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## Region One to launch three school-based health centers

By Debra A. Aleksinas  
with reporting from  
Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — On any given day in the Region One School District, and across the state and region, children and adolescents go to school with physical and mental health issues, or don't go at all, threatening not only their educational performance, but their well-being.

To combat this concerning trend, particularly in underserved and rural communities, the Region One School District has teamed up with Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) to bring health-related services to children and adolescents at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS), North Canaan Elementary School and Sharon Center School through school-based health centers, or SBHCs.

The centers will be operated by CHWC, a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center, and funded through a two-year, \$315,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The grant will cover the cost of hiring an advanced practice reg-

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— Gina Burrows, COO of Community Health & Wellness Center

istered nurse (APRN), a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and a medical assistant to serve all three Region One schools.

The APRN will staff HVRHS three days per week, and the social worker two days per week.

The North Canaan Elementary School health center will host the APRN on two days and the social worker on two days.

Sharon Center School will be staffed one day per week by the social worker, according to CHWC officials.

"The SBHC launch will be on April 29. The launch will be near the opening of the North Canaan Health Center, which is a regional health center that will serve all of the surrounding towns," said Gina Burrows, CHWC's COO and an APRN.

"The idea is to treat mental health issues and physical issues early on," said Burrows. "Kids spend most of their days in school, so to have a health center located

in the school is a huge benefit. It also increases graduation rates by keeping kids in school."

In a Jan. 19 newsletter announcement to Region One parents, HVRHS Principal Ian Strever described the high school's health center as a "game changer for our students, providing them with convenient access to a certified nurse practitioner. This means that students will no longer need to leave the school premises to address medical concerns, as the nurse practitioner will be available to offer expert care right on site."

In a phone interview, Strever explained that the health center will be located in what was formerly a teacher's lounge. Recently, the room was used to isolate students who tested positive for COVID-19 until

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SALISBURY POPE LAND DESIGN COMMITTEE

A concept design for the proposed units at the Pope property.

## Salisbury gets closer look at housing plan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission got a look at the proposal for housing and recreational use of the town-owned Pope property on Salmon Kill Road at the commission's meeting Monday, Jan. 22 (online).

Phil Barlow of FHI Studio gave the presentation, which calls for 22 residential buildings of four

and two dwelling units, for a total of 62 units.

On the recreation side, there are new basketball and pickleball courts, and a new soccer field.

Responding to questions from the commissioners, Barlow said areas next to the creek that runs along Salmon Kill Road need additional study to determine any impacts on the water and plants.

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## Check thefts at blue drop boxes have victims, banks seeing red

By Debra A. Aleksinas

CORNWALL — Jim Young didn't think twice when, on the evening of Dec. 23, he dropped a letter containing a \$3,884 check into the iconic blue collection box outside the Cornwall Bridge Post Office.

It was addressed to the Housatonic Valley Rug Shop Inc., located roughly 100 feet away. The check never made it that far.

Instead, a crafty crook, likely under the cloak of darkness, fished that letter, and potentially others, out of the Postal Service drop box. A week later the altered check was cashed in Jamaica, New York.

Young, who owns Sharon Auto Body, wrote a replacement check to cover the purloined one but he is now mired in red tape trying

to get reimbursed from his bank, NBT, for his nearly \$4,000 loss. He is angry. And he is not alone.

Check fraud is a hot topic these days on a Cornwall neighborhood discussion site.

And in nearby Warren, more than a dozen residents have been victimized by mail theft from home mailboxes and the blue USPS box in the town center, according to First Selectman Greg LaCava, who, last month, posted warnings to residents via the town's website.

LaCava said he has also been making rounds to the senior center in town to alert seniors and has been conferring with the Connecticut State Police.

One victim, he noted, had deposited mail at the Cornwall Bridge mailbox. In another case, the dollar amount on a check was changed from \$500 to \$15,000.

"The more I talk about it, the more I hear of other people with

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## Hanson's memory coins preserve precious moments digitally

By Kathryn Boughton  
Kent Good Times Dispatch

KENT—Back in 1973, Jim Croce sang, "If I could save time in a bottle / the first thing that I'd like to do / Is to save every day till eternity passes away / Just to spend them with you."

Everyone occasionally has that feeling. Time is fleeting, our lives ephemeral, their meaning lost in the ether.

Lara Hanson, a Kent mother and innovative technological whiz, may not have a bottle in which to store memories, but she has a 21st-century answer to Croce's plea — Vaulted Memory Coins, each about the size of a quarter, that can be easily pressed onto any object, storing the memories associated with that object.

Suddenly, stories about the table in the hall that has been coveted by

successive generations, or the buggy in the barn that great-great-grandpa drove when courting his bride come to life, played back on our mobile phones with a tap.

Birthdays, weddings, youthful adventures, sun-filled days at the beach with our babies, and those final, tender, end-of-life memories can be stored and shared forever. Pressed on a personalized Christmas ornament or a birthday card, they can become a wonderful vehicle to record the happenings of the day.

The idea of creating these little "keepers of memories" developed after Hanson suffered a near-death experience following an ectopic pregnancy. "When I nearly died, I realized my kids wouldn't know my stories," she said. "Thirteen years ago, I went and stayed with a tribe in Panama — my kids wouldn't have known about that. Videos are really helpful, and the coins can link to sources such as YouTube."

But it doesn't have to be videos of major events. "The connection between memories and keepsakes is profound," she said. "We have Ancestry but there was no way to



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Lara Hanson of Kent has created an innovative Memory Coin to digitally preserve important memories.

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# Regional

## In The Journal this week

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### Online This Week

#### Historic maple tree on chopping block

A nearly 300-year old maple tree in Sharon may come down. More on [www.lakevillejournal.com](http://www.lakevillejournal.com)

## POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

#### Asleep at the wheel

On Friday, Jan. 26, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Pearse Langlands, 68, of Lakeville, was traveling west on Lime Rock Road in Salisbury when he fell asleep at the wheel and drove off the right side of the road. The car struck a guardrail and a tree. The car was towed from the scene and Langlands was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane and failure to wear a seat belt.

#### Truck rolls on side

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, at approximately 10 a.m., David Wlock, 42, of Goshen, was northbound on Route 43 in a 2011 International 7400 when he felt the rear end of the truck swing out. While trying to regain control he struck a dirt embankment, causing the truck to come to an uncontrolled final rest onto its driver side. Wlock was issued an infraction for driving too fast for conditions and driving a commercial vehicle without a commercial license.

#### Traveling too fast

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, at approximately 7 p.m., Salvador Santosperez, 28, of Woodhaven, New York, was southbound on Johnson Road in Canaan in a 2007 Nissan Altima and lost control in a curved portion of road. The vehicle struck a cable-barrier on the southbound side and had to be

towed from the scene. Santosperez was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

#### Collides with boulder

On Sunday, Jan. 21, at approximately 10:30 p.m. Alison Forman, 41, was southbound on Factory Street in Salisbury in a 2023 Subaru Outback. While negotiating a curve the Subaru continued straightforward, ran off the road and collided with a boulder. Forman left the scene prior to the arrival of troopers. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Forman arrived at Troop B to report the accident and was issued an infraction for a restricted turn.

#### Driving under influence

On Saturday, Jan. 20, at approximately 11 p.m., troopers responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Twin Lakes Road and Route 44 in Salisbury. Troopers observed that Daniel Brazee, 51, of Salisbury, the operator of the 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 that struck a utility pole, snapping it at its base, appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Brazee failed a sobriety test and was charged with operating under the influence, traveling too fast for conditions, failure to drive in proper lane and failure to renew registration.

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

#### Legal Notice

The Audit report for the Town of Sharon for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2023 is on file for public inspection in the Town Clerks office during regular office hours and online at [sharonct.org](http://sharonct.org).

02-01-24

#### MARCH APPEALS BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS TOWN OF SHARON

All owners of real property in the Town of Sharon are hereby warned that the Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Sharon will meet at the Sharon Town Hall, by appointment, in March for the purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of real property. All persons claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the assessor of the Town of Sharon with regard to real property assessment on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 are hereby warned to file their appeal application to the board of Assessment Appeals on or before February 20, 2024. Applications received after that date will be rejected. For an application, please contact the Town Clerks office at 860-364-5224,

Assessor's Office at 860-364-0205 or visit [www.sharonct.org](http://www.sharonct.org)

Board of Assessment Appeals  
Chairman  
Thomas F. Casey, Sr.  
Sharon Connecticut  
02-01-24

#### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on January 16, 2024:

Approved with Conditions < \\_> Site Plan Application #2023-0233 by owner The Hotchkiss School, for Dining Hall Renovations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 06 as Lot 8 and is located at 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 0608-8.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
02-01-24

# SWSA Jumpfest returns for year 98

SALISBURY — Salisbury Winter Sports Association hosts the 98th annual Jumpfest Friday through Sunday, Feb. 2 to 4, at Satre Hill.

The three-day event, which features some of the best ski jumpers in the eastern division, attracts thousands of visitors who witness the excitement of live ski jumping at its best in a fun, party-like atmosphere.

Enjoy food trucks, craft beer, hot toddies and bonfires while watching jumpers fly up to 200 feet through the air at speeds of over 50 miles per hour.

Featured weekend events include Friday evening target jumping under the lights, which is fun for the jumpers and exciting for viewers as well as the zany Human Dog Sled race.

On Saturday, the Salisbury Invitational will be held with a fun junior competition in the morning. The Snow Ball with live music will take place at the Lakeville Town Grove Saturday evening.

On Sunday, the Eastern U.S. Ski Jumping Championships will be held. This is a very important event for

jumpers, who will be vying for a spot on the Junior National Team.

Admission to all events, except the Snow Ball, is \$15 for adults. Children 12 and under will be admitted for free. There are discounts for seniors and veterans. Parking is free.

#### Jumpfest weekend schedule of events

##### Friday, Feb. 2

Friday Night Lights  
Ticket booth opens at 6 p.m.

Target Jumping Under the Lights, 7 p.m.

Human Dogsled Races after target jumping

##### Saturday, Feb. 3

Junior Competition on 20M and 30M jumps at 9:30 a.m.

Salisbury Invitational Ski Jumping Competition

Practice, 11 a.m. to noon; competition at 1 p.m.

Snow Ball at the Lakeville Town Grove, 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Live music by the Steve Dunn Band. \$20 entry fee, children 12 and under admitted free

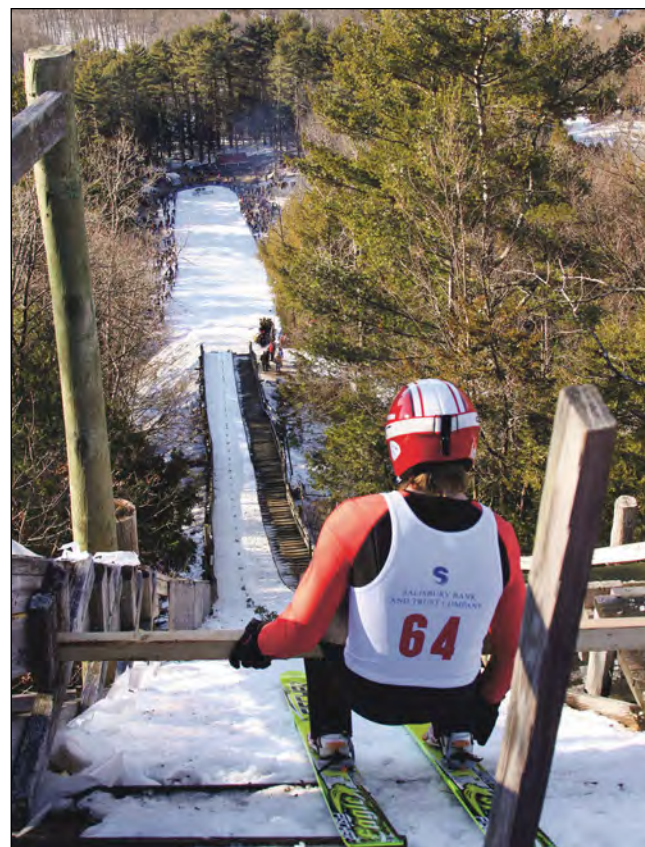


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##### Sunday, Feb. 4

Eastern U.S. Ski Jumping Championships

Practice 11 a.m. to noon; competition at 1 p.m.

The eastern division Junior National Team will be named after Sunday's competition.

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## Salisbury kindergarten registration dates announced

Salisbury Central School kindergarten pre-registration for the 2024-2025 year is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28, Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 6.

In response to new CT Legislation, Public Act 23-208, Section 1, children must turn five before September to

be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten.

Children turning five between Sep. 1 and Dec. 31 will be eligible to enroll in the Early-Kindergarten program at Salisbury Central School.

Call Pat in the school office at 435-9871 to schedule an appointment.

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

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# Our Towns

## Clark named publisher of The Journal

The Board of Directors of LJM Media (formerly The Lakeville Journal Foundation) is pleased to announce the appointment of James Clark as Chief Executive Officer and Publisher, succeeding Susan Hassler, who has stepped down from her position.

At the same time, board member Tom Carley has been appointed Chief Operating Officer.

"James Clark is the ideal candidate to step into this important role, having managed a wide variety of administrative and management functions in his many years with this organization, including most recently as Chief Operating Officer," said Board Chair Noreen Doyle.

Clark began his career at The Lakeville Journal more than 20 years ago, advancing from graphic artist to Composing Manager to Production Coordinator before his appointment to COO in 2021.

"We are also fortunate that Carley will assume the role of COO. He is a former senior executive with The New York Times and brings a wealth of strategic planning and management experience to the position," Doyle said.



James Clark



Tom Carley

Carley has resigned from the LJM Media board as part of his appointment.

Last year, Carley worked with the Board and staff on developing the LJM strategic plan.

"We thank Susan Hassler for her many contributions in our early days as a nonprofit company, including overseeing the adoption of the long-term strategic plan," Doyle said.

## McMuckle's cures mealtime monotony

By Kathryn Boughton

NORTH CANAAN—The window says it all.

There, McMuckle's Market proclaims it is a purveyor of "yumminess," and owner Matthew Sadowski works hard to deliver on that promise.

Word is spreading throughout the region about the quality of the food at the little eatery, located at 85 Main St. in North Canaan, since owner/chef Sadowski quietly opened his doors Dec. 2.

In an online review, Andrew Anderson, enthused, "Came in on a whim, though I had been hearing about this place for a little while. I tried the kimchi & kielbasa fried rice and WOW. Super unique and flavorful. ... The service was good, and the ambience was lovely ..."

In another online review, Craig Whiting added to the praise: "Very unique, high-quality food at a great price with a calming atmosphere."

In a town that once offered little other than Italian restaurants, the range and variety of North Canaan's cuisine is becoming more nuanced with the glitzy Industry Kitchen and Bar, the cozy Blackberry River Bistro, and the homestyle New England meals served at the Olde School Deli. There is much more than pasta and pizza on the menu now.

"It's amazing what you can do with fresh food," Sadowski said as he bustled past with dishes for a neighboring table. "It's not the fastest thing, but I make as much as I can from scratch." He even creates his own mayonnaise, mustard and hot sauces.

Many in town watched and waited as Sadowski prepared the location for his new restaurant, taking a year to open. Finally, with the interior freshly redecorated in a lemony yellow contrasted by a dusky blue, a smattering of tables and a long commu-



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BOUGHTON

Matthew Sadowski serves Mario DiGiacomo.

nal bar down one side, Sadowski was ready.

He has been content to let word-of-mouth bring him customers and enjoys it when new patrons enjoy the experience he offers and return. But he does not obsess if people want something else.

"When I started, people wanted Pop's Diner [the next-to-last restaurant in the space]. But that is not coming back. I like it when get people on board with what I am doing. When they come back, that is a huge compliment, but I don't want to do what others are doing — let them have that lane."

What he is doing is simple food, cooked simply and with great skill — with the occasional surprising twist.

The product of a Polish home, where pickled foods were frequently served, and a long-term relationship with a Korean woman, he likes to season his foods with pickled vegetables that offer a piquant — but not overpowering — flavor.

"I was turned on to that funkiness as a kid," he recalled. "It's natural flavoring without using flavorings that are bad for you. It's better food and I want to put out a quality product all the time."

His menu consists of such starters as an egg, "by the each, any time, anyway, with anything" (\$2); pickled vegetables, which he terms "yummy probiotic-filled treats to cure a craving and indecisiveness" (\$6); a choice of cast iron skillet veggies

seasoned with salt, pepper, lemon and fresh herbs (\$7); or kielbasa, sliced and pan-seared with tangy mustard for dipping (\$5).

A variety of salads are priced at \$9, and his hot sandwiches range from \$6 to \$10. His most expensive entree is a spicy chili garlic shrimp at \$19. The Mediterranean sea bass comes just behind at \$17.

Sadowski is happy to have people suggest meals. "If you don't know what you want, I will cook for you and surprise you," he said. Because all his food is made to order, his biggest fear is becoming too busy and making people wait too long for their food.

Sadowski is used to a much faster pace and happy to have turned his back on it. A cook since he was 12, working at his parent's mom-and-pop shop with its soda fountain counter service, he drifted into working at casinos in Connecticut and Florida, where he was executive chef at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

"Cooking in casinos is an odd environment," he said. "You lose track of everything. The work is nonstop and they are not the nicest people."

Now, in his own restaurant, he feels different as a chef and finds different ideas that "pop out of my head and are more healthy choices."

McMuckle's (named for his dog) is open from "about 11" through 8 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday.

## Music and meditation Feb. 2

SALISBURY — Mid-day Music and Meditation will be presented on Friday, Feb. 2 at the Congregational Church of Salisbury at 12:00 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m., and masks are optional.

This Meditation will feature piano music of Bach,

Schubert and Chopin, and organ pieces of Boëllmann, performed by music director David Baranowski.

Free to the public, Music Director David Baranowski provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory. Ministry donations are accepted

## P&Z presents draft for cannabis regulations

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — With the moratorium on cannabis licenses due to sunset in February, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) has been working diligently to regulate recreational marijuana in town.

Voters narrowly approved the sale of cannabis in North Canaan by referendum in November 2023. Since then, P&Z has held four meetings to discuss options on how to implement regulations for the various license types.

At a special meeting in Town Hall Monday, Jan. 22, Chairman Tim Abbott presented a draft designed to "regulate the location and operation of licensed adult-use cannabis" operations.

Under the proposed regulations, eight of the nine cannabis license types recognized in Connecticut would be permitted, with limitations, in three district types. A special permit would be required for all establishments.

Cannabis delivery service, cannabis food and beverage manufacturing, cannabis micro-cultivator, cannabis product manufacturer, and cannabis transporter licenses could be applied for in Industrial Zones.

All of the Industrial Zone license types will be limited to a maximum of one establishment per category.

Cannabis dispensary, cannabis hybrid retailer, and cannabis retailer licenses could be applied for in the Commercial Zone and Central Business District.

A maximum of one dispensary license and one hybrid retailer or retailer license will be granted. If a dispensary (medical sales only) becomes a hybrid retailer (medical and retail sales), no additional cannabis retailer licenses can be approved in town.

The draft showed all license types were buffered with setbacks: no cannabis establishment may be located within 1,000 feet of a public or private school nor within 500 feet of any charitable institution, church, convent, hospital, licensed child care center, licensed dependency treatment center, military installation, playground, public library, public park, public recreation trail, recreation center or facility, or veterans' home.

On-site consumption of cannabis or any cannabis product was prohibited in all licensed establishments. P&Z also set limits on the hours of operation for each license type. The one license

type not permitted under the drafted regulations was cannabis cultivator (large-scale growing operation).

Commission member Mike O'Connor stated that any special permit coming before P&Z can have stipulations applied at the board's discretion.

Discussion among the commission members ensued about further limiting the size of micro-cultivators. The drafted regulations would allow for a micro-cultivator to start at a minimum of 2,000 square feet and a maximum of 10,000 square feet. Through petition to the state, a micro-cultivator has the potential to expand to 15,000 square feet under the proposed regulations.

Some members felt the size should be capped at 10,000 square feet in North Canaan. Abbott suggested tabling the discussion to get feedback on the economic upside of taxing a larger micro-cultivator compared to a smaller operation.

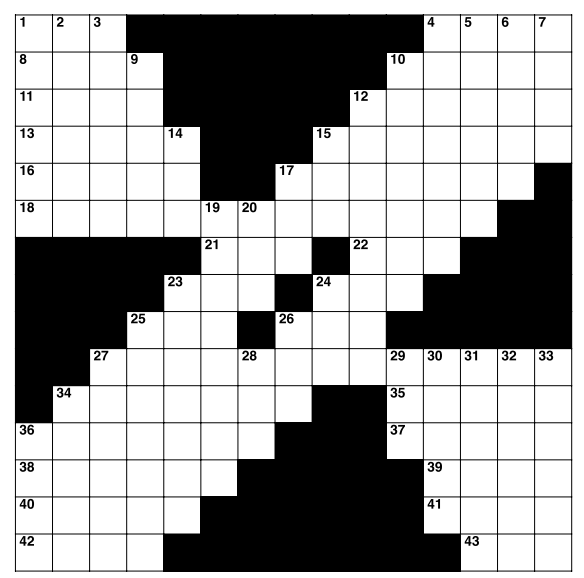
An updated draft will be reviewed at the next regular meeting Monday, Feb. 12. After reviewing the new draft, a decision will be made on whether the regulations are ready to be enacted or if the moratorium on cannabis licenses needs to be extended.

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point south of due east
- 4. Coagulated blood
- 8. Fortifying ditch
- 10. Devotee of Hinduism
- 11. Trunk of a tree
- 12. Bank note
- 13. Capital of Guam
- 15. Study again
- 16. Covered with hoarfrost
- 17. Opening
- 18. Legendary Rolling Stone

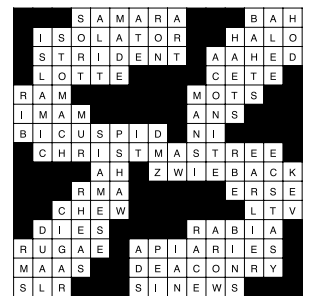
- 21. Stray
- 22. Computer storing system
- 23. Signal
- 24. Pitching statistic
- 25. Human being
- 26. Malaysian isthmus
- 27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. A gland
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Endangered
- 37. Three-dimensional
- 38. In a way, precipitated
- 39. God associated with dissolution
- 40. Blemished
- 41. Flow or leak slowly
- 42. Disco legends The Bee
- 43. Midway between south and southeast



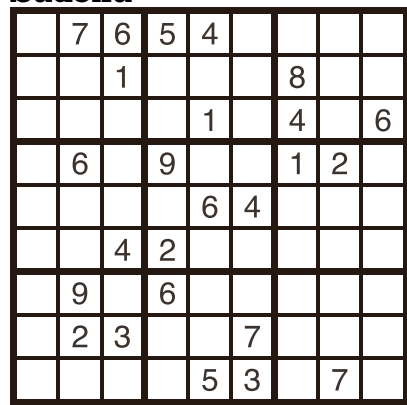
- 6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- 7. Small lake
- 9. Belief
- 10. Sunrooms
- 12. Metric weight unit
- 14. Vasopressin
- 15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 17. One-time family room staple
- 19. Got back together
- 20. Anger
- 23. Sang merrily
- 24. Sea eagle
- 25. Military men
- 26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. Protects from weather

- 29. Type of medicine
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Lack of disunity
- 36. One-time European Commission officer

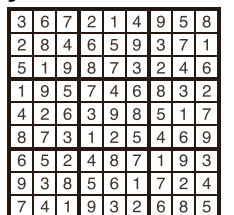
### Jan. 25 Solution



### Sudoku



### Jan. 25 Solution



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# Norfolk Library Associates celebrate 50th anniversary

By Jennifer Almquist

NORFOLK — Despite icy roads Saturday, Jan. 20, enthusiastic guests gathered in the Great Hall of the Norfolk Library to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Norfolk Library Associates.

Library director Ann Havemeyer opened the party with her remarks: "This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Norfolk Library Associates, a remarkable organization that has done so much for the Library over the past five decades. When Isabella Eldridge built the library in 1888, it was her wish that it would not only be a library, but also a gathering place for the community.

"Since its founding in 1974, the Library Associates have brought Isabella's vision to life by organizing a wide variety of cultural events, book groups, children's programs, concerts, films, and lectures, all open to the public, free of charge. These programs are funded primarily with monies raised at the Associates Annual Book Sale, first held in 1976 and now considered one of the best in Southern New England.

"Among the Associates' other achievements has been the creation of a monthly art exhibit program, which features talented artists and raises additional funds for the library. Over 250 artists have had solo shows at the library since 1974."

After awards were presented to the current co-presidents of the Associates, Galene Kessin and Louise Davis, thank-yous and flowers were given Ruthann Olsson, and past presidents, and Havemeyer gave special thanks to indefatigable Associates annual book sale organizer, Bridget Starr Taylor, the celebrants enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Associates, which filled the long



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST  
Above, guests enjoyed a festive spread at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Norfolk Library Associates. Left, Kristin and Grant Mudge and their band, the Grantville Dawgs, played music from all five decades the Norfolk Library Associates have existed.

oak table in the Hall.

Wine glasses were filled, seltzers and a refreshing punch served, old friends hugged, and welcomed some new members of the community. Local musicians Grant and Kristin Mudge and their band The Grantville Dawgs raised the roof of the sedate, historic Library with their vintage rock and roll. The songs evoked the spirit of the '60s, '70s, and '80s — some people even danced.

The spirit of the visionary Isabella Eldridge was felt by one and all.

Membership in the Library Associates is open to

any person who wishes to contribute to ensure that the cultural and artistic events continue to be a vital part of the Norfolk Library.

A monthly meeting of the Associates is held at noon on the first Tuesday of the month. This is an open meeting that anyone may attend.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Back in full stride

The On the Run coffee shop, under new owner Erica Cooper, reopened Monday morning, Jan. 20. At 9 a.m. the place was packed. Cooper and the team bustled around doing several things at once while maintaining running conversations with each other and with the patrons.

## Housing Trust receives matching grant for North Main Street apartments

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Building upon the June 2023 purchase of three neighboring multi-family homes for future conversion to affordable housing opportunities, the Sharon Housing Trust (SHT) announced this week that it has been awarded a \$50,000 matching grant from a local foundation to assist with immediate repairs to the buildings that one day will become affordable rental units.

Located at 91, 93 and 95 North Main Street, the three buildings hold a total of six apartments that are conveniently located adjacent to the Sharon Center School and close to shopping. Five two-bedroom apartments and one three-bedroom apartment are within the complex.

Announcing the grant award from The Low Road Foundation, Bob Whelan, SHT building chairman, indicated that because the grant calls for donations to be matched prior to the

closing date of Dec. 31, 2024, the community will have an added incentive to respond to SHT's ongoing appeals this year. If the match is fully successful, then \$100,000 could be available for needed repairs to the buildings.

The initial repairs are an important hurdle before the SHT can apply to the state Department of Housing for more funding to accomplish upgrades to convert the buildings into workforce housing.

The SHT was founded in 2005 with an initial mission to build affordable single-family homes. The current mission, defined by the 2022 Affordable Housing Plan, is responding to a town goal to increase the number of affordable housing opportunities by 15 or 20 units by 2027. Hoping to achieve that goal, the trust has begun identifying and working with rental units.

For more information about the matching grant and the work of the SHT, go to [www.shtct.org](http://www.shtct.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Frederick Morgenthau Joseph

SHARON — Frederick Morgenthau Joseph passed away on Jan. 27, 2024, at CareDimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, Massachusetts, just seven weeks short of his 95th birthday. He was born in Paris, France, in 1929 to Hugo and Louise (nee Morgenthau) Joseph. His family returned to the United States following the invasion of France by the German army.

Frederick was a graduate of the Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, Massachusetts, and Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire. He then majored in medieval history at Harvard College graduating in 1950. Following graduation, he served in the United States Foreign Service in Jakarta, Indonesia, and then in the United States Army. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1959 and began working for a private firm. He worked in the Foreign Law Department at Sterling Drug and then in the General Counsel's office of JC Penney from which he took early retirement to practice immigration law. He also served as an arbitrator and on bar committees and trade commissions.

In 1964, Fred married Katherine Louise Kautz-

mann. They made their home in Manhattan where they welcomed their son, Frederick Morgethau Joseph. They also maintained a home in Sharon, Connecticut. Their love of travel led them to visit over 90 countries.

Fred's interest in history led him to be docent and researcher at the New York Historical Society and on the board of the Sharon Historical Society. He was a member of the University Club, on the Board of the Eastside Neighborhood Association, and was a 50-year plus member of the All Souls' Unitarian Church where he served as a board member, deacon, and Clerk of the Society for 31 years.

An avid reader, stamp collector, and bridge player, he and his wife recently moved from Manhattan to Lexington, Massachusetts, to be near their son.

Fred is survived by his wife, Kay, his son, Fred, his daughter-in-law, Teresa Scott, and his grandsons, Caleb and Eli. He was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Services will be private. Those who wish may consider a memorial contribution to the Sharon Historical Society.

For more obituaries, see page A5

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Brothers Paul and John Stefanopoulos at the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, NY



# OBITUARIES

## Patricia Anne Gomez

LAKEVILLE — Patricia Anne (Pattengell) Gomez was born Jan. 8, 1928, and passed peacefully on Jan. 20, 2024. We like to think of it as a well-deserved promotion. It's difficult to share the essence of who she was: a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, teacher, confidant and so much more, in a few paragraphs.



generous and helpful person to everyone else. She was content in all that she did, and genuinely enjoyed peace, quiet and her own company. She was the glue that bound and centered her very large family and the wind beneath many a family wing.

She will be remembered for hundreds of old-time sayings and cliches which she passed on to her family, and they will forever conjure up a vivid memory for us. She was the epitome of decency, and a true champion of common sense. She only added to this world while she was here, and there could not be a better legacy.

Patricia was the daughter of Russell L. and Florence (Hess) Pattengell, born and raised in Rosedale, Long Island. She attended Andrew Jackson High School in 1946, and graduated from Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in 1947, obtaining a job for Addison B Hastings Co. in NYC. On Sept. 11, 1949, she married Francis J. Gomez, and moved to Cornwall Bridge. In 1955 they bought Quality Farm in Lakeville and operated the farm until 1975. She was an active farmer's wife, raising seven children and working on the farm. She had been a 4H leader for the Homemaking Club, and was an assistant Cub Scout Den mother. She was a member of, and very involved in, the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

Pat, or Patsy, as she was known by some, shifted gears in 1978 when her husband purchased Newkirk Funeral Home in Lakeville, where she resided for 45 years; a gracious and tolerant partner at the most challenging times. She worked as the Salisbury Assistant Town Clerk for 17 1/2 years before retiring.

She had a few passions: her family first and foremost, her red convertibles and almost all dairy products in excess. She had exquisite decorating and design abilities. Her superpowers included patience, stenography, bookkeeping, ultimate recycling (long before it was mandated or cool), sewing, baking, holiday decorating, doctoring, and active listening.

She was an accessible but pragmatic parent and an equal opportunity disciplinarian, as many a neighborhood child could attest to. She was a true and fast friend to a selective few, and a kind,

she was predeceased by her husband Francis, her son Michael and granddaughter Caroline, and her dearest friend Fern. She leaves her children, Susan and her husband Richard Vreeland, Sandra and her husband Peter Oliver, Mark Gomez and his wife Linda, Patti and her husband Michael Majesky, Anne and her husband Edgar "Bud" Upton, and Steven Gomez and his wife Robbin, along with grandchildren Stephanie Magyar, Traci Grasso, Kirsten Merritt and Meghan Merritt, Matthew Vreeland and his wife Larissa, Cameron Gomez, Christopher Ryan and Jonathan Ryan, Bryce Gomez, Justin Gomez, Benjamin Upton, Madisyn Gomez, Sarah Upton, Rebecca Sherwood and Jennifer Redmond. She also leaves great-grandchildren Hailey and Addison Grasso, Jackson Magyar, Emma Ryan, Addison and Emilia Vreeland. She also leaves several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor to the Lakeville United Methodist Church, PO Box 648, Lakeville, CT 06039.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at the Lakeville United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements are being handled by Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, and online condolences can be left at ryanfhct.com

PINE PLAINS — Archie B. Deane Jr., 89, passed away peacefully on Jan. 14, 2024, at The Meadows at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck. The son of Archie and Pauline (Finkle) Deane, he was born on Aug. 9, 1934, in Sharon, Connecticut.



Archie was a farmer most of his life. He attended Cornell University where he became an artificial inseminator and traveled to many farms throughout Dutchess

and Columbia counties. His passion was farming, and he enjoyed 4-H cattle showing, visiting farmers and tractor pulls where he could be seen on his Allis Chalmers WD45.

After his farming days, he worked at Wassatic Developmental Center where he reopened their greenhouse. Along with some helpers, he produced a large variety of houseplants and vegetables for the community. With his

love and knowledge for flowers he became a full service florist, owning and operating the Flower Basket, in Red Hook.

Upon retirement, he and Helen moved to Florida full-time. Together they enjoyed camping, taking cruises or just going out for ice cream. He also enjoyed golfing with the boys where he would use the "Florida" rules. Including the "Palm Wedge" which he perfected.

Archie is survived by his children, David (Carol) Deane, Audrey (Keven) Kemp, both of Pine Plains;

His grandchildren, Josh, Tina, Deidre, Jessica, Eric, Ryan and Sean; Eight great grandchildren, in addition to his sisters, Joan and Cathy. Also, several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Helen, son, Archie III and his brothers Bobby and Pete.

Services take place in the springtime at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peck & Peck Funeral Homes of Pine Plains. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net)

AMENIA — Dr. Edna Carolyne McCown, 76, an eight-year resident of Amenia, formerly of Brooklyn, New York, died peacefully on Jan. 25, 2024, at her home in Amenia. Dr. McCown was a retired program director at the Goethe-Institut in New York City and a freelance translator of German literature throughout her career.



Born Aug. 27, 1947, in Florence, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late William R. and Ernestine K. (Allen) McCown. She received her doctorate degree from SUNY Stony Brook. On Jan. 16, 2010, in Durham, Connecticut, she married Dr.

Nancy F. McKenzie, who survives her at their home in Amenia.

Dr. McCown was active in Food of Life Pantry and The Giving Garden at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union. She also was a longtime advocate for the new Amenia Free Library and supporter and visitor of favorite creatures at the Sharon Audubon Center.

In addition to her loving wife, Edna is survived by her sister, Carolyne Bobine McCown of The Villages, Florida, and many friends in Amenia, New York, California, Frankfurt and Berlin. A celebration of Edna's life

will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the following organizations in Edna's memory: Doctors Without Borders USA, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 2174, Pen America, 588 Broadway, Suite 33, New York, NY 10012, St. Thomas Episcopal Church-Food of Life Pantry, 40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia,

NY 12501 or Amenia Free Library, P.O. Box 27, Amenia, NY 12501.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Edna's memory please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

## Edna Carolyne McCown

## Anne Chickering Hill

MILLERTON — Anne Chickering Hill of Hobe Sound, Florida, and Millerton, passed away on Jan. 12, 2024.



Anne was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on March 2, 1935, the daughter of John and Alice Chickering. She attended The Brearley School in Manhattan, Westover School in Middletown, Connecticut and graduated from Wells College in Aurora, New York.

Anne married her first love, Richard "Dick" Hill, in Sept. 1957. Anne and Dick resided in New York City for a brief period of time before Dick was posted to London by his employer. Anne and Dick spent the next 40 years of their 56 year-long marriage in London.

In 1999, the couple moved back to the United States to split their time between Hobe Sound and Millerton.

Anne was a passionate tennis player both on and off the court. "Angle Annie" was a competitive opponent and a sought-after partner. She adored her frequent matches at the Jupiter Island Club and the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club but could also be counted on to watch every minute of every tennis Grand Slam tournament.

Anne was an avid horticulturist and her homes were always filled to overflowing with flowers and potted plants and surrounded by beautiful landscaping. Anne was also an accomplished cook and a gracious host. She had a vast library of cookbooks and would read them for pleasure. She adored welcoming family and friends into her homes for lunches and dinners that would last for many hours.

Anne was passionate about her many activities at The Jupiter Island Club, including the Garden Club, the Library and the Chorus. However, most special to Anne was her role on the Altar Guild at Christ Memorial Chapel. It was the highlight of her week and she spent many Saturdays, Sundays and holidays setting up for communion and other chapel events.

Anne was preceded in death by her husband in 2013. She is survived and sorely missed by her two children, Wendy Hill and Peter Hill (Sara) and her three granddaughters, Katie, Caroline and Emma.

A memorial service will be held for Anne on Saturday, Mar. 2, at 1.00 p.m. at Christ Memorial Chapel, 52 South Beach Road, Hobe Sound.

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

## Falls Village board adopts new town plan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) after a public hearing Thursday, Jan 25. Both the hearing and subsequent meeting were held online only.

Consultant Glenn Chalder of Planitmetrics presented a concise overview of the POCD, noting that by state law, such plans must be updated every 10 years.

Public comment was largely in the form of a lengthy list of questions and concerns from Daly Reville. Chalder noted that as a result of Reville's close reading of the POCD, the Litchfield County Center for Housing

Opportunity was added to the list of partner organizations. Reville also questioned whether one of the houses shown in a photograph is actually in the town. Chalder said he would double-check.

The new POCD is available on the town website.

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<p><b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b> is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a></p>	<p><b>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green</b> 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp   Shabbat Services Hebrew School   CTeen   YJP Judaism With A Smile! <a href="http://chabadNW.org">chabadNW.org</a> 860.567.3377   <a href="mailto:office@chabadNW.org">office@chabadNW.org</a></p>
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<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc634@att.net">sharonumc634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a></p>
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EDITORIAL

Quiet comeback

This past week has been a momentous one for that staple of American life: the newspaper. We want to pause a moment to take stock of our good fortune and thank everyone who supports our work by reading the paper week after week and by advertising in its pages. Our mission is to be relevant to your lives and businesses, and to also be interesting and entertaining.

The financial support that we receive from your generous donations, steady subscriptions and consistent advertising has allowed us to recover from the pandemic, which forced sharp cutbacks. Today, we are making a quiet comeback. We get a chill when we read news of other newspapers that are facing existential threats. Last week, that threat become real for three longstanding New York suburban newspapers that suspended operations. The Scarsdale (New York) Inquirer suspended publication after giving readers a weekly report for the last 123 years. The Rivertowns Enterprise, owned by the Inquirer and serving Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley, and Irvington in Westchester County, also suspended operations, as did The Record-Review, an award-winning community newspaper serving Bedford, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge.

Local newspapers reflect a community's life, and when they vanish there is no image coming back to us from the mirror, revealing our own truths.

This past week also was a dark one at the Los Angeles Times, which announced that it was laying off 20 percent of its newsroom, marking one of the biggest cuts in staffing in the paper's 142-year history. The Washington Post and the venerable Sports Illustrated have faced recent staff reductions. And we have reported on the pages over the past year about the impact of the changing landscape on community newspapers — more than half of all American communities now are considered news deserts because they no longer have an authoritative source of local news. There are more than 1,000 public radio stations in America, but only about one in five is producing local news, according to a 2023 study by the Medill School of Journalism. It's noteworthy, too, that many of these publications have been witness to life in their communities for the past century, or more. The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News fall into that category.

We began this commentary by appreciating you, our readers and advertisers, for continued support. Without this pact with our community we would not have succeeded in our mission to provide relevant, interesting and entertaining news week to week, or offer a venue for your letters and columns, so that what we see when we all look in the mirror is our community looking back at us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reassessment of Pope Property development needed

We write as a group of concerned citizens regarding the current plans for development of the Pope Property in the heart of Salisbury Village, which is a pastoral, green-field site, bordered by wetlands.

The Pope Project as currently conceived and shown on the Town of Salisbury website proposes the construction of a cluster of high-density affordable housing, consisting of 64 units in 23 multi-family houses to be built adjacent to the Rail Trail, which now serves as a natural preserve running through the Village. The majority of the units would be located within the area that is designated as the Salisbury Village Historic District. In addition to the construction of the housing complex, the current plans also call for construction of expansive recreational facilities along Salmon Kill Road, including a parking lot with overhead lighting for nearly 100 vehicles (this is in addition to the new paved road, parking spaces, and overhead lighting that would be incorporated within the housing development along the Rail Trail).

We recognize that the need to expand access to

affordable housing in Salisbury, in its many different forms, is a high priority, and we appreciate that the Town is addressing this need. We believe, however, that this important goal can be achieved in a manner that is more in keeping with the objectives of preserving the historic center and fundamental characteristics of Salisbury as a small New England village, and with more sensitivity to the natural setting that many of its residents deeply cherish.

The Pope Project because of its scale of construction and its location within the Historic District along the Rail Trail raises a host of challenging issues that have not yet been adequately addressed. These include the need for further study of environmental preservation, traffic safety and access, architectural design, and demands on existing infrastructure.

In particular, the scale of the project, with its multi-unit, three story buildings, would result in the creation of a suburban subdivision within the Village that is disproportionately large compared to the existing homes built over the past 200 years.

The long-term construction of a new village within the historic Village would also have a major impact on traffic congestion along Salmon Kill, the narrow road running into Main Street. Further, the plan will irreparably diminish and disrupt the natural setting and views along the Rail Trail, a distinctive and shared experience of outdoor life in Salisbury. There are also very significant demands on Village infrastructure and funding implications to these plans that clearly need to be worked through and fully presented to Salisbury Town taxpayers.

In sum, the fundamental and ongoing effects that this proposed plan will have on Salisbury need to be brought into better focus and with more opportunity for constructive input by the wider community in critical planning. The types of modifications that would make the Pope Project more sustainable and start to build a community consensus include (1) a greenway belt along the Rail Trail and the setback of the new buildings so that they are not situated within the Village Historic District only a few yards from the Rail Trail, (2) implementing more environmentally sensitive architectural plans and natural landscaping as opposed to the large subdivision with rows of houses currently

envisioned, (3) minimizing the nighttime light pollution from the oversized parking lot, and (4) providing alternate access to the development to relieve congestion on Salmon Kill Road without impacting the Rail Trail as it currently exists.

It is increasingly imperative that the residents and taxpayers of Salisbury take the initiative on these issues and certainly be included in the conversation now and going forward so that the Pope Property can be developed in a way that contributes to and enhances the entire Salisbury community.

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Getting a handle on the immigration crisis

The country's southern border has become a sieve. In fact it no longer exists according to a border's definition. Fact: In December alone a historic record of 300,000 crashers entered this country. Who are they? They are euphemistically referred to as "economic migrants." Things have produced such a chaotic situation that a teeming crisis has been happening. These unlawful arrivals have put a strain on the country's housing, medical facilities, education, and social services.

The present administration has not only been in denial of the problem but has unbelievably abetted it. Its stance has undermined respect for the rule of

law. The open border agenda (nothing to see here) has angered and threatened many by way of fentanyl smuggling.

What has Congress done? The House of Representatives last year passed H.R.2 —Secure the Border Act.

1. This bill prohibits Department of Homeland Security from processing the entry of non-natives between ports of entry.

2. It authorizes the non-natives seeking asylum to stay in a third country (wait in Mexico) until the asylum claim is processed.

3. It strengthens border patrol through grants to law enforcement.

4. Establishes an electronic employ-

ment eligibility service like (E-verify), and 5. to build a wall along the U.S./ Mexico border.

Recent polls have determined that immigration has replaced the economy as the country's greatest concern. The seriousness of the matter is emphasized due to the looming impeachment of DHS head Mayorkas.

The Secure the Border Act passed the House in May 2023 (without any Connecticut votes). It is just the right antidote to get a handle on this immigration crisis.

Joe Agli

Kent

Steps to take to thwart slide to fascism

In this season it's easy to wish everyone we meet with "Happy New Year." The happiest 2024 we can imagine is one where the slipping toward fascism is crushed at the polls next November. Living in the blue hue of Connecticut, what can we do to help make this happen?

Of course, support local and state progressive candidates and financially support important causes. More than ever, however, I believe we must focus our giving. One way to make sure our dollars do the most good is to support

advocates who are working to put abortion and women's health on the November ballot in their states.

It's proven by last November's elections, that states that put women's right to choose ballot initiatives on the ballot drew a huge turnout of women, young voters and all who support a woman's right to choose. This is a huge "winner" for progressives. If supporters of this singular issue come out to vote, down goes the fascist cabal.

PBS.org and other national news outlets have a list of states where advo-

cates are organizing ballot initiatives. It takes a lot of money to work up ballot initiatives. My wife and I chose a state where our daughter and son-in-law live and sent money to Arizona for Abortion Access.

We encourage 'the kids' to join the petitioning and organizing. Go to pbs.org or nbc.com and search the topic. Pick a state. Send money. Get to work. Happy New Year.

Dick Sears

Cornwall Bridge

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## Viewpoint



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## Fox in the fog

On a morning drive in Salisbury on Thursday, Feb. 25, a fox invited a photographer to slow down and stop to watch. The fox-watch eventually ended at the entrance to the Mary V. Peters Memorial Park and the Salisbury Community Dog Park.

## Stanley Cup joins long list of fads

Bell bottoms, Cabbage Patch dolls, pet rocks, Disney popcorn buckets—the list goes on.

This year it is the Stanley Cup Quencher in a rainbow of colors. Fads are part of our society.

They are different than trends or cults and most have a limited life.

There are fads everywhere you look. Fashion, diets, music, clothes, and especially toys.

Who remembers the Power Rangers? They seem to come out of nowhere, blaze a path of widespread adoption by multitudes of people, and then crash into sudden decline seemingly overnight.

Take the Stanley Cup for example. I had no idea that the thermos company of my youth had transformed its reliable “hammer tone” green-bodied container of my working days into a plethora of sippy cups that are now the rage in America.

I credit a recent local story by Meg Britton-Mehlisch in the Berkshire Eagle that revealed how this venerable 110-year product was not only invented by William Stanley Jr. but was manufactured in Great Barrington just a stone's throw from where I sit. It is also true that when the inventor announced his invention

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BY BILL SCHMICK

back then, he did so through that very same newspaper in 1915!

It was the first vacuum-insulated steel bottle and it found its way into the hands of mainly working men for the next century.

But I digress. Fads, as I have discovered, can be driven by several factors. Social influence, marketing, novelty, word of mouth, and in this age of TikTok, the internet. In the case of the Stanley Cup, it seems the product took off after it was profiled in The New York Times.

From there, social media influencers on a site called #WaterTok, that focuses on hydration, went bonkers over the cup. After all, who wouldn't want another plastic water cup that not only fits in your car's cup holder but features a straw and a handle in 26 glorious colors?

By January 2024, videos of what is now called an “adult sippy cup” have been viewed over 201.4 million times on TikTok. Marketers and advertising firms jumped on the bandwagon pitching the product to women as not

only a sustainable product, but one that can be part of a woman's day-to-day accessories, thus the number of colors offered.

“Limited” is a keyword that marketers use time and time again when promoting fads. Not only does it convey a feeling of exclusivity and urgency but usually triggers that fear of missing out on a product. It is what causes fistfights among consumers. The Stanley Quencher certainly has had its share of that kind of behavior. And what fad would not be complete without a growing interest in collecting these \$45 reusable water bottles? The Winter Pink Starbucks Collaboration cup is a hot item. Collectors are selling some hard-to-get models like that one for \$400 on the resell market. I do wish the Stanley company well in Fad land. It just so happens that I have a black and silver, two-stage lid, one quart, Stanley thermos in mint condition for sale. Do I hear \$100, \$150, or maybe trade for the Winter Pink Starbucks cup?

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## The Coming Autocracy, II

A few weeks ago I wrote in these pages that we in America are almost assured of heading for a degradation of democracy and a sharp rise of autocratic governance if Donald Trump wins the presidency again this coming November. In that op-ed I focused on the groups that would be under attack if Trump is installed in the Oval Office: immigrants, women, the poor. This second essay focuses on the templates for Trump's potential actions as president provided by what Republican state governors have been doing for several years.

Currently, 23 states have “Republican trifecta” governance, meaning that the governorship and both houses of the state legislature are controlled by that party. (To be fair, there are also 17 states with Democratic trifectas, including Connecticut; each bloc serves about 41% of the total population of the U.S.)

Republican Governors Ron DeSantis of Florida, Greg Abbott of Texas, and Sarah Huckabee Sanders of Arkansas have been leading the way, but they are joined in their efforts, if not always in the headlines, by such governors as Kim Reynolds of Iowa and even by Glenn Youngkin of Virginia, who has to deal with a legislature that he does not control. One and all, these governors are attempting to rid their states of recent immigrants; to criminalize abortion; to push women out of the workforce and back into their marital homes; to remake school curriculums so that they exclude materials that cast doubt on anything they don't approve of — interpretations of race relations, women's rights, evolution, American and world history, even certain mathematical concepts; to reformulate voting in ways that will exclude and overburden likely Democratic voters; and to marginalize such minority groups as

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BY TOM SHACHTMAN

gays and trans-genders, and to some extent, all people of color.

Sanders' official website touts her plans to have “universal school choice” — meaning, to enable families to opt out of public schooling — and to “invest in prison space to get repeat offenders off the streets,” even though every expert in the rehabilitation of criminals advises earlier paroles and treating potential recidivists with care on the outside, rather than re-incarcerating them.

In these states, as well, gun-toting rights are being advanced, so that it may soon be possible to see, on the streets of their cities the sort of open-carry excesses that have become common in Texas.

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Unnecessary arming of civilians is not going to augment public safety, according to recent research; as one report puts it, right-to-carry laws and the removal of restrictions on concealed weapons have been shown to “increase violent crime, firearm robberies, gun thefts, workplace homicides, and mass shootings.” Such governors also advocate placing armed police officers in schools, ostensibly to prevent violence.

Fifteen Republican gov-

ernors have chosen to deprive poverty-level students in their states of food assistance during the summers, despite it being made easily available under a bipartisan federal bill. This has injured 8 million children across the country.

Seven Republican-trifecta states have refused to extend Medicaid eligibility to low-income people, adults and children alike. The damage done thereby is almost incalculable.

Republican-trifecta governors are also cutting state taxes, essentially defunding their own state operations so as to then be able to plead that the coffers lack enough revenue to pay for needed services for its citizens. “Starve the beast,” the cry of the Gingrich and George W. Bush years, is now state policy in 23 states.

The Republican governors' efforts to restrict, defund, criminalize and forbid day-to-day activities are being felt in private, semi-public, and public arenas, from the bedroom and bathroom to the doctor's office, schoolroom, voting booth, sports locker-rooms, company offices, and beyond. Efforts to over-fund the police while underfunding welfare and assistance to the needy — the aged as well as the poor — are multiplying.

Will Trump use these Republican-governor activities as template for his own actions as president?

It is not hard to imagine every one of those being replicated and magnified on the federal level by an incoming president pledged to dismantling the civil service and substituting obedient political hacks for veteran experts and lifelong public servants. The consequences will be severe, unpleasant for everyone, and very long-lasting.

*Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written more than two dozen books and many television documentaries.*

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

## 100 years ago – 1924

Miss Lucy Reed has returned from an extended visit with her sisters in West Springfield and Suffield, and expects to resume her duties at the Canaan post office on Monday.

H. Roscoe Brinton has sold Radio sets to Miss Grace Ball and G.R. Belcher.

LIME ROCK – Arthur Peck has purchased a new piano.

Several are having their ice houses filled with 12 inch ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Robie of Taconic gave a radio and card party at their home on Saturday evening. All had a wonderfully enjoyable time.

Gaston Cleaveland is driving truck for H.S. Kelsey.

## 50 years ago – 1974

A week of rain and warm winds has imperiled the 49th annual U.S. Eastern Ski Jump Championships at Salisbury. But the sponsoring Salisbury Winter Sports Association has not yet cancelled the jumps, scheduled for Feb. 9 and 10.

Gasoline station owners in the Tri-State area tight-

ened their belts another notch in the last week of January, a month many describe as the worst yet. They are not optimistic about February and the future months. A spot check of area stations this week found many dealers are out of gasoline, while others who have the precious fluid have limited the hours they pump gas.

Adv. – GAS HOURS 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday. Limit of purchase depends on supply. Lakeville Service Station, Montgomery Street, Lakeville.

A pet cat belonging to John T. MacFadyen of Millbrook, N.Y., allegedly was the cause of an auto accident Monday morning on Under Mountain Road in Salisbury. The cat escaped from a box in the car and reportedly jumped on the young man, causing him to lose control of his vehicle, which knocked down a telephone pole. Mr. MacFadyen was taken by ambulance to Sharon Hospital, where he was treated and released. The cat disappeared during the confusion.

The North Canaan Housing Authority opted for electric heat for the 24-unit housing for the elderly proj-

ect at its last meeting. Before coming to its unanimous decision in favor of electric heat the group listened to the merits of both oil and electric heating as presented by representatives of the Hartford Electric Light Company and John B. Hull Inc. Housing Authority members favored electric heat because of the lower costs of installation and maintenance. The wheels of fortune (and Penn Central) grind exceedingly slow, but last week, after 50 weeks of negotiations, Canaan became the owner of the 11-acre tract off Quinn Street planned as the site for a housing for the elderly project.

A film of Steve Blass in the 1971 World Series will be shown this Friday in the North Canaan Elementary School at 7 p.m. The film will be open to all boys participating in Canaan - Falls Village Little League and their parents.

## 25 years ago – 1999

SHARON – The town lost a piece of its history last Friday when an electrical fire began in the library of the stately Weatherstone and gutted the interior of the front half of the home, leaving it little more than a shell of its former grandeur. As approximately 100 firefighters attempted to get the blaze

under control, neighbors and townspeople tried to get a glimpse of what one observer said was the “finest house in the Northwest Corner.” The 18th century Georgian manor house, with more than 300 years of history, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1765 by Dr. Simeon Smith, who operated a pharmacy in Sharon with drugs imported from London and Amsterdam, the home's original name was the Governor Smith Homestead. It was not until the 1940s that the home was given the name Weatherstone by owner Bryon Stookey, a prominent New York City neurosurgeon.

Kerry Keser, former education director, was recently promoted to museum director for Holley House and the Salisbury Cannon Museum. Although her actual duties will be little affected, Ms. Keser is pleased with this vote of confidence from the Salisbury Association.

FALLS VILLAGE – The Board of Selectmen voted 2-1 to move forward in the permit application process with the Department of Environmental Protection necessary to dump contaminated soil from the Lee H. Kellogg School as landfill cover. Selectmen Louis Timolat and Patricia Mechare voted in fa-

vor of the motion, while First Selectman Gabriel Seymour voted no at a meeting Jan. 21. Mr. Timolat has maintained that the soil is suitable for cover at a landfill. The hydrocarbon count is 418 parts per million, well below the maximum allowance of 50,000 parts per million, he said.

Falls Village residents got an update on the less than seamy side of Washington, D.C. last week. Lara Mittaud, a senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, recounted her experiences as a summer intern to a gathering of the Republican Town Committee. Although

the internship was arranged and largely funded through the RTC, the meeting was a show of bipartisanship. Both Democrats and Republicans in town contributed money so that Ms. Mittaud could travel to the nation's capital.

A daughter, Ciara Siobhan McElroy, was born Jan. 11 at Sharon Hospital to Noelle LaMunier and Sean McElroy of Falls Village.

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



## Realtor® at Large

Driving this morning in the snow storm I was grateful to finally get to some treated roads where the driving was much safer thanks to our road crews. I began to wonder what exactly were the treatments being applied and what other effects did they have in addition to ice free roads. Apparently they fall into three categories: sand, salt and magnesium chloride. The negatives are contaminating wetlands, increased corrosion of vehicles and increasing the levels of sodium in some residential wells. So apparently it is a trade off on what amount of treatments to use for road safety at the same time minimizing their negative effects. To become more aware of this issue, please visit: [portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Remediation-Site-Clean-Up/Road-Salt/Road-Salt-FAQs#sand%20and%20salt](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Remediation-Site-Clean-Up/Road-Salt/Road-Salt-FAQs#sand%20and%20salt) and this excellent review on the use of magnesium chloride at: [www.cga.ct.gov/2014/rpt/2014-R-0001.htm](http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/rpt/2014-R-0001.htm).



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## Cornwall's leaders review POCD progress

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The town's 10-year Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) that began in 2020 has entered its fourth year.

At a special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) Tuesday, Jan. 23, representatives from Cornwall's volunteer departments and committees provided an update on what their groups have done to achieve goals laid out in the town plan.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway presented first on behalf of the Board of Selectmen (BOS), which welcomed two new members in November 2023.

The new board created a list of goals for the coming term, most of which fall into one of four categories that align with the POCD: economic development, housing, resources, and community culture and youth.

On economic development, Ridgway cited progress on the West Cornwall wastewater project and the beginning of redeveloping former industrial areas through the sale of two delinquent properties.

For housing, he noted the creating of an Affordable Housing Commission, approved at a town meeting in December 2023. He said the newly formed commission is "trying to get some projects launched to make a dent in the housing issue" in Cornwall.

When discussing resources, Ridgway explained how 2023 was a "year of extreme weather," referencing heavy

rain that washed out roads, embankments, and even caused a landslide on Essex Hill Road. He also noted the town is working toward adding composting services to the transfer station and looking to expand solar energy production in Cornwall.

On community culture and youth, Ridgway pointed to the full calendar of events put on by the Park and Recreation team.

Park and Rec Chair Michelle Shipp reviewed the myriad of community events held last year, including an April Fools extravaganza, July Fest, Taste of Cornwall, Halloween at the Green, and Pasta Dinner with Santa. Park and Rec also hosted regular community lunches and outings for senior with the Goshen/Cornwall bus. Flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinics were also arranged by Park and Rec, and more than 250 people were vaccinated as a result.

Ginni Block provided an update from the Cornwall Housing Corporation, which has a goal of increasing the number of affordable housing units in town by 25 before 2030.

"We haven't added any this year, but we have made some progress," said Block, citing three potential construction projects in the works. "We just approved the hiring of a contractor to do the pre-development work."

The new homes will eventually cost approximately \$250,000 and be intended for individuals making 80% of the current median income.

Heidi Cunnick reported on behalf of the Conservation Commission and gave

updates on how the group monitors, educates, and takes action on land preservation.

Bart Jones from the Cornwall Conservation Trust added to this topic by providing details on the extent of preserved land in town.

"The Conservation Trust now conserves 2,300 acres approximately. That's about 8% of the land mass in Cornwall," said Jones. "Over 55% of the owned properties were donated."

In 2024, Jones noted the Conservation Trust will work to promote the 16 hiking trails it maintains on conserved land.

"This year we're going to make it the year of the trails and get people out hiking," said Jones.

To conclude, Anna Timell provided an update on behalf of P&Z. In 2023, the commission completed a reformatting of the town's planning and zoning regulations. Several recently amended regulations have already been taken advantage of by residents.

"Three new home-based businesses came to Cornwall as a result of our zoning amendment in 2021," said Timell. "We also just approved our first application under the amended agricultural regulations," she added, in reference to the Ridgway cidery that was approved in January 2024.

Timell also thanked all of the volunteers who contribute to the success and survival of Cornwall.

"I consider all the volunteers heroes," she said. "Those people are worth a million bucks to this town."

"They're priceless," added Selectman Jen Markow.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

## KVFD serves up 'Big Win' pancake breakfast

A snowy morning on Sunday, Jan. 28, did not deter eager patrons of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department's (KVFD) pancake breakfast. Organizer Anne McAndrew said it was the 15th such breakfast and had raised over \$5,000 for the KVFD. Tables were set with individual place settings, menus, silverware, centerpieces and candles. Wait staff took the orders and chefs prepared each meal individually — pancakes on the grill and eggs to order, all perfectly prepared and served to happy diners.



## Student contest to highlight energy efficiency

NEW BRITAIN — Registration is now open for the 19th annual Energize Connecticut eesmarts student contest.

Announced by Energize Connecticut sponsors Eversource and Avangrid Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, the contest invites K-12 students to answer grade level-specific

prompts on promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable solutions. Depending on grade level, students will submit entries in the form of a poster, limericks, outdoor billboard, fictional story, persuasive letter, comic strip, social media post, or persuasive image in words or pictures.

Registration is open until Friday, March 22. Project submissions are due Friday,

March 29. All work must be completed by the individual submitting the entry; group projects will not be accepted this year.

Finalists will be honored at an awards ceremony to be held in May. Each winner will receive a certificate and an Amazon gift card. For more information about the contest as well as complete rules, go to [energizect.com/student-contest](http://energizect.com/student-contest)

## Town Hall parking lot merger moves ahead in Sharon

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Continuing plans to expand the Town Hall parking lot were discussed at the regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Selectmen Tuesday, Jan. 23, with a unanimous vote to merge that rear parking lot with the parking lot next door that serves the town-owned building at 67 Main St.

A November meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the site plan that would

merge the two lots for convenience in maintaining both. The selectmen agreed to sign a Deed of Merger prepared by the town attorney and to file a surveyor's map with the town clerk.

Other action included moving ahead on arranging for inspection of town bridges less than 20 feet in length. After review of two proposals and detailed comparison, the selectmen determined that both proposals offered identical assessment services.

Cardinal Engineering was

selected to do the work at a cost estimate of \$750 for each bridge, to be paid out of the highway budget account.

A summary report of the study of Mudge Pond has been completed by Northeast Aquatic Research, and the results were reviewed by selectwoman Lynn Kearcher. George Knoecklein, who conducted the study, is expected to present results to the public in a future Zoom meeting, yet to be scheduled.

The selectmen agreed with Kearcher's recommendation to apply for a state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) grant of \$25,000 to pay for monthly water testing. The town's share of the funding would be \$5,000, Kearcher explained, adding that if the grant is awarded, the required town share might be found in the Silly Putty Fund.

## Steve Blass league registration now open

NORTH CANAAN — Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League signups for the spring 2024 baseball season have begun.

Boys and girls aged 4-15 from the towns of Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon are eligible to register.

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 10. Registration can be completed online at the team website: [leagues.bluecombrero.com/nwctsbll](http://leagues.bluecombrero.com/nwctsbll)

Contact league president Bob Foley with questions at [nwctll.pres@gmail.com](mailto:nwctll.pres@gmail.com).



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Jamison Boone celebrated on second last season.

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

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# Sports

## Mountaineers win mid-season JV basketball jamboree

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — An interconference junior varsity girls basketball tournament was held at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) on Saturday, Jan. 27.

HVRHS hosted a round robin jamboree with Indian Mountain School (IMS), Dover High School and Northwestern High School. After a long day of on-court action, HVRHS emerged as the unquestionable victor by defeating each of the other three teams.

The preliminary games were abbreviated scrimmage matches not lasting more than 45 minutes of real time. This kept the athletes fresh for back-to-back games and made for rip-roaring excitement for the audience. The championship round, however, was a full four-quarter match between the two winningest teams of the day.

The afternoon of JV play began with HVRHS against Northwestern. The Mountaineers banded together to climb to a 24-19 win over the Highlanders in round one.

IMS played Dover in the second matchup of the day. IMS handed down a decisive 21-8 win to Dover.

Northwestern then faced IMS immediately after the Dover game. The IMS Falcons kept soaring with a 30-22 win over the Highlanders.

HVRHS returned to the court to play Dover for the round two game. The Moun-



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

The HVRHS bench celebrated as the Mountaineers beat Indian Mountain School in the junior varsity basketball mid-season jamboree Saturday, Jan. 27.

taineers stayed strong with a 26-19 win against the Dragons.

After the first two rounds, HVRHS and IMS each stood with unblemished records in the jamboree.

Prior to the title game, Northwestern played Dover for the third-place consolation match. Northwestern won by a score of 34-13 over Dover.

The final match of the day between the Mountaineers and the Falcons exceeded fan expectations. With each side running on fumes in their third game of the day, the athletes kicked into overdrive

and left it all on the court.

HVRHS got out to a hot start with seven unanswered points. IMS responded strongly in the second quarter and nearly evened the score.

At halftime HVRHS led 19-17.

The refs were busy in this game and kept their whistles on the ready. Fouls, jump balls and travels were piling up, causing palpable frustration for players and fans.

"Somebody take that ref's whistle away," shouted a father from the stands.

"Come down and take it," responded the ref.

In the second half, IMS forward Rosie Muzaurieta fouled out. This added to the pressure on star guard Emma Ohler as the game wound down, who was met with double coverage for the remainder.

HVRHS marched on with a steady gait. Forward Maddy Johnson was automatic from the paint as she racked up 11 second-half points. The Mountaineers stayed disciplined on defense and kept climbing to the end.

HVRHS won 44-38 over IMS and rejoiced as undefeated champs of the mid-season jamboree.

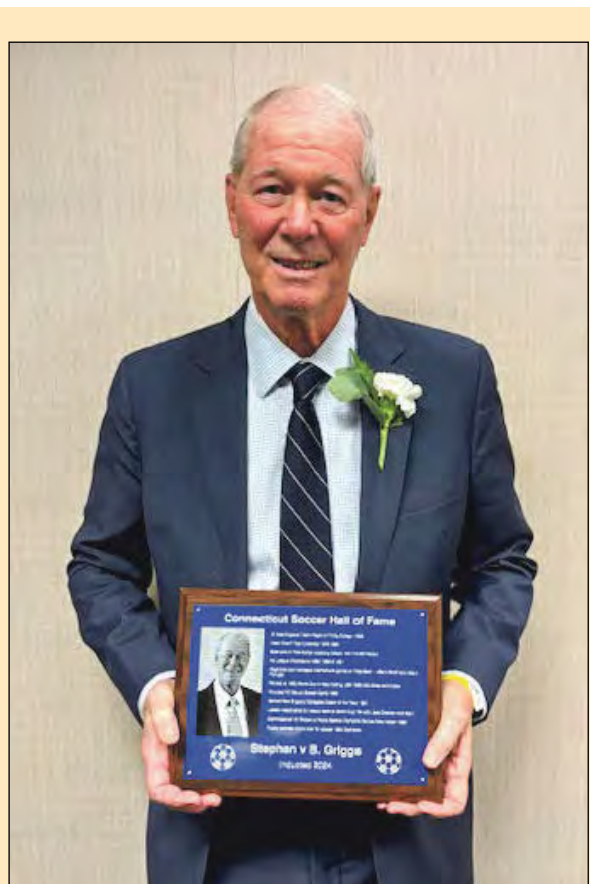


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## Soccer Hall of Fame welcomes Griggs

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Steve Griggs was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Griggs is a part-time resident of Salisbury, with a camp on Mt. Riga and a long history in the town. His great-grandfather, John Stillwell Griggs, Sr. was a green grocer in Lakeville in the 1800s.

Griggs has more wins than any soccer coach at Yale, where he coached from 1978 to 1995 for a

143-110-21 record and won three Ivy League championships.

Griggs also coached the Yale men's tennis team from 1976-1992, with a 234-121 record and four New England titles.

Griggs is the co-founder, with Joe Cleary, of the FC Sarum Soccer Camp, which has offered soccer instruction for boys and girls ages seven to 16 in Salisbury since 1991, first at Salisbury School and currently at Indian Mountain School.

## Hotchkiss girls cruise to 61-37 win over Kingswood

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School girls varsity basketball team defeated Kingswood-Oxford School 61-37 Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The Bearcats opened up a big lead early on and kept their foot on the gas through to the end. The dynamic duo of guard Kaila Richardson and center Morgan Jenkins terrorized Kingswood-Oxford with a seemingly unstoppable pick-and-roll. Combined with lights-out shooting from Grace Backus, Eleanor Hem and Angel Allen, Hotchkiss looked poised for a postseason run as the Founder's League playoff tournament approaches.

The Jan. 24 game was well attended with a full student section. Bearcat fans were enthusiastic as their team built up steam. They also emitted exotic sounds, almost jungle-like, while Kingswood players were on the free throw line.

Kingswood-Oxford scored the first 4 points of the game, but after that, it was all Hotchkiss. Jenkins established herself as a dominant presence in the paint, to which the Wyverns had

no answer. By the end of the first quarter, the Bearcats led 20-9.

Hotchkiss continued its run in the second fueled by disciplined rebounding on both ends of the court. The lead stayed steady at halftime with Hotchkiss ahead 32-21. Jenkins and Richardson linked up for 26 of the team's first-half points.

The Bearcats' guards took over in the second half with Backus, Helm and Allen combining for five 3-pointers. Drawing out the defenders opened up the paint even more and the lead continued to grow.

Hotchkiss won 61-37 over Kingswood-Oxford. The Bearcats' season record advanced to 9-3 and the Wyverns moved to 5-6.

Jenkins led the Bearcats in scoring with 19 points. Richards and Backus each finished with 9 points.

Kingswood-Oxford was led in scoring by Samaria Gonzalez with 11 points.

Hotchkiss will host Kent School (11-3) Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. The last time these two rivals met, Kent won a nailbiter 58-53 on home court. Hotchkiss will look to even the score in the rematch in Lakeville.



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Angel Allen helped Hotchkiss control the perimeter and spread the floor against Kingswood-Oxford.



Kaila Richardson displayed quintessential point guard play as Hotchkiss secured a 61-37 win.

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## HOUSING

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The baseball field will remain as is, Barlow said.

The area in question currently has the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association and Housatonic Child Care facilities and a community garden.

Barlow emphasized that the plan is “very conceptual.”

“We’ve got a long way to

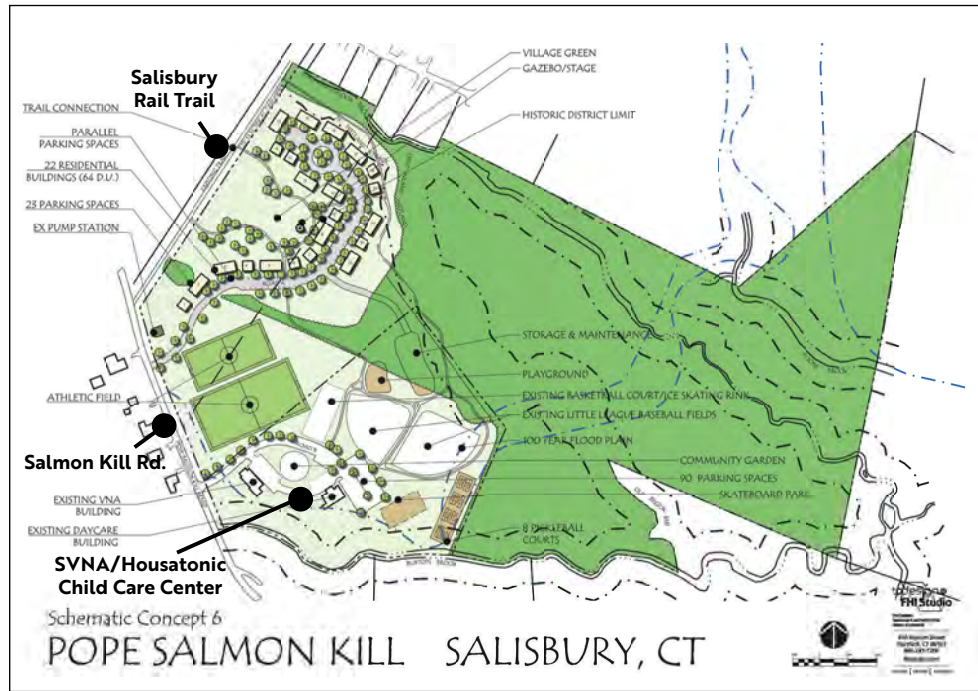
go before we develop plans. We’ll see you again.”

The 59-acre property, named after its former owners, the Pope family, was the subject of a town meeting Aug. 11, 2016, when voters authorized the town to buy the property.

A committee was formed by the selectmen. The Pope Committee’s job was to “re-

view uses for the 59-acre former Pope property on Salmon Kill Road. Uses may include housing, conservation, recreation, economic development, agriculture, and other uses as suggested by citizens of the town.”

That committee did its work and was succeeded by the current Pope Land Use Committee in 2021.



SALISBURY POPE LAND DESIGN COMMITTEE

## THEFT

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the same problem,” Young noted. What angers him the most, he said, is that “the U.S. Post Office has known this has been going on for three months, and they have done zero about it.”

Craig Drozd, postmaster at the Cornwall Bridge Post Office, declined to comment except to confirm that the matter is being handled by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS).

### Old boxes are being ‘phased out’

The recent spate of Litchfield County mail thefts is under investigation, said Danielle Schrage, a USPIS inspector and public information officer for Connecticut.

Her agency is the law enforcement and security arm of the United States Postal Service.

“I spoke with the investigators covering those complaints. They are aware and working very closely with the post offices to replace the standard blue collection boxes in those areas,” with newer, high-technology boxes, she reported Jan. 19.

“If there is a blue box with a pull-down handle, a lot of those are being phased out and replaced with newer ones with thinner slots to prevent fishing,” the Schrage noted. “It hasn’t happened yet but will be happening.”

In the meantime, she suggested that postal patrons bring their mail inside the Post Office, or hand it to a carrier on the street. If they must use the blue box, Schrage suggested making the deposit as close to daily pick-up times as possible.

“Don’t let your mail sit in there a minute longer than it needs to. Unfortunately, in this world, we have to give up a little convenience for security,” said the postal inspector. “We don’t live in 1950s Mayberry. We have to be a lot more savvy.”

Schrage advised victims of mail fraud to immediately contact the USPIS at [www.uspis.gov/report](http://www.uspis.gov/report) and fill out a complaint online, or call 877-876-2455, so that the agency can track in real time when and where thefts are taking place and can gather information for criminal prosecution.

“I have been screaming from the rooftop, but a lot of people don’t know we exist

as an agency,” said Schrage.

She warned that small, rural towns are easy targets for criminals.

“In some of the bedroom communities, people are a little more complacent. The criminals are not from Litchfield County, they’re coming in and looking for communities that are less savvy” about check fraud.

### A sticky situation

While check fishing is an age-old crime, it has been surging since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, said postal officials.

The USPS defines check fishing as a line, often with a sticky end, typically rodent glue traps, lowered into a postal box to snag letters and fished back out.

Fraudsters ditch all but the checks, which are then “washed” by changing the payee names, and often the dollar amounts, by removing the ink using chemical agents.

However, in Young’s case, his check was not washed, but completely reprinted with the bank routing number, check number, dollar amount and signature onto a different background.

After about a week of waiting for the check to reach its destination, Young said he went to NBT to void the missing check, only to find out that the \$3,884 check had cleared in his account.

### Banks absorb customers’ losses

According to a recent report by the federal Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, check fraud at depository institutions more than tripled between 2018 and 2022, up 201.2% between those years.

While fishing for checks is a lucrative catch for criminals, it is a nightmare for banks, said Steven Cornell, president and CEO of National Iron Bank (NIB), which has a branch in the Cornwall Bridge section of Cornwall.

Cornell confirmed a “big uptick” in customers from Cornwall reporting check fraud.

“We resolve every one of them very quickly. We go back to all the banks and work with them to get the money back, and except for the big banks, most are very good about it.”

Cornell explained that the Cornwall Bridge branch manager has devoted countless hours helping customers close out breached accounts and opening new ones.

He said it is frustrating that the postal service is unable to secure mail at the expense of the banks:

“It takes a lot of time for us to do this, but there is nothing we can do but resolve it for our customers. They’re doing the right things by using the mail and paying their bills, and then this happens to them. It’s a terrible situation.”

Cornell said one way for customers to deter fraud is to switch from using checks to utilizing the bank’s secure electronic bill-pay system or debit cards. “Everybody who has moved to bill-pay is happy with it.”

Those who can’t part with checks are advised by the USPS to write in permanent ink, which can’t be erased as it penetrates the paper’s fibers.

Young said it could be months before he recoups his loss, but that’s not his main concern.

What he does worry about is that until the blue boxes are secure, his neighbors run the risk of scammers emptying their bank accounts.

Young said he has taken it upon himself to tape laminated warning signs to the Cornwall Bridge USPS collection box, but they are taken down as fast as he posts them.

“Meanwhile, people are putting checks in that box today. It’s that complacency that drives me crazy.”

## HEALTH

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they could get a ride home.

Strever said the school has historically had problems with absenteeism, and a significant amount of that is due to the logistics of getting students to medical appointments in distant locations.

Other benefits of SBHCs include students’ ability to take school and sports physicals on-site, they can be diagnosed and treated for illnesses such as COVID-19, the flu, strep, and treated for chronic illnesses such as asthma. Medications, too, can be prescribed.

The pandemic didn’t help, Strever added, as students — and parents — exercised caution and stayed home when they experienced symptoms of COVID-19 whether they had it or not: “We’ll be able to do that on site now.”

### Breaking down societal barriers

Burrows pointed to a growing trend in SBHCs locally and nationwide. She said there are currently seven SBHCs in the Torrington Public School System administered by CHWC, and roughly 180 throughout the state.

Collaboration between parents/caregivers and school staff, including school nurses, counselors and officials, are key to the centers’ successes, said Burrows.

“We work collaboratively, hand in hand with students’ pediatricians, and if they don’t have one and need a primary care provider, we can be their provider,” she explained.

From the standpoint of psychological services, “individual, group and family therapy” will be offered, Burrows noted.

Parents must sign an enrollment form for students to receive services, and health

information is shared with the students’ primary care providers. All services provided by SBHCs follow HIPAA privacy laws and all state laws regarding health confidentiality.

Regardless of student’s insurance status, said Burrows, “there are no out-of-pocket costs for any family.”

During schools’ off hours, or during the summer months or school vacations, students can access services at the North Canaan Health Center, where their electronic medical records will be stored.

A key component of SBHCs, said Burrows, is the ability to break down societal barriers, called social determinants of health, and be able to identify nonmedical factors that impede students’ health, such as food insecurity, housing instability and lack of transportation:

“They eliminate barriers for kids and families. Our priority is equity and providing services to all kids.”

### Educators welcome help

According to a 2023 advisory committee report to the Public Health and Education Committees on School Based Health Centers, SBHCs have earned the recognition as an “essential component of the state’s safety net for over 36,500 enrolled students in Pre-K through Grade 12, residing in 27 communities.

During fiscal year 2021-2022, the 90 state-funded SBHCs served almost 22,000 students with a total of 128,365 visits. Of those visits, 63,556 were mental health-related provided to 4091 students, according to the report.

The report noted that post pandemic, Connecticut students continue to suffer from increased feelings of anxiety

and depression, peer relationship issues, school avoidance and identity concerns as well as social determinants of health.

“The uncertainty of the new variants puts additional stress on our children,” the advisory committee reported.

The findings also reveal that educators “welcome the presence of a team of health professionals dedicated to prevention and treatment of students’ physical and emotional concerns.”

### A growing trend

SBHCs are rapidly expanding across the country as they demonstrate increased access to health care and prevent downstream health care, resulting in associated costs to society.

In Lakeville, the private Hotchkiss School, an independent boarding and day school with about 600 students, is the site of a school-based health center known as the Wieler Health Center.

According to the school’s website, the health center is powered by a nurse practitioner, a team of registered nurses, two administrative support staff, a part-time driver, and five mental health counselors as well as about a dozen full- and part-time per diem nurses.

Hotchkiss officials declined an opportunity to comment.

There are SBHCs across the border in Dutchess County, New York. In May 2022, the Webutuck Central School District (WCSD) opened its FQHC school-based health care center in a hallway between Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and Webutuck High School in Amenia, New York. Today it is a fully functioning facility open to all students residing in the school district.

## MEMORY

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share the memories of things in the household. There is a little wooden bird on my bedside table that belonged to my great-grandmother. I wanted to connect that little hummingbird to her poetry book, which she wrote at the turn of the last century. My children would never have made that connection — that was the backdrop on creating this.”

She said many people use Facebook to store memories, but with so much content on that site after only one year, most people can’t find photos of their last birthday. By contrast, each Vaulted memory coin can hold up to 10 memories, which are then stored in a “vault.” “If you want to add another coin, you can do it,” she said. “The vault is limitless.”

“This brings everything to life. It’s important to preserve these memories,” she said, predicting that they could literally recast the lens of American history.

She recalled that her fa-

ther served in Vietnam, a land she later visited. “We know it was the subtext for a lot his history, and now my children can hear about it from someone who was in Vietnam. I have another vaulted memory about my mother’s cookbook and the stories about it. I want my children to know the family history.”

To vault a memory, users scan the coin with their smartphone and register the related object in the accompanying app. Users can then add images, videos, audio, and text to capture the history of the given object, which can then be played back by any future users who scan the coin.

For her memory chips, she adapted a former digital development used to authenticate product brands with the mobile phone.

Each coin is \$5; Vaulted offers storage at no additional fee.

She also works with institutions such as White Memorial in Litchfield, universities, corporations, sports programs and other organizations to permanently store their legacies.

Last year her new business announced its participation in Techstars’ accelerator program. “It’s a pretty exclusive thing,” she reported. “It’s sponsored by JP Morgan and supports new technology companies.”

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**GARDENING: ALEXANDER WILBURN**

## Bad Grass speaker series returns to The White Hart

In the eyes of Christopher Koppel, there is no better garden designer than nature itself.

Koppel was the guest speaker Thursday, Jan. 25, at the first of the three-part lecture series Bad Grass 2024, returning to The White Hart Inn after the success of last winter's inaugural program.

The Bad Grass series is brought to the public by the recently formed Silva et Pratum group — “forest and meadow” in the Latin tongue — led by Salisbury resident Jeb Breece with the effort of informing area gardeners on better practices to support insect and flora cohabitation when it comes to private land care. Last year's Bad Grass series inspired

Salisbury School students Sachem Ramos and Russell Judge to successfully launch the Pollinator Meadow Project, planting 45 species of flowers and grasses on a 6-acre plot of land on the campus of their private boys preparatory school.

Ticket sales from 2024's Bad Grass series will directly benefit Falls Village's Native Pollinator Pathway Project, which began on the town's Main Street, where village gardeners like Page Dickey and Deb Munson planted native perennials to provide a nurturing habitat for bees, birds and butterflies. Now the group hopes to extend the pollinator path up to the steps of David M. Hunt Library, a horticultural

endeavor it hopes will be funded by ticket sales and additional charitable donations.

Koppel, a lively speaker to launch the 2024 program, is a self-described nurseryman, gardener and naturalist who has previously overseen the woodlands and trails of Martha Stewart's historic Seal Harbor estate, Skylands, in Mount Desert, Maine, and now serves as an estate manager in Washington, Conn.

Wild nature, unrestricted and growing in uncommon ground, is Koppel's source of inspiration: “Everywhere I walk in the woods, the roadside, I see design and plant combinations.” For example, Koppel showed the audience a photo of a rocky cliff he spotted while kay-

king off of Long Island. Despite the rough terrain continuously sprayed with saltwater from the sound, there was a veritable bouquet of native plants artfully arranged, disregarding the hostile scenery. Grouped sprouting from the rocks were liatris novae-angliae, an explosive purple bud commonly known as the New England blazing star, paired with andropogon gerardii, a North American grass with a lilac hue widely known as big bluestem, and juniperus virginiana, an evergreen known as Eastern red cedar. These natural formations are the kinds of combinations in size, color, texture and placement that influence Koppel's designs in private gardens.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

**Christopher Koppel**

“Growth like this teaches you so much about soil, about what the plants truly want, as well as about pruning, about how we don't have to be as nice to our plants as we intended to be, which saves us time and lets us enjoy the garden more,” Koppel said. “What I've discovered is that nature is better at everything than me. Nature is a better nurser than I am at raising plants from seed. Nature is a better gardener than I am and a better designer.”

The Bad Grass speaker series at The White Hart Inn will continue Thursday, Feb. 15, with a lecture by Christopher Roddick on tree care in the age of climate change; and Thursday, Feb. 29, as Leslie Needham, Dee Salomon and Matt Sheehan discuss the role humans play in maintaining natural landscapes in a conversation with Breece. Tax-deductible gifts to the library's pollinator project can be made by going to [www.huntlibrary.org](http://www.huntlibrary.org)

**BOOKS: JENNIFER ALMQUIST**

## Writers turning memories into memoirs



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**Roxana Robinson and Dani Shapiro**

Early evening in West Cornwall, twilight descending, the lights of the Cornwall Library glowed as a capacity crowd found their seats to spend the next two hours in the presence of three local authors Saturday, Jan. 27.

Cornwall resident Roxana Robinson was the moderator of the Author Talk in the library, part of a series of scheduled events. She began the evening by introducing the women seated on either side of her: “Dani Shapiro and A.M. Homes

are two of our most interesting contemporary writers. Through the lenses of fiction and memoir, they have explored the world as we know it. It's a choice all writers face — which genre, which form, will best allow me to explore this subject?”

Robinson, the biographer of Georgia O'Keeffe, has written six novels and three collections of short stories. She was named a Literary Lion by the New York Public Library. She is an environmentalist, master gardener and scholar of American paintings. Robinson teaches in the MFA program at Hunter College.

The evening in Cornwall felt like a university seminar. Robinson spoke of the transformation

of the genre of memoir in the last 20 years following the “blazing memoir” [“The Liar's Club”] written by Mary Carr, who once wrote of “the sheer convincing poetry of a single person trying to make sense of the past.”

Robinson said, “Dani Shapiro has chosen primarily to use memoir as a means of exploring the world, writing about her rather sensational coming of age, in 'Slow Motion,' the question of faith in 'Devotion,' the story of her marriage in 'Hourglass,' and the revelatory discovery of her biological parent in 'Inheritance,' while writing novels that explore similar themes.”

Shapiro has written four memoirs — “Hourglass,” “Still Writing,”

“Devotion” and “Slow Motion” — and five novels. Her work has been translated in 14 languages. She has taught at Wesleyan University, the New School, New York University, and Columbia University.

Robinson asked Shapiro how she chose her form. She answered: “It is dictated by what happens — a shimmer — and my obsession becomes the theme. Writing 'Slow Motion' was a conscious choice, but I was not in charge. 'Slow Motion' was a curative for my fiction.”

Turning to her right, Robinson asked Homes, “How did you choose memoir?”

She replied: “I was adopted, I was a replacement for a child who had died, and my biological family found me in my 30s. Time and history change things. I think the relationship between self and story IS the story. I was writing about secrets, but I WAS the secret.” She was the product of an affair between a married man with a family and his young mistress. Homes said she had grown up fascinated by George Washington, written



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BOOKS: JOHN COSTON

# Journalist deconstructs the myth of the great Russia

The war in Ukraine. Vladimir Putin's motivations. The way Americans perceive Russia, and Putin. The state of American democracy. These large topics and others were explored in a conversation with an expatriate Russian journalist Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Cornwall Library.

Mikhail Zygar is a journalist, writer, filmmaker and founding editor-in-chief of the Russia-banned TV Rain, an online broadcaster now based in exile in the Netherlands. Some have described his journalistic approach as a new form of literature. At age 42, Zygar, a Moscow native, has acquired a seeming lifetime of experience, having also served as a war correspondent in Iraq, Lebanon and Darfur. In 2014, Zygar won an International Press Freedom Award.

His latest book, "War and Punishment: Putin, Zelensky, and the Path to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine," begins with a confession on Zygar's part, and he adds in other contemporaries and forebears that include writers and historians who are "complicit" in promoting the notion of Russia as a "great empire," he writes in his

introduction.

"We overlooked the fact that for many centuries, 'great Russian culture' belittled other countries and peoples, suppressed and destroyed them," he continues, adding that the words and thoughts perpetuating this notion of greatness in fact sowed the seeds of fascism and allowed it to flourish.

Before a full house at the library, Zygar talked with Joel Simon, an author, journalist and founder/director of the Journalism Protection Initiative at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY.

Zygar began by discussing what he termed the "four phases" of his career in journalism. It began at age 21, when he was sent to cover the Iraq War for the Russian business daily Kommersant. He said he landed the assignment because

"I spoke Arabic" and the assignment led to more war correspondent work. After Iraq, he covered the

war in Lebanon and then genocide in Darfur. "At age 29, after all these bloody massacres, I needed to quit. To stop,"

he said.

Simon asked Zygar about his role in 2010 as one of the founders of the TV station Rain, which was the only independent news channel in Russia.

"We were not only for the young people," Zygar said. "It was mostly for the middle class to be able to get unbiased information about what was happening." And Zygar said, during the first years of operation, Rain was very popular, with 20 million households watching daily. Then, in 2014, a month before the occupation of Crimea, Rain was effectively shut down by an order for all

Russian cable and satellite networks to switch it off.

"One by one, we lost 95% of our audience in one week," Zygar said, who said he then began to focus his thinking on Russian history.

"Somehow I realized that broadcasting news for an audience was not enough," he said. "I realized that I need to talk about history."

"You're a journalist," Simon interrupted. "Why history?"

"If I'm thinking about the future of Russia, I should focus on a younger audience, and talk about values with them."

Zygar, understanding that the "20-minus" age-based audience is riveted to social media, he created something to meet them where they are. Together with historians, journalists and others he launched "Project 17," a simulated social network that retraces the Russian Revolution on a daily basis. Go to [www.open-historyarchive.com](http://www.open-historyarchive.com).

The new book was started before Putin's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Bringing a journalistic framework to history, Zygar takes apart the narrative around the idea of Russian greatness, describing how the myth was constructed.



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Mikhail Zygar

How Putin justified the invasion. How Russian history justified all that Putin approached. "My mission is to start addressing ... why we as Russian intellectuals missed that point. We have never started thinking about the propaganda approach to Russian history."

Audience questions sought answers to where the war in Ukraine will be in one year, and if a longer war poses the threat to Putin, to which Zygar commented. "He's gotten rid of the people who protested, and oil and gas revenues are

enough." Asked another question about rising autocracy across the world, and whether the author thinks Putin might have intentions to expand beyond Ukraine, Zygar said, "It's important to make Russia great again, not bigger."

"He needs the war to be continued," Zygar said in a nod to three and a half centuries of Russian myth-making. Zygar also is the author of "All the Kremlin's Men" and is the recipient of the Committee to Protect Journalists 2014 International Press Freedom Award.

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about him, and was freaked out to learn from her biological father that she was related to Washington, and her family once owned all the land that is now Washington, D.C. Her prescience was uncanny.

Shapiro added that in psychiatry that is called the "unthought known" — what we know in our bones. She referred to her own "genealogical bewilderment" upon learning that the man she had adored as her father until 2016 was not

her biological father. Her true identity had been hidden from her for 50 years. Shapiro marveled that she had written over 100 pages describing a certain male character, and then learned later that her biological father was a dead ringer for the fictional character she had summoned up.

Robinson explained: "A.M. has focused on the sociological aspects of the world, exploring the possibilities of transgressive behavior in her controversial novel,

'The End of Alice,' which was about a homicidal pedophile, and 'Music for Torching,' about subversive currents in the well-behaved suburbs, and now in 'The Unfolding,' which imagines a group of rich, entitled men who can't tolerate the election of a black man for president, and who set out to undermine the American system in response. Her memoir, 'The Mistress's Daughter,' explores her own discovery of biological parents who intrude on her life in an unset-

ling way."

Homes, who teaches creative writing at Princeton University, has written 26 books that have been published in 22 languages, and is the writer/producer on television shows including "Mr. Mercedes" and "The L Word." She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York Foundation for the Arts. She collaborates on book projects with artists including Carroll Dunham of Cornwall and has written the libretto for three operas. Her newest book, "The Unfolding," is oddly prescient as she began writing it when

Obama was elected, and it centers on a character known as "the Big Guy" who organizes a group of wealthy Republicans to form the "Forever Men," a secret cabal who will do anything for their species to stay in power.

The friendship between these three women was palpable during their dialogue. They know and respect each other's writing. The sensibility of Homes and Shapiro are polar opposites, yet they write about the impact of their parent's decisions, and family secrets, on their own emotional, psychological development. Homes is irreverent, witty, and creates "the least likely characters, and then I inhabit them — I want my characters to be someone I would like to spend time with."

"A.M., you make people love your unsavory characters, they have a strange dichotomy," observed Shapiro, and Homes replied, "Dani, your characters are beautifully struggling with that, but they are way more tender."

Each author asked questions of the other. "Dani, you are renowned in the mentoring teach-

ing world, what was the evolution of that?" Shapiro answered that moving up to the country changed everything and she began running writing classes, creating a creative bond with her students that has continued for 25 years. "I teach at Kripalu once a year — real generative work with small groups with prompts, and in 2007 started the Sireland Workshop in Positano, Italy." Shapiro's podcast "Family Secrets" has 30 million downloads.

Homes: Writing a memoir is like doing surgery on yourself. Shapiro: Writing a memoir is not cathartic, it drills down your own story more deeply. What haunts us is part of our DNA.

Homes: Dani, how do you translate memory? Shapiro: Annie Dillard said follow the line of words.

Shapiro: Dolly Parton said, "figure out who you are, and do it on purpose."

Shapiro and Robinson will be in discussion again on Feb. 13 at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Robinson's newest novel, "Leaving."

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HISTORY: JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

## Revisiting Leary's Millbrook

When author Tonia Shoumatoff attended a Millbrook Historical Society (MHS) presentation May 16, 2019, about psychedelic guru Timothy Leary, it made a big impression on her.

In fact, as she related at another MHS presentation Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, she told the audience that the presentation — made by New York State Historian Devon Lander about the life and times of Millbrook in the Timothy Leary era — inspired the second part of her latest book, "Historic Tales of the Hudson Valley: Life at the End of the Line," which came out in July 2023.

Shoumatoff told the by now well-known story: Leary had started on the Psilocybin Project while at Harvard University, researching the use of psychedelic drugs and their potential for use in the treatment of mental health issues. Through meetings with different people, and some

haphazard events, the Project devolved from there, into something not that scientific and not widely regarded as serious research.

But was Millbrook an odd choice for Leary? No, said Shoumatoff. This area has been a home, a birthplace, for many innovative projects, she said, naming some of the many religious orders that found homes here, such as the Millerites, the Shakers and the Quakers.

Perhaps the beautiful landscape lends itself to solitude, or that the closeness to nature fosters a closeness to prayer. Whatever the reason, Dutchess County, in particular its northeastern corner, has attracted many peculiar utopian and religious groups.

She read an excerpt from her book:

"A Victorian utopian community claiming to see fairies settled in Wassaic, attracting Japanese samurai and remaking the townscape of Amenia. An early ver-

sion of the "Borscht Belt" began on the shores of Lake Amenia, where a once-thriving resort community vanished along with the lake itself.

Amidst a crisis of dwindling membership, the NAACP was brought together at major conferences held at Amenia's Troutbeck estate, then owned by Joel Spingarn, the organization's first Jewish president. Young graduates from the Rhode Island School of design and other art schools launched the Wassaic Project, a festival and art residency using a converted agricultural grain elevator as their venue."

Leary and fellow Harvard professor Richard Alpert started the Psilocybin Project in 1960, but by 1962, the project had gotten bad reviews from others at Harvard; Alpert was accused of having given psilocybin to an undergraduate, and both were fired from the university.

In 1963, the Hitchcock brothers invited Leary to

rent the estate, consisting of 2,300 acres, for \$1 per year, and he lived and entertained there for the next five years. The estate is at Route 44 and Franklin Avenue, and the impressive gate house is still there.

They entertained an assortment of hirsute celebrities such as Allen Ginsberg, R.D. Laing, and Charles Mingus.

Depending on who you're talking to, the estate is remembered for its endless parties and all kinds of happenings; others say it was all research and science.

At any rate, after five years and a lot of FBI raids, Leary and his entourage left, and we can imagine that Millbrook gave a collective sigh of relief.

John Flanagan, a member of the MHS, was a young reporter at the time for The Poughkeepsie Journal. He related a story involving Leary and Rosemary Woodruff, whom Leary married at the estate in 1967:

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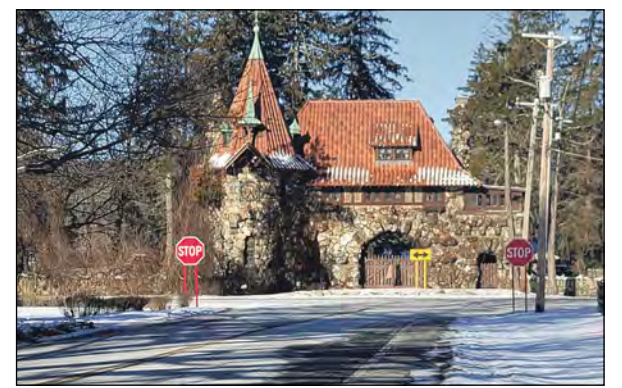


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The gatehouse that visitors to the Hitchcock Estate, located at Route 44 and Franklin Avenue, Millbrook and leased by Timothy Leary, passed as they entered the realm of psychedelic possibilities.

cover the event, Flanagan was with fellow a fellow journalist when Woodruff began talking to them. Realizing that Flanagan was from The Poughkeepsie Journal, which continuously made negative comments about Leary through its editorials, she flew into a rage and insisted he be thrown out.

When Leary resisted, she said she wouldn't get married as long as Flanagan was present. He went off to another part of the estate, the marriage was conducted, and Flanagan got his pictures and story through his friend. Because the Journal was a feed for the Associated Press, it ran

in newspapers across the world. Begged Flanagan, "Just don't use my name! I have to live in Millbrook."

Many people still remember that time in the '60s when Millbrook became known for its infamous inhabitant. But like all things in the past, memories soften a bit with age, and become substance for historical society presentations.

Shoumatoff was entertaining, at times funny, but still got the message across that however serene the scenery may be, there is always something interesting festering beneath the surface, and even Millbrook has some wild tales to tell.

ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Emerging artists shine in new show at D.M. Hunt

Proud parents and curious residents came to the David M. Hunt Library Saturday morning, Jan. 27, for an art show.

Not just any art show, either. This was the Lee H. Kellogg School Emerging Artists.

There were 79 8-inch square entries from students in grades K-8, created under the direction of art teacher Patricia Bunk, who had her own, somewhat larger entry.

A landscape by Baxter Hayhurst attracted a lot of attention.

Several paintings demonstrated a working knowledge of perspective on the part of the artists.

And many featured glitter. One parent said "My house is covered in it."

Kindergartener Henry Kinsella was persuaded to pose with his work. Asked how long it took to produce the painting, the artist said, shyly, "A couple of weeks."

It's not the first time a winter-themed student art show has been featured at the library, but the shows have not been annual. The COVID-19 pandemic didn't help matters.

The show is on display through Friday, Feb. 23.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Henry Kinsella, a Kindergarten student at the Lee H. Kellogg School, gestured to his entry in a show of student art at the David M. Hunt Library on Saturday, Jan. 27. A landscape by eighth grader Baxter Hayhurst caught the eye of several visitors to the show.



## Mad Rose Gallery to host duo painting exhibition

MILLERTON — Mad Rose Gallery, 5916 N. Elm Ave., will host a duo exhibition of paintings by Francie Lyshak and sculptures by David Colbert, opening Thursday, Feb. 1, with an artist reception Saturday, Feb. 3, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Lyshak's works have graced the walls of prominent galleries and museums, including Lichtundfire in New York City. In an era dominated by digital challenges, Lyshak ventures into the physical realm of her medium, challenging the distinction between a painting and a flat screen image.

Living in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut, Colbert's artistic vision is rooted in a commitment to creating spaces that resonate with individuals, inviting them to engage with art in a meaningful and transformative way. His dedication to merging artistic expression with public utility reflects an aspiration to contribute to the creation of spaces that inspire and uplift the human spirit.

Mad Rose Gallery's winter hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays until 6 p.m. For more information, contact 518-592-1085 or welcome@madrosegallery.com

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## FEBRUARY 2

## Banned Book Club

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org)

At 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month they will be discussing the book "Clap When You Land" by Elizabeth Acevedo. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

## FEBRUARY 3

## Broadway Cabaret Goes to the Movies

Dewey Memorial Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass.

Presented by Christ Trinity Church and directed by Wendy Welch, "Broadway Cabaret Goes to the Movies" will be performed on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Featuring Musical Director Donald Sosin, the show will go on at Dewey Hall in Sheffield, Mass. Advance tickets are \$30 and can be purchased on [christtrinitychurch.ludus.com](http://christtrinitychurch.ludus.com)

## Hygge Party/Take Your Child to the Library Day

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org)

Join Take Your Child to the Library Day at 10:30 a.m. for a Hygge Party of Coziness. Dress in pajamas and bring a blanket for a cozy story time, warm up with hot chocolate, settle in with books or puzzles and embrace the Danish idea of making a warm atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life with good people. Snacks and crafts will be available at the library or to take home. This event is free and open to the public, registration is not required.

## The Orchestra Now (TÖN) Season Premiere: Stephanie Blythe Sings Brahms

Fisher Center at Bard, Sosnoff Theater, Manor Ave., Annandale-On-Hudson, N.Y. [fishercenter.bard.edu](http://fishercenter.bard.edu)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m., The Orchestra Now presents its season premiere: Stephanie Blythe Sings Brahms.

The Orchestra Now, the visionary orchestra and master's degree program founded by Bard College president, conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein, launches its 2024 winter/spring season at Bard's Fisher Center with a concert featuring Metropolitan Opera star Stephanie Blythe in an all-Brahms program. The performance also features tenor Joshua Blue.

Award-winning Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe, artistic director of Bard Conservatory's Graduate Vocal Arts Program, joins The Orchestra Now for an all-Brahms concert. She performs his Alto Rhapsody, based on a Goethe

poem and composed as a wedding gift for the daughter of Robert and Clara Schumann. The program also features tenor Joshua Blue in the cantata Rinaldo, inspired by another Goethe poem about a knight enchanted by a cunning sorceress. The performance concludes with Brahms' First Symphony, over which the composer toiled for 14 years before its debut.

Tickets: Priced at \$15-\$35 are available online at [fishercenter.bard.edu](http://fishercenter.bard.edu), or by calling the Fisher Center at 845.758.7900. Patrons can RSVP for the free concert at [Simon's Rock at ton.bard.edu/events/schumann](http://Simon'sRock.at.ton.bard.edu/events/schumann)

## Crescendo Concerts

Trinity Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Conn.

The Crescendo Vocal Ensemble and instrumentalists will present two concerts of early motets on Feb. 3 and 4. This program features sacred four- to seven-voice works by these composers. A central subject in the program is the plea for peace, featured in several compositions. The performances take place on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m. at Trinity Church, Lakeville, Conn., and on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m. at Saint James Place, Great Barrington, Mass. Please visit Crescendo's website: [www.crescendomusic.org](http://www.crescendomusic.org) for online ticket purchases, more details, and other season concerts, or call 860-435-4866. Tickets will also be sold at the door 45 minutes before each performance.

## FEBRUARY 4

## The North East Historical Society Dine Out for History

Millerton, N.Y.

The North East Historical Society's popular Dine Out for History series returns this month. This year two more dining establishments will participate, bringing the total to five.

On select dates through March 11, participating Millerton restaurants will host their own Dine Out for History nights, where 10% of the proceeds from all patrons that night will be donated to the historical society to support its research, digitize its collection and make historic content more available to the public, particularly educators.

Sunday, Feb. 4, Oakhurst Diner, 19 Main St., 5-8 p.m., 518-592-1313

Thursday, Feb. 15, Willa, 52 Main St., 5-9 p.m., 518-789-0252. Reservations requested.

Monday, Feb. 26, Round III, 5523 NY-22, 5-9 p.m., 518-592-1240

Monday, March 11, Golden Wok, Railroad Plaza, 2 Main St., 5-10 p.m., 518-789-9236. Takeout only.

## FEBRUARY 6

## Virtual Book Talk

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org)

At 6 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a virtual evening with C.W. Goodyear, author of "President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier." In this book, Goodyear charts the life and times of one of the most remarkable Americans ever to win the presidency. This virtual event is free and open to the public. Register for this event [tinyurl.com/u8bx5ajj](http://tinyurl.com/u8bx5ajj)

## FEBRUARY 9

## Bingo Night at Millbrook Fire Department

Millbrook Fire Department, 20 Front St., Millbrook, N.Y.

There will be a bingo night at the Millbrook Fire Department. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m. Cash prizes and jack pot. 18 and over. No smoking on premises. Food and beverages available for purchase.

## The Conceivable Future

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org)

The Cornwall Library is excited to present Meghan Elizabeth Kallman and Josephine Ferorelli, authors of "The Conceivable Future: Planning Families and Taking Action in the Age of Climate Change." They will discuss the ways in which the climate crisis is a reproduction crisis, and what you can do about it. A Q&A and book signing will follow the discussion. Attend in-person or by Zoom. Registration required [cornwalllibrary.org/events](http://cornwalllibrary.org/events)

## FEBRUARY 10

## Indoor Tag Sale

Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, N.Y.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be an indoor tag sale at Stanford Grange Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Grange's continual community service projects and maintenance for the Grange Hall. No donations of items for the sale, please. Please call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 for more information.

## Dewey Hall's Celestial Ball

Dewey Memorial Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass.

Dewey Hall is celebrating the final night of its Reaching for the Stars annual fundraising campaign with a Celestial Ball on Lunar New Year, from 7 to 10 p.m. (snow date Sunday, Feb. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.)

Attendees are encouraged to dress to shimmer, shimmy and shine in sequins, sparkles and glitter and come prepared to dance the night away to DJ BFG. There will be music for dancing, hors d'oeuvres, event tarot card readings by Emily Schuhmann of GettinIntuit, a cash bar, an otherworldly photo station, glittery face painting, and a silent auction of extra special items.

Tickets cost \$25-\$75 and can be purchased online at [secure.givelively.org/event/dewey-memorial-hall-inc/dewey-hall-s-celestial-ball](http://secure.givelively.org/event/dewey-memorial-hall-inc/dewey-hall-s-celestial-ball)

For more information, contact 413-429-1322 or [deweyhalloffice@gmail.com](mailto:deweyhalloffice@gmail.com)

## Midwinter's Night in the Village

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org)

The Friends of The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will hold its annual winter fundraiser, A Midwinter's Night in the Village, at the library from 6 to 8 p.m. (snow date Sun Feb. 11, 2 p.m.). The main feature is the library's famous 16-foot-long bread board piled high with a variety of homemade baked goods ranging from sweet dessert loaves and hearty savory breads to delicious hors d'oeuvres and chocolate treats. Wine, beer and non-alcoholic refreshments are included in the ticket price. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for children ages 3-17, and can be purchased by stopping by the library, visiting [huntlibrary.org/midwinter](http://huntlibrary.org/midwinter) or by calling 860-824-7424.

## FEBRUARY 11

## CPR Class

Emergency Services Center, 188 Route 7 South, Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department is

collaborating with NuVance Health to offer a Friends and Family CPR and Stop the Bleed training from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class is being offered free of charge at the Emergency Services Center at 188 Route 7 South. You must preregister in order to attend. You may contact either Andrea Downs, 860-671-1147 or Michelle Hansen, 860-671-0585 to register.

## Sip 'n Shop

Whiting Mills, 100 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.

The Makers Shoppes of Whiting Mills are excited to announce their "Second Annual Valentine's Sip 'n Shop," to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are invited to explore a diverse group of artisan shops throughout the historic Mill building while indulging in a delightful array of complimentary refreshments. Live acoustic music will be provided in the upper lounge area. Silk & Steel Earth Music with Conrad Doty and Patti Wilton will perform from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Acoustic guitar by Andreas Blachere can be enjoyed from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Book Signing and Presentation

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon,

10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [hotchkisslibrary.org](http://hotchkisslibrary.org)

Get ready for Valentine's Days with one of America's most iconic couples: Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman. Their love story wasn't always a fairy tale, but it is the stuff of legend. Newman and Woodward's daughter Melissa will offer a uniquely personal look into her parents' lives and love affair, as presented in her book: "Head Over Heels." Newman will lead a presentation and book signing at 4 p.m. Seating is limited and registration is required at [hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/11843350](http://hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/11843350)

## The Art of the String Quartet

Saint James Place, 352 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass.

Close Encounters With Music presents the notable Avalon String Quartet at 4 p.m. "For Such a Time as This" is a retelling of the biblical Esther story for string quartet and vocalist, from a feminist perspective. Afterglow Reception in Saint James Place's Great Hall following the concert in the Sanctuary Space. You are invited to meet the artists and enjoy bites and beverages by Authentic Eats by Oleg.

## ART: LEILA HAWKEN

## Inviting local artists for annual juried art show

Now an annual tradition at the Sharon Historical Society's art gallery, local and area artists are invited to submit works for the 2024 juried exhibit to be on display and available for purchase between Saturday, Feb. 17, and Friday, March 29.

This year's theme is "Let's Dance." The exhibit will run concurrently with the historical society's showing of a photographic collection titled "Ballet Through the Lens: Photography of

Fran Kelsey."

Artists are invited to submit their own works in celebration of the concept of dance, whether a literal depiction or a work that might be inspired by the idea of dance, incorporating movement, flow, joy or exhilaration, or even sequential use of space.

Works in any medium are welcome, whether oil, acrylic, watercolor, drawing, pastels, photography, print, ink, sculpture, fabric, stone, clay or others.

Submissions must be delivered to the historical society Wednesday, Feb. 14, between 9 and 11 a.m. or by arrangement. There is an entry fee for each submission; cash prizes will be awarded by the judges. There will also be an award category called SHS Crowd Pleaser based on visitors' personal favorites.

For more details, go to the historical society website at [www.sharonhist.org](http://www.sharonhist.org). To email the Gallery Committee, [gallery@sharonhist.org](mailto:gallery@sharonhist.org)



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# Our Towns

## Salisbury Central School announces honor roll

SALISBURY — The honor rolls for the first trimester of Salisbury Central School's 2023-2024 school year has been announced.

### Highest Honors Grade 8

Mia Belter  
Nico Bochnovich  
Jack Campbell  
Sadie Chapell  
Sophia Francoline  
Eliana Lang  
Olivia Lounsbury  
Julia Maier  
Kennadi Mitchell  
Teagan O'Connell  
Emma Sisk

### High Honors Grade 8

Max Bochnovich  
Joseph Castellano  
Tess Churchill  
Lily Clark  
Louise Faveau  
Angel Gonzalez  
Aryanna Horton  
Ayden Lemmy  
Bridger Rinehart  
Angelo Russillo  
Anthony Saunders  
Vincent Valcin

### Honors Grade 8

Luca Floridis  
Kian Kennedy  
Michael Parris  
Oliver Storm

### Highest Honors Grade 7

Alexandra Philipp

### High Honors Grade 7

Anna Ayer  
Liberty Brammer  
Jacob Castellano  
Phoebe Conklin  
Elden Grace  
Margerelli Sawyer

Grace O'Brocki  
August Olson  
April Puerto  
Zoe Saylor  
Solomon Schmidt  
Quin Sheil  
Mollie Sosin  
Shiva Tantri

### Honors Grade 7

Theodore Dittmer  
Thomas Downey  
Sasha Loucks  
Bryce Salmon

### Highest Honors Grade 6

Theodore Kneeland

### High Honors Grade 6

Evelyn Adkins  
Millicent Almeida  
Victoria Bellanca  
Aria Belter  
Kieran Bryant  
Madeleine Carr  
Ella Emberlin  
Jackson Goodwin  
Evelyn Hall  
Shane Higgins  
Rozelynd LaChance  
Jillian Murphy  
Allegra Najdek  
Ethan Nellson  
Jaxxon Rogers  
Patrik Sadlon  
Owen Saylor  
Brennan Sisk  
Kaelyn Tompkins  
Augustus Tripler  
Eli Tuthill

### Honors Grade 6

Christopher Campbell  
Mia Dunlavy  
Hanna Eisermann  
Sarina Lemmy  
William Nichols  
Miguel Santiago-Leyva  
Noah Tencer



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## Salisbury's pink plow

Mike Brenner of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service with a new Fisher snow plow system at the ambulance building Tuesday, Jan. 23. The plow was purchased from Crane's Outdoor Equipment in North Canaan, and Fisher donates a portion of the proceeds to the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition.

## Sharon Center School first trimester honor roll

SHARON — The Sharon Center School has released the honor roll for the first trimester of the 2023-2024 school year.

### Honors Grade 8

Soren Trivelli

### Highest Honors Grade 7

Keely Grace Malone

### Honors Grade 7

Quinn Marie Hosier

### Highest Honors Grade 6

Eloisa Mariel Salazar

### Highest Honors Grade 5

James Christopher Smith

### High Honors Grade 5

Brithany Andino  
Colin Peter Bailey  
James Paul Camphouse  
John Timothy Camp-house  
Giulianna Ciccotelli  
Christopher Galvin  
Lilyan Jade Kimma  
Ella M Middleton

Trevor James Nelson-Polono

Charlotte Rose Olsen  
Galo Suby-Gonzalez  
Ashlynn Rose Valyou

### Honors Grade 5

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