself, wrote:  
“To write the present is to believe in the future.”  
I will piggyback onto her wisdom to add: “...and to preserve the past.”

Happy 125th Everybody!

— Meryl Streep

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## HOUSATONIC

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tree warden in Kent, said he is positive about the state's commitment.

"I believe them," he said. "They have followed through."

Bennett acknowledged that under the new law the state is only required to plant trees. The scope of work proposed by HMPA includes, besides invasive controls and measures to combat erosion, a "biosystem" for wildlife.

The new law also didn't provide any additional funding for DEEP. But DEEP, when assessing the need for design of erosion and storm water management, included the Northwest Conservation District, a nonprofit that serves 34 town and cities, in the working group. The district can provide services that tap into federal Clean Water Act money for reimbursement.

### Erosion and Storm Water

Executive Director Cynthia Rabinowitz said that DEEP reached out to the or-

ganization specifically about erosion and storm water management along the river and the parking area.

"We talked about services that the conservation district might provide to help design mitigation practices," she said. "We have funding that comes through DEEP. It's not state money. It's from the EPA, federal money that comes from Section 319 of the Clean Water Act."

"It's a pass through from the federal government," Rabinowitz said.

There are three treatment areas targeted in the park for invasive species management with a focus on Oriental Bittersweet. The goal to get started this summer with the hope that tree-planting can be take place in the fall.

The legislation requires DEEP to implement a tree replanting demonstration project at the park in consultation with state park or forest advocacy groups or organizations by Dec. 1.



PHOTO BY BRIAN WILCOX

**The river bank at Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon was laid bare by tree-cutting last winter, but state officials and environmental groups are making plans to fight invasive plants and bank erosion.**

Before that, under the law, DEEP also is required to deliver a hazardous tree mitigation policy by Aug. 1. Legislators envision that the policy would include consultation with a licensed arborist before designating and removing presumed hazardous trees, to give the

public advance notice, and to consider replanting and other improvements after cutting has taken place.

"These are wonderful goals, although the language is a little bit light for our security," said Freygang of HMPA. "They're saying a licensed arborist but that

doesn't really give an indication of what we mean. We were very specific about what that arborist had to be trained in."

"They kind of skimmed over things a little bit in the bill, but on the other hand they put it all in, and that's good," she said.

## REGION ONE

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tial crisis. We work with local law enforcement to regularly review our safety procedures as an administrative team to ensure that they are current. Our students participate in regular drills so that they are aware of safety protocols and know to follow the lead of the teachers and staff in their classrooms.

"At our meeting ... all principals acknowledged that they have been working with teachers and counselors with regard to the management of questions and conversations about yesterday's events. While we want to ... address student questions, we do not want this topic to become part classroom discussion that could lead to student stress or anxiety."

Carter concluded the phone interview on a personal note, saying Wednesday, May 25 "was a horrible day."

"It was very hard to talk about this. I was so sad and discouraged. There just aren't any words."

## ISOLA

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and the Twin Lakes Association, and the lush island's long and storied history.

The goal of the alumni, he said, was to have the property ready for 125 youngsters, ages 8 through 17, who will converge on the island in three groups beginning June 25, the opening day of the five-week camp season.

The 125 campers will not be all converging on the island on opening day. Three groups totaling 125, are expected during the 2022 camp season.

"They work sunrise to sunset," noted Bravin, pointing to his work crew as the skies darkened overhead and a brisk breeze blew off the lake. "They are up at 6:30 a.m., eat breakfast, are out the door by 7, and I never know when they are going to finish. They are just so committed."

The executive director also ditched his shirt and tie for the occasion. "As you can see, I've been painting," he said a broad smile and pointing to his paint-spattered jeans and sweatshirt. "Hopefully we will be done by next week. Fingers crossed on that."

The expansion/renovation includes construction of two handicap-accessible cabins, the renovation of two existing bathrooms to include handicap shower and toilet facilities and ramp access, renovation of the old bunk houses, enclosure of a covered patio to increase dining space and replacement of the camp's pavilion roof.

The project also allowed for a multi-use sports court—the concrete was poured the prior day—and a major electrical and Wi-Fi upgrade.

### One of only six camps of its kind in the U.S.

ASD is the only school for the deaf in Connecticut and is the oldest school of its kind in the United States. ASD operates one of only six summer camps in the nation that serves deaf and hard-of-hearing children, children of deaf adults or siblings and, as of two years ago, those on the autism spectrum

Campers come from all over the U.S. and on average, nearly 70% of them return for more than one season. Reunions and other events draw campers back year after year, according to ASD.

In addition to the 29-acre island, the school also owns a large field on the mainland, which brings the school's total land ownership to 52 acres, Bravin said. "We call it Primos. That was the name of the caretaker for the Alvord



PHOTO SUBMITTED

**Jeff Bravin, executive director of the American School for the Deaf, far right, posed with alumni of historic Camp Isola Bella on East Twin Lake in Salisbury on Thursday, May 26. The historic camp is undergoing a \$700,000 expansion and renovation with alumni volunteering sunrise to sunset to get ready for campers on June 25.**

family" who were among the island's succession of owners.

### Twin Lakes Association came to the rescue

Bravin said the school has been working collaboratively with the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) for nearly a decade. "They have been so supportive and it's such a wonderful community. They worked with the school in 2013 to renovate the stone tower," a project with a price tag of \$200,000. "They paid half and we paid half," he said.

"So when this project started, I spoke with them again and asked if they would help support it, and they came up with a very quick 'yes,'" said Bravin, adding that the Twin Lakes Association "raised a lot of money for us."

Extra donations also allowed for the construction of a large outdoor sports court featuring two basketball courts and volleyball and pickleball courts, he explained, and state funding covered the cost of several handicap-access ramps.

Bravin credited the association's president, Grant Bogle, for his "unbelievable support. He's committed not only to the lake community, but also to Camp Isola Bella."

Bogle, he explained, serves as a trustee on the ASD Board of Directors, and "and I serve on the Twin Lakes board."

Bogle, who owns lakefront property on East Twin Lake, said the camp is "truly a treasure" not only from a nature and historical perspective, but also in way it has enriched the lives of countless young adults over the past half-century.

"We raised funds locally which were combined with

funds raised from alumni and other sources in Hartford and a state grant," said the TLA president.

### A typical day at the camp

Camp Isola Bella offers the same physical activities as any other summer camp. The difference is that on this appropriately named "beautiful island," youngsters get to be with their peers. The camp, said Bravin, also plays an important role in a child's social development, all executed with the needs of deaf students in mind.

"Obviously we want the campers to have fun, but at the same time, most deaf and hard-of-hearing children, about 90 percent, come families that can hear, so communication is a challenge for these children." He also noted that many hail from urban areas. "We want them to continue to learn and experience nature."

Activities such as experiential learning, teamwork, communication and co-operation, and literacy initiatives are integrated into daily programming. Classes in boating, archery, arts and crafts and camp studies define a typical day at the camp. In the afternoons, campers also spend time focusing on team building, self-esteem, cooperative games and problem-solving skills.

They also enjoy nature activities, swimming, hiking, snorkeling, kayaking, canoeing, tubing and sailing as well as cooperative and non-competitive games.

### One of first campers returned to help

Using sign language, Wesley Miller explained that he is a 1970 graduate of ASD and was among the first camp-

ers to set foot on Isola Bella when it opened in 1964. He returned in 1965. "I look back at the time I spent here, and I want the kids of today to experience what I did," said Miller, noting the reason he volunteered.

Bravin explained that Miller is a former construction company owner. "So, when I started this project, I felt he would be a great leader. I call him our foreman. He heads our team here."

Nearby, Alexandra Magee, who attended camp in 1971 and 1972 and is the former president of the ASD Alumni Association, explained that Isola Bella is more than a camp experience, it part of her being. "ASD and Isola Bella live in my heart," she signed.

Mark Drake of Drake & Sons in Granby is the general contractor for the Isola Bella renovation project.

"I was surprised when I was told I was getting 16 volunteers. I had no idea what I was getting into," he said. "Then all of a sudden I got an established work crew. They are so dedicated to the school and the camp. They are a Godsend."

## FARM PANEL

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Fairfield Farm Education Department in Lakeville, described by Bridget Lawrence-Meigs, farm manager.

Fairfield Farm, a half-hour brisk walk from the Hotchkiss campus, offers students 287 acres of agricultural experience, including public hiking trails and three acres of vegetables in production. The produce is served in the school's dining hall, with the excess delivered to a local food pantry for distribution.

"Ours is an education-focused production farm," Lawrence-Meigs said, indicating that the farm offers an alternative to the sports requirement.

Marvelwood School in Kent offers a year-round agricultural program, described by Alicia Winter of the school's extensive Garden Program that she began in 2015 and has remained instrumental to its development.

Winter arranged for the installation of the garden dome at the school's farm field, an innovation she imported from Colorado where growing things is more challenging than in northwest Connecticut. Winter

said that the dome naturally maintains an inside temperature that is 30 degrees warmer than the outside temperature, extending the growing season for many varieties of vegetables. The produce from Winter's program goes to the Kent Food Bank.


### Student Take Aways

Ascher's inquiry into what the panelists hope students will carry away from their programs presumed that most do not intend to become actual farmers themselves.

"You never know," Lawrence-Meigs said. "We are growing people who will ask questions about how food is grown and to think differently about their place in the world and the environment."

"I'm teaching growers," said Winter. "They can grow things. It's not beyond their reach. I want to empower kids to say, 'I am in charge of my food!'"

Finding blocks of time when the students can come to the farm and return to their classrooms, with soil-free hands and proper attire remains a challenge to a school farming program, panelists agreed.



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MOVIES: KAITLIN LYLE

## New 'Doctor Strange' Opens Doors to Methods, Madness in the Multiverse

Back in November 2016, when I saw the first "Doctor Strange" movie in theaters, my interest in Stephen Strange's storyline boiled down to two points: my initiation into the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and my susceptibility to actor Benedict Cumberbatch's charms.

It's been almost six years since "Doctor Strange" premiered. And while the doctor has since made numerous appearances in other MCU films, his fans have been waiting (patiently) for "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," which was released in early May.

Given the endless surprises hiding up this story's sleeves, writing a spoiler-free review is tricky. One review of the movie I read was concerned that viewers would be lost going into the "Multiverse" without having watched the precursory storylines told in "WandaVision," "Spiderman: No Way Home" and "Avengers: Infinity War."

Having watched all three myself, I agree with this critique: Context is key.

"Multiverse" opens with Stephen Strange



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Benedict Cumberbatch returns as Dr. Strange, Master of the Mystic Arts.

(Cumberbatch) awakening from an intense dream of fighting a demon alongside a young girl — and then getting dressed for his ex-girlfriend's wedding. (Yes, even a Master of the Mystic Arts can't foresee why this is never a good idea.)

It's just after Christine (Strange's ex, played by Rachel McAdams) asks whether he's happy, that Strange leaves to do battle with an octopus-like creature in pursuit of the same girl from his dream.

Strange defeats the creature with help from his friend, Sorcerer Supreme Wong, and learns the girl, America Chavez, has the power to travel in the Multiverse.

But as soon as we learn that America can't control her power, we

know it won't be long before she'll be hunted down or before Strange himself becomes entangled in the multiverse.

"There are myriad reasons why the Multiverse theory is fascinating to explore: It's the idea that there's another universe where we're the happiest version of ourselves that's tempting enough to abandon reason in pursuit of that perfect world."

Writing this review as a Multiverse theory enthusiast, I was intrigued by the film's interpretation of accessing the Multiverse through dreams, creating this idea that the versions of ourselves we dream about do, in fact, exist other realms.

Not even the most avid MCU fans in my life were prepared for the sinister shifts in character development that we saw in this new Doctor Strange.

I myself was startled by how early in the film certain reveals were delivered, and the brisk pace with which other bombshells were dropped.

Yet the deep dive into the Multiverse's characters made that speed worthwhile. From an arrogant, self-driven doctor in 2016 to a more humbled practitioner of the mystical arts, Cumberbatch's Stephen Strange appears to have learned the lesson imparted on him six years and several movies ago: That it's not all about him.

Though "Multiverse" wasn't my favorite MCU film from the last few years — the bar was set somewhere between "Infinity War" and last year's "Spiderman" — I'm relieved that Marvel hasn't lost its capacity for catching viewers off guard between the cameos and cliffhangers.

With Sam Raimi (the celebrated director behind the cult classic horror "The Evil Dead" and the original "Spiderman" trilogy) perched atop the director's chair, there's a method to "the Multiverse of Madness" that viewers would be remiss to miss.

At the time of publication of this issue, "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" was playing at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., and the Four Brothers Drive-In Theater in Amenia, N.Y. It is expected to become available for streaming in the next six months.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Music Mountain Opens Its 93rd Season on June 5

Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., opens its 93rd season with a benefit concert on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m. that features this summer's musical theme: The 250th anniversary of Haydn's "Sun Quartets," which are said to have given birth to the string quartet medium as we know it today.

The Rolston String Quartet takes the stage for the June 5 benefit, with acclaimed violist Paul Neubauer. The program includes a Haydn quartet, the Brahms String Quintet in G Major and a new work by German composer Jörg Widmann, his "Hunting Quartet."

One of the delights of attending a concert at Music Mountain is the mountain itself, which is in a lovely park-like setting. Many patrons sit comfortably on the lawn during the performance (BYOB blankets and chairs); and, naturally, there are picnics.

For those who love the luxurious feel of having someone else make lunch, this year picnics for

two can be ordered ahead of time from the popular Le Gamin restaurant in Sharon, Conn. The meals are delivered by 1 p.m. to Music Mountain. Concerts begin at 3 p.m. and last about two hours (with a 20-minute intermission).

No need to order lunch for the June 5 benefit concert, however. Immediately after the performance, the artists will join audience members on the lawn for a German and Austrian-themed reception catered by Theresa Freund of Freund's Farm in East Canaan, Conn.

Tickets for the Season Opening Benefit Concert on June 5 range in price from \$40 to \$85.

This year all seats are reserved; front seats sell at a premium. Lawn tickets are General Admission. Patrons will be able to purchase specific seats from a seating map when buying tickets. Every seat will be a bit larger this year.

To order or get more details, call the Music Mountain box office at 860-824-7126.

## BIFF Season Is Both Live and Virtual

The Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) is back in theaters this year, after being all-virtual during the worst of COVID-19.

As always, the lineup includes feature films as well as documentaries and animation.

For those who loved Wes Anderson's "The French Dispatch" last year, which included the tale of an artist who creates brilliant work while in prison, BIFF has "Art & Crimes by Crimes," a similar tale about painter Jesse Crimes.

Don Gummer, a celebrated sculptor who lives in Salisbury,

Conn., takes part in this year's festival in the film "Tea Talk," which will be shown on Sunday, June 5.

A diverse array of other artists is featured in films, from Leonard Bernstein to Sinead O'Connor. There are films from around the world, including the Japanese documentary "Come Back Anytime," about Masamoto Ueda, a legendary chef specializing in ramen noodles.

Get all information on tickets, times and locations at [biffma22.eventive.org/welcome](http://biffma22.eventive.org/welcome).

— Cynthia Hochswender

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## ART

**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org) Hunt Country, May 7 to June 5.

**Great Barrington Public Theater**, Great Barrington, Mass. [www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org](http://www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org) GBPT Presents PERSIST: An Evocative Art Show by Seven Women Exploring Themes of Persistence in These Challenging Times, June 4 to Aug. 6.

## BOOKS

**The Cornwall Library**, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [www.cornwalllibrary.org](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org) Under The Tent Book Sale, June 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**House of Books**, 4 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.houseofbooksct.com](http://www.houseofbooksct.com) June Book Club, "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous", June 15, 6 to 7 p.m.

## DANCE

**Kaatsbaan Cultural Park**, 120 Broadway, Tivoli, N.Y. [www.kaatsbaan.org](http://www.kaatsbaan.org) Live Arts Global, June 4 and 5.

## KIDS

**Amenia Free Library**, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, N.Y. [www.amenialibrary.org](http://www.amenialibrary.org) Story Hour with Ms. Beth, Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

## MISC.

**Lime Rock Park**, 60 White Hollow Road, Lime Rock, Conn. [www.limerock.com](http://www.limerock.com) The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show, June 5.

## MOVIES

**Gilson Cafe & Cinema**, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. [www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com](http://www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com) See website for current showtimes.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net) Now playing: Top Gun: Maverick, Downton Abbey: A New Era, The Bob's Burgers Movie, The Duke.

## MUSIC

**Clarion Concerts**, [www.clarionconcerts.org](http://www.clarionconcerts.org) Players from the NY Philharmonic, June 5, 3 p.m.

**Close Encounters With Music**, Great Barrington, Mass. [www.cewm.org](http://www.cewm.org) Musica Latina, June 12, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

## TALKS

**Spencertown Academy Arts**, 790 State Route 203, Spencertown, N.Y. [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org) Garden Talk with Tovah Martin, June 18, 11 a.m. to noon.

## THEATER

**Great Barrington Public Theater**, Great Barrington, Mass. [www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org](http://www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org) Solo Fest: Grief, the Musical... a Comedy, June 3 to 12. Solo Fest: The Bard The Beat The Blues, June 8 to 26.

**Sharon Playhouse**, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org) Seeking 10-Minute Plays for the 2022 Festival of New 10-Minute Plays, submission deadline June 15.

## STREAMING: ED FERMAN

# Satire: Shows That Bite

Here are three awesome shows that have only one thing in common: They satirize things that I don't like.

### "BEST IN SHOW"

I don't like the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and neither do animal rights groups. The dogs are too pretty (only AKC registered Champions, please) and the handlers mostly women dressed in ill-fitting skirts. My best pal is the F-150 of American dogs, a black Lab (a breed that has never won best in show), and we enter the Great Country Mutt show, but I avoid Westminster.

Whether you agree with me or not, you're sure to love "Best In Show" (2000) in which Christopher Guest and his brilliant repertory gang expose this odd and insular community and their overblown competition.

Parker Posey plays the deeply anxious Meg Swan, hysterical because she can't find her dog's favorite toy, and Fred Willard is hilarious as the announcer. Eugene

Levy and Catherine O'Hara — Emmy winners for their roles in "Schitt's Creek" — play Gerry and Cookie Fleck, who compete with their terrier Winky and keep running into Cookie's former lovers. Priceless.

Stream on Hulu, HBO Max, rent on Amazon and others.

### "THE BOYS"

Although I admit to a soft spot for Gal Gadot in "Wonder Woman," I'm happy never to set foot in the Marvel or DC superhero universes. And so I mostly admire this series, which turns the genre upside down while also taking on greedy corporations and white supremacists.

Here, the "supes" are the bad guys, under contract to a corrupt conglomerate, and led by the evil and powerful Homelander.

His vile crew includes A-Train, a drug-addicted speedster faster than a subway and just as dangerous; he runs over a gal and kills her.

The only decent member of "The Seven" is Starlight (Erin Moriarty), who turns against

the others. She joins The Boys, a ragged undercover group, in their fight against those with superpowers. They are led by Billy Butcher (a profane and terrific Karl Urban).

Be warned that this messy show has plenty of graphic sex and over-the-top violence, but it is taken to such absurd lengths and plays with enough sardonic humor that it may not seem unduly shocking.

Two seasons on Amazon; season 3 arrives in June.

### "INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS"

I think we're all on board with this one: Don't like Nazis. Quentin Tarantino spent more than a decade creating this 2009 film and called it "the best writing I've ever done."

Brad Pitt stars as Lt. Aldo Raine, who recruits a commando unit of Jewish-American soldiers operating in France.

"We ain't in the prisoner-takin' business; we're in the killin' Nazi business." His sidekick is Donny "The Bear Jew" Donowitz (Eli Roth), who executes German sol-

diers with a baseball bat. Christoph Waltz won an Oscar for his role as Hans Landa, the odious SS officer trying to hunt them down.

The story then shifts to a plot to kill Nazi leaders by luring them to a screening of a Nazi propaganda film at a cinema owned by a gal whose family was killed by the Germans. The Nazis are dealt with in typical Tarantino fashion.

This sort of grotesque, intense epic may not be for everyone, but many consider it Tarantino's best film. It led to a couple of equally spectacular revenge fantasies: "Django Unchained" (2012) and "Once Upon A Time In Hollywood" (2019), which is more restrained until its memorable ending.

Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, others.

*And if you're interested in the Great Country Mutt Show to benefit the Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall, Conn., it will be this weekend on Sunday, June 5, at Lime Rock Park; find out more at [www.littleguild.org](http://www.littleguild.org).*

# Cutting a Rug with Designer Darren Henault at His New Shop, T2

Interior designer Darren Henault brought a touch of glamour and some excellent home decor options to Amenia, N.Y., when he opened his shop, called Tent, in what had until then been home to a variety of second-hand furnishings and decorative tchotchke shops.

The store has become a retail destination — so much so that Henault is now opening a second Tent store, called T2, around the corner on Route 343 in Amenia.

T2 will be dedicated specifically to the rugs that had been for sale at Tent — and had begun to overwhelm the small space.

"I have a rug obsession, what can I say?"

Interior designer Darren Henault has expanded his store in Amenia, N.Y., called Tent, to an additional location nearby that will only sell rugs.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN DOSTER

Henault confessed. But seriously, the designer said, "Our main shop has limited floor space to display rugs.

"When a client comes in wanting a rug, we often don't have exactly what they're looking for on hand, and the rest of the collection is warehoused in New York City.

"The addition of T2 will allow clients to browse in person at their leisure rather than choose from a photograph or make an

appointment to come into town."

Most of us of course don't necessarily know what we like until we see it.

For those who are rug connoisseurs (like Henault), there will be Persian, Sarouk, Arabian, Turkish, Caucasian and

Indian rugs in different materials and sizes at T2. If the rugs on display don't do the trick, Henault has still more in his warehouse (because, as noted, he has an obsession ...).

*T2 opened May 28 at 3300 Route 343 in Amenia, and will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment. The original Tent is at 4950 Route 22 in Amenia. Call 845-789-1837, email [hello@tentnewyork.com](mailto:hello@tentnewyork.com) or just stop by.* — Cynthia Hochswender

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### EDITORIAL

## Children, or guns?

When we in Connecticut hear of a tragedy like the one in Uvalde, Texas, where an elementary school full of young children and teachers was decimated by an 18-year-old shooter with an AR-15-style rifle on May 24, our minds immediately go back to the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown in 2012. Then, the shooter killed 20 children and six adult administrators and teachers. As of this writing, it was determined that 19 children and two teachers were murdered in Uvalde.

For those who live through such devastation, the ways to process it are too few. Knowing there are prayers and thoughts with them is not enough to make their lives whole again. It is tragic in its own way that such mass shootings happen often enough that there was an active shooter recovery guide put out by the U.S. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency in 2017, found here, [www.cisa.gov/publication/active-shooter-recovery-guide](http://www.cisa.gov/publication/active-shooter-recovery-guide), available to help communities come through the aftermath of mass shootings.

While the government can organize disaster plans to deal with such events (though in Texas it seems the police couldn't follow any plan), it doesn't seem to be able to find a way to act in order to prevent them from happening. Sen. Chris Murphy made it clear on the floor of the U.S. Senate on May 24 that it is time for those serving in that body to take action so there is federal legislation in place to protect Americans nationwide from the ability of violent people to purchase deadly weapons, especially assault rifles. Murphy and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, as well as our U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, are in the forefront of advocacy for gun reform, including passing legislation to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines nationally, and instituting strong background checks, as has been done in Connecticut.

But of course the Second Amendment, the NRA and those who vote to keep all guns available to those who shouldn't have them are obstacles to passing it. Voters who agree that such change has to happen to move our country along a better path must let their representatives know that.

Americans who value gun ownership more than the lives of children will be judged by history, whether such violence occurs on the streets in urban neighborhoods where most gun deaths of young people occur, or in classrooms in suburban and rural ones. If the United States cannot find a way to overcome its love for guns, it will continue to pay too high a price in the loss of innocent lives. Gun deaths have decreased in Connecticut since reform measures have been put in place. But if there is no national action, is state action not in some ways futile?

What will it take to have those representatives in Washington who receive contributions from the NRA be willing to work with those who support gun reform and mental health funding and come up with some solutions? Will every county, every congressional district, in every state have to endure a mass shooting in order for a national set of reforms to be passed in Congress? Is that when the pressure will be enough for the American love for guns to be overshadowed by a universal agreement on a commitment to making our schools, public places and even our homes, safe?

If so, it will be too late. It would be the worst of ironies if the guns we cherish so and continue to buy in such large numbers completely destroy the stability of our society. A much larger portion of the money spent on the U.S. Department of Defense, then, meant to protect us from invaders, might have been better spent on addressing every aspect of gun violence and the social unraveling inside our own borders.



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G. A. Mudge, Sharon, CT

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### In honor of those lost in Texas

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Is it merely nostalgic to ask lawmakers to do something?

"Faster than a speeding bullet" was just one of the super heroic descriptions about the main character offered up at the beginning of each episode of one of my favorite TV shows growing up. "Superman" was also "more powerful than a locomotive, could bend steel with his bare hands, and was able to leap tall buildings in a single bound."

Whoee, that's a lot to live up to. But he did.

The actor, George Reeves, played the character Superman with a certain sly playful earnestness that, as a young kid, allowed me to remain feeling safe while watching the show which usually had some "bad guys" doing bad things. I just knew that Superman would catch 'em and stop the really bad stuff from happening and hand those criminals over to the police. I remember he once even bent a bad guys gun barrel into the shape of a pretzel.

Unfortunately, nowadays, it's straight gun barrels that are turning all of us into pretzels. One dare not look at the news anymore, for sure as shootin', there's gonna be another "mass casualty event" report that drains the blood from your dizzying mind and makes you heartsick. Just in these past two weeks, a supermarket, a church and

### Sharon Hospital issues

I am a student who goes to Salisbury School. I am writing because I do not agree with what Nuvance is doing to Sharon Hospital, but I understand why it is happening. I know it is important to understand the process even if you do not agree with it.

Recently I got access to a power point called Sharon Hospital Employee Town Hall: Our Strategic Direction. The PowerPoint was from Sept. 29, 2021. The PowerPoint's data was gathered from NC Rural Health Research Program, and The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. The presentation shows that "Rural Hospital Closures: 180 Closures since 2005; 138 Closures in Last Decade; and 40% more at risk of closing." Based on a risk map from CHQPR.ORG that Nuvance included in the power point, the Sharon Hospital is at an elevated risk of closing. "Throughout the past 3-year period, Sharon Hospital has lost \$39.8m, with an additional anticipated loss of \$21m this year."

Nuvance needs to be up-front with the public if they really do have good intentions and want us to under-

stand the process. The people need to understand where the money is going and why it is so expensive to operate the seemingly basic needs of a rural community. I know that most of the Salisbury School faculty's children were born in the Sharon Hospital's maternity ward. I know two faculty members who are expectant mothers. I do not know how we can tell these people in good conscience that an 11.1-mile, 18-minute drive to Sharon Hospital will turn into a 40-mile, 1 hour drive to Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

We also need to ask, what if a woman goes into labor earlier than expected? The Nuvance PowerPoint has quotes like, "Sharon Hospital has seen an average of fewer than 200 annual deliveries for the past four years, and birthrates are decreasing;" and, "We cannot continue serving the longterm needs of our community without adapting to our current realities..." After the removal of the Labor and Delivery unit, a pregnant woman driving an hour away is our new reality.

How many guns does our Second Amendment embracing population now own ... 300,000,000-plus? Somebody's making a mint off of this existentially perceived, fear fed, domestic arms race. I wonder who?

Back in my childhood, the

good thing about watching TV was I would always feel safe from the bad guys, even during the commercials. You can see it now: Here comes a "real man" on horseback, trotting in golden light on the range out West, striking a wooden match and lighting up his cigarette.

I say again, I wonder who's making a fist full of dollars off of the exponential rise in gun sales in this "land of the free and home of the brave." Granted, no one is Superman. But, is it merely waxing nostalgic to ask for our lawmakers to do something, and in so doing, "stand up for truth, justice, and the American way?"

Michael Moschen  
Cornwall Bridge

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1922  
Mrs. Mary Senior has moved from Lakeville to Mrs. Knickerbocker's house.

The Salisbury Garden Club asked the children of the public schools of the town, to help in the protection of our wildflowers, and to write papers upon this, regarding especially the maiden hair fern, the laurel, arbutus, moccasin flower, the fringed gentian and cardinal flower.

Millard Silvernale says that if you want to prevent the cows stealing your corn, just mix a tablespoonful of turpentine with four quarts of corn. The corn must be planted the same day it is treated. If allowed to stand

overnight it will destroy the germinating quality of the corn. Millard says it works to perfection.

50 years ago — 1972  
New hope that the Canaan Mountain pumped-storage project may be unnecessary was aroused this week by a speech by a Northeast Utilities official that "a good alternate" may be available by the early 1980s.

The Lakeville Journal Inc. has contracted to buy the assets of the Millerton Press Inc., which publishes The News in Millerton. Announcement of the contract was made jointly this week by John M. Hager, publisher of The News since 1960, and Robert H. Estabrook, publisher of The Lakeville Journal.

The Sharon Playhouse will salute seven decades of the American Theater this coming season with an array of plays from the 1909 "adult" western The Great Divide to the recent Broadway comedy hit The Gingerbread Lady.

Francis Knuffke of Lakeville, seriously injured in a tractor accident on May 23, is reported to be improving. A spokesman for Sharon Hospital said yesterday afternoon that Mr. Knuffke's condition is "good," and he is no longer in the intensive care unit.

A note to The Lakeville Journal from Fannie Rudman, who lived in Lakeville for many years before moving to Texas, brings "greetings to all my friends in Connecticut." Mrs. Rudman, who once operated a grocery store

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Cartoon to the editor from P. S. Moore, Lakeville

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## Viewpoint

## Republicans lose on their own

Connecticut Republicans think they have their best chance ever to defeat perennial winner Richard Blumenthal, who's running for his third term in the U.S. Senate, following five terms as Connecticut's attorney general.

But, with a little help from their right wing, they're doing all they can to keep it from happening.

It must be said that even in this off year election, Connecticut's Democrats do enjoy most of the advantages. There are a lot more of them and a lot more unaffiliated voters too. The Republicans haven't sent anyone to the Senate or House in 16 years and have lost every statewide contest since then as well.

But 2022 is also looking more and more like a Republican year in lots of unusual places—maybe even deep blue Connecticut.

So the Republicans have a chance, even against a candidate as popular as Blumenthal. A protégé of the late Governor and Senator Abe Ribicoff, Blumenthal was a successful U.S. attorney for Connecticut, winning highly publicized prosecutions of organized crime, civil rights, white collar and drug cases before serving in both houses of the General Assembly in the '80s.

As the state's most successful vote getter, he was often mentioned as a poten-

tial candidate for governor during his 20 years as attorney general, but he chose to run for the Senate instead when Chris Dodd retired in 2010.

But Blumenthal could be facing a new issue in this election — his age. By an interesting coincidence, he was born Feb. 13, 1946, just four months before baby Donald Trump came into the world on June 14 of that first post-war year.

Much has been made — and rightly so — of the fact that if Trump is reelected president in 2024, he will be 82 when his term ends in 2028. If 76-year-old Blumenthal is reelected senator this year, he will also be 82 when his six-year term ends in 2028.

The state's Republicans have nominated a strong candidate to challenge Blumenthal in November, the former House minority leader Themis Klarides. A veteran legislator and tough campaigner, Klarides also comes with some interesting baggage.

She's a traditionally conservative Republican on most issues, with two notable — and timely — exceptions. She supports abortion rights and gun control.

And, there's this: She didn't vote for Donald Trump in 2020 — or for Joe Biden. Instead, she wrote in the name of an old colleague as a protest.

These departures from Republican regularity didn't prevent an impressive 59% of the delegates to the party convention from endorsing her for the Senate race.

But two Donald Trump devotees, Leora Levy of Greenwich and Peter Lumaj of Fairfield, split the rest of the vote, giving them both the convention votes they needed to challenge Klarides for the nomination in an August primary.

Neither of them has ever been elected to anything and a recent poll showed each of them would lose to Blumenthal by 16 points. (In the same poll, Klarides would lose by 10.)

But both Levy and Lumaj should be able to attract financial support from the right. Levy is an especially skillful fund raiser — so skillful that a grateful Trump nominated her to be ambassador to Chile but the Senate never took up the nomination.

Klarides currently has more than \$8 million in campaign contributions on

hand, but she'll have to spend some or a lot of it battling her two Republican opponents. They have little to no chance of defeating her but a grand opportunity, in an expensive and bitter primary, to make it harder for her to beat Blumenthal.

And that, boys and girls, is how Republicans are doing their best to keep Republicans from actually winning in Connecticut.

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## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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in the building that houses the Apothecary Shop, reports that she now lives at “a delightful home for the aged.”

A joint career of unusual distinction will end this weekend as Roswell Hopkins Rudd and Josephine Bauman Rudd retire at Salisbury School. “Hop” and “Jo” have given 24 years of their time to the school, and have given immeasurably of themselves to the community.

Mrs. Walter Fairservis was inducted as president of the Sharon Woman's Club for the 1972-73 season by Mrs. William Kelsey at the annual luncheon of the club last week at De La Vergne Farms. Mrs. Fairservis also served as president during the current season.

The new Sharon Green condominium, located off Main Street behind the Hotchkiss Library, will open at 10 a.m. Saturday with a completely furnished model home, according to owners and builders George Yovan and John Desmond. An open house will be held on Sunday. Ten of the 18 units now have been completed.

The Steve Blass family of Greenacres, Canaan, is readying for their move to a new home in Upper St. Clair, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh. “We hate to sell the house and leave Canaan,” Karen Blass said this week, “but there was just no way around it. We want to go where Steve's work is and be able to see more of him.”

25 years ago — 1997  
Last Thursday, the three-member team from

Housatonic Valley Regional High School traveled to the University of Connecticut at Storrs to compete in the Connecticut Geographic Olympiad against teams from all over the state — and won. After competing against 15 other schools, the team of Jacob Gingart, a junior from West Cornwall, Molly McDowell, a sophomore from Kent, and Winfield Wilson, a freshman from Cornwall, coached by HVRHS teacher Peter Vermilyea, waited through a Miss America-style series of runner-up awards, and watched a tie-breaker for third place before it was announced they were the winners.

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

## One generation helping the next for mental health awareness

In March of 2020, as panic struck the nation, people from all walks of life began sheltering in place to “flatten the curve,” in hopes that life would soon return to normal. What followed over the past two years has been anything but normal. Safety measures implemented to quell the spread of COVID-19 have had a devastating effect on those they were most designed to protect. As a result, a frightful new pandemic of loneliness has emerged, threatening to be just as destructive as the virus itself.

During the pandemic, teens, already glued to their phones, were forced to remain in their houses and dorms, robbed of core coming of age experiences. Statistics show the alarming effects of life moved online. The World Health Organization recently reported the COVID-19 pandemic triggered a 25% increase in the prevalence of anxiety and depression amongst teens worldwide.

The American Psychological Association in its 2022 Trends Report tells us that “children's mental health is in crisis.” And Morgan Stanley's Alliance for Children's Mental Health found that almost half of teens are socially anxious about the return to normal life.

The elderly population has also been particularly hard hit. Senior citizens faced higher hospitalizations and death rates. Unable to participate in their normal activities, older people were also stripped of human contact, often separated from each other and family members by a glass partition. For many, their social interactions are still a fraction of what they

were pre-pandemic. Litchfield County, the oldest county in the state of Connecticut, is all too familiar with these issues. Given these facts, it's no surprise The New York Times reports that a second pandemic — the epidemic of loneliness — is poised to negatively impact our physical health and life expectancy.

The Northwest Connecticut region is filled with boarding schools and senior citizen centers. Although many of these communities lie within close proximity, a wide social gap remains amongst the two groups. It's time these two generations affected by the mental toll of the pandemic turn toward each other for help. The younger generation can play an important role in three ways:

First: Instead of mindlessly scrolling through social media, use its power to genuinely connect to others in the real world.

Second: Check in on loved ones. Even a small gesture can let them know that you're there.

Third: Take 15 minutes out of your week to have a phone call with a grandparent, elderly relative or neighbor, or someone who would be happy to hear from you.

For me, one of the most meaningful experiences of the past two years was the relationship I forged with an elderly priest named Father Jim. For six months, Father Jim and I had weekly phone calls that ended up meaning the world to both of us. We spoke about everything —

from football to the Middle East. Sometimes we just talked about how we were doing.

Each week I grew more excited about connecting. Instead of being sad about all of the events in my life that had been

canceled, I turned outward to think about Jim. And, each week Jim was excited to talk to me. In fact, he arrived with questions he wanted to ask me. Soon, we both felt the impact of our authentic conversation and growing relationship. Following his passing, I was inspired to launch an intergenerational wellness program, Students for Seniors, in his memory. I'm inviting other students in Litchfield and surrounding counties to join me.

In this second pandemic of loneliness, members of both generations can enjoy healthier, more meaningful relationships, but young people must lead the way. Those who do will reap the same benefits Jim and I did: sharing our thoughts, opinions and experiences, finding common ground and most important, feeling uplifted. Reaching out to a generation we often neglect is the best gift we could give our grandparents and ourselves.

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GUEST COMMENTARY  
GAVIN NATARAJ

## A Fractured Fairy Tale

“Magic mirror on the wall, who's the fairest one of all?”

Answering this question involves a whole host of politically incorrect characters and situations from 18th century Germany. An Evil Queen? Would her quest for power be questioned if she were a man? Seven dwarfs? You mean people of smaller stature, which in no way diminishes their abilities and ambitions. Snow White? I'm not even going to touch that one. Disney sanitized The Brothers Grimm version by having Snow White sing while she performed her “required” domestic chores. Then they reduced three counts of attempted murder to one; eliminating the asphyxiatingly tight bodice (a bodice?) and a poison comb in favor of the poison apple. Most dramatically, Snow White is revived by a kiss from the Prince as opposed to The Brothers Grimm version where the glass coffin is dropped and the poison apple dislodges from Snow White's throat. The Heimlich maneuver? Not very romantic.

Of course that is only a fairy tale. And most of us will never enter the Black Forest and find a beautiful young woman who enjoys cleaning house for seven gnome-like men, one of whom is named Dopey.

And a magic mirror? That's no fairy tale. In another example of a solution in search of a problem, aka modern technology, look no further than Muse Interactive in Providence, Rhode Island. Using augmented reality, the Muse Mirror is

an interactive cosmetic and wellness assistant that monitors changes in your appearance, and makes skin care product recommendations that can be purchased directly from the mirror. Equipped with hand-gesture controls, LED dimmable lights, and two stereo speakers, it weighs 33 lbs. and retails for \$799.

And it's designed to make you feel good about yourself. One application, Muse Affirm, displays positive affirmations like: “You look great today”. Who wouldn't want to hear that? There's a whole library of videos and tutorials all dedicated to you. Like Peloton without the sweat.

Kind of makes me rethink Snow White. Maybe my knee-jerk reaction to the Muse Mirror is wrong and

technology is the solution here. If the Evil Queen had a Muse Mirror that confronted her jealousy and encouraged her to be her best self and focus on her inner beauty she might be like another

Bavarian stepmom, Maria von Trapp. And the story would have ended with the Queen giving Snow White one final hug before she headed off to Heidelberg University on a violin scholarship.

Alas, we will never know. Because people like me always question the benevolence of technology innovators. Elon, Jeff, Mark — if they could only use their powers for good.

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# Sports



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## Curveball

Russell Sears kept the Gilbert batters off-balance on Wednesday, May 25. Housatonic Valley Regional High School won the game, 7-3.



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## Entering the big bend

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