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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Customers queue up for Blue Gate Farm Bakery's coveted confections

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Local French pastry buffs do not mind a bit that the lines are sometimes long at the Blue Gate Farm Bakery in Sharon. After a few years of offering baked goods at a variety of area farmers' markets, the bakery settled down and opened for business nearly a year ago.

Located on the Sharon side of the Housatonic River where Routes 7 and 4 meet, the bake shop is the work of pastry chef Bruce Young, along with his wife, Yobana, both owners of Blue Gate Farm in Warren. They paused for an interview on Thursday, March 21, after a busy day of preparation for Friday's sales.

"We're a small community in Warren," said Bruce Young, who recalled the beginnings in 2020 at a farmers' market behind the Warren General Store, later adding a similar farmers' market in Washington Depot, and then others. Young grew up in Warren and he and Yobana still live there in his boyhood home that had been built by his father.

A Washington Montessori schoolteacher during the week, Yobana welcomes customers at the bakery on weekends. She also handles the bakery's business details.

Transition from farmers' markets to retail location came suddenly, according to Young, who recalled the day that he pulled into the gas station and convenience store that stands along Route 4 on the Sharon side of the river just west of Cornwall Bridge.

"I stopped for gas and ran into Liz Macaire, a long-time acquaintance," he said. She pointed to the building across the road and recommended that he look at it. He remembered that she insisted that he needed to open his bakery there "immediately," so 48 hours later, he was open for business.

"We haven't had a slow day since we opened," Young reported, pleased that the line of customers extends out the door, and that people are sometimes waiting in line before the bakery opens in the morning.

Baked goods are all baked on site. Breads include traditional, European, and the baguettes are done to French weight and size standards. Sourdough is naturally fermented. Multigrain and variations seasonally rotated.

Croissants are made on site. "I start with a scoop of flour, water and yeast, and very expensive French butter," Young said. The French butter works the best for laminating pastry.

Hard rolls are made fresh every morning, Young said. "I cut and weigh and shape every one of them, about 85 each day.

"I'm pretty fast," he added. Young said that he arrives at the bakery each day at 3 a.m., working



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

After nearly one year in business, pastry chef Bruce Young of Blue Gate Farm Bakery shows off a tray of baguettes that, when baked, will sell out fast to customers of this thriving French bakery in Sharon.

six days a week. The schedule is necessary in order to fill the bakery shelves with the variety that is sold on the busy weekends.

Area towns have their own designated rolls. "We always have a

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State reps take on herbicide issue

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — At long last, there is progress to report on the subject of spraying herbicides along the Housatonic Railroad Company (HRRC) tracks.

State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) and State Senator Steve Harding (R-30), interviewed on Sunday, both said that language was added to proposed bill 5219 requiring railroads to use the same herbicide standards in Connecticut that they use in Massachusetts, in accordance with that state's regulations.

Horn said "it's been very difficult to pin them down" regarding a meeting with railroad officials and a group of legislators and first selectmen.

But after the committee added the new language, the railroad agreed to a meeting on March 26.

Horn said, "It's clear they are complying with Massachusetts regulations," Horn said. "So, let's do the

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Budget season begins

The weather isn't the only thing warming up.

Northwest Corner towns are feeling the heat this year with rising education expenses, environmental impacts, and a high inflation rate.

Early spending proposals from all but one of Region One's towns show prices are up, and taxpayers will likely be the ones who foot the bill.

Draft budgets from Cornwall, Kent, Salisbury and Sharon show overall expenditure increases ranging from 4% to 8%. North Canaan, the one town with a reduced Region One assessment in 2024-25, presented a spending proposal 0.75% lower than last year.

For full coverage of the start of budget season, see page A4.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Egg-cited for Easter

Amelia Corrigan and her painted wooden egg at the Scoville Library Sunday, March 24. Across the Northwest Corner, scavenger hunters hauled in eggs by the basket. Full story on Page A8.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Michele Majer provided a detailed exploration of Falls Village's extensive fashion heritage at Hunt Library Saturday, March 23.

Canaan's fashionable past on display at Hunt

By Patrick L. Sullivan

David M. Hunt Library Saturday, March 23.

FALLS VILLAGE — Around the turn of the 20th century, Falls Village was a bustling hub of commercial activity.

Especially if you were in the market for new clothing.

That was the surprising message from Michele Majer's talk at the

"Dressing Falls Village at the Turn of the 20th Century" was the second of two talks given in conjunction with the library's current exhibit, "From the Great Falls to the Hilltops: Early 20th Century

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Crescendo in concert

Harmony filled Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 24. More on 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.

Sharon disorderly conduct

On Monday, March 18, at approximately 8:15 p.m., Troop B responded to a Sharon Valley Road address in Sharon for the report of a male and female screaming on a 911 call. Subsequent to an investigation, Chad Peterson, 36, of Sharon, was taken into custody and charged with disorderly conduct. Peterson was transported to Troop B headquarters. A cash/bond was set at \$25,000.

Driver hits utility pole

On Wednesday, March 20, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Keely Reed, 40, of Canaan, was traveling southbound on West Cornwall Road in Sharon in a 2012 Ford Escape and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle veered off the roadway and struck a utility

pole. Reed was transported to Sharon Hospital for injuries. The Escape was towed from the scene. Reed was issued a written warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

One-car crash in Norfolk

On Saturday, March 23, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Walter White, 22, of Torrington, was traveling south on Winchester Road, south of Parker Hill Road in Norfolk, in a 2005 Pontiac Vibe. While negotiating a curve in the road, White's vehicle exited the roadway and struck a telephone pole. White did not sustain any injury and the vehicle was towed from the scene. White was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

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.

Senior Center to host safe driving course in Lakeville

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury Senior Services will host an in-person AARP Driver Safety course Monday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Grove Senior Center, 42 Ethan Allen St.

The cost of the course is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non members. Space is limited to 20, and participants are asked to bring a

check or cash in the amount of the cost to the class. Potential enrollees are advised that the class does not meet New York state requirements for a discount on auto insurance. To register for the class, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us

Falls Village kindergarten registration

FALLS VILLAGE — Lee H. Kellogg School's kindergarten registration for the school year 2024-2025 will take place Thursday, May 9, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Children who reside in the Town of Canaan, Falls Village, CT 06031 who were born in the year 2019 and who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024, are eligible to be registered. Call the school office at 860-824-7791 to start a registration process and confirm an appointment time.

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Copake prepares for second Shepherd's Run solar filing

By John Coston

COPAKE — Town of Copake Supervisor Richard Wolfe reported that Hecate Energy LLC plans to seek a siting permit for a 42 megawatt (MW) solar project after the company's plan was turned down by the state last month.

The project, called Shepherd's Run, was originally designed as a 60MW facility that would be situated near the intersection of Routes 23 and 7.

The New York state Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) on Feb. 6 dismissed the company's application after it had lost control of a parcel of land that had been integral to the project. The decision to dismiss was made "without prejudice," meaning that the company could resubmit.

In a January filing with ORES, Diane Sullivan, a senior vice president at Hecate, said that the company planned to submit a revised plan within 60 days, which would be any time now.

Emails and phone calls to Hecate were not returned.

Wolf, in his latest report to residents about the project's status, wrote, "I warned that the saga of Shepherd's Run was not over. Because the dismissal was "without prejudice," Hecate could try again. Well, they're back!"

The original project covered 267 acres, and according to Wolf the company plans to work with 217 acres to build a 42MW array.

"Shepherd's Run would still be the size of more than 150 NFL-sized football fields," Wolf wrote.

Wolf could not be reached for comment, but in his report he said that he hoped that the company "will work with Copake to address our well documented concerns about its proposal."



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Farmland vista where the proposed 42 megawatt Shepherd's Run Solar Farm is planned along Route 23 at the entryway to the rural hamlet of Copake. Opponents say the project would detract from the scenic farmland community.

Wolf said that should include incorporating proposals from an ad hoc Working Group that include a 300-acre public greenspace, creating nature walks and bicycle paths that would turn Shepherd's Run "from an eyesore into a tourist attraction."

The supervisor called for Hecate to compensate homeowners who will be impact-

ed by "tens of thousands of solar panels directly across the road."

Wolf was critical of Hecate's approach to view a new application filing as an "amendment" to the old application.

Wolf also notes in his report that Hecate, despite its claims, has not held any "open house style" meetings to present a new proposal

to the Town of Copake, and further that in its Public Information Project Plan (PIP) the company makes several mistakes regarding the identity of town officials.

"[PIP] has incorrect titles for some appointed board chairs, fails to list another appointed board member, and even lists a deceased Copakean as a current deputy chair," Wolf wrote.

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Bound together

Lilly Rand Barnett led a book binding workshop at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, March 23. At the time of this photo, the group was working on pamphlet stitching. Barnett teaches art at Sharon Center School, and trained in book binding at the Center for Book Arts in New York City.

Dresser Woods hearing continues April 1

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission's public hearing on the proposed Dresser Woods affordable housing development continued Monday, March 18 and was continued again on Monday, April 1.

On April 1 the commission will consider only two items — increasing the number of parking spaces and decreasing the outside lighting.

The plan for Dresser Woods, named for Jim Dresser, who donated the land to the SHC, will have 20 rental units in nine buildings

at the site at 37 Railroad St. in Salisbury village.

There are six one-bedroom units, 10 two-bedroom units, and four three bedroom units. Three are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

During the hearing, the applicant (Salisbury Housing Committee) addressed several questions that came up during the first round.

The SHC's Jocelyn Ayer agreed to extend wildlife exclusion and privacy fencing. Ayer said that adding full basements would be too expensive and would require more intrusive site work.

There was considerable discussion, from commissioners and from the public, about lighting and its effect on the immediate neighborhood, and about adding more parking. One neighbor said that the existing plan's 31 parking spaces, averaging 1.5 per unit (which is in excess of the town's regulations that call for one space per unit), will not allow for two-car families and visitors.

The 20-foot high light poles came in for criticism as being too tall.

In the end, the commission agreed to continue the hearing to consider just the parking and the lighting. P&Z chair Michael Klemens polled the commissioners, asking if they had enough information (excluding parking and lighting) to proceed. They did.

The hearing will continue Monday, April 1, 6:45 p.m. on Zoom.

West Cornwall retaining wall construction to start April 15

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Pre-cast concrete is ready to be installed along River Road.

Reconstruction of the retaining wall that was damaged after a summer of heavy rains in 2023 is set to start April 15. The work is expected to be completed by April 26.

In the interim, the stretch of River Road between Falls Village and West Cornwall will be closed during working hours. The covered bridge in West Cornwall will remain open.

Affected residents will receive advanced notice.

The cost of the project will be about \$387,000. At a November 2023 town meeting, voters approved \$500,000 for this project. The Board of Selectmen intend to reallocate the leftover funds to be put toward the repairs on Essex Hill Road.

A vote on moving the excess money will take place at a town meeting on April 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Cornwall Library.

The town meeting will include three similar agenda items to reallocate funds. A public hearing on the 2024-25 budget will follow.

Speed, spirit and splinters

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — It was Pinewood Derby time at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Saturday, March 23, as Scouts of all ages raced their five-ounce cars on a long track in the gym.

Daniel Moran, age 14, handled the release of the cars at the top of the track.

There was a new category this year: Classic Cars, open to entries from the last 100 years. In practical terms, this meant entries from the last 20 years or so.

Racers competed in 13 categories. Below are the winners with average speed (To determine the speed, software factors how long it takes each car to travel the 40-foot track and calculates an average in miles-per-hour).

Lion Scout Winner
Nicholas D. (224.24 MPH)

Tiger Scout Winner
Alex M. (225.72 MPH)

Wolf Scout Winner
Gavin T. (245.05 MPH)

Bear Scout Winner
Davier V. (197.24 MPH)

Webelo Scout Winner
Myles S. (204.11 MPH)

Boy Scout Winner
Bentley K. (226.99 MPH)

Scout Leader Winner
Tanya P. (231.19 MPH)

Parent Class Winner
Josh B. (205.53 MPH)

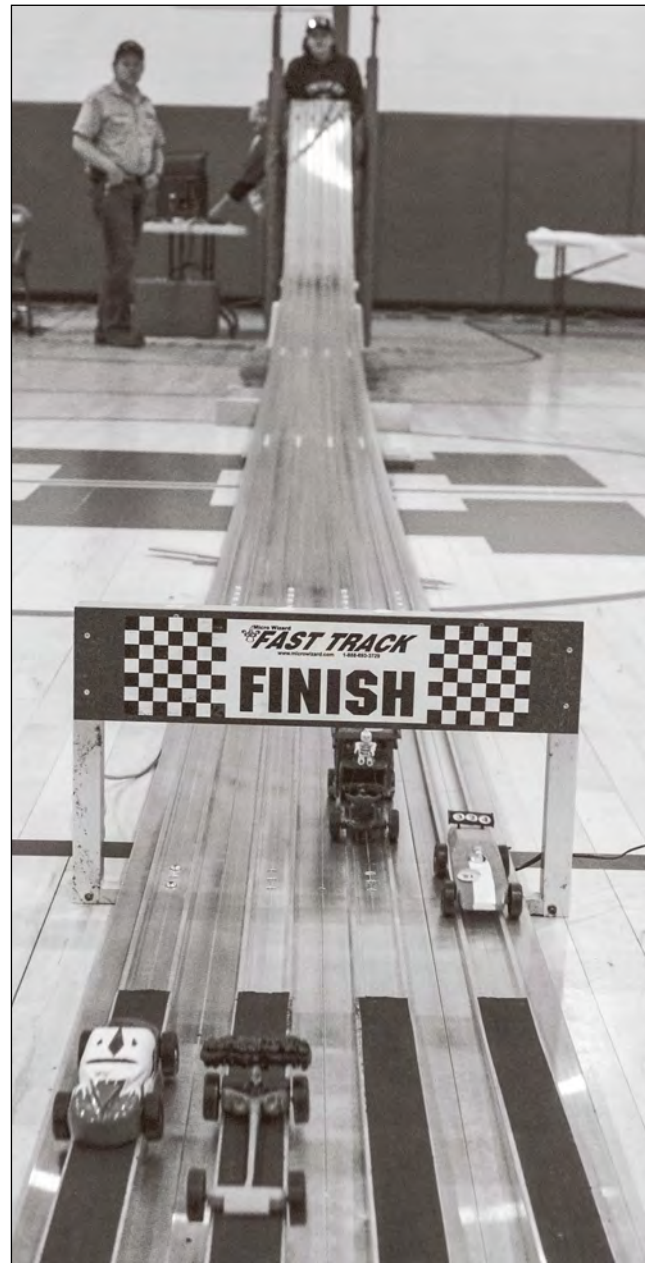
Business Class Winner
CAM Automotive (232.08 MPH)

Youth Class Winner
Caleb P. (231.65 MPH)

Cub Scout
King of the Hill
Gavin T. (230.55 MPH)

Non-Cub Scout
King of the Hill
CAM Automotive (232.41 MPH)

First Ever Cub Scout
Classic Winner
Daniel M. (233.34 MPH)



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Custom cars zipped down the 40-foot track.



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North Canaan holds the line

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — A favorable Region One assessment has enabled North Canaan to reduce the overall budget for fiscal year 2024-25.

Region One Schools' Business Director Sam Herrick, North Canaan Elementary School (NCES) Principal Alicia Roy, and First Selectman Brian Ohler presented their spending proposal to the Board of Finance on March 20.

Herrick reported the number of North Canaan students attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School dropped from 116 to 102, leading to an assessment reduction of \$205,770 compared to 2023-24. The reduction helped offset increases to pupil services and regional school service center contributions.

North Canaan's total Region One assessment came in at \$5,565,923, down \$136,960 (2.4%) from last year.

North Canaan Elementary School (NCES) saw a notable increase of \$113,255.80 to teacher salaries in the

2024-25 spending proposal. A \$23,313.72 increase to bus transportation costs was also included.

NCES showed a bottom line of \$4,536,112.70 for next year, an increase of \$110,075.87 (2.49%) over 2023-24.

First Selectman Brian Ohler set out to "hold the line" on spending next year. After salary increases to town personnel, the Board of Selectmen managed to produce a reduced budget for 2024-25.

The new spending proposal showed a total of \$3,242,536 in municipal expenses, a reduction of \$24,566 (0.75%) compared to 2023-24.

Overall, the combined budget totals in 2024-25 \$13,344,571.70, a reduction of \$51,450.13 (0.38%) compared to last year.

Ohler said he was "proud to be in the negative" for his administration's first budget season.

The Board of Finance will continue its review of the three budgets with a meeting at Town Hall Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

Taxes to rise in Cornwall after 'tough year'

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Wild weather, a growing student population, and inflationary pressures have led to spending increases across the board in Cornwall.

The Board of Finance (BOF) reviewed spending proposals from the Board of Selectmen, Region One Schools, and Cornwall Consolidated School (CCS) on March 21.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway presented a draft municipal budget, which showed increases in expenses and a depleted unassigned general fund.

"Because of all the storm damage, we have drawn down the town savings in a way we haven't done in a long time," said Ridgway. "It's a tough year."

The municipal spending proposal for 2024-25 totaled \$3,149,995, an increase of \$207,306 (7.04%) over 2023-24. Next year's budget includes \$100,000 for a storm damage fund, a new line item in Cornwall's budget, which was added to avoid further draining the town's savings due to weather events.

A growing high school population caused a spike in Cornwall's Region One assessment. Students from Cornwall now make up about 12.5% of Housatonic

Valley Regional High School's population with 36 students enrolled.

Cornwall's Region One assessment totaled \$2,027,575 in 2024-25, an increase of \$180,457 (9.77%) compared to last year.

Expenses are up at CCS as well. The spending plan for 2024-25 is up to \$2,773,399, an increase of \$139,496 (5.3%) above last year's total.

On the positive side, Cornwall closed out one debt service, reducing the bottom line by \$184,255 compared to 2023-24.

Despite dipping into its reserves, Cornwall's unassigned general fund balance remains above the state's recommended two-and-a-half months of savings. Present estimates from Finance Director Barbara Herbst showed just under \$1,000,000 in excess savings.

Combined, the proposals from each department brought Cornwall's total expenses in 2024-25 to \$8,111,576, an increase of \$343,003 (4.42%) over last year. As presented, the mill rate would increase to 15.97, up 8.64% from 2023-24.

BOF set out to minimize the overall increase to the mill rate by allocating \$195,000 from the unassigned general fund to help balance the budget.

BOF then requested the selectmen and CCS reevaluate spending proposals and come back with a 1% overall reduction.

"We'll do our best to get through it. I'm sure we will," said Ridgway.

BOF will review the adjusted proposals from the selectmen and CCS at its next regular meeting April 4 at 7 p.m.

The budget will then go to public hearing on April 19, 7:30 p.m. at Cornwall Library.

Prior to the public hearing will be a town meeting to reallocate unused funds from last year to go toward repairs in town.



PHOTO FROM METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Region One budget heads to hearing

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Board of Education meets Monday, April 1 and will vote on sending the Region One budget proposal for 2024-25 to a public hearing. The hearing is Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (Room 13) and on Zoom.

The Region One budget proposal as of March 22 calls for a total of \$17,690,331, an increase of \$658,003 (3.86%).

Assessments by town

Canaan/Falls Village: \$1,417,263, an increase of \$14,684 (1.05%).

Cornwall: \$1,417,263, an increase of \$177,768 (9.62%).

Kent: \$2,526,911, an increase of \$232,735 (10.14%).

North Canaan: \$5,558,304, a decrease of \$144,579 (-2.54%).

Salisbury: \$4,408,013, an increase of \$231,901 (5.55%).

Sharon: \$1,754,954, an increase of \$145,492 (9.04%).

Note: These numbers may be slightly different than those discussed at recent town finance board meetings.

The Region One referendum is Tuesday, May 7.

Salisbury budgets go to hearing

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Finance voted to send the 2024-25 budget proposals from the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen to public hearing after a brief meeting Wednesday, March 20.

Both budget proposals were trimmed a bit from the versions presented to the finance board on March 7.

Salisbury Central School Principal Stephanie Magyar said the SCS budget was down \$12,418 because of a decrease

in health insurance costs, offset somewhat by an increase in non-certified staff salaries.

First Selectman Curtis Rand reported a similar situation on the municipal side, with a decrease in health insurance offset by an increase in tipping fees for municipal solid waste, for a decrease of \$1,281.

The finance board voted to send the two proposals to a public hearing Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

The town budget proposal's total is \$8,619,572, an increase of \$401,742 (4.8%).

Education spending down, municipal costs up in Sharon

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen presented their proposed 2024-25 budgets to the Board of Finance at a three-hour meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

New to this year's consideration is the removal of capital improvement expenditures from the Board of Education's budget, lodging them instead in the selectmen's town budget. The change represents an effort to reduce the Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) imposed by state education regulations.

"The Board of Education feels comfortable that the lower budget will meet MBR requirements," Cahill said.

The proposed spending plan for Sharon Center School (SCS) anticipates total expenditures of \$4,328,390, a reduction from the current year by \$185,937 (4.12%). SCS anticipates \$24,402 in grants to reduce their total expenses.

When the Region One assessment is added, the total education budget expenses rise to \$6,045,960, but overall education costs still see savings of \$57,396 (0.94%) when compared to the current year's budget. Currently, 28 students

from Sharon attend Housatonic Valley Regional High School, or 9.7% of the enrollment. In the coming year, that student percentage is expected to grow to 10.1%, Cahill reported.

The Board of Selectmen's town budget submitted to the Board of Finance shows an anticipated total of \$5,858,287, an increase of \$529,559 (9.94%) over the current year.

First Selectman Casey Flanagan reviewed the budget detail and responded to questions of clarification.

A necessary increase is seen in the ambulance squad's need to hire paid coverage on weekdays to supplement volunteer hours. The cost for providing paid EMTs is estimated at \$130,000 for the coming year. In past years, there were volunteers in sufficient numbers to cover the needed service.

Town employees were given a 4% cost of living increase across the board, Flanagan reported. Wage and salary negotiations are continuing with the road foreman and the road crew, he added, expecting them to conclude soon, and bring an increase to the proposed budget figures.

"We should be able to pay our employees enough so they can live here," Flanagan

Kent's costs grow across the board

By Leila Hawken

KENT — The annual budget process is moving ahead on schedule as the Board of Finance met on Wednesday, March 20, to receive a budget proposal prepared by the Board of Selectmen following weeks of workshop meetings to consider the town's needs.

The Board of Selectmen's proposed 2024-25 town budget submitted to the Board of Finance shows anticipated total expenditures of \$5,150,195, an increase of \$285,127 (5.86%) over the current year.

When combined with the proposed budget for 2024-25 that was submitted by the Board of Education to the Board of Finance on March 13, the overall total proposed town budget totals \$14,615,923, an increase of \$1,082,334 (7.99%). Anticipated capital projects add another \$1,115,001 to the total spending.

Kent's Region One assessment is up \$235,501 (10.27%) over last year.

First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer reported that a 3% pay increase was applied across the board to all employees.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staffing, using paid coverage, is anticipated

to total \$320,000 in the coming year, an increase of 39% over the current year. Finance board members asked for an analysis of costs incurred by providing service to the High Watch Recovery program. The analysis would measure what level of service is being provided to nonprofit organizations and the number of people being served who are not town taxpayers.

Discussing the positive effects of the pilot program at the transfer station, finance board member Jason Wright spoke of the value of continuing the food scrap collection program.

"Anything above the rate of inflation makes me jittery," said Wright in reference to the entire budget proposal. "We're a small town," he added, noting that there is budget tension between the local aging population and the needs of young people.

"Overall, we have a number of things we cannot control," Wright said, although he told the selectmen that the budget bottom line "looks heavy."

Lindenmayer said that the selectmen will study any recommendations made by the finance board, but that the selectmen feel that the budget as proposed is already cut to the bone.

Employee health insurance was discussed, particularly the choice afforded to opt-out of the insurance. Treasurer Barbara Herbst noted that five employees currently opt out of health insurance, resulting in an overall saving of \$110,000 for the town.

Commenting on the Board of Education budget, Wright said that he would like the finance board to measure residents' opinions on the item (\$60,000) that would fund an Armed Security Officer.

The Board of Finance will meet on Wednesday, April 17, to review the proposed budgets and made recommendations.

told the finance board.

When combined, the proposed budgets from both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education show total projected expenses in 2024-25 are up to \$11,904,247, an increase of \$472,193 (4.13%) over last year.

"The bottom-line total number is not what I would have expected to present to the Board of Finance, but it's the reality now," Flanagan said, inviting finance board consideration.

Ongoing concern about the Connecticut Green Bank's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed by the selectmen on behalf of the town, to proceed with installation of a solar array at SCS was debated at the

meeting.

During public comment, David Levinson, whose Hilltop Road property neighbors SCS, had urged the Board of Finance to review the agreement, particularly its estimates of up-front costs and projections of cost savings to accrue to the town over the 20-year life of the solar energy program. He also questioned the validity of the stormwater drainage plan.

Flanagan and Bartram agreed to a meeting with Flanagan and a Green Bank representative to resolve the questions.

The public hearing on the proposed budgets has been scheduled for Thursday, April 4, allowing time for the Board of Finance to complete its budget review process.



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OBITUARIES

Deborah Eynon Reyelt

SALISBURY — Deborah Eynon Reyelt, 89, of Salisbury passed away March 19, 2024, at Sharon Hospital. Born on July 25, 1934, in Milton, Massachusetts, she was the eldest of Natalie and Bill Eynon's four daughters. After graduating from Glen Ridge High School in New Jersey, she attended the Katharine Gibbs School, which prepared her for her first full-time job at McGraw Hill Publishing. In 1957 she met Peter Reyelt, and the two were married in Greenwich, Connecticut, the following year.



Her husband, Peter, was her life and held for many years. Affectionately known as "Big Deb" by her family on account of her desire to take charge, soon friends and colleagues adopted the nickname as well.

Having lived on the Cape for a portion of her childhood, Deb had a lifelong love of the beach. In 1993, she and Peter bought a small cottage on Nantucket, a place she loved to spend time with family and friends. Other passions included her volunteer work, serving on the boards of the Housatonic Child Care Center and the Sharon Playhouse, her political activism, her bridge and needlepoint groups, her many outings with friends, and especially, her time with grandchildren who brought her the ultimate joy.

Deb is survived by her husband, Peter, her three children, Amy (Scott), Becky, and Bill (Olivia); five grandchildren, Nick (Katie), Abby and Will, Eleanor and Grace, and two great grandsons, George and Walter, as well as her two sisters, Susie and Connie. She was predeceased by her sister Betsy.

In gratitude for her dedicated caregivers, contributions may be made to Noble Horizons in Salisbury. The family is planning a Celebration of Life at a later date. The Kenny Funeral home has care of arrangements.

Joan Valerie Hayden

SOUTHFIELD, Mass. — Joan Valerie Hayden was born in East Rutherford, New Jersey to Etta Bunce and John Schoonmaker. She moved to Southfield, Massachusetts, at a young age. She graduated from New Marlborough School as valedictorian of her class.

Joan was part of the Little Theater now known as Berkshire Theater Festival/Playhouse in Stockbridge and Sharon Playhouse in Sharon. Joan also produced some plays in the 80's at Mt. Everett High School. She loved to sing and perform. She had a beautiful voice and eventually had her own concert with Steve Ross at the Consolati

Performing Arts Center in Sheffield. Joan was part of the choir at the Southfield Church in Southfield.

Joan leaves behind her son, Layne Labshere of Southfield, Massachusetts, and daughter Kimberly Foster of Zephyrhills, Florida. Brothers, Fred Schoonmaker of Southfield Massachusetts, and Peter Ives of Canaan and sister Pamela Cannan of Port Orange, Florida, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southfield Church or the New Marlborough First Responders.

Anna Pattison sliced countless potatoes for the Lakeville Hose Company's St. Patrick's Day Dinner



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Hose company feeds Lakeville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — A couple hours before the 5 p.m. start of the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day dinner, Anna Pattison was on potato slicing duty.

Watching her manipulate tuber and slicer, it was apparent she had done it before.

Elsewhere a crew held a brief discussion on technique and proceeded to slice Irish soda bread. There was a lot of it.

Inside the dining area there were tables laden with 140-plus raffle items. A completely arbitrary sample: a wood bead bracelet from Dara Robinson; a lemon basket from the Buckley family; a gift certificate from

On The Run; a gift certificate from Kristi Spear, hair stylist; and a flex pass from Sharon Playhouse.

Pattison said the team was preparing enough food for 250 people: "We usually come close to selling out."

SALISBURY — Eugene F. Green, a longtime resident of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at his home on March 17, 2024. Eugene was preceded in death by his loving wife of seventy-one years, Marge.

Eugene was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 31, 1927, the only son and youngest child of Frank and Margaret Green. Gene, as he liked to be called, grew up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his parents and two older sisters, Dorothy and Virginia. Upon graduating from Fort Hamilton High School in Bay Ridge, Gene joined the Navy. After he completed his service as a corpsman with the Marine Corp, Gene returned home and continued his education at New York University,

while he also studied and trained to join the New York City Police Department.

Gene became a New York City police officer at 24 years of age. With a full time job, he was able to provide for a family, so without delay, he married his high school sweetheart, Marge, on Dec. 1, 1951. They soon became parents to three daughters and one son. In order to accommodate their growing family, Gene and Marge left their Brooklyn apartment and bought a house in Douglaston, Queens, New York, where they lived until Gene retired from the NYPD.



Gene had a successful career as a New York City law enforcement officer. He started out as a traffic cop directing traffic in Manhattan. Through studying and hard work he rose through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. As a Lieutenant he was responsible for the Organized Crime Unit at One Police Plaza and retired as Captain of the 5th Precinct in Chinatown, Manhattan South.

After retiring from the NYPD, Gene and Marge moved from their home in Douglaston in 1982 to their country home in Salisbury. Gene began a second career as a real estate broker. He cherished the town of Salisbury and the surrounding areas and soon purchased an office building on Main Street in Lakeville, where he opened his real estate business, E. F. Green Realty.

In addition to selling real estate, Gene became active in many local organizations. He was the president of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club. Gene was one of the founding members of the Salisbury Beautification Committee. For many years he was an active member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Lakeville.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Green and his sister Virginia Begley. He is survived by his sister Dorothy Hundley of Northville, Michigan; his children Kathy Hogan and husband Phil Hogan of Monrovia, California; Patti Barry and husband Charlie Barry of Johns Creek, Georgia; Brian Green of Torrington, Connecticut; Eileen Green of Old Orchard Beach, Maine; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A Mass celebrating the life of Eugene F. Green will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lakeville, CT, on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Judith Chatfield Schwerin

SHARON — Judith Chatfield Schwerin, 81, died on March 22, 2024, at her home in Sharon. The wife of Frederick W. Schwerin, Jr., also of Sharon, she was a beloved friend to many.



The daughter of Helen (Spencer) Chatfield and Sherwood Clark Chatfield, she was born in New York City, grew up in Chappaqua, New York, and spent summers in Sharon. Besides her husband, she is survived by her brother, William Chatfield, of Jacksonville, Florida.

A garden historian, author, and lecturer, she wrote four books about Italian gardens: "Boboli Gardens," "A Tour of Italian Gardens," "The Classic Italian Garden," and "Gardens of the Italian Lakes." She gave many illustrated lectures to many garden clubs and other organizations, including Sotheby's, The Cooper-Hewitt Museum, the Italian Cultural Institute, and the Edith Wharton Restoration at the Mount.

She attended Horace Greeley High School and

went on to receive her B.A. and M.A. degrees in art history from Syracuse University in 1964 and 1968 and a Master of Philosophy degree from the Courtauld Institute of the University of London in 1972. In 1967 she won a Fulbright scholarship to study the restoration of art in Florence, Italy after flooding in the city. She was also a visiting scholar at the American Academy of Rome for three years.

Judith was a member of the Century Association in New York City, the Sharon Women's Club, and the Sharon Garden Club. She was also a worldwide traveler who explored countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and South America.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon is in charge of arrangements. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 25 at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon.

Instead of flowers, please send donations to the Little Guild of St. Francis in Cornwall, CT.

In Appreciation

Anne Kremer

Anne Kremer was a remarkable woman with many accomplishments. While living in Florida, she was a social worker who designed programs to help families at risk for child abuse. She owned an independent bookstore which hosted author talks and created a literary community. She was a leader in gun violence prevention. Locally, she became involved in affordable housing issues and led the Salisbury Housing Committee for 10 years. Anne was one of my best friends. I was deeply saddened when she recently passed away. Not surprisingly, she had many other friends who mourned

her loss. When I spoke with many people, they always described her as "so nice." I smile when I think about it because I say to myself, "Yes, Anne was really nice but that wouldn't be the first adjective I'd use to describe her." I remember Anne as courageous, loyal, undaunted, principled, loving, stubborn, and forgiving. But I think what I will remember – and miss – most is her humility. The world was a better place with her in it not because she told you all that she had done but because she – well – was so nice.

Sarah Zarbock
Lakeville

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Week of March 31, 2023

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<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On the Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount. We are here for you, welcome to the family! WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors CTeen YJP</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



PHOTO BY PETER HALLE

The Dominican/Haitian border looking at Anse-à-Pitres, Haiti, from the Dominican Republic side.

Letter from the Haitian border

“The world is going to hell in a handbasket.” It’s a sentiment most of my friends are feeling, and to be frank, so am I. The newest addition to the list of countries with seemingly intractable violence is Haiti. It is a place I know something about. Along with Louise Lindenmeyr and Helen Scoville from Salisbury, we are directors of Hispanola Health Partners (HHP), a nonprofit that supports a health clinic deep in rural southeast Haiti. Louise and I have been traveling to this ever-struggling country several times a year for the last decade, watching Haiti descend further and further into political chaos.

In the last year, gangs have taken over the capital Port-au-Prince, but that city has been unsafe for us since 2020. We now travel to our clinic through the Dominican Republic, bypassing the gangsters in Port-au-Prince — a longer passage, but so far, a safe route. And that is what I want to report on.

Louise and I have just returned from a week at the Haiti/DR border. The news media have rediscovered Haiti in the last month with Prime Minister Ariel Henry’s blocked return and subsequent resignation. For the first time in years, Western reporters have ventured to Haiti to report on the grow-

ing violence, starvation, and insecurity. We here at HHP have been tracking this descent for years, wondering when the big news providers would take an interest. And now they have — finally!

The news media, and the U.S. State Department, have reported that all of Haiti is unsafe and desperate, in every town, at every border crossing. I am here to tell you that in the last few days Louise and I crossed into Haiti in the south at Anse-à-Pitres to meet our clinic staff and hand over duffle bags of medicine and supplies. Louise also spent a day screening women for cervical cancer, a major disease in Haiti. The border town is safe, with somewhat less commerce due to the political strife and the mostly closed border.

For those of us who have had personal experience with news media, including such respected publications as The New York Times, reporters often get the story wrong.

The purpose of this letter is to show another side of this unfolding story, much of which is an utter nightmare.

If you would like to know more about Hispanola Health Partners, please visit us at www.hispanolahealthpartners.org

Peter Halle
Salisbury

Confessions of a Non-Adopter

It drives me crazy when people immediately embrace the shiny new object, the latest trend. Worse, I rejoice when it crashes and burns. The failure of something like Google Glass, a solution in search of a problem, makes my day. I thought I had a “winner” in Bitcoin but its recent comeback has put a damper on my victory celebration. Admittedly, schadenfreude is a character flaw. In my case, probably a defense mechanism to ward off those who insist that I’ll be left behind if I don’t get on board immediately. Still, nothing to be proud of.

My impulse to push back is not entirely irrational. Betamax, New Coke, MySpace, the Segway, Theranos, even the electric knife: did they ever have a chance? As a society, we are programmed to immediately accept the new and vastly underestimate how long it will take to become the norm.

The hoopla surrounding autonomous driving has vanished in a wave of bank-

NEWS OF VERY NARROW INTEREST

By M.A. Duca

ruptcies amid the recognition that many issues must be resolved before driverless transportation is widely accepted. Recently, this rush to acceptance has resulted in a major pullback by the auto industry regarding their commitment to EVs. The New York Times reports that \$3 billion in venture capital money has been lost in pursuit of a meatless food supply and proponents see no timeline when it could be feasible at any reasonable scale. CBD is mired in regulatory hell, misinformation and significant skepticism about why it needs to be added to foods, dietary supplements and other consumer products in the first place. Although most are loath to admit it, fear of missing out plays a role. Usually it is cloaked in a



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thankful farewell after 41 years of practice

This week brings to conclusion more than 41 years of my practicing Ophthalmology in Lakeville.

There are many people I wish to thank for making it the experience of a lifetime. My parents were always encouraging. By paying for my education, they allowed me to complete my training unencumbered by student loans, making it possible for me to borrow the money I needed (at a 16% interest rate!) to start my practice. My wife, Sue, had more confidence in me than I had in myself that we could move to the area after my residency and start a practice. Along with our daughters, she put up with my coming home from work late many

nights, being called away on weekends for emergencies, and the occasional eye surgery video on our TV (long before personal computers and tablets). Sue, our daughters, their partners and our grandchildren have given more joy to my life than I ever imagined.

I will always be grateful for the wonderful people I have worked with at the office. They have been more like friends and family than employees and have created an environment that I have been happy to return to every day. I was very fortunate to be able to bring Dr. Avinash Tantri into the practice. He has been a pleasure to work with, and his excellent medical and surgical care of

our patients has allowed me to retire knowing that I am leaving the community in good hands.

I thank everyone at Sharon Hospital for the excellent care provided to our patients for so many years. The last four decades have seen many changes in the field and the staff have always quickly adapted to new procedures and techniques. There have been a few different administrations during that time, but each one has always provided the equipment we needed to provide state-of-the-art surgery.

I have had the pleasure of working with skilled and caring colleagues — optical, optometric, ophthalmologic and medical — and I thank

them all for working with me for the benefit of our mutual patients.

Most of all, I am grateful to all the people who came through the door and entrusted me with the care of their most precious sense. I know I kept many of you waiting, and I know I was often too busy to get to know you personally as well as I wanted, but I always tried to do my best for each of you. It was an amazing experience.

While I am leaving the practice, we are staying in this wonderful area, and I hope to still see many of you. Thank you all!

William M. Kirber, MD
Lakeville

Grateful for Sharon Hospital and the staff

Where can I go! To get excellent medical care. It was a question that many of us thought about. About 4 years ago I moved to Sharon, Connecticut. It’s a beautiful small town with lovely scenery and great people. And an outstanding hospital, I had the pleasure of being there a week from a tick bite. However about 3 months ago I had a terrible pain in my left hip and went to see my doctor in Amenia

Dr. Dweck and he sent me to Sharon Hospital to get an x-ray. And to my shock the X-ray was not what I expected. I needed a new hip! I did not know where I could turn, so I called my family and they told me to go to a New York city hospital to have the replacement. They felt that I can get the best care there. However I know that you can get excellent surgeons but I am not too sure about the care. So I de-

cid to call Sharon hospital and I was told to see doctor John Mullens in Sharon. He is an Orthopedic Specialist. I was skeptical so I made an appointment. When I met Doctor Mullens I was very impressed with his bedside manner I said to him what hospital will you perform the surgery and he said Sharon hospital. I was delighted because I love Sharon Hospital and I know I will get the best care there. The surgery was

in February and they were very careful with me because of my heart condition and Doctor Mullens was especially careful to keep me infection free. I will always be grateful to Doctor Mullens and the staff at Sharon Hospital for the great care I received and one last thing: the food at Sharon hospital was fantastic.

Angelo Prunella
Sharon

Preserving Housatonic scenic shorelines

In May 2022, the U.S. Senate passed a bill creating the Housatonic River’s National Wild and Scenic River designation from the Massachusetts—Connecticut boundary (in western area of the state).

Just to let you know, the Housatonic River Commission meets occasionally in the Cornwall Consolidated School regarding the Housatonic River and its future in Northwest Connecticut and the lower reaches.

More land could be purchased on the west and east shorelines for preservation. If not government (National Park Service) then perhaps private donations of land or private (individuals or business) buying land and giving to National Park Service.

Christopher G. Redington
West Hartford

virtuous wrapper like climate change; as if we are going to drive or eat our way out of global disaster.

Lest you think that I just sit back and gloat “I told you so” (well, sometimes), being an analog person in a digital world has its challenges. Labeled a reactionary or other unprintable names is the price that must be paid by the non-adopter. Having a landline, reading a physical newspaper. Ridicule comes with the territory. Choking guffaws always follow when I admit that I pay my bills by check. And these are my friends!

But I take comfort in knowing that there is always something new that the masses are promoting as a panacea that I should non-adopt. Mold in HVAC mini splits is just starting to gain traction and I anticipate a rash of Ozempic lawsuits in the not too distant future. Hope springs eternal.

M.A. Duca is a resident of Twin Lakes, narrowly focused on everyday life.

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TALES FROM THE ROAD

A day in the life of a newspaper truck driver

By Geoffrey Olans

Around 9 a.m. every Wednesday morning a 26-foot box truck from the printer backs up to a storage garage behind The Lakeville Journal's office in Falls Village to unload copies of the week's Lakeville Journal and Millerton News.

Between then and about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, it's up to the Journal's own drivers — AAdam Williams, Brian Murphy and me — to deliver these new papers to six realtors, 18 post offices, and 46 retail outlets within a 30-mile radius of the office.

To accomplish this feat, we travel about 260 miles through 28 towns and villages in three states in our white 2016 four-cylinder Ford Transit Connect van. Our itinerary takes us as far north as Great Barrington, Massachusetts; as far south as South Kent, Connecticut; as far east as New Hartford, Connecticut; and as far west as Millbrook, New York.

Over the two days we schedule our deliveries into three "runs." Each run is a circuit, beginning and ending at the office. There are two runs on Wednesday and one on Thursday. Each day we work in teams of two. Adam and I work together on Wednesday. Brian and I work together on Thursday.

Wednesday is the more arduous of the days. There's more to unload and load, more to organize and arrange. Along with an additional run, there are almost twice as many stops to make, six times more papers to deliver, and more than three times as many plastic containers to drop off.

While the van's drivers support each other in many ways, once we're en route, each has their primary role. It's the job of the person behind the wheel (usually Adam or Brian) to get the van safely to the next designated delivery stop; it's up to his companion (usually me) to manage the paperwork and function as the company's representative.

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At post offices we drop off the plastic containers (or "tubs" as post offices refer to them), usually leaving them on a loading dock. The size and shape of file folder boxes, they contain newspapers destined for our newspaper subscribers, some of whom live as far away as New York City, Albany and Hartford. Typically, we'll drop off two to four containers at a single post office location; however, in the case of the Lakeville Post Office, the Falls Village Post Office and the Millerton Post Office, we drop off between six and nine! At the beginning of our Wednesday runs we cram 18 or more of these containers in the van, giving us very little rearview

visibility until our first post office stop.

We deliver to many more retail accounts than we do to post offices. For every one of our stops at post offices we stop at 2.5 retail accounts. At these establishments (e.g., convenience stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, small grocery stores, delis, cafés and restaurants) we bring in bundles of new papers and carry out old unsold papers, using the difference in number to calculate how much money the client owes us that week. We present an invoice for this amount, initialed by the preparer, to the account's cashier or manager for their signature and payment. Our work is concluded when we've entered the number of newspaper "returns" for that client that week into a logbook (which gets passed on to the Accounting Department).

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Most accounts receive either The Lakeville Journal or The Millerton News. However, almost a quarter receive both papers. Dual-paper accounts tend to be in areas in or near Millerton and Lakeville. The quantity of papers we deliver to any account varies considerably.

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On Wednesday our first port of call is Sharon. There we stop at Sharon Post Office, Sharon Pharmacy, J.P. Gifford, Sharon Package Store and XtraMart. At the pharmacy the challenge is to get in and out of the tight vestibule where the newspaper rack is located before a customer tries to. At the wine and liquor store the trick is to get in and out before Kirsten melts us with her sweet charm and Dylan completes his thoroughgoing analysis of the New York Jets' prospects for the next NFL football season!

After Sharon we proceed to Lakeville. For me, the highlight there — and of the Wednesday morning run in general — is the warm, tasty, cream cheese-slathered bagel I get at On the Run Coffee Shop. I've had many bagels but this one hits the spot like no other.

After I've inserted the new Lakeville Journals into the wall rack near the door and given Suzanne, the cashier, the count of returns, I order "the usual." There's no need to say another word. In about ten or 15 minutes, after Adam and I have delivered papers at the Patco service station/convenience store across the street, I'm back to pick it up. This pattern has become so ingrained that the other day Rita, one of the food preparers at the café, was waiting for me on the On the Run doorstep with a grin on her face and my bagel and a napkin in her hand.

A quarter of the way into our second run on Wednes-

day, when we've completed all our deliveries in Millerton, Adam and I switch roles and I take the wheel. The first thing I do is pull the seat forward, adjust the mirrors and put on a podcast. I'll usually give Adam a couple of options and let him choose.

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If the podcast is a bust we'll discard it and try something else. A lot of times we'll pause the podcast to discuss a key point. It's amazing how quickly the afternoon whizzes by when we are engrossed in a good podcast! Two of our favorites are "The Ezra Klein Show" and "The Gray Area" with Sean Illing.

We recently reorganized the Wednesday runs so that we get to high-volume accounts like LaBonne's in Salisbury, Stop & Shop in North Canaan, and Fresh-town in Amenia earlier in the day. With the harder work out of the way, by the time we finish with the Salt Point Market in Millbrook we can pretty much coast. By the time we are finished with the Pine Plains Pharmacy I can pretty much close my eyes.

Next: Thursday's run.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**100 years ago —
March 1924**

The mysterious disappearance of Lawrence Travis, 20 years old, in a Star Sedan belonging to A.S. Martin, was solved at 5 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, when the car containing the young man's body was drawn to the surface of the lake, after hours of hard and dangerous work. The search for the body resulted from the discovery of a patch of black oil under the surface of the ice by William Bassett, a fellow worker of Travis at Martin's Garage. Mr. Bassett had never been fully satisfied in his mind that young Travis had gone very far away and he believed that some accident had befallen him. On Thursday John H. Garrity's small derrick was taken to the lake and block and tackle installed. By this time a crowd of between two and three hundred people had gathered, and many hands laid hold of the rope to draw the car out. Soon it was resting on the ice, and a moment later Michael P. Flynn entered the car and brought forth the remains of the unfortunate young man. An autopsy conducted by Medical Examiner Bissell was done immediately after recovery of the body and death was found to have been due to drowning. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. John Travis, father of the young man, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Travis, with whom the lad had lived. There is a great feeling of sadness throughout the community over his untimely death.

LIME ROCK — John Eggleston has moved to the

The year was 1973:
Two roads diverged

In 1973, Donald and Fred Trump were engaged for two years in a battle with the DOJ: "...specifically a case that charges Donald Trump, Fred Trump and their company of race bias in housing rentals. ... It was one of the largest cases of the time."

Michael Kranish
Washington Post

At 26, in 1973, Donald J. Trump commenced his lifelong legal battles — federal and state suits and countersuits numbering 4095 before he assumed the office of President in 2016 and 90 since assuming then losing the office in 2020. Of these 90 post-presidency suits (12 pending) Trump has won but one against his niece, Mary.

Trump legal suits over five decades range from Casino to contracts, employment, personal injury, campaigns, taxes, defamation, obstruction of justice.

Also in 1973, the New York Times (NYT) in a published profile of the younger Trump birthed a myth of Donald Trump as first in his Wharton graduating class (BA in Real Estate, 1968) — a myth fully debunked in a 1988 NYT investigative article that found few members of his relatively small class knew or knew of Trump, the class commencement program did not list him with any distinction, the self-declared "super genius" was found on no Wharton dean's list. Trump has restricted any educational institute from making public his grades or test scores. Donald J. Trump has never received an hon-

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orary degree from any academic institution or acknowledgement of generous gifting (including Wharton).

In contrast, in 1973, Joe Biden, at age 30, was elected to the U.S. Senate sticking his arm out to all he encountered: "Hi, I'm Joe Biden — the new senator from Delaware."

One month after his election, Biden's wife and one year old daughter were killed in an automobile crash that spared his two toddler sons. Biden took his Senate oath of office in the Wilmington hospital chapel. He served in the Senate for six terms.

Biden's first year in the Senate, the 93rd Congress, was replete with major events and governmental action: the passage of Roe vs Wade, Kissinger appointed Secretary of State, LBJ's death, Nixon to China, Paris Accords/Church Amendment ending the Vietnam War, VP Agnew resigned, replaced with Ford, Endangered Species Act passed as was the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Saturday Night Massacre led to first steps toward a Nixon impeachment (Nixon side-stepped impeachment with his resignation in 1974). Oddly the Roe vs Wade Scotus decision of 1973 was also scandalously leaked however back in 1973, the culprit, a Scotus clerk, was identified.

1973, was a significant turning point in the lives of

two prominent Americans for their choices, their character and their occupation of the Oval Office. Trump's 2024 rhetoric is of a third-world U.S. status, demise and resentment are the tone, projections, and unrealities — his vita is replete with court cases, TV ratings, bankruptcy, screaming false headlines, brand surges and plunges, declarations of personal exceptionalism. Biden, in stark contrast, has 2024 rhetoric, acts and deeds that bespeak pride, promise, progress by the nation, peoples of talent and will. Biden's vita — out-comes of his life choices — has a plethora of domestic and international honors, steadfastness and accomplishments. He isn't perfect, not flawless — yet Biden, in raw contrast to Trump, doesn't promote bullying, urge foul play, threaten intentional harm of others.

Time to turn the lights back on a nation with many shortcomings but scores of decades of betterment — of talent and achievement. In the turmoil of an election year, 2024, can we still hear succinct wisdom: twelve score and six years ago "... our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal... Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure.

Abraham Lincoln
The Gettysburgh Address

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

Frost farm which he recently purchased.

A.C. Roberts who has been indisposed, has been spending the week in Sharon Hospital to rest and recuperate. Physicians are of the opinion that a run down condition coupled with overwork made a period of rest and relaxation necessary.

**50 years ago —
March 1974**

Baby chicks were hatched recently by members of Robert Snyder's fourth grade class at North Canaan Elementary School. The class hatched the little chickens as part of their science classes. Twelve of the students who have brooders at home took the chickens to raise, each student receiving seven or eight of the birds. The students injected vegetable dyes into the eggs before the chickens hatched so many of the birds emerged with brilliantly colored plumage.

Three years ago the formation of a Housing Authority to establish housing for the elderly in Canaan was a burning political issue. The politics have been removed from the situation, but the burning resumed this week. It was revealed Tuesday that while the town crew was busy clearing the site for the housing project, a small fire got started in the old banks of coal left over from the rail-roading days. The coal has impregnated the soil and the fire went underground. A trench has been dug around the smoldering area and the fire company has drenched the soil with water to extin-

guish the fire.

Andrea Gandolfo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Gandolfo of East Canaan, took third place this week in the 15th annual statewide competition of accordion players. The competition is sponsored by the Accordion Teachers of Connecticut. Miss Gandolfo, a seven-year-old who has studied for only one year, is a student of Gary Ross at his Lakeville School of Music.

An unusual double ceremony on April 6 will mark a renewal of the wedding vows for two couples, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Starr of Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Squires of Goshen. The ceremony will take place at the First Church of Christ, Cornwall. Mr. Starr and Mrs. Squires, who are brother and sister, are great-grandchildren of a former minister of First Church.

A mailbag containing all copies of The Lakeville Journal for Norfolk mail delivery and newsstand sales went astray in the postal system last Thursday and was not located until Monday afternoon. Consequently Norfolk subscribers received their papers late and would-be newsstand purchasers were disappointed until Saturday morning when The Journal supplied extra copies.

**25 years ago —
March 1999**

Ruth Epstein, editor of The Lakeville Journal, has been named to the board of directors of the New England Press Association. The vote was taken during a retreat held by the board this past weekend in Hanover, N.H.

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



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We made it in time to see the cherry blossoms in DC this weekend which were just beautiful and noticed that the crowds seeing the blossoms were all happy, so our thought is that we need to plant more cherry trees! Also had a lunch at Jose Andres's restaurant Zaytinya, which was excellent, and while there, I was informed that Jose was the chef who started World Central Kitchen. This is a very effective nonprofit which bring food into areas suffering disasters. For example, they were the first ship last week to arrive in Gaza bringing 200 tons of food, with more to come. So if you would like to learn more about World Central Kitchen and support their efforts, please visit: wck.org



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Easter

Colored eggs found throughout Northwest Corner

By Patrick L. Sullivan and Riley Klein

Area egg hunters hauled in seasonal nuggets by the basket on Sunday, March 24.

Egg hunts took place throughout the region with unique events occurring simultaneously in Cornwall, Kent and Salisbury.

At Scoville Memorial Library, a group of about 15 children fidgeted impatiently as Kendra Percy tried to get them to say "Squish Swedish fish," which is easier read than said.

But enough of them got it to get the go-ahead to dash out into the grounds of the library on Sunday afternoon and gather up the candy that was scattered around.

This was an Easter Egg hunt, albeit an unusual one.

Percy, the Head of Children and Family Services at the library, said that the week before the children painted wooden eggs, and then returned them in time for Sunday's activities.

Just in time, in one case. That morning, Percy found one in a brown paper bag. Written on the bag was "For the dragon to hide."

About the dragon. Percy said that since 2024 is the Year of the Dragon in the Chinese astrological system, she thought it would be fun to have the dragons hide the painted wooden eggs along with the candy.

So the children had to pause the candy gathering to look for the wooden eggs.

The first part took mere minutes. The second bit took a little more time.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN



Amelia Corrigan, age 7, held up her wooden egg. Asked how long it took to paint, she thought for a moment, and replied "Two or

three minutes." She then popped a candy in her mouth, and made a face.

"Chewier than you ex-

pected?" she was asked. "Mmmff," she replied, nodding her head vigorously. In Cornwall, attendees gathered at Foote Field



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

March 24 for Park and Recreation's Spring Celebration.

Cookie decorating was followed by three egg hunts for varying ages.

The Easter Bunny was on hand, but offered no hints to treasure finders.

Hundreds of colorful eggs were found and brought back in sacks, bags, and baskets.

The Spring Celebration marked Cornwall's first outdoor event of the season, with more to come as the weather warms.

Kent's Community Field was overrun with egg hunters March 24 as well.

Certain eggs in Kent contained golden coins, which could be redeemed for prizes at homebase.

After a short time, all the eggs had been found and to the finders went the spoils.

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March 28
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Good Friday

March 29
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7:00 PM Words of the Life of Jesus
Reflections & music: Choir, Organ and Recorder

Pascua de Resurrección

Sábado, 30 de marzo
12:00 Noon Misa en español con la música de "Sin Fronteras" y una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua

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March 31
8:00 AM Eucharist with hymns
10:30 AM Joyful Eucharist
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March 31st
Easter Sunday
Celebration of the Resurrection
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Celebrant, Rev. Roger White
Easter Egg hunt following the service

Organist, Jon Lafleur
Christ Church Episcopal
Soloist, Donna Marie Castaner
9 South Main Street
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Holy Week

The Congregational Church of Salisbury
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Maundy Thursday, 28 March
Communion & Tenebrae
7pm Worship

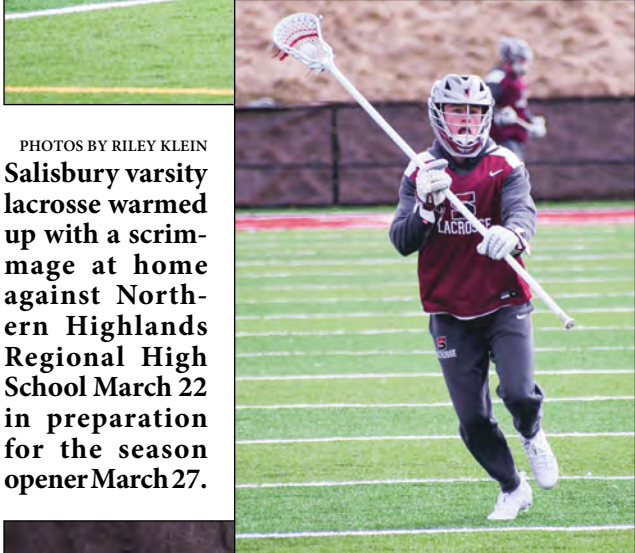
Good Friday, 29 March
Ecumenical Worship
7pm Trinity Episcopal Church, Lime Rock

Sunday, 31 March
Resurrection Day!
6:30am Sunrise Service at Town Grove, Lakeville
9:45am Hand Bell Choir Prelude
10:00am Easter Worship

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Sports

Blackberry trout, trials and triumphs



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN
Salisbury varsity lacrosse warmed up with a scrimmage at home against Northern Highlands Regional High School March 22 in preparation for the season opener March 27.

Salisbury lax ready to rip

By Riley Klein

SALISBURY — Lacrosse returned to the Northwest Corner on March 22 when Salisbury School hosted Northern Highlands Regional High School for a scrimmage.

The Highlanders made the trip up from Allendale, New Jersey, for the afternoon match against the Crimson Knights.

As a preseason game, scorekeeping was not officially tracked. Fortunately, a Lakeville Journal reporter kept track and determined that Salisbury won 7-2.

Skies were partly cloudy throughout the game with temperatures in the low 30s.

Most players wore sweats to combat the nippy conditions.

The game appeared evenly matched at the start. Each team traded goals in the early minutes before Salisbury settled into possession dominance.

The Knights' calculated control enabled them to extend plays and create openings on offense. Salisbury won comfortably and looked ready to take on Founder's League competition.

Salisbury travels to Noble and Greenough School for the first regular season game on March 27.

The Knights' home opener will be Saturday, March 30, at 3 p.m. against Loomis Chaffee.

Ahh, spring. The balmy breeze. The brilliant sunshine. The plants poking up through the dead leaves.

And the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's trout trucks are rolling.

Only the last item is true. We're having a typical Northwest Corner spring, which means fits and starts, two steps forward and one step back.

And the first annual Tangled Lines Cliche Contest.

The Blackberry River is my preferred early season location, because it's close and what it lacks in wild trout it makes up for in the difficulty of the terrain.

On the one really springy day recently, when it was warm enough to break a sweat, I spent an enjoyable couple of hours playing with rookie trout and finding out if I remembered my knots.

Of course the weather turned on a dime and the next couple of days were miserable.

The trout sulked and the wind made my teeth chatter.

I did meet itinerant angler/mountain biker/raconteur David Asselin. His nifty RV was parked at Beckley Furnace when I hove to. I noticed fly fishing gear by the cabin door and ambled over to say howdy-doo.

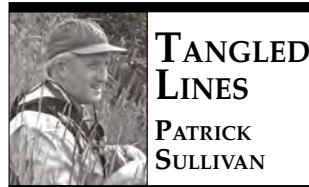
With this guy, a simple greeting opened the floodgates. I learned quickly and in no particular order that he's a Connecticut original, that he's been all over the world including Antarctica, that he's new to fly-fishing, that he teaches mountain biking in Montana from May through September, and that he's a double amputee.

I had already deduced that. Being a trained observer, I noted the sticker on the RV that says "I'm a double amputee. I'm not useless!" Turns out he froze his feet off. In Colorado, not Antarctica.

He cheerfully informed me he's got no toes or heels, just three inches and change of remaining foot on both sides.

He does not wear prosthetic devices. He does get around, carefully.

I pushed off and worked the stream for a couple hours,



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

with minimal results. Then I caught up with him and we sat on the bank and yakked some.

This evolved into an impromptu dry-dropper lesson.

This resulted in David catching a stocked brookie, on a size 16 Bread and Butter nymph tied on about two feet of 4X fluorocarbon tippet, in turn attached to the bend of the hook of a size 10 Parachute Adams dry fly. He caught a couple more, just to prove it wasn't a fluke.

The stars were aligned, for once. (I make that four cliches, if you're counting.)

Alas, duty called and I had to depart. We exchanged information and a few days later I got an email detailing his plans for the next couple of weeks.

With a little luck, we can connect again and continue the lessons.

Scolding department: Yes, the stocking trucks are rolling. No, you can't keep them. Not yet.

Connecticut did away with a closed trout season a couple years back. But the regulations clearly state that it is catch and release until the old opening day, the second Saturday in April, at 6 a.m.

So you're good to go at the crack of dawn on April 13.

I mention this because I saw people killing trout. I don't know if it's ignorance or indifference, but it is illegal.

Besides, after a life spent in a tank the fish are going to taste like fish food. Give

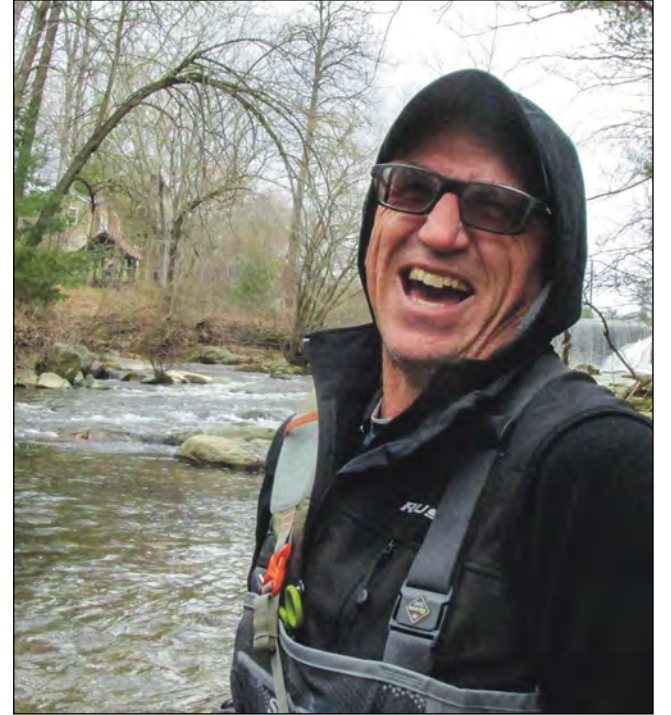


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Itinerant angler/mountain biker/raconteur David Asselin doesn't let anything slow him down.

them a chance to acclimate, and they might actually taste like something else. Trout, perhaps.

We'll close here, after wishing you tight lines, which is cliché number five. Not bad for a 600 word piece.

From South Kent to Sweet 16

SOUTH KENT — Just 16 teams remain in the 2024 NCAA March Madness Tournament, and two of them include South Kent School (SK) alumni.

Jordan Gainey, SK class of '21, and the (2) Tennessee Volunteers beat (15) Saint Peter's University 83-49 in the first round. Gainey scored 6 points and dished 3 assists in the win. The Vols went on to narrowly defeat (7) University of Texas in round two by a score of 62-58. Gainey scored 4 points in this one and reeled in 2 rebounds. Tennessee will play (3) Creighton University Friday, March 29 for the Sweet 16 match.

Andre Johnson Jr., SK class of '22, and the (1) UConn Huskies defeated (16) Stetson University 91-52 in the first round. UConn kept cruising with a 75-58 win against (9) Northwestern University in the second round. The Huskies will play (5) San Diego State Thursday, March 28.

Games can be watched on www.NCAA.com.

— Riley Klein

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local roll," he said. The Cornwall roll is topped with a pistachio ganache, for example.

On a Saturday, Young expects there to be seven types of breads available, and always baguettes. Blue Gate bakes varieties of tarts, and regional French specialty items, including short-crust pastry with black cherries, walnuts, or red plums as a few examples.

Delicate barquettes, shaped like small boats, are filled with lemon curd or fresh fruit as some of the choices. French canelés, local to the Bordeaux region, are a frequent feature.

"We have an astonishing variety," Young said. "We do what we do best."

The coffee comes from Sacred Grounds in Sherman. Choices include latte, cappuccino, or espresso. Hot chocolate is made with Lindt chocolate truffles topped with handmade marshmallows.

There is no indoor seating, but customers are welcome to find a spot outdoors to enjoy their purchases. Many summer season patrons walk over from the Housatonic Meadows campgrounds for warm

pastries and coffee in the mornings, or some prefer the fresh breakfast sandwiches.

"I've been cooking since I was 14," Young said. He lived in England for nine years working for a French chef whose father was a baker from whom he learned much. He noted that he has been largely self-taught and is always learning.

An unusual companion to a bakery operation, a design and décor note is added by Ivy's Collective, stylishly occupying the other half of the building's interior. In high spirits from having acquired pastry before the bakery sells out, visitors can shift gears and view an array of antiques and collectibles. Prices from a few dollars to higher. Ivy's is owned by former New Yorkers, Ivy and Daniel Kramp, and managed by Liz Macaire, merging talents to create an ever-changing display in an unrushed country environment.

Both the Blue Gate Bakery and Ivy's Collective are open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (the bakery closes earlier if things sell out).



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Sample baked goods offered by the Blue Gate Farm Bakery in Sharon. The rolls with the pistachio ganache (green) topping are called "Cornwall rolls." The tall shiny brown fluted pastries are called "caneles," a specialty from Bordeaux.



FASHION

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Photography from the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society," which runs through May 3.

Majer, from Cora Ginsburg LLC, a New York-based company specializing in textiles, and who taught courses in textiles and clothing at Bard College for almost three decades, said when she looked at the photographs in the exhibit, she wondered where the people bought their clothes.

She dug into the question, relying heavily on the archives of the Connecticut Western News, published between 1871 and 1970.

Here are some of the options Falls Villagers in search of sartorial improvements had in town: Mrs. E.C. Cowdrey, milliner; F.C. Peete, shoemaker; John Belden, clothier.

And that's just a sample. Majer noted that by 1900 the emergent ready-to-wear clothing industry was changing the way Americans of all stripes dressed.

While the wealthy could still opt for custom made clothes, there were high-end RTW options.

And for ordinary citizens, there were an increasing number of affordable garments.

Majer said that New York City was the hub of the RTW business, with recent immigrants, many of them Jewish and with prior experience in the clothing trade, staffing the factories and, sometimes, sweatshops.

New York was close enough to Falls Village by train for merchants to replenish their stocks.

The women in the exhibit photographs are mostly clad in variations of a shirtwaist and skirt. Majer said this was a practical choice, as the top could be swapped out to create a fresh outfit. "It was a new freedom in women's dress," she said.

She said it is not a coincidence that this new freedom coincided with the rise of the women's suffrage movement.

Men typically wore three-piece suits starting in the latter half of the 19th century.

Like the women, men swapped out the tops — but just the collars and cuffs.

Majer said this did not mean that people stopped making their own clothes. She showed newspaper ads for bolts of cloth, and noted that Mrs. E.C. Crowdrey was also a representative for the Singer Sewing Machine company.

There was a highly technical discussion of women's underwear that was beyond this reporter's scope. Majer did say that at the turn of the 20th century women's undergarments were "much more erotic" than what came before.

HERBICIDE

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same thing here."

Harding said he and Horn "are on the same page" on the issue and looked forward to a satisfactory result for his constituents.

Both legislators are on the Environment Committee, Horn as a regular member, Harding as ranking member.

Conservation dreams become reality

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Robert Boyett's long-time vision to conserve a large swath of more than 1,000 contiguous acres of scenic pastures, forests and farmland in Northwest Connecticut and Southern Berkshire County became reality earlier this month.

On March 13, Boyett, 82, a retired television producer and Salisbury resident, sold 75 acres off Cooper Hill in Sheffield, Mass., to the Trustees of Reservations for \$1.3 million, which will be placed under conservation restriction.

The Sheffield land deal was the fourth and final transaction aimed at protecting Boyett's land holdings from development, made possible through a coalition of eight conservation groups spanning two states, and two Limited Liability Companies (LLC's) comprising private donors.

Through the multi-faceted effort, hastily organized last fall as the Cooper Hill Conservation Alliance, roughly \$12 million in transactions were completed, protecting more than 1,000 acres from development.

"Mr. Boyett always wanted to keep the land all together, and this whole group, they worked together for a common goal to make it happen," said Elyse Harney Morris, owner/broker of Elyse Harney Real Estate, who with co-agent Bill Melnick, helped Boyett piece together a complex conservation plan.

The 75 acres in Sheffield, unlike the other acreage in his land portfolio, were never put on the market. "It was something that the Trustees had been looking at for 15 to 20 years. They had to raise \$1.3 million, and we bought them some time," she explained.

"I think that 75 acres is one of the most beautiful sites. It sits up high, away from the road and has beautiful western views, and Bartholomew's Cobble is right there," said Morris, who on numerous occasions joined Boyett on rides around the properties that he so cherished.

"People have been coming up to me saying they didn't even realize that area existed, but once they saw it," she said, they were in awe. "It's



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Elyse Harney Morris and Bill Melnick on Cooper Hill in Sheffield, Mass. The real estate agents negotiated transactions totaling \$12 million between seller Robert Boyett and various conservation organizations and Limited Liability Companies in Northwest Connecticut and Southern Berkshire County.

God's country up there. It's just so beautiful and now it's protected forever."

"I'm just so glad it is staying in perpetuity in conservation, and now the Trustees are working with an abutting neighbor for an additional 85 acres," said Morris.

The additional parcels in different stages of preservation include: 297 acres on the north side of Twin Lakes on Tom's Hill, which was taken off the market by an LLC comprising private donors who raised nearly \$2.5 million to give the Salisbury Association Land Trust (SALT) time to apply for state and federal preservation grants; A second LLC comprising a half dozen donors, formed to purchase 220 acres on Miles Mountain, which leads to Cooper Hill, for nearly \$1.5 million; and more than 440 acres at Cooper Hill Farm in

Sheffield, Mass., which sold to Louis Aragi and Louis Aragi Sr. for more than \$5 million, the majority of which will be protected as agricultural land.

Tim Abbott, HVA's Regional Conservation and Greenprint Director, who has been a strong advocate for regional conservation partnerships for the past quarter-century, referred to the Connecticut portion of the Boyett land as "off the charts for biodiversity."

In an interview last fall, Boyett said he was "thrilled" to be able to transfer Cooper Hill Farm "to younger hands. The Aragi family, he said, have farmed the land for 20 years and have been wonderful custodians of the land.

"They have been very earnest about it. We never signed a piece of paper. It was a gentleman's handshake."

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The Webb Family in the workshop from left to right: Phyllis, Dale, Ben, Josh Webb and project manager, Hannah Schiffer.

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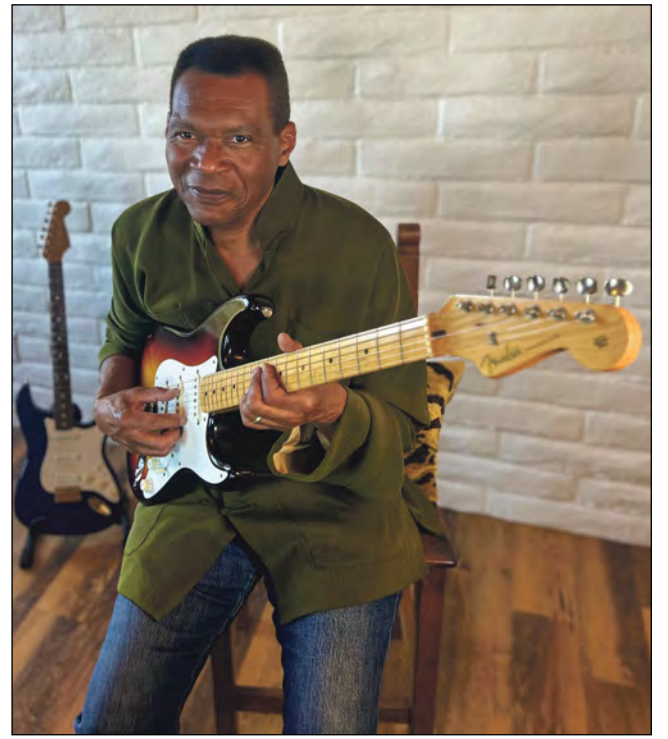


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Robert Cray

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Robert Cray's soulful blues coming to Infinity Hall

Blues legend Robert Cray will be bringing his stinging, funky guitar and soulful singing to Infinity Hall Norfolk on Friday, March 29.

A five-time Grammy winner, Cray has been inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame and earned The Americana Music Awards Lifetime Achievement for Performance. He has played with blues and rock icons including Albert Collins, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, The Rolling Stones, Tina Turner, Eric Clapton, and many more.

Active since 1974, The Robert Cray Band is highly regarded as one of the best groups performing Blues, Soul, R&B, Gospel, and Rock n Roll with a sound that is modern while being rooted in classic styles. The group features Robert Cray on guitar and vocals, Richard Cousins on bass, Dover Weinberg on keyboards, and George Sluppick on drums.

With 20 albums to his name, his most recent record "That's What I Heard" was released in February 2020 and was produced by Steve

Jordan, the current drummer for The Rolling Stones. Jordan took over for legendary drummer Charlie Watts after Watts passed away in August 2021.

A legend in his own right, Jordan has performed with Joe Cocker, The Blues Brothers Band and movie (featuring John Belushi and Dan Akroyd), Stevie Wonder, The Saturday Night Live Band, and Paul Shaffer and The World's Most Dangerous Band, the house band for the David Letterman Show from 1982-1986. He has also been a member of Connecticut resident Keith Richard's group The Xpensive Winos since the mid 1980s.

About Cray's talent, Jordan says, "People gravitate to his guitar playing first, but I think he's one of the best singers I've heard in my life."

When asked to describe his new record, with a laugh Cray says, "funky, cool, and bad."

Faithful to his Fender Stratocaster guitar, Cray plays with a distinctive, clean tone versus the overdriven sound typical of many blues rockers such as his 90s contemporary Stevie Ray Vaughn, who have an almost hard rock aesthetic. Cray's playing is often sparse and lyrical, with an almost vocal tone.

The feel-good track "Anything You Want" from "That's What I Heard" gets frequent airplay on area radio station 98.1 WKZE. With soulful vocals and warbly, tremolo guitar lines reminiscent of Pops Staples, it is an extremely catchy song that swings as much as its rocks. Live, it is sure to get

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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Tuning up two passions under one roof

Magic Fluke Ukulele Shop and True Wheels Bicycle Shop are not only under the same roof in a beautiful solar powered building on Route 7 in Sheffield, but they are also both run by the Webb family, telling a tale of familial passion, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to sustainability.

In the late '90s, Dale Webb was working in engineering and product design at a corporate job. "I took up instrument manufacturing as a fun challenge," said Dale. After an exhibit at The National Association of Music Merchants in Anaheim, California, in 1999, The Magic Fluke company was born. "We were casting finger boards and gluing these things together in our

basement in New Hartford and it just took off," Dale explained. "It was really a wild ride, it kind of had a life of its own."

For the first few years of business, Dale and Phyllis Webb were making and shipping 3,000 to 4,000 instruments a year. They soon moved out of their basement and into an old, abandoned service station in New Hartford where they were also fulfilling orders for books written by Phyllis's brother, Jim Beloff. "He was a guitarist, songwriter and performer," said Dale of his brother-in-law. "He picked up a ukulele at a flea market and he never went back to guitar." Beloff established Flea Market Music which has published the wildly popular Jumpin' Jim's Ukulele Songbook series.

Beloff's songbooks, instructional books, DVDs and the Webb Family's Fluke and Flea ukuleles have contributed greatly to the popularity of the instrument. Developed in the 1880s, the ukulele is based on several small, guitar-like instruments of Portuguese origin that were introduced to the Hawaiian Islands by immigrants from Madeira, the Azores and Cape Verde. In the Hawaiian language the word ukulele roughly translates as "jumping flea."

Since its first shipment of concert Flukes in three distinct color options in June of 1999, the product line has expanded exponentially with a diverse array of offerings. From the traditional Soprano, Concert, Tenor, and Baritone Uke Banjos to the more con-

temporary solid body Electric Uke and Timber Bass, Magic Fluke has carved out a niche in the world of stringed instruments. Said Dale, "Our niche has been the nontraditional look, which, I think has served us well. We have an iconic, unique headstock and then we do a lot of customizing with either laser engraving or printing. We can print anything on a face, and we do that in-house. People send us their pictures or artwork and we can put that right on the instrument." Recent additions, such as the five-string violin introduced in 2021, signify the company's ongoing commitment to innovation. A short-scale electric cello is slated for release later in 2024.

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MUSIC: KATHRYN BOUGHTON, KGTD

Cabaret comes to St. Andrew's in Kent

Music in the Nave will again tap into local talent April 6 at 7 p.m. when its features George Potts in an intimate cabaret concert in the St. Andrew's Church parish house.

Pott is a well-known figure in the community, both through his presence in the perennially popular Fife 'n Drum, the restaurant started by his father-in-law, renowned pianist Dolph Trayman, and through his own career as a folk musician. "When I came to Kent in 1976, Dolph would be at the Fife six nights

a week playing," Potts recalled. "He was looking for someone to play bass. I didn't know his material and I had to learn all those great American Songbook songs. With Dolph, you really had to know what you were doing. He made me step up my musicianship a great deal."

That was one side of the musical coin, but the other was his love affair with folk music. "We are all products of our generation. I'm 73 years old, and I have never lost interest in finding new music, but when I was young, I wanted to be

married to Joni Mitchell and to write like Paul Simon. I tended to be more interested in folk singers."

For more than 30 years he has played with Salisbury's Joint Chiefs, an Americana group that has performed extensively throughout the region. "I've written some songs for the quartet, but others didn't quite fit their style," Potts said. So, when the whole world shut down for Covid, he retreated to what had once been his daughter's bedroom and started writing and recording his first solo CD.



George Potts

PHOTO PROVIDED

"I wrote eight of the songs on the CD, but two other songs are already well-known, 'Your Lying Eyes' by the Eagles and 'I Meant to Go to Memphis,' a song about people who reach an age where they look back at the things they never did."

Potts completed composing and recording and released the CD in 2022, where it climbed to 20th on Folk Music charts. "When I first heard the album, I completely fell in love with it and I thought we need to let people hear

this," said Matt Harris, chairman of St. Andrew's Music Commission and the Concert Series.

"This album is very intimate and has a breadth to it that would never make you think he had done it by himself in a little room," Harris said. "His song, 'Lonely Town' speaks to this age of anxiety, while 'Travel Dream Motel' is about chambermaids—something no one writes about. It is completely fresh. I feel the songs together make an artistic statement."

Harris said Music in the Nave, which pre-

viously focused only on classical music, has widened its scope, starting with another cabaret evening with Kent resident Steve Katz, a founder of Blood, Sweat and Tears.

"When we had Steve Katz, we had to turn people away and this is another guy of same generation with years of history of playing rock and folk. When Steve Katz appeared, we decided people sitting in pews was not the right vibe for this kind of performance."

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...two passions

eco-friendly practices, Magic Fluke stands as a testament to the power of conscientious craftsmanship. This ethos of environmental responsibility has been proudly passed on to the three Webb boys: Josh, Ben, and Sam, who are not only continuing the family ukulele business, but expanding to include their own interests and areas of expertise. Ben Webb is building an inventory of furniture and home objects, "highly functional, very simple forms that are made of local hardwoods," he explained. "The whole idea is to build something of quality and put it in the hands of as many people as possible. I feel like it's often one or the other. It's like, build something of quality and put it in the hands of people that can afford it or put it in as many hands as possible but compromise on quality." The Webbs do not compromise on quality, while forging deep relationships within all their various networks. "It feels really good to be able to sell something that is made with dignity and has a really thoughtful environmental impact," Ben explained.

This careful and skilled craftsmanship doesn't end with ukuleles or handmade home objects; enter True Wheels Bicycle Shop. Led by Josh Webb in partnership with his younger brother Sam, the foray into bicycle rental and repairs seamlessly intertwines with Magic Fluke's mission of creativity and sustainability. Said Josh, "The whole family has been into cycling from a young age and then in college I did some competitive riding and found out about this company called Seven Cycles in Watertown." After studying mechanical engineering in college, Josh went to work for Seven Cycles for a time before returning to the family business. "I guess in the back of my mind since then it has been a goal to have some kind of a bike shop, just because I enjoy repairing bicycles and keeping things rolling for people," Asked how the skills of instrument building and bike maintenance are related, Ben offered, "It's the same, really. It's attention to detail, understanding how things work and having the fine motor skills to do anything." He laughed,

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"You know, sometimes I think if I wasn't so queasy, I could go into surgery," Josh added, "I'm reminded of a quote that I stumbled on recently that talks about how the Shakers and the Native Americans both shared a love of craft without materialism. They were not materialistic people, but they had a love of craft. And that for me, is something I strive for."

As the workshop buzzed with creativity and production, Phyllis Webb reflected on the 25 years of the family business as she and Dale prepare to take a step back. "I think we never expected to have our kids in the business. We never wanted anybody to feel obligated, so we wanted everybody to go off and do their own thing and feel like they had wings to spread. The fact that they're here is wonderful."

In an age of mass production and disposable consumerism, Magic Fluke and True Wheels stand as bastions of authenticity. "My brother Jim coined the phrase 'uke can change the world,'" Phyllis mused, "and I feel like we have changed the world in our way."

...Robert Cray

audiences dancing. His songwriting touches on relationships, love, and more recently the evergreen topic of peace. His song "What Would You Say" poses the simple but profound question: "What would you say, if we quit waging war, And children fell safe asleep? One of these days we may all learn to talk, Over a table with something to eat Cray's current tour takes him throughout the USA and Europe with

dates booked in Poland, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, and back to the USA. Long dormant, Infinity Hall Norfolk looks like it will be resuming more bookings, though not as much as in previous years. Well known for its stellar acoustics and beautiful, historical architecture, it is one of the better venues to see live performances in northwestern Connecticut and an important economic driver for downtown

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Norfolk. Goodworks Productions took over just before the pandemic. Operational expenses and staffing have been as challenging for Infinity as they are elsewhere in the region. Norfolk and area residents yearn for more concerts at the venue. With less on offer, shows at Infinity are proving popular as the only act in town. Cray's performance is sure to sell out. For tickets and information go to www.infinityhall.com.

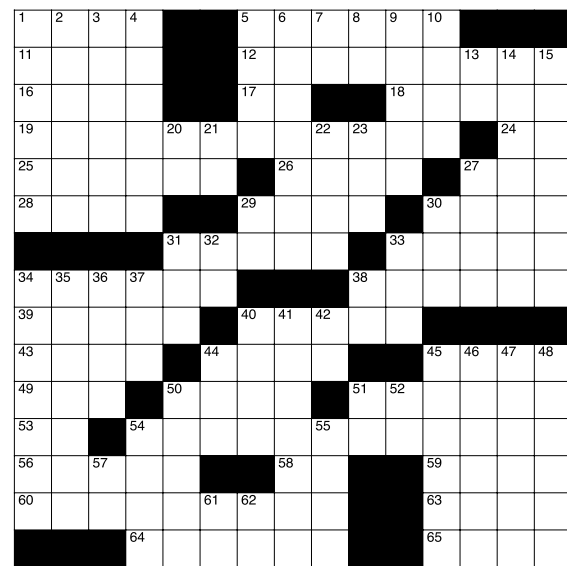
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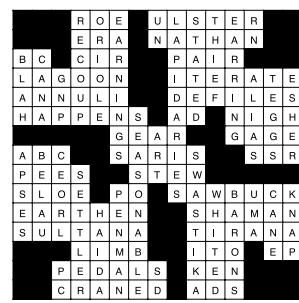
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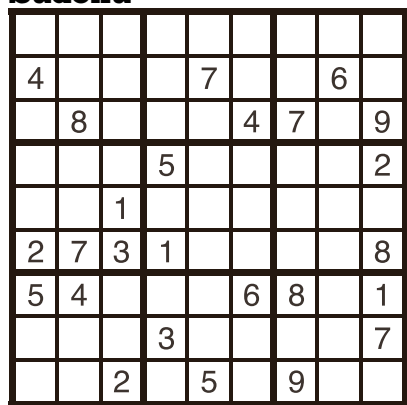


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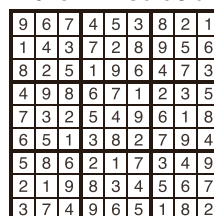
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FOOD: PAMELA OSBORNE

Shirin Polo, a little something different on the side

Once had a friend, now cooking in heaven, who served exactly the same meal every time I went to his house. He was pretty offended if anyone remarked or complained about it, which I gathered had happened. He had all the steps down pat though, could put it together in his sleep, and had no plans to make any changes. His wife had no plans to take over, either, dish duty was her niche. I was fine with all this, since I never had that meal anywhere else, but I have to ask: Weren't they bored?

I've been thinking about this as spring and various holidays approach. One thing I'm pretty sure of is that when it comes to what they expect to see on the festive table, most people sitting around it don't exactly have open minds. How else to explain the cries of shock and horror that mark the absence of, at Thanksgiving for example, a casserole of canned sweet potatoes sloshed with orange juice and topped with a blanket of melted marshmallows? Which, okay, has earned its place and its admirers, people like it and I'm not here to say

never.

I have a vintage "Joy of Cooking" that has little poems and quotes at the start of every chapter. "A definition of eternity: Two People and a Ham", says one. Ham, lamb, turkey (again?), and so it goes. People expect them to be on their holiday table no matter what because they always have been, and they probably always will be. Eyes may glaze over, eyes may roll, nothing will change: we know what we want and we're sticking to it. What's on the side, I would suggest, is your only chance to ring in anything different. With that in mind I offer the following, which I first had in a Persian restaurant, Mohsen, when I was visiting a friend in London a few years ago. Mohsen is a very modest restaurant, sort of a luncheonette, but it's full of Persians and the food is terrific. The name of this dish means "sweet rice," but it isn't particularly sweet. It is offered at weddings and other special celebrations, and is Really Good. It will go well with the ham or lamb or whatever other main dish is on your table. You'll like it, I promise, and, best of all,

you can do most of the work ahead of time.

Shirin Polo

Oranges Buy several, let's say half a dozen. Organic only, you're going to eat the peel.

1/2 c. sugar
1 c. water
1/3 c. slivered blanched almonds
1/3 c. slivered unsalted pistachios - you'll have to sliver them yourself

1 and 1/2 c. uncooked basmati rice
Optional: saffron, an onion, raisins or sultanas

Using a vegetable peeler, cut just the (washed) orange-colored peel from the oranges. Don't cut into the bitter white pith, just the outer layer is what you want. Flatten the pieces onto a cutting board and cut them into very fine slivers with a very sharp knife. You want a cup of slivers, lightly packed. It will take a while to do this, and it's worth it.

Put the zest into a sauce pan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook at a medium boil, uncovered, 5 to 7 minutes; drain. Do this again with fresh water; drain again.

Put the sugar and 1 c. water into the emptied saucepan, bring to a boil while stirring to dissolve the sugar. Add the zest, reduce the heat to low medium, and cook until the liquid is reduced to about three tablespoons, stirring occasionally. Using a slotted spoon, remove the zest — which should look fairly transparent at this point — to a plate. Spread it out and let it cool. This can be done the day before; keep it refrigerated until you need it. Let it come to room temperature before adding it to the dish. If you keep the syrup, you can add it to ice cream, etc.

If you want an onion in your dish, sauté it, thinly sliced or chopped, in a mixture of a few tablespoons of butter and oil, until it is lightly browned and softened. If you want saffron, dissolve a pinch in a few TB. of water, keep aside. If you use raisins or sultanas they should be fresh, not hard and dry.

Mohsen did not use any of these optional ingredients. I called them a few times when I was figuring this out, because online recipes for shirin polo use a host of other ingredients, carrots in



PHOTO BY PAMELA OSBORNE

particular. But no, they said, only the ingredients listed above. I have used some of the optional ingredients listed and they were good, but the dish stands very well on its own without them. I usually don't fiddle.

Cook the rice, mix in the onion (and its butter/oil) and raisins, if you're using them. Put this into a buttered serving dish and, if you're using the dissolved saffron, drizzle it over the rice. At this point, a few hours before serving, you can cover this and keep it on the counter. Later, put a few dots of butter onto the rice — a tablespoon or so, more if you've doubled the recipe, but don't go crazy — and recover. Heat

at 300 to 350 degrees for about half an hour or so. It should be hot. Before serving, spread the orange peel over the surface and sprinkle with the almonds and pistachios. You will want sea salt (Maldon) and pepper at the table.

This recipe will serve five or so, depending on what else is on the menu. The photograph shows a double recipe, more than enough to feed ten. If you double it, use only one and a half times the orange peel and nuts. I think you will be surprised to see how so few ingredients can synthesize into something so very good.

Pamela Osborne lives in Salisbury.

...cabaret

Our pastor suggested a cabaret feel with wine and cheese."

Guests will again be seated at tables that can seat eight people. "It's a good size," said Harris. "If you are coming by yourself or with a friend, you don't feel forced to mingle, or you can have a table for a whole party. And we are having it early enough so you can have dinner before or after."

It will be the kind of "listening room" that artists crave, said Potts, who reports that he had to adjust as a young musician to playing in restaurants where the focus was on dining and visiting rather than listening to the musicians.

"You have to get used to that," he said. "Before I moved here, I worked full-time as musician and when I was younger,

it would bother me. But then I realized I would rather be playing than sitting at home.

"One thing about Music in Nave is that it's totally about listening," he continued. "There were clubs like Amazing Grace that were listening rooms, where people went to hear amazing music and everyone was into listening."

Such experiences are harder to find today when music can literally be carried around in your pocket, he said. "Before recordings, people had to sit and listen. Even in the '70s everything was played on a record or tape, or you listened to it live."

Similar changes have taken place in the recording industry. Sometimes artists never

see each other as they collaborate on a recording, sending around soundtracks that each player adds to. Potts said there are advantages both to having a group of artists in one room and being alone.

"Each time I play with different band, it's like different parts of my brain are firing. It creates I don't know what in your brain — you are in the moment and, if you are playing with musicians you enjoy, you are always throwing musical sparks. It's like we finish each other's musical sentences.

"But I don't think of it as apples and oranges," he said. "When recording as an individual, it comes down to making your own spark." Modern software allows a musi-

cian to be "as inventive as you want. Recording at home is like going down a rabbit hole," he said.

On "Ends and Odds," he collaborated with mandolin player Gordon Titcomb, who has performed with artists such as Arlo Guthrie and Paul Simon. Titcomb will perform with him April 6.

"It will be fun," Potts concluded. "We will be doing mostly my own material. I've written things since the CD that I will perform. I don't know any musician who doesn't enjoy that experience."

Tickets for the evening are \$10 and can be purchased online at <https://bitly/georgepotts> or at the door.

Kent Good Times Dispatch

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Music Mountain Announces 95th Summer Festival

FALLS VILLAGE — Highly anticipated chamber music and jazz concerts, family concerts and pre-concert talks will headline the Music Mountain Summer Festival for 16 consecutive weekends, from June 2 through Sept. 15.

Highlighting Music Mountain's chamber season are works by composers who express in music their own journey from struggle to triumph, freedom or acceptance: Beethoven, who forged a musical path through hearing loss to create timeless classics; Schubert, who was neglected most of his life and yet produced some of the most popular chamber works today; Hugo Kauder, who defied the atonal trend of his generation with his uniquely harmonic, contrapuntal style; and others such as Prokofiev, Robert Schumann and Janáček.

Renowned pianist Benjamin Hochman will kick off the series on June 2 along with friends from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. This concert will feature the presentation of Music Mountain's first Lifetime Achievement Award to Ann McKinney, former board chair and board member, and one of Music Mountain's all-time most generous donors.

Concerts at Music Mountain are in air-conditioned Gordon Hall, at 225 Music Mountain Road, in Falls Village, Connecticut. Tickets go on sale on April 3 online at www.musicmountain.org or by calling the pre-season Box Office number (860) 836-6296.

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MARCH 28

Silent Reading Gathering During Evening Embers

The Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. norfolklibrary.org

Join the library from 5 to 6 p.m. for a silent reading gathering during its Thursday Evening Embers. A silent reading gathering is not a book club, but rather a time to read in sociable silence. Wine and warm beverages will be served, and the evening will begin with light mingling before tuck into books and reading. At the end of the hour, participants will convene with the option to discuss their books with other readers.

Registration at norfolklibrary.org is appreciated but not required.

Adventures of an Eclipse Chaser

NorthEast-Millerton Library, nemillertonlibrary.org Online. Zoom.

On Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m., attend an online talk titled Adventures of an Eclipse Chaser, which is the fascinating story of Joe Rao and his adventures chasing solar eclipses. Over the last 50 years, Joe Rao has traveled by land, sea, and air to capture the elusive sight of a total solar eclipse. His story is a blend of humor, anecdotes, and poignant moments that recount some of his most memorable experiences while pursuing the amazing feat. Registration required.

MARCH 30

Málaga Chamber Orchestra with José Manuel Gil de Gálvez

Katherine M. Elfers Hall, The Esther Eastman Music Center, The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.

On Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m., don't miss this special performance, An Evening of Spanish Music, by Málaga Chamber Orchestra (Concerto Málaga). This evening will feature works by Falla, Turina, Rodrigo, and Albéniz. The concert is free and open to the public; no ticket reservations are necessary. Seating is first come, first served.

Easter Egg Hunt

Cold Spring Early Learning Center, 358 Homan Road, Stanfordville, N.Y.

Begins at 10 a.m. Presented by the Stanford Recreation Commission.

Book Discussion with Peter Kaufman

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On March 30 from 4 to 5 p.m., join Peter Kaufman to discuss American Midnight, The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis, by Adam Hochschild. This "masterly" (New York Times) account invokes parallels to our own era, recounting turmoil in the U.S. between World War I and the 1920s, when democracy was threatened by war, pandemic, and violent battles over race, immigration, and labor

rights. Peter B. Kaufman, a writer, teacher, and documentary producer, works at MIT Open Learning and the Knowledge Futures Group and is the author of The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge.

Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

APRIL 2

ALZ in Your Community

Salisbury Senior Center at Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, Conn.

Join the Alzheimer's Association for a 30-minute presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by community discussion on the Alzheimer's Association's mission, resources and how it can better engage and support the local community in the fight to end the disease. Meet the Connecticut Chapter team that supports efforts throughout the state.

APRIL 3

Poetry Open Mic

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Whether you're a poet or a poetry lover, whether you'd like to read aloud or just listen, come join us on April 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for an evening of original work. Read your previously published poems, poems you hope to publish, or poems-in-process. You'll find good company, an appreciative audience, wine, and refreshments. Our emcees are local poets Joanne Hayhurst and Sarah Tames. For more information and to register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

APRIL 5

Banned Book Club

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Friday, April 5 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

APRIL 6

Artists Books: Design and Creation, a Talk with May Castleberry

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On April 6, from 4 to 5 p.m., May Castleberry, editor of the Contemporary Editions series published by the Library Council of The Museum of Modern Art, will present artists books that she has edited for MOMA and the Whitney Museum Library. These spectacular works feature collaborations between renowned contemporary artists, writers, photographers, and thinkers, and the talents of printmakers, bookbinders, paper cutters, and engineers. Learn and see how their creativity comes together in books that are works of art. Registration is required. Please visit

www.scovillelibrary.org.

Old Time Community Dance

Cornwall Town Hall, 24 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the Cornwall Town Hall, Square, Circle, and Contra Dances will be taught and called by Paul Rosenberg to the lively music of Relatively Sound Band. Beginners welcome. No partners necessary. Suggested donations to pay the caller and tip the band: \$15/adult, \$5/child, or \$25/family. For more information, contact Debra@Motherhouse.us or 860-671-7945.

APRIL 7

Ungardening with Dee Salomon: Clearing Invasives & Propagating Native Plants

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Get ready for planting season with Dee Salomon, consultant on restoring native habitats and writer of the Lakeville Journal column "The Ungardener". Dee will tell the story of how to transform an invasive-filled woodland into a place for native plants, human joy, and animal survival. Learn what to plant and what to pull up, and pick up information about native plant resources on Sunday, April 7, 3 to 4 p.m. Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Art Opening Reception: Deborah Hanson Greene

The Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. norfolklibrary.org

Watercolors by Deborah Hanson Greene will be on display at the library during the month of April, and the April 7 reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., hosted by the Library Associates. A resident of the Berkshires, Greene paints primarily still-life studies, and to a lesser extent, landscapes à plein air.

APRIL 8

The Solar Eclipse is Almost Here!

NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. nemillertonlibrary.org

April 8 is a important day. It will be the last solar eclipse for next forty years! Millerton is very close to having a total eclipse. We will have 97% coverage of the sun that afternoon. Starting on March 19, you can pick up eclipse glasses for free at the front desk of the library. Glasses will be limited to four per household.

APRIL 11

"The Einstein Effect" Book Talk

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a virtual program with Benyamin Cohen, author of "The Einstein Effect". A fascinating look into how Einstein's genius and science continues to show up in so many



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Millbrook Arts Group

The final installment of Millbrook Arts Group's Winter Concert Series will host Mark "Boot" Calkins, Emily Beck and Marc Berger at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, March 30, at 5 p.m.

All MAG concerts are free and open to the public. As Bob Buttons, MAG board member, said in his opening remarks, "Music builds community, and we have a wonderful community."

Above: Joana Genova, Heather Braun, Nathaniel Parke and Ariel Rudiakov of the Taconic String Quartet performed at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 24

facets of our everyday lives including GPS, remote controls, even toothpaste. This event is free and open to the public. Register online.

Film Screening: "Freud's Last Session"

The Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass.

At 5 p.m., The Triplex Cinema and Great Barrington Public Theater will present a screening of "Freud's Last Session" based on Mark St. Germain's play. The event includes a screening of the film, a talkback with Mark St. Germain led by Great Barrington Public Theater artistic director Jim Frangione. Party food will be prepared by Guidos, wine will be donated by Domaney's and desserts provided by Great Barrington Bagel Company. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via the Triplex website at www.thetriplex.org

APRIL 13

Poetry Reading

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Saturday, April 13, at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host A Celebration of Poetry in honor of National Poetry Month.

Participants are invited to read their own poems or pieces by their favorite poets. Each reader will have 5 to 10 minutes to share. All ages are welcome to participate. Drinks and snacks will be served.

Documentary Film: "Herd" (2023)

The Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. norfolklibrary.org

A herd of shaggy Belted Galloway cattle is delivered to a neighboring pasture in the Catskills and instantly inspires a new film. The filmmaker's growing fascination with the complex forces that propel the animals through one season to the next leads him to reflect on the modern idea of animal personhood. Director Michel Negroponte will be at the 5 p.m. screening to do a Q&A with the audience after the show. The film is 59 minutes long. Registration for the program is required at norfolklibrary.org

APRIL 14

Music to Nourish Your Soul and Your Hungry Neighbors

Lakeville Town Grove, Lakeville, Conn.

On Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m., Hotchkiss

School musicians, many of whom recently performed at Carnegie Hall, invite the community to a concert at the Lakeville Town Grove to benefit The Corner Food Pantry. Following their performance, guests may stay for a reception to enjoy food, beverages, and conversation. Students will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the pantry, which especially needs pasta sauce, cooking oil, coffee, cooking oil, apple sauce, and salt. Reserved seating is available at bit.ly/3TR5BKbp. Questions can be directed to clburchf@hotchkiss.org.

Art Show

Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn.

"Spring Forth," an art show of paintings by Lynn Lena Curtis and works in mixed media by Lisa Keskinen, will open April 14 at the Parish House of the United Church of Christ in Cornwall. The Opening Reception will be on Sunday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.



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