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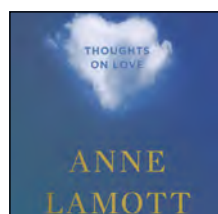


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From left, Rotarians Randy Chapell, director; Bill Spalding, president; Bill Pond, president nominee; Duane Estes, member and Jerry Baldwin, Paul Harris Fellow, gathered following the April 9 meeting of the Salisbury Rotary Club, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year.

Salisbury Rotary marks 75 years of 'Service Above Self'

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Chartered on Jan. 25, 1949, the Rotary Club of Salisbury is celebrating 75 years of service to the community, a milestone which will be capped by a gala anniversary celebration in the fall and numerous activities throughout 2024.

"We have so much on our plate over the next two to three months,

all are exciting, and all are necessary," club president Bill Spalding told the dozen or so members during the group's weekly meeting at Noble Horizons on Tuesday, April 9.

"Every event we do will be loaded with Rotarians," Spalding announced.

The small but dedicated club of about 35 members, which meets at the Noble Horizons Community Room every Tuesday at noon, serves not only Salisbury, but also Falls Village, Canaan, Sharon and Cornwall.

Since its inception, the local club, which is part of Rotary Dis-

trict 7890 comprising 55 clubs in northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts, has sponsored or generously supported a wide range of local and international projects.

Locally, Salisbury Rotary Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving high school students, and volunteers have rolled up their sleeves to assist local nonprofits, including Chore Services, Salisbury Association, the Canaan Child Care Center and local food banks, among other nonprofits. Members have also supported and participated in myriad community events and

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Region One announces new Super

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Melony M. Brady-Shanley is the new Superintendent for Region One. She will take over from Superintendent Lisa Carter on July 1.

The announcement was made April 17.

The six town school boards and the Region One Board of Education met last week to confirm the appointment. The search committee interviewed eight candidates for the position.

Brady-Shanley is the cur-

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Troop 22's newest Eagle Scout

On Saturday, April 20, Liam MacNeil earned the rank of Eagle Scout at VFW Couch Pipa Post 6851. North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler attended the ceremony to present the honor to MacNeil and acknowledge his dedication to the community.

Race for CT's 5th District heats up

By Lisa Hagen
CT Mirror

As national groups and leaders start turning their attention to Connecticut's most competitive House race, the candidates for the 5th Congressional District are seeing an uptick in fundraising ahead of a likely rematch.

In the first three months of the year, Republican candidate George Logan raised slightly more money than U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes for the second fundraising quarter in a row. But the Democratic incumbent still maintains a significant cash advantage, according to campaign finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission for the first quarter of 2024.

Logan, a former state senator

who narrowly lost to Hayes in 2022, brought in more than \$590,000 from January through the end of March. During that same time period, he spent \$220,000. Logan nearly doubled his bank account since the last fundraising quarter, and has about \$740,000 on hand.

Hayes, meanwhile, raised more than \$560,000 over the past three months and spent about \$162,000. She has about twice the amount of money in the bank compared to Logan, going into the second fundraising quarter of 2024 with more than \$1.4 million.

Hayes defeated Logan in November 2022 by 2,004 votes, and the anticipated rematch is on track to get the same national attention

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Ken Gloss took a look at books for Mary Sullivan and Jody Potter (left) after his talk at the Scoville Memorial Library on April 17.

The art of literary treasure hunting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Ken Gloss, proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston and a fixture on public television's "Antiques Roadshow" entertained a bevy of bibliophiles at the Scoville Memorial Library Wednesday, April 17 with stories from the book trade.

He also gave quick assessments of books to about a dozen people after his remarks.

The Brattle Book Shop has had a somewhat peripatetic existence since its founding in 1825, with seven different locations. It has been run by the Gloss family since 1949, when Ken Gloss' father George took over.

Gloss said the Brattle moved to a location on West Street in Boston which burned in 1980. Undaunted, Gloss moved the shop to its present

location a few doors away, and Bostonians (including Mayor Kevin White) donated books to restock.

Gloss said he and his staffers go out on buying trips almost daily.

Some destinations are opulent. Some are humble. And there's no telling what awaits.

One call was to an elderly woman in a small house with peeling paint. Gloss took a look at the books, which were nothing special.

Then he noticed the watercolors. "Oh, those are nice."

"Oh yes" said the elderly lady. "They're all [J.M.W.] Turners."

Gloss said he or his staff get hundreds of calls about books.

"Most are routine, I can give them an answer off the top of my head."

But every so often there's a call

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Online This Week

Kent moves forward with housing plan

An April 26 Town Meeting will determine if 1.16 acres are transferred from the town to Kent Affordable Housing. 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.

Evading accident

State Police Troop B is investigating an evading motor vehicle accident case that was reported to have occurred between 7 a.m. and 9:48 a.m. on Monday, April 15. An unknown vehicle sideswiped a 2018 Audi A4 that was parked in a rear lot located at 89 Main Street in North Canaan. The Audi is owned by Suzanne Mazarelli of Ashley Falls.

Traveling too fast

On Wednesday, April 17, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Ryan Phelps, 27, of Salisbury, was westbound on Route 4 in Sharon in a 2014 Subaru Crosstrek. While negotiating a curve the Subaru left the roadway and came to an uncontrolled stop off the eastbound side. Phelps reported minor injuries and was trans-

ported to Sharon Hospital. The Subaru was towed from the scene. Phelps was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

Fog, low ceiling cited

On Saturday, April 20, at approximately midnight, Maya Lyons, 29, of Goshen, was eastbound on Route 4 in Cornwall in a 2008 Honda Cr-v that swerved off the roadway, crossing the westbound lane and subsequently struck a stone fence. The Honda traveled back onto the road and came to a rest in the center of the road. Weather conditions were poor with fog and low ceilings present. Lyons was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane. The Honda was towed from the scene.

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



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Young Eagles aviation June 1

NORTH CANAAN — Triumph Airfield will offer flights to children aged 8 to 17 at the Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, June 1.

The Young Eagles program is an initiative of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) to promote careers in flight to the next generation of pilots. This free event requires parental approval.

From 9 a.m. to noon, EAA Chapter 1097 will offer 15-minute flights with certified pilots. Soaring above the Berkshires, boys and girls will learn about how airplanes operate from the co-pilot chair.

For more information or to register, visit www.EAA1097.org or call Billy Segalla at 860-248-0800.

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Bald eagles complete comeback

By Robin Roraback
Millerton News

MILLBROOK — In today's world of climate change worry, Peter Groffman, research fellow at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, gave a lecture of hope for the future of the environment.

Groffman "studies urban ecology and how climate change alters microbial processes that support plant growth and air and water quality." He is the president-elect of the Ecological Society of America and teaches at the City University of New York and Brooklyn College.

He began with the example of how the bald eagle has made a comeback.

Groffman said, "When I



PHOTO FROM SEA068 VIA PIXABAY

With the ban of DDT, which thinned the shells of their eggs, the bald eagle has come back from 417 nesting pairs in 1963 to 71,400 nesting pairs.

was a kid, there were no bald eagles." In 1963, in the lower forty-eight states, there were 417 nesting pairs of eagles. That has grown to 71,400 nesting pairs.

The cause of the eagle's dwindling population was traced to the pesticide DDT. DDT is not "directly toxic" to bald eagles, but when used to spray an area of mosquitoes to combat diseases such as malaria, it washed

into streams. There it got on insects living in the water. These insects were eaten by bigger insects, who in turn were eaten by fish, who were then eaten by bigger fish, and these fish were eaten by bald eagles.

"In each stage of the food chain, the DDT is bio-accumulated," said Groffman and in the eagles, the DDT caused their eggshells to be thin. So, thin that when the

parent eagles sat on the nest, they crushed the eggs and the babies died.

"How did they figure this out?" asked Groffman. He said, "You need to know something about birds, something about fish, something about hydrology and microbiology, and you had to understand the connection between the different parts of the landscape."

Groffman stressed the steps in solving any ecological problem: Identify the problem, find a solution, get the solution implemented (which is not always easy to accomplish), and track the success.

He said it was important that different branches of science work together and realize the "connectivity of soil, water, air, insects, fish and birds."

Full story on www.millertonnews.com

Oral history collection online

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association Historical Society has gathered 428 oral histories through the Oral History Project.

Begun in 1981, the project was an effort to preserve the recollections of older town residents. It was revitalized by Jean McMillen, town historian, and continues today.

Recordings of the original interviews are available on the Association's website as audio files and written transcriptions.

Tales of farms, fires and floods, inns and iron, baseball and basketball, swimming a skiing, and the ongoings of life in Salisbury can be found on www.salisburyassociation.org.



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- 5:30 pm CORNWALL Village Green**
- 5:30 pm NORTH CANAAN Pavilion across from McDonald's**
- 6:00 pm SALISBURY Town Hall Memorials**
In case of rain: Salisbury Congregational Church



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MAY 2024



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Friday, May 3

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Saturday, May 4

Talking Hands Theatre Presents Bugaboo Revue! An interactive puppet show and sing-along beginning at 11:00 AM. *Recommended for children ages 2-9.*

Bugs, Biodiversity, and Starting Your Own Habitat with Michelle Alfandari. A screening of a new video narrated by entomologist Doug Tallamy on the crucial role of insects and a new grassroots movement to regenerate biodiversity: Homegrown National Park®, at 4:00 PM. *Recommended for adults. Registration is required.*

Sunday, May 5

The Secret Sounds of Salisbury Ponds with David Rothenberg. Join musician and philosopher David Rothenberg as we reveal the soundscapes of a nearby pond using special technology. **TO BE HELD AT NOBLE HORIZONS.** Event begins at 2:30 PM. *Registration required for this all-ages event.*

eBirding with Birding Expert George Wallace. The birds and the bees go hand in hand! Learn about the best apps to enhance your birding experience. 4:00 PM. *Recommended for adults. Registration is required.*

Join Miss Kendra for Luv-A-Bug Storytime!

Every Wednesday in May at 10:30 AM

For a complete listing of these and other ongoing activities, visit www.scovillelibrary.org or call us for more information.

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Our Towns

Kent P&Z hears preliminary discussion of library expansion

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Pre-application information for an addition to the town library was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) by Kent Memorial Library board members at the regular P&Z meeting on Thursday, April 11.

Preliminary plans envision renovation and expansion of the existing library building to connect with the old firehouse next door.

A brief presentation by Sam Calloway of the Kent Library Association Board of Directors described conceptual ideas for renovation and expansion of the existing historic library building. Calloway is also serving as chairman of the building committee, guiding the project.

This presentation to the P&Z was designed to be in-

formal. The coming weeks will see the roll-out of what will be an extensive community campaign. The P&Z application process for the project will begin at the next P&Z meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 9.

“The library is running out of space and the current facilities need upgrade,” said Calloway.

“Libraries have become more than book repositories,” Calloway noted, describing ways that modern library facilities provide essential services and programs vital to their patrons. Wyeth Associates of Chester, Conn. has been retained to design an expanded modern library.

Architect Leonard Wyeth made the presentation, leading the P&Z through preliminary drawings, beginning with the site as it exists now.

The site is almost flat,



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

but there is a gentle slope, Wyeth said. The original library building dates to 1922 and the firehouse next door was built in the 1950s on the library's land. The whole site, library and firehouse, is incorporated in the planning.

Under a proposed plan, the library will be connected to the firehouse building, allowing book stacks to be housed on the ground level of the firehouse. The apron in front of the firehouse would

be retained, and the library would have a new entrance, further to the south.

With the addition of an elevator, the second floor of the firehouse could offer a large meeting space that might be available to community groups. A new tower would add architectural interest and house the elevator works.

P&Z Chair Wesley Wyrick noted that the firehouse structure is sound.

“We’re keeping all of the old firehouse,” Wyeth said.

Wyrick raised the question of finding adequate parking to augment the on-street spaces.

Wyeth indicated that photovoltaic solar roof panels could be included, and that such panels would not be visible from the street. His firm maintains a deep interest in sustainable design practices.

A fence would be added across the rear of the property to mask the railroad tracks and provide protected outdoor access for patrons' activities.

Discussion focused on parking and concerns for protecting the area where the annual book sale is set up.

Library Director Sarah Marshall said, “We are committed to the interests of the book sale.

The P&Z supported Tai Kern's comment that a variance would be needed from the Zoning Board of Appeals and that the town's Architectural Review Board must be included in the process.

Wyrick added that a special permit will be needed because the firehouse is being converted to library use.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Gordon Gustafson (left) chatted with woodworker Alan Turner at Trinity Episcopal Church April 19.

Trinity Lime Rock's combo show opens

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LIME ROCK — The “All Things Trinity!” art/craft/book show opened Friday, April 19, with a reception at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Pastor Heidi Truax explained that the show is a bit of a grab bag, designed to allow parishioners the chance to demonstrate their talents without the pressure of a juried art show.

So there were all sorts of items on display, including simple and extremely comfortable stools designed by Alan Turner to be used with a kitchen island.

Christine Gevert's nature photography was also featured, as were art works from three younger members of the Sisk family.

Tom Schindler was there with his new book “A Hidden Legacy” about Esther

Zimmer Lederberg, who was married to Nobel Prize winner Joshua Lederberg.

The latter won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1958 and enjoyed an illustrious career.

Esther Zimmer Lederberg was an accomplished scientist in her own right and played an important if hitherto obscure role in her husband's success.

“She never got credit,” Schindler said.

So he wrote the book, published by Oxford University press, to rectify the situation.

“It's been an eight-year obsession,” he said cheerfully.

The show continues this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 27 to 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is part of the ongoing celebration of the church's 150th anniversary.

Retaining wall construction underway

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Road closures are in effect as work to replace the retaining wall along River Road takes place.

The work began April 15 and is due to be completed April 25. Crews have been putting in extra hours to stay on schedule.

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.

The bulk of the work involves installing pre-cast concrete sections, which



PHOTO BY JENNIFER MARKOW

River Road is expected to reopen for regular traffic on Thursday, April 25.

will be combined with rock to create a retaining wall strong enough to weather the high-velocity currents that follow summer storms. The previous wall had been damaged in the summer of

2023 after rapids jostled the rocks loose.

River Road will be closed during working hours, but will be opened at night and on weekends, until the wall is completed.

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Our Towns

Fire investigator shares insights on safety-first approach

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Laura Billon, a veteran fire investigator and educator from southern California, gave a detailed overview of fire investigation practices to an audience of firefighters and fire marshals at the Emergency Services Center in Falls Village on Saturday, April 20.

The event was part of the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Departments 100th anniversary celebration.

Billon started off by saying that the common thread in all fire investigations is “Safety First.”

“Be a risk evaluator, not a risk taker.”

The next item she hammered home at several points in the presentation.

“Absence of evidence is

not evidence of its absence.”

Fires involve high temperatures and the release of gases. “Things disappear or are unrecognizable.”

That doesn’t mean the truth cannot be teased out of what remains.

It does mean that investigations must use the scientific method, proceed carefully and systematically, and document everything.

Billon said advances in forensic science mean that fire investigations are more carefully scrutinized than they were 40 or 50 years ago.

And if a case does get to court, investigators need to be able to refer to their case files and now immediately how they reached a conclusion.

This can happen weeks, months or even years after the event. Billon recalled



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Fire investigator Laura Billon gives an overview of her work to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

receiving a subpoena eight years after a fire.

The systematic approach to a fire investigation looks like this:

Start with the exterior and move to the interior.

Move from the area of least damage to the area of most damage.

Make sure the fire scene documentation is consistent among investigators.

Use the same method every time, regardless of the size or type of fire.

“A dumpster fire or a large factory — the approach is the same.”

Investigators should always consider the following items:

The weather at the time of the fire.

Is the building vacant? Have there been previous alarms at the location?

Are people and/or vehicles leaving the area?

Are there familiar faces among the onlookers?

And “Do you see something that’s aberrational?”

Other considerations include the color of the smoke and/or flames, how big or how fast the fire is moving,

unusual odors such as gasoline or kerosene.

Sometimes fires occur in buildings that are zoned for one purpose and used for another.

Fire investigators are law enforcement officers, and sometimes other agencies need help.

Billon used the example of a building that housed a legitimate (if seedy) internet pornography operation.

Billon got a call from an FBI agent who asked if he and a colleague could tag along on a surprise fire inspection, posing as fire investigators.

While Billon did her inspection, the agents slipped away and planted small cameras in the facility.

Turned out the porno business was a front for a massive methamphetamine operation.

A big part of fire investigations doesn’t involve poking around in smoldering rubble.

Interviews (not interrogations, Billon was quick to

add) are essential in finding the truth about a fire.

She cited the “80/20 Rule,” where 20% of the evidence at the scene is forensic and 80% is from interviews.

Billon emphasized that “arson” is a legal term. To charge a suspect with arson, prosecutors need to prove “willful, malicious or reckless intent.”

This is easier said than done. Billon said that about 25% of fires can be proven to be arson.

These cases typically break down like this:

Vandalism, attempts to conceal a crime, excitement or thrill-seeking, revenge, profit, and extremism/terrorism.

She gave an example of a fire set for profit.

Speaking as a budding arsonist: “Hello, insurance company? I need as much fire insurance as I can get, and I need it by Saturday.”

Speaking as herself: “That is what we call a clue.”



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Poem painting

Piper and Dexter Polley took part in “Paint a Poem” at Kent Memorial Library April 17 in honor of National Poetry Month. Assorted poems by famed authors such as Emily Dickinson were printed out and available for attendees to create their own painted poetry. A wide assortment of materials was provided and put to good use by enthusiastic painters.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE FOR AREAWIDE Records Disposal

In keeping with state and federal regulations on records retention and disposal, school officials plan to destroy records of Special Education and 504 students who left or graduated from Regional School District No. 7, Barkhamsted Elementary School, Colebrook Consolidated School, Botelle School in Norfolk or Hartland School on or before June 30, 2017 or were born before July 1, 1999.

Please be advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place after July 1, 2024.

Anyone wishing to review his/her records or obtain the original may do so by calling Quentin Rueckert, Director of Shared Services, at 860-379-8583, before June 4, 2024.

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LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the fourth installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 is due and payable on April 1, 2024. Payments must be received or postmarked by May 1, 2024. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before May 1, 2024, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time

when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Pursuant to Section 12-173 of the Connecticut State Statutes, unpaid Real Estate tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 will be LIENED on JUNE 3, 2024. Payment must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 3, 2024 to avoid a Lien. Tax Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-4pm. Closed 12:30pm-1:30 pm.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday as well as a 24-hour drop slot at the rear of the building adjacent to the parking area. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card or E-Check. Please see the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury, CT this 11th day of March 2024.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
Tax Collector
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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing to amend the Town of Salisbury Zoning Regulations related to hotels and motels. Amend Section 205.1 “Table of Uses - Residential Zones” and Section 205.2 “Table of Uses - Rural Enterprise;

Commercial & Industrial Zones,” add Section 213.5 “Hotels in Residential Zones,” “ amend Section 703.11 “Table of Parking Requirements,” and revise definitions of “Hotel” and “Motel.” The hearing will be held on Monday May 6, 2024 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The proposed amendments have been posted, and agenda and meeting instructions for participation will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed at the Town Clerk’s Office in the Salisbury Town Hall during regular business hours (9:00AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:00 PM) Monday through Friday.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
04-25-24
05-02-24

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2024-0243 by Allied Engineering for a Detached Apartment on a Single Family Residential Lot at 249 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Map 19, Lot 4 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The owner

of the property is Sallie Ketcham. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SALISBURY MAY 8, 2024 7:30 P.M.

The electors and others entitled to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, are hereby warned that the Annual Budget meeting of said Town will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut and via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To act upon the budget and any supplements thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, which budget has been prepared and recommended by the Board of Finance; said budget is available for inspection at the Town Clerk’s office

immediately.

2. To act upon the following items, which are customarily considered at the Annual Budget meeting for approval:

a. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow any sums of money they deem necessary to meet the Town’s indebtedness and current or authorized expenditures, and to execute and deliver the Town’s obligations therefore;

b. To see if the First Selectman will deliver on behalf of the Town all documents that may be necessary for carrying out any of the items in the budget;

c. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any funds allocated to the Town of Salisbury the Connecticut Department of Transportation for repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and extending to June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Board of Finance; and

d. To authorize the Board of Finance to transfer funds from surplus to cover shortages in various line items in the 2023-2024 budget.

3. To consider and act upon a resolution to set Wednesday, February 5, 2025, as the date for the Annual Town Meeting.

4. To consider and act upon a resolution to set Wednesday, May 7, 2025, as the date for the Annual Budget Meeting. The Board of Selectmen will post a notice on the Town’s website (https://www.salisburyct.us/) not less than forty-eight (48) hours

prior to the Town meeting providing instructions for the public on how to attend and provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting via Zoom.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 18th day of April, 2024.

Curtis G. Rand,
First Selectman
Christian E. Williams,
Selectman
Katherine Kiefer,
Selectman
04-25-24
05-02-24

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 15, 2024:

Approved-Special Permit Application #2024-0241 by owner Fransam LLC, for Parking Flexibility, Retail, Multifamily, and Personal Service in accordance with Sections 205.2 and 703.8 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 54 as Lot 20 and is located at 20 Main Street, Salisbury.

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

Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
04-25-24

OBITUARIES

Robert J. Pallone

NORFOLK — Robert J. Pallone, 69, of Perkins Street passed away April 12, 2024, at St. Vincent Medical Center. He was a loving, eccentric CPA. He was kind and compassionate. If you ever needed anything, Bob would be right there. He touched many lives and even saved one.

Bob was born Feb. 5, 1955, in Torrington, the son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Pallone.

Bob graduated from Babson College, one of the most prestigious accounting schools out there.

He built his own CPA practice in 1987. He was an accurate and accountable accountant. He would always say during tax season that taxes are an art not a science. He took time to teach his employees his art of taxes.

Bob was also a landlord and owner of the Royal Arcanum, where he met his long-time friend of over 20 years, Michael Dinsmore. The two of them together experienced many great times. They would always be laughing and singing some of their favorite songs. Bob would always say that the Royal Arcanum was his baby. He loved that building and took great care of it. During his time at the Royal Arcanum and owning his business, he met a lucky lady, Melissa

Baresi. Little did they both know that Robert and Melissa would become the best of friends and even turn into family. Melissa is considered to be Bob's Girl. Bob is the reason Melissa has such a great life today.

After retirement, another one of Bob's lifelong friends, Dana Devereux, was there to help Bob get accustomed to retirement. Retirement can be scary especially to a person who worked all his life. It was during this time that Bob was diagnosed with cancer again. Dana was there to lend a helping hand while Bob had to go through chemo.

Bob was truly a remarkable man and was blessed to have such great friends like Michael, Melissa and Dana. He would always say if you can count the number of friends you have on one hand then you truly made it. Made it, Bob did.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Pond Town Cemetery in Norfolk, CT.

He will be buried next to his mom and dad where he always wanted to be.

Any memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA. Bob was an animal lover and had many cats throughout his life.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

John Fisher Polhemus

DOVER PLAINS — John Fisher Polhemus, 86, of Coventry, beloved husband of the late Gayle (Cronin) Polhemus, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2024, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 30, 1937, in Sharon, the son of the late John A. and Gertrude (Fisher) Polhemus.



He grew up in Dover Plains, where he excelled in sports and academics. His mother, Gertrude, was his 3rd grade teacher and he couldn't get away with anything. He loved to hike with his dad and brother Dick to the Stone Church and through the hills around Dover Plains. He graduated Dover High School and went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating with a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

He moved his young family to Vernon, Connecticut, where he worked for Pratt and Whitney for 30 years, traveling to Austria, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan and China. He loved gardening and gathering wildflowers for his yard, Lady Slippers, especially. He enjoyed coaching his kids and others in youth track and field. He was passionate about genealogy and his family tree. After retiring, he and Gayle moved to Calabash, North Carolina. He enjoyed golfing, gardening and traveling with Gayle to visit family. He loved re-

searching history and wrote two books with his brother, Dick.

After Gayle's death in 2005, John moved back to Connecticut to be with family. He lived his last 9 years with his son and family in Coventry. He cherished all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a fan of golf, baseball, and football. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, "ggpa" and friend. He will be missed.

John is survived by his brother, Richard Polhemus and Maria of New York, first wife and friend, Claudette Polhemus of Connecticut. Children; John Polhemus and Mercy of Maine, Jeff Polhemus and Kathleen of Connecticut, Michelle Johnson and Peter of Vermont, Martha Hagerty of New Jersey, Amy Nearine of New Jersey, Luke Nearine of Connecticut and Sheryl Nearine of the District of Columbia; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to Town of Dover Historical Society, PO Box 767, Dover Plains, NY and/or Kent Historical Society, PO Box 651, Kent, CT 06757. For online condolences, please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

Nicholas Warner McClelland

CORNWALL — Nicholas Warner McClelland, 78, died peacefully in hospice care on Feb. 25, 2024, surrounded by his family. Nick was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on April 29, 1945, to the late Mary (Sharpless) McClelland and David C. McClelland. Nick was a graduate of the Cambridge School of Weston and Boston University.

After spending his formative years in Middletown Connecticut, Nick moved to Cambridge Massachusetts with his family. He spent many summers in Cornwall, later living in the greater Boston area and ultimately moving to Marblehead, Massachusetts, where he resided until his death.

A visionary in his field, Nick established AV Design Associates, a company specializing in designing innovative multimedia installations and exhibits. His creative endeavors extended as far as Venezuela, where


many of his creations found their place.

He also worked at various audio-visual companies in the Boston area which involved AV installations at Harvard, Boston University and other large institutions.

Beyond his professional achievements, Nick found joy in traveling with his family, cherishing his adventures and nurturing a passion for competing in the annual "Opera House Cup" sailboat race in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Nick is survived by his wife of 37 years, Christine Zerbo McClelland, his son Brandon and wife Bo, his siblings; Duncan, and wife Alexandra, Sarah and husband Mike McMullen, Jabez and wife Cathy, sisters Katie, Mira and husband Alex, Usha and husband Nick. Also, he is survived by his step-mother, Marian, and her husband Tom, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Send obits to johnc@lakevillejournal.com



Worship Services

Week of April 28, 2023

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org Misa en español al mediodía (12 pm) el último sábado de mes. The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokiuloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>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 YIP</p>
<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>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</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>

Living history at Millbrook Library

By Kevin T. McEneaney
Special to
The Lakeville Journal

MILLBROOK, N.Y. — Last Thursday April 18, Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society, delivered a lecture titled "Town of Washington: Antebellum Free Black Community" to a capacity crowd at the Millbrook Library.

A graduate of Wesleyan College, he is the author of "This Place Called Milan and Invisible People, Untold Stories: Voices of Rhinebeck's Historic Black Community." He writes regularly for the Northern Dutchess News.

Jeffway, who is a dynamic and improvisational lecturer, offered many asides and anecdotes. Jeffway teaches a course on Living History at Marist College. The Living History movement emphasizes the voices and perspectives of people from the past through letters, postcards, deeds, court records, and cemetery stones.

In 1776 slavery was banned in Dutchess County, yet the ban was not strictly enforced. It took about twenty years for the Dutch and British to divest completely. Even some Quakers were slow to relinquish slaves, despite the strong opposition to slavery among most Quakers.

Abused white women sometimes took refuge in the Black community. In 1782 Mary Mott married at age sixteen; she left her husband in 1809, staying at first with various friends. She eventually was given long-term secret shelter by a Black couple, working as a seamstress.

Jeffway noted that many free Blacks, as well as slaves, lived in Poughkeepsie where there were eight Black Churches, due to its prominence in river commerce and travel. There were local instances of Southerners boat-kidnapping free Black

youngsters. An important free Black boat captain worked the Hudson River around this time.

On the eastern border of Dutchess County, slaves worked on some farms. In the Smithfield Valley, according to a letter, Mrs. Smith had at least three personal slaves serving her at her wedding. Jeffway estimated about 30 agricultural slaves in that neighborhood in the early part of the 18th century.

Jeffway noted that there was a small Black cemetery in Lithgow, and in the 1870s there was a Black community in Clove Valley in northern Union Vale, just south of Millbrook. At that time Black women were predominantly the owners of land in the Black community.

Shortly after the appearance of the automobile, Mr. Collins, a Black man, ran a successful taxi and bus transportation service between Millbrook and Poughkeepsie. His wife ran a laundry service, with washing machines in their backyard, for the wealthy ladies of Millbrook.

By 1944, inspired by Lincoln, the Millbrook Black Republican Club was formed.

Elements of this lecture drew on the Millbrook Library's Archive on African Americans in Dutchess County.

National Day of Prayer locations

The following locations will hold prayer services on May 2 in recognition of National Day of Prayer, held the first Thursday of each May.

11 a.m.
Sharon
Town Green

(In the event of rain, services will be moved to the Sharon Hospital Chapel)

12 p.m.
Falls Village
Town Green

5:30 p.m.
Cornwall
Village Green

5:30 p.m.
North Canaan
Pavilion across from McDonald's

6 p.m.
Salisbury
Town Hall Memorials

(In the event of rain, services will be moved to Salisbury Congregational Church)

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Makeshift beds under the highway in the north end of Hartford.

Homelessness on unsteady ground

CT MIRROR/ VIEWPOINTS

BY JENNIFER PARADIS

Occasionally, and perhaps even more frequently nowadays, we are forced to see the big picture. This happened a week or so ago, when the ground shook beneath us, sending many straight to Google, updating our knowledge of tectonic plates, the Richter scale and appropriate earthquake crisis response. It re-centered us, understanding that our day-to-day always relies on a greater stability, one which we are often denied.

I find the same to be true in our housing crisis. Currently, at a time in which homelessness has increased by 14% since 2021 in Connecticut and nearly 1,000 people are sleeping outside because our homeless response system does not have a bed, a chair or even standing room in a warming center or shelter to offer them, a case currently before the Supreme Court has the ability to set us back decades in the work to eradicate unsheltered homelessness and solve all forms of homelessness.

The Supreme Court will determine whether a local government can arrest or fine people for sleeping outside when adequate shelter is not available.

On Monday, April 22, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case of City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson, the most significant Supreme Court case about the rights of people experiencing homelessness in decades.

In this case, the Supreme Court will determine whether a local government can arrest or fine people for sleeping outside when adequate shelter is not available. The rights of people experiencing homelessness have been protected under the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment, which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment (Martin v. Boise) since 2009. Our hope is that the Supreme Court will uphold the decision of lower courts and retain the rights of unhoused Americans.

However, if the alternative happens and the decision of the lower court is overturned, the case has the potential to make homelessness worse in our local communities.

To be clear, we all should be held accountable for any known and intentional violation of the law; however, expanding the definition of criminal activity to include deep poverty and homelessness does more damage to a community at-large than good.

Last year, the number of people that became homeless for the first time rose by 25%

nationally. This is directly attributable to the lack of housing options for households at all income levels.

State research on just how many homes are needed in Connecticut to match the demand tallies the affordable housing shortage at 169,400 units for low-income residents and 101,600 homes for middle-income residents. Are the two out of three households who cannot live in a unit they can afford criminals? Certainly not.

Criminalization is not a solution to homelessness. Arrests, fines, jail time and criminal records make it more difficult for individuals experiencing homelessness to access the affordable housing, health services, and employment necessary to exit homelessness. To solve homelessness in our communities, we must invest in proven solutions, like affordable housing and supportive services, at the scale necessary. Decades of research have proven this — and it is my obligation as a homeless response provider to ensure that our community-wide interventions and tax-payer investments are data-driven and solution-oriented.

With oral arguments next week and an expected ruling by the end of June, we have time to support the outcomes we want to see for our state and local communities. Until then, you can also support bills currently in the Connecticut General Assembly that drive us closer to solving homelessness, including H.B. 5178: An Act Concerning Temporary Shelter Units for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Located on Real Property Owned by Religious Organizations and HB 5332: An Act Establishing The Interagency Council on Homelessness. Also, please continue to ask your elected officials on all levels to respond to the homeless and housing needs of our communities with robust and sustained funding.

Although disasters such as earthquakes are unpredictable, homelessness is anything but.

Jennifer Paradis is the Executive Director of Beth-El Center, Inc. in Milford.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Applauding government responsiveness to citizen concerns

This is a shout-out to our local legislators, Representative Maria Horn and Stephen Harding. The Housatonic Herbicide Working Group has been expressing concerns about the use of certain herbicides that can reach nearby waterways, wetlands, and aquifers to control vegetation along the Housatonic Railroad's right-of-way for several years now.

The Lakeville Journal has also covered this topic, most recently in an article by Riley Klein.

Representative Horn and Senator Harding arranged a Zoom meeting that included the railroad's attorney, Parker Rodriguez, and several staff from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, including Harrison Nantz, Emma Cimino (Dep-

uty Commissioner for Environmental Quality), and Jennifer Perry. It was an honor to be able to share our concerns with them and to discuss potential compromises.

In the meantime, the legislators have sponsored an amendment to the current statute governing railroad rights-of-way management.

Surely, this is an example of government responsiveness to its citizens at its best!

**Bruce Bennett,
Heidi Cunick,
Kent Fletcher,
Ellery Sinclair,
Anna Timell**

Housatonic Herbicide Working Group

The Bike Path (aka, Rail Trail)

On Feb. 20, 2015, a Special Town Meeting was held in the Salisbury Central School gym, to consider and vote upon the grant of a right of way on the Town's bike path for an affordable housing development in the abutting woods. The majority vote was to not allow the bike path to be used for this access.

On July 28, 2022, a second Special Town Meeting was held in the Salisbury Congregational Church, to consider and vote upon the grant of a right of way on the Town's bike path for an affordable housing development in the abutting woods. The majority vote was to allow the bike path to be used for this access.

I would feel better about this access and project if: (1) more people had voted; (2) the majority of those who organized the second vote and/or voted for it (a) lived in the direct vicinity of the project, (b) did not own ten plus acres of their own and/or multiple homes (while claiming they cannot think of other locations for the project) and/or (c) regularly walked that portion of the bike path; (3) the project did not require paving or lighting up any part of the bike path, cutting woods, and disturbing forever the night sky there (there are vernal pools, clearly visible to all, and, I understand, Cooper Hawks who nest in those woods). This does not feel like a process of the people for the people, so to speak.

In early April 2024, a petition was submitted to Town officials, requesting another vote. If there was a second

vote, why not a third, seems a valid point. Petitioners were told a third vote will not occur.

Wouldn't it have been wonderful if every Town voter/landowner/resident could have written in their vote—thus, inclusive of those who could not attend in person, and allowing for issue clarification, including on why there was a second vote. Prior to such in the second meeting, there was a call-to-vote by a project leader. Minimum legal notice was provided for both meetings.

How I wish no portion of the bike path would be forever changed, a treasure—at least to some. I wish there had been better process. It may have been legal, but that does not make it right. I feel this is particularly so because when receiving the bike path for Town residents, Town officials promised to consider the interests of the "abutting property owners." Moreover, when accepting a financial gift that contributed to the Town's purchase ability, Town officials expressly acknowledged, even in 1968, "the need for this kind of open space to be owned by the town for all its people." With "sincere thanks," the Town accepted the gift for that purpose.

An accessible, rural 'green space' will turn suburban, with pavement and manufactured imaging. Those who say merely minimal footage is changing ignore its public value, prior promises, and the exponential impact of cars.

Eugenie L. Warner
Lakeville

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**100 years ago —
April 1924**

Chet Thurston has sold his Durant Six to Torrington parties. He says he just naturally has to get some kind of a car but he hasn't made up his mind whether he will purchase a Buick, Jewett, Hudson, Chevrolet, Dodge, Olds, Oakland, Nash, Dort, Studebaker, Cadillac or Rolls Royce.

Daniel Lorigan and his force of men have been busy cleaning up along the cement and macadam state roads.

John Matheson of New York has been visiting his parents here.

Stanley Mather says that when he attends the circus, pillows are going to be cheaper because he can get down off the elephant.

(Adv.) Wanted – Second hand Ice Chest that will hold 2 or 3 cakes of Ice. Telephone 49-2 The Jigger Shop

The roads are now rapidly improving and will soon be as good as they ordinarily are.

**50 years ago —
April 1974**

State Police of Troop B in Canaan seized 1,000 pounds of marijuana, probably the biggest haul ever in Connecticut, Monday night in Falls Village. They arrested a 35-year-old Texan who they said rolled south into Canaan from Massachusetts hauling the half ton of "pot" in a rented trailer. Police estimated the street value of the contraband at \$300,000.

Canaan troopers made the arrest at the intersection of routes 7 and 63 in Falls Village.

Salisbury Boy Scouts are seeking help in rebuilding their paper-collecting shed at the town dump which was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. Although there were rumors around town that the fire had been deliberately set, there appeared to be no evidence to substantiate the story.

The Animal Medical Center of New York City pressed on this weekend with its search for a suitable site in Connecticut for its Equine Infectious Anemia research project. The AMC was barred last Thursday by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture from establishing the center at the former Segalla Stables in Canaan.

Maureen Passini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Passini of Falls Village, became the bride of James Cavaciuti at St. Joseph's Church in Canaan on April 20. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cavaciuti of Torrington.

The Falls Village Recreation Commission hired Scott Hylton of East Canaan as the new recreation director Monday night, according to Geryl Jasmine, secretary of the commission.

Charles R. Davis of North Kent will run the new IGA market due to open soon at the Kent Green. Confirmation came this week that he had purchased the business. Mr. Davis has been in the re-

tail food business for 25 years and since 1959 has managed a national food chain store in New Milford.

**25 years ago —
April 1999**

Top angler Phoebe Trotta, 10, of Salisbury, caught the largest brown trout (12.5 inches) at the Salisbury fishing derby at Factory Pond April 17, and had the best combined weight, 2.7 pounds.

Work is scheduled to begin soon to pare down a ledge on Route 44, just east of the Blackberry River, in an effort to improve a bad curve at the site. The Department of Transportation will open bids on April 28, with work tentatively set to begin in late June or early July. A total of 96 calendar days are allowed for the project's completion. It will include cutting back the ledge to improve the line of sight, reconstructing the road shoulder and improving drainage.

CANAAN – The Railroad Street building that still sports the Fuller Hardware sign, years after the store closed, was sold this week to Ronald Scholz, who owns the Mahaive Jewelers and its building next door. Plans call for refurbishing his new purchase, which will house two stores and five apartments. The building has remained vacant for about a decade. For a while before that, it housed a toy store and a deli.

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

Measles Again! But Why?

The measles vaccine was licensed in 1963. It is a live attenuated virus vaccine that provides lifelong protection with few side effects. It does not cause autism. The virus is extraordinarily contagious. The measles vaccine is usually given with mumps and rubella vaccines, and often with the chicken pox vaccine. With earlier vaccines for whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria, and in the 1950's, polio, life for children and parents became less fearful.

But let's go back to 1963, when every child in the United States and across the world got measles. It caused them true misery. There were about 600,000 cases in children in 1963.

People my age (old) will sometimes say, "I had measles, and it was no big deal, it was uncomfortable, and I had a fever, and all those spots scared my Mom, but I got over it." This sort of extrapolation is dangerous because humans are not genetically identical, and our immune systems vary—for 20% children and their parents, measles was a very big deal; they had complications, usually encephalitis, an infection of the brain, pneumonia, or ear infections.

In 1963, about 120,000 children were hospitalized in the U.S., and about 400 died. Other estimates are higher.

Measles is a respiratory disease; we inhale virus particles, and they infect cells of the trachea and upper lung. They go on to infect immune cells, which carry the virus to all parts of the body, including the skin where the spots appear. Usually, the spots start in the scalp and then appear on the face, the trunk, and extremities in that order. It has an incubation period of weeks and takes some time to get over. Measles is common in other parts of the world; it is still a killer in Africa and Asia.

The measles virus is made of RNA, which differs slightly from DNA. Many other nasty viruses, including SARS-CoV-2, Ebola, and polio are made of RNA. Measles virus is about half the size of SARS-CoV-2, and only has six genes. The human genome is 3.2 billion nucleotides, a million times more than this virus. The virus is small, but potent. One of its powers is to defeat the defenses of an unvaccinated host.

We have two immune systems: innate and adaptive. The much older innate system is the first point of contact with a virus, and it has



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A case of measles with spots appearing on the face.

THE BODY
SCIENTIFICBY RICHARD KESSIN,
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many tools to slow an infection, but only if it recognizes the virus RNA, its genetic material. The measles virus has incorporated into its tiny genome instructions to make an enzyme, or catalyst, called adenosine deaminase, which removes a nitrogen atom and a couple of hydrogens from adenosine components of the virus. That makes the virus

invisible to the innate immune system but does not affect the ability of the virus to make thousands of copies of itself. The innate immune system has many tools to fight infections, but with measles the virus hides in plain sight.

Imagine an unvaccinated child with a case of measles. The child survives, but how long does impairment of the innate immune system last? Several years, it seems. The measles virus affects the antibodies that react against other diseases that the child has already survived.

Without that protection, old but latent infections—say hepatitis, can be reawakened and new virus infections become more dangerous. What

measles research tells us goes beyond measles.

The measles virus evolved (perhaps a thousand years ago) from a cattle virus called Rinderpest, to which it remains similar. Rinderpest virus has been eliminated from cattle through vaccination. (The only other virus to be eliminated was smallpox). In 2000, the United States was sufficiently vaccinated that no cases of measles were recorded. The excellence of the vaccine and experience with Rinderpest led to the idea of eliminating the measles virus, but a decline in vaccine acceptance after a false autism scare, ended that hope.

We now have periodic outbreaks of measles, usually from isolated communities. These cases are indicators that the public health system has deteriorated, often for ideological reasons, as is now the case in Florida. Think of measles infections as a harbinger, or to use a cliché, a canary in a coal mine.

The Florida health authorities are deluded. If for measles, what else? Perhaps mumps, rubella, and chickenpox.

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Status Report

NORTH CANAAN — A wicker chair blew off the back of a truck on Route 7 last week near the VFW. If found and returned, Stephanie Astrow is offering a reward.

Produce to the People picked up more than one ton of under ripe cantaloupes from Norwalk Food Rescue last week. Many of the melons went to food banks throughout the region, and the remainder were given to Cornwall Food Pantry for distribution.

NORTH CANAAN — Steve Blass Little League

baseball is set to begin the 2024 season. The Giants and the Redsox AAA teams will face off at Steve Blass Field for opening day Saturday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Canaan Fire Co. issued its annual appeal letter to help fund equipment, training, and normal operating expenses for an all-volunteer department. Tax deductible donations can be made by check or money order. Contact (860) 824-7366 for info.

HVRHS alum Helen Hedman completed the 128th Boston Marathon in 5:46:01.

A baseball match between Salisbury School and Canterbury School was all tied up at 3-3. Just then, Salisbury School teacher Ian Johnson stepped in front of the live-stream camera, blocking a rally by the Crimson Knights that led to an 8-3 victory for Salisbury.

Falls Village is cleaner thanks to the efforts of the Recreation Commission's Earth Day event. The King family took the prize for most unique piece of trash. The Village Gardeners and Tom Scott prepped the library's beds for new pollinator gardens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tale of two leashes

This story is 'a tale of two leashes'. And yes, like in the times of Dickens — it is the best of times and the worst of times. The good old U.S. of A. is a country founded on, built on and flourishing on — immigration. It is also a place where you will find daily, all over the media, such unchained xenophobic language being used against it — by some.

Where do the two leashes come in? What do they have to do with immigration? I'll tell you.

This morning I was walking our dog, Jasper, in the local state park. He was on his normal 25 foot rope leash [I gather the leash up

and let it out depending on if any other people, with or without dogs, are around].

We were walking along the only road to the park interior. Nobody was around. The leash was all the way out. All of a sudden a big pick-up truck came up over the rise from behind. As quickly as I could, I started gathering the leash up to gain full protective control of Jasper. The truck slowed up a bit but was still coming ahead too fast. I walked to the side of the pavement as I worked on gathering the last half length of the leash and Jasper up. The driver of the truck, a young caucasian man, with his windows rolled up, just

continued on through. I was appalled that, by not slowing further or stopping, he simply 'expected' me to get out of his way.

A bit later on our walk in the park, as we traversed in the woods, we came upon a young man, unknown to me, walking his dog on a long leash. The two dogs immediately 'checked each other out' with the sniff and scoot dance dogs do. This, of course caused the leashes to become tangled up but good. Both of us dog owners laughed and instead of trying to untangle them we

looked each other straight in the eye and each extended to shake hands and introduce ourselves. From his name, his darker olive skin and obvious accent, I could tell he was from Latin America. We chatted a bit as we then focused our attention to disentangling the dogs. His english was broken but earnest. Both he and his dog were warm, friendly and helpful.

Given a choice — I'll take the tangle any day.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. each Monday.

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Spring has begun in earnest and so has the emergence of ticks, much to my dismay. For newcomers, it may come as a surprise that with country life comes the reality of living with ticks. The first line of defense is that after outdoor activities, even in your yard, to wash your clothing and shower. The next step is to understand the life cycle of ticks and how to best to manage living with them to fully enjoy living up here. A wonderful place to start is reading the Tick Management Handbook put out by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. Please visit lymediseaseassociation.org/book-list/tick-management-handbook-prepared-by-kirby-c-stafford-iii/ for more information.



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Putting the fun in fungi

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Dave Paton, a dedicated hunter of wild mushrooms, went through a list of some of his favorite fungi at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, April 20.

Paton's talk was sponsored by the Salisbury Association Land Trust.

"All wild mushrooms are deadly. Don't touch them," he began, tongue firmly in cheek.

"But if you find any, my email is..."

Paton said most wild mushrooms are inedible, but not necessarily poisonous.

He first got interested in mushrooms as a youth, prowling around the grounds at the Sharon Audubon Center.



PHOTO PROVIDED
An example of a giant puffball mushroom found by Dave Paton.

Someone pointed out a Destroying Angel mushroom, adding an admonition: "One bite could kill you."

Young David's reaction to this stern warning? "Awesome."

He mentioned Amanita muscaria as a mushroom with hallucinogenic effects.

Some people go to considerable lengths to tap into this.

"They feed it to reindeer, and then drink the reindeer urine" he announced, adding hastily, "I've never tried it because I don't have a reindeer."

Some of Paton's more conventional favorites are King Bolete, or "porcini" in Italian. "Delicious."

Chicken of the Woods, which Paton said is one of the "Foolproof Five."

He amended that description.

"More like fool-resistant."

Chicken of the Woods should be cooked, he continued, and specimens growing on hemlock trees should be avoided altogether. But samples growing on other hardwoods can be eaten if cooked.

He listed Fried Chicken of the Woods and Pulled Chicken of the Woods sandwiches as particular favorites.

Paton urged caution at several points during the talk. He said he consults multiple sources and other experts on a regular basis before ingesting any wild mushrooms.

Paton said he is always looking for the yellow morel. "It's elusive, so hard to find."

One to avoid is the Jack-O-Lantern. "It's extremely toxic. Probably won't kill you but for two or three days you'll wish you were dead."

The first wild mushroom he ever ate was a giant puffball. The photo showed a bulbous white object that was bigger than the woven collection basket next to it.

"I'm gonna need a bigger basket."

He said he makes "puffball parmigiana" with them.

Paton's remarks were accompanied by excellent color photographs on the library's big screen television.

"My iPhone is filled up with pictures of grandchildren and mushrooms."



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Josiah and Everett Newton with Aunt Kathy learned the importance of sorting and separating food scraps recycleables, and trash at Kent Memorial Library as part of a composting class for Earth Day.

Cornwall budget heads to town vote

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Following a short public hearing for the 2024-25 budget Friday, April 19, Cornwall's combined spending plan has been sent to Town Meeting.

The meeting to vote on the budget will be held at Cornwall Consolidated School Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Cornwall's total proposed expenditure for next year is up to \$8,061,110, an increase of \$292,537 (3.77%) compared to 2023-24.

"It looks like the mill rate could go up from 14.7 to 15.44, which would be about a 5% tax increase," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway.

Costs went up in several areas this year, primarily driven by inflation, education and weather damage. A notable addition to the budget this year is \$100,000 in a new line item for storm damage. A four-part town meeting was held on April 19 to reassign unused funds from last year to be used for repairs in town.

Each of the following transfers passed unanimously: Transfer capital projects account interest \$50,000 to capital projects road improvements for spring resurfacing of roads; Transfer \$50,000 from Town general funds balance to capital road improvements to complete summer storm damage repairs; Authorize repairs to Essex Hill Road of \$147,000 be paid out of capital projects road improvement; Increase capital projects fund road improvement by \$17,000 to be reimbursed by state grant for hazardous tree removal.

Falls Village looks for wiggle room in budget

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Finance will hold a special meeting Wednesday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall and on Zoom to discuss how to find some \$80,000 in spending cuts from the proposed spending for 2024-25 from the Board of Selectmen.

The finance board requested \$130,000 in cuts from the selectmen at their meeting on April 8.

The selectmen met on April 11 and "respectfully" declined to make any changes in their spending plan, which has a bottom line in-

crease of \$124,593.

At a special meeting Tuesday, April 16, the finance board agreed to "impose additional cuts to the Municipal Spending Plan (revised plan dated April 16, 2024) up to \$80,000."

The board also agreed "to not use the General Fund for budget relief in an amount that would reduce the General Fund Balance below 12.5% of the combined annual expenditures" ("combined annual expenditures" means municipal and education spending).

Both actions were taken on motions from member John Steines.

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Learning to compost at Kent Memorial Library

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The Kent Memorial Library and Kent Conservation Commission joined forces to bring a meaningful and educational program concerning nutrients, recycling and trash April 18.

Carol Franken of the Conservation Commission, the presenter, said one of her main composting concerns was, "How to make it meaningful to preschoolers."

This was not a "drop off" event for the kids, and all attendees were accompanied by parents and adults. Franken added, "The most

important words for the day are 'food scraps, decompose, and compost.'"

Lots of visual aids and props turned the event into a hands-on class for the kids. Large, tied plastic bags full of mystery material were given to all participants. The bags were then weighed and opened, revealing a big assortment of food scraps, recyclables and plain old trash.

Kids were then asked to sort the three types of contents, and with the food scraps removed, the bags were weighed again. No surprise, the bags were much lighter.

Another of Franken's dis-

plays featured three bins of compost: one was new food scraps and leaves, the second was a 6-month-old compost bin, and the third was a year old -- now completely decomposed down to pure, nutritious, compost.

The program highlighted the importance of separating food scraps from trash and stressed the benefits of creating compost at home. Kids were then given biodegradable seed pots and plant seeds to take home, nurture, and learn by watching them grow.

Kent Transfer station has added a food scrap bin to aid the composting cause.

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Sports

Housatonic softball defeats Terryville 34-9

By Riley Klein

TERRYVILLE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School won by mercy rule at Terryville High School Tuesday, April 16.

The Mountaineers continued their high-scoring season with a whopping 34 runs against the Kangaroos, bringing the season total to an even 100 runs in HVRHS's first six games of 2024. Every starter touched home at least once against Terryville, and so did two bench players.

HVRHS looked ready for a big game as the team got loose under clear blue skies, about 65 degrees at starting time. The breeze was cool, but the Mountaineers were all warmed up.

"These girls are throwing some nice passes," remarked a Terryville supporter observing the Mountaineers's pre-game drills.

HVRHS got to work immediately with their first eight batters reaching home. By the end of the first inning, the Mountaineers led the Kangaroos 9-1.

They tacked on six more in the second, before an action-packed third inning upped the score to 26-5. The fourth inning was all Terryville. The Kangaroos put up four runs to HVRHS's zero.

Unrelenting, the Moun-



Madison "Maddog" DeWitt hit 5-for-5 with 5 RBIs.

taineers added eight more in the fifth inning before ending the game on mercy rule (up by 15+ after the fifth inning).

Anne Moran pitched a full five innings for HVRHS and struck out seven Kangaroos in the process.

Madison "Maddog" DeWitt drove in five runs on five hits for HVRHS, Deanna Portillo logged three hits and four RBIs, and Grace Riva batted in three runs

on three hits. Abbie White brought home three runs on a single at bat, but she was hit by a pitch on each of her other three times at the plate.

For Terryville, Molly Negro-Hawes hit a 3-RBI double, and Adrianna Hawes brought in three runs with three hits.

HVRHS moved to 4-2 this season. The Mountaineers will play at Northwestern Friday, April 26.



Abby Hogan and Diana Portillo were all smiles.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN



Anne Moran slid safely into third base.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Luke Warner soared over the Amherst offense to swat down a pass during the Ultimate Mini-Tourney at The Hotchkiss School Saturday, April 20.

Hotchkiss hosts interstate Ultimate Frisbee tourney

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — On a soggy Saturday, April 20, eight teams competed in an Ultimate Frisbee mini tournament hosted by The Hotchkiss School.

There were teams from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Two middle schools competed against high school junior varsity squads.

A Lakeville Journal reporter watched as Hotchkiss played Amherst High School in the first round. Hotchkiss moved the disc with confidence, especially off turnovers, and prevailed 11-2.

In the end, Hotchkiss finished second at 2-1 in both the varsity and JV pools. Wooster School won Pool A (varsity) 3-0, and Columbia High School from New Jersey won Pool B (JV and middle school) 3-0.

a good day, each going 2-1 against solid competition. We all appreciated the mutual respect amongst the teams, and good, fair play. The Hotchkiss varsity team had 11 different people score points, and 9 different people throw assists; a true team effort."

For the uninitiated, Ultimate is a non-contact team sport involving squads of seven. Players cannot run with the disc. Players pass the disc to each other to ultimately wind up in the end

zone for a score. A turnover occurs when a pass is dropped, missed, intercepted, or goes out of bounds. Defenders call a "stall" when guarding an offensive player with the disc, and start counting aloud, usually 10 seconds. The offensive player must throw the disc in that time, or a turnover is called.

Ultimate is unusual in that there are no referees. The players are self-regulating, and there is a spirit of the game" ethos that pervades the sport.

A letter from Dr. William M. Kirber

This is to notify any of my patients who did not receive a letter that after more than 41 years, I am retiring from my ophthalmology practice as of 4/1/2024. Dr. Avinash Tantri will continue to see patients at our office at 31 Porter Street, Lakeville Connecticut. Connecticut Eye Consultants, P.C. also has offices located in Danbury, Prospect, Southbury, and New Milford. Should you wish to seek care elsewhere, please send a request for your records to: Connecticut Eye Consultants, PC 69 Sand Pit Road, Danbury, CT 06810-4005

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Incumbent Jahana Hayes (left) and Republican challenger George Logan appeared for the Fifth Congressional District debate at Central Connecticut State University October 20, 2022.

in November.

Logan, the son of Guatemalan immigrants who had roots in Jamaica, got into state politics in 2016 when he won his first election and unseated a longtime Democratic state senator. He won again in 2018, but narrowly lost reelection in 2020.

A Republican from Connecticut has not served in the U.S. House since 2009. The last Republican to represent the 5th District was former Rep. Nancy Johnson, who lost reelection in 2006 to Democrat Chris Murphy, who is now a U.S. senator. Hayes, who became the first Black woman to represent Connecticut in Congress, announced last August she would seek a fourth term. Prior to her election, she was a teacher in Waterbury and was named the 2016 National Teacher of the Year.

While Hayes won her two previous elections by big margins in 2018 and 2020, her most recent race against Logan was one of the most competitive and expensive in years. He came close to a win during a midterm year, but is now running during a presidential election year. Biden easily won the state and the 5th District in 2020.

With upwards of \$12 million in outside spending in 2022, money is once again expected to flood Connecticut's 5th District this year. But so far, fundraising has largely been on the candidate side.

The Congressional Leadership Fund, the top super PAC for House Republicans, has targeted a number of competitive races including in Connecticut. Similar to the 2022 cycle, Logan will likely get major financial resources to compete against Hayes ahead of November.

In the most recent fundraising quarter, CLF donated \$10,000 directly to Logan's campaign, but the group is expected to play more of an indirect role like the last election cycle when it runs ads on his behalf, though super PACs cannot coordinate with a campaign or candidate.

Both Hayes and Logan got donations from a number of members of Congress in the

past fundraising quarter, including from leadership within their respective parties.

U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark, D-Mass., who is House minority whip, donated to Hayes. Meanwhile, House Majority Whip Tom Emmer, R-Minn., and House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik's leadership PAC both contributed to Logan.

Hayes also got a range of support from political action committees representing labor unions and agricultural groups that are likely invested in reauthorizing the Farm Bill.

As the race heats up, both parties have been trying to cast one another as extremists and drawing early contrasts.

Democrats have raised concerns about Johnson's voting record being too extreme for a blue state like Connecticut and moderate Republicans, noting his opposition to same-sex marriage being codified into federal law, support for a national ban on abortion after 15 weeks, and efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election results.

Hayes has made fundraising appeals since Johnson's visit, tweeting that his stance on some issues "further solidifies my opponent's embrace of the most extreme MAGA policies," referring to former President Donald Trump's slogan "Make America Great Again."

When asked if Johnson's record and support for Trump hurts Logan and other GOP candidates in the state, Republicans have pushed back, seeking to link Hayes' voting record to progressive members of Congress known as "The Squad."

"We know we're up against the most entrenched Washington special interest groups who have made it clear that Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District is a must win for them, and they will spend whatever it takes to maintain the status quo," Logan said.

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ROTARY

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activities, including fairs, festivals and parades.

Internationally, Salisbury Rotary, which has a personal connection to Tulum Rotary in Mexico, has helped that club with funding water fountains and computers for schools, assisted with water-related projects in Ecuador and has backed the international effort to eradicate polio worldwide.

"Our biggest shining star is what we're doing to eradicate polio," said club director Randy Chapell who with his wife, Fran, also a Rotarian and executive director of the Canaan Child Care Center, have traveled internationally on behalf of the Salisbury club.

He noted that Rotary International, along with its partners, have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries, reducing polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide.

"We're down to 9 to 10 cases in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan," Chapell noted.

Jerry Baldwin, a retired banker, joined the Rotary in 1976 and served as the local chapter president from 2005 to 2006.

"I've been a Rotarian for 48 years this month," he proudly revealed.

During that time, he was recognized for his community service as a Paul Harris

Fellow, the club's highest honor, named after the founder of Rotary International.

Over the years, Baldwin had worked tirelessly for the Winter Sports Association, sponsor of annual ski jumps at Satre Hill in Salisbury, and served on numerous community boards and associations.

"I was brought up that you can't just take, you have to give," said Baldwin. "This is not work, it is an honor and a pleasure. We love the community, it's a wonderful place to live, and I just feel the need to give back and help others."

Baldwin said one of the most significant changes he has seen over the years is the club's dwindling active membership. Dues-paying members, he noted, stood at 78 when he joined, and it's about half that now.

Today's younger generations, he explained, keep very busy with activities, but tend to be less civic minded. "It used to be that the next generation believed in a sense of service."

Rotarian Duane Estes, who coaches baseball at Salisbury School, noted that membership has been declining since the 1980's.

"Look around the room, it's not hard to see that we're an older club, age-wise. We have the same problem and challenges that other organizations do" in terms of recruiting new blood, he said.

BOOKS

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like the one from the woman who announced, "President Kennedy slept with me!"

Turned out the woman worked for the Kennedy family as a nurse. The infant JFK did indeed sleep with her in her professional capacity.

"She had handwritten letters from the President," Gloss said, explaining that for collectors handwritten letters are particularly prized. "As far as I know they still have them. They can't sell them. They're part of their life."

George Gloss died in 1985, and Ken Gloss took over, and in the process hired a young man who seemed promising.

A customer entered, browsed around and asked for an item they did not have in stock but could likely obtain.

The customer said he would come back and left.

The new assistant remarked, casually, "That was J.D. Salinger."

Startled, Gloss asked how he knew.

"I used to date his daughter."

Gloss said he enjoys doing the television program and traveling to parts of the

country he might not otherwise get to.

He revealed some insider information, such as this tidbit:

"We don't get paid. At all. And there's no guarantee we'll get on TV."

An ideal day on the Antiques Roadshow trail has him rising early, spotting someone with a promising item, alerting the producer, and filming the encounter.

"So by 9 a.m. we're finished. It makes the day go easy."

On the other hand, "if by 4 p.m. we haven't taped, we're probably not going to."

The element of surprise remains constant from book shop to TV, however.

One man came into the TV taping and explained he had worked as an airplane pilot for Pope John Paul II. He had a photo of the Pope signing his Bible to prove it.

This was moderately interesting.

Then the man added, offhandedly, "Oh, I've got the Bible, too."

After his remarks, Gloss examined books and other items from about a dozen people, most of whom came away happy.

"Affordable housing fits into it. There are not as many young people as when we moved out here 24 years ago."

Club members said one of their main goals is to find new recruits.

"We will try to get the values of the organization out there and explain the reasons it's important," said Bill Pond, the club's president nominee and administrator of Noble Horizons, which donates space to Rotary for its weekly meeting.

Rotary provides services to others, promotes integrity and advances world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Rotarians pledge to uphold the organization's mantra, "Service Above Self."

Membership dues, at \$150 annually, are the club's major source of income, supplemented by fundraising events throughout the year.

"It's not our goal to have a huge savings account. As our account builds, we try to reallocate it back into the community," Pond explained.

Among upcoming activities is the club's popular Kentucky Derby Social on

Saturday, May 4 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Noble Horizons. The event, one of its largest and most popular fundraisers, was on hiatus for two years due to the pandemic, but as of last year it is back on track, said organizers.

The event, sponsored by more than a dozen individuals and businesses, features a silent and live auction, and attendees are invited to bet on the horses. Tickets are \$25 and doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Then, on May 18, Salisbury Rotary will hold a Day of Service during which members and volunteers will perform clean-up and gardening tasks for the Salisbury Association, partnering with volunteers from the Canaan Day Care Center, including parents and children.

Among other events planned for later this year is the Rotary Club's annual July 4 fireworks display at Lime Rock Park, and its 75th Anniversary Gala in the fall, the dates and details of which have yet to be finalized.

Referring to Salisbury Rotary Club's milestone anniversary, Spalding noted, "This will be a good year for us. We're excited and looking forward to it."

SUPER

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rent superintendent of Winchester Public Schools, and guided Winchester out of state receivership.

Prior to Winchester, she served briefly as Assistant Chief Talent Officer in New Britain. Between 2001 and 2016, Mrs. Brady-Shanley taught, coached, and served as principal at the elementary and secondary levels in the Hartford Public Schools. She also served as an academic specialist in the University of Connecticut's Educational Leadership program.

Brady-Shanley graduated



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Melony M. Brady-Shanley

from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science in Education, and earned degrees in Educational Leadership and a Superintendent Certificate from Central Connecticut State University. She lives in West Hartford.

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BOOKS: ELIZABETH BEGGAN

Love is in the atmosphere

On Tuesday, April 9, The Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie was the setting for a talk between Elizabeth Lesser and Anne Lamott, with the focus on Lamott's newest book, "Somehow: Thoughts on Love."

A best-selling novelist, Lamott shared her thoughts about the book, about life's learning experiences, as well as laughs with the audience. Lesser, an author and co-founder of the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, interviewed Lamott in a conversation-like setting that allowed watchers to feel as if they were chatting with her over a coffee

table.

"I feel like I'm in my living room talking with my closest friends," Lamott said.

In her 20th book, "Somehow: Thoughts on Love," she goes back in time, writing about her own personal life experiences in a candid way, about her family, recovery and her faith. Lamott relates coming face to face with intense emotions and multiple epiphanies and lessons she's learned.

The book explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and



PHOTO BY SAM LAMOTT

Author Anne Lamott

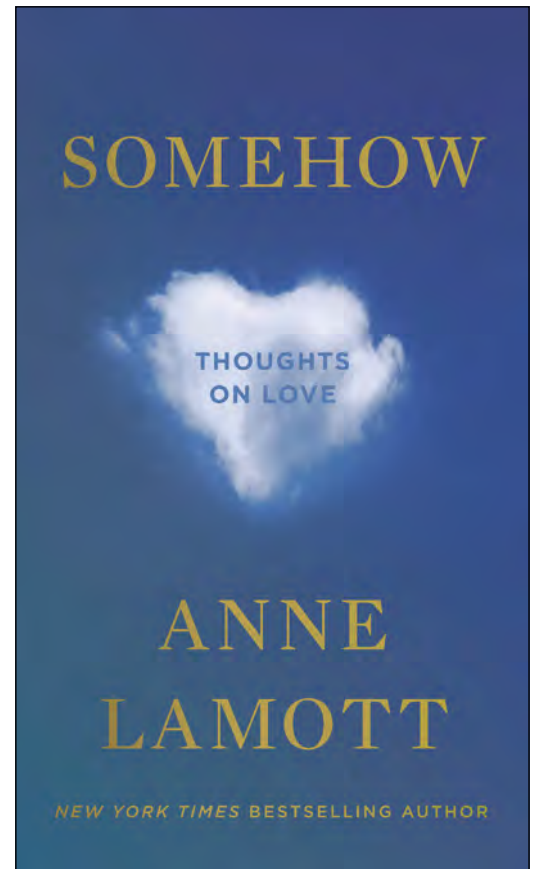
guides us forward.

"Love just won't be pinned down," she says. "It is in our very atmosphere and lies at the heart of who we are."

"We are creatures of

love," she writes on her website describing the premise of the book.

Lamott is a progressive writer. She married for the first time at the age of 65, and has been



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sober for 37 years. She shares a life with her husband, Neal Allen, who is also a writer, her son Sam Lamott, and her grandson. Her family makes up the main characters throughout the book, reminiscing on escapades together.

"To have a heavy-hitting writer here is just wonderful, I have been following her since San

Francisco, and when I heard she was in Poughkeepsie I bought tickets right away," said Lamott fan Suzanne Sagan.

The Bardavon audience was filled with women from the ages of 34-70, some were able to convince their husbands to tag along and listen to the conversation. All

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FASHION: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Reading between the lines in historic samplers

The home in Sharon that Alexandra Peters and her husband, Fred, have owned for the past 20 years feels like a mini museum. As you walk through the downstairs rooms, you'll see dozens of examples from her needlework sampler collection. Some are simple

and crude, others are sophisticated and complex. Some are framed, some lie loose on the dining table.

Many of them have museum cards, explaining where those samplers came from and why they are important.

It's not that Peters has delusions of grandeur,

with those small black or white cards a part of the fantasy. In the past few years, her samplers have gone on outings to historical societies and exhibits. Those small black cards are souvenirs.

About 27 of the pieces from Peters' collection have just left home again, and are featured at the Litchfield History Museum of the Litchfield Historical Society in an exhibit that Peters guest curated along with the historical society's curator of collections, Alex Dubois.

The exhibit is called



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Alexandra Peters, left, is exhibiting needlework samplers from her collection at the Litchfield Historical Society Museum.

Remarkable History" at the museum on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m.

Although Peters was first attracted to samplers as a form of art and craft, she has come to see them as something more profound. Each sampler tells a story, but you have to know how to read between the lines of thread and fabric. Peters has become an able and eloquent curator of what were once educational tools just for young girls and women. She can look at one and give an educated guess about who made it, how old they were, where they lived and how affluent their family was (or wasn't).

Some samplers were made on linen, others were made with silk. Some linens are fine, others are rough and homespun.

"Some of my favorites are made on what's called 'linsey woolsey,'" Peters said. "It's a mix of linen and wool that's been dyed green. It was uncomfortable to wear, but it looks great on a sampler!"

Younger girls often worked first on learning darning stitches, and would make simple samplers with letters of the alphabet. More advanced stitchers

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Oscar Lock, a Hotchkiss senior, got pointers and encouragement from Tim Hunter, stewardship director of The Sharon Land Trust, while sawing buckthorn.

OUTDOORS: JOHN COSTON

Hotchkiss students team with Sharon Land Trust on conifer grove restoration

It was a ramble through bramble on Wednesday, April 17 as a handful of Hotchkiss students armed with loppers attacked a thicket of buckthorn and bittersweet at the Sharon Land Trust's Hamlin Preserve.

The students learned about the destructive impact of invasives as they trudged — often bent over — across wet ground on the sem-

blance of a trail, led by Tom Zetterstrom, a North Canaan tree preservationist and member of the Sharon Land Trust.

The return of students on this working walkthrough was part of Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm Ecosystem and Adventure Team, a program that incorporates environmental stewardship in the learning experience.

The Hamlin Preserve is a 210-acre property with 2.5 miles of trails, and the Hamlin conifer grove restoration is a large-scale landscape forest preservation project.

The group entered at the end of Stone House Road and proceeded into an invasive thicket that has already taken its toll on cedars and pines.

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attentive to her, laughing at the jokes and even attempting to sing her happy birthday.

Conversation topics ranged from the themes in her book, to sobriety, to telling stories about being a mother.

Learning about how to help yourself first, if you want to feel the love you have to spread the love, aging, relationships, having your cup filled full with your own water, and learning from your mistakes.

"That's what life is like, slipping on a cosmic banana," Lamott de-

clared.

"As with all of her deceptively simply rendered pieces, Lamott's foibles are central to the 12 stories told here. Reconciling her own flaws as the key to tolerance is implied. Falling short is a given, especially when seeking to understand folks whose views are different from hers, particularly when they're on the political spectrum. But demonstrating love to those who cause harm just might be too much of a reach for her — that stuff is for saints; it's next-level wellness. Yet,

Lamott strives," Denise Sullivan writes for Datebook, a San Francisco Arts and Entertainment Guide.

Lamott was able to quote well known names such as Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Fisher, and Mother Theresa. During the conversation, she often turned to quotes that helped her create the mindset she has today, and spreads to the audience.

The talk was presented by Oblong Books in partnership with Bardavon Presents.

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PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Alexandra Peters's collection of historic samplers includes items from the family of "The House of the Seven Gables" author Nathaniel Hawthorne.

might create genealogies or family trees. Peters particularly loves to find multiple examples from one family.

"I have a couple sets that were done by sisters," she said, "and a collection from the family of Nathaniel Hawthorne," the American author of "The Scarlet Letter."

All samplers, though, show the importance of girls within families, Peters said.

"Parents were excited about their girls getting an education and coming out in the world and displaying their accomplishments. It's different from what we think."

"We tend to scorn or disrespect things made by women, particularly if they're domestic. But before the Industrial Revolution, all work was done at the home, by women and by men. There

weren't jobs that you went to, you did the work at home. Samplers, and needlework, are the work of women, the work of girls."

Samplers were rarely sold, Peters said, except ones made to help Southern Blacks to escape slavery.

"They were made anonymously and sold at anti-slavery fairs from the 1830s to the 1860s. I have one that can be used as a potholder and it says, 'Any holder but a slaveholder.' I have another that must have been a table runner that says, 'We's free!' We'd see some of them as offensive now, but they weren't at the time; they were joyful."



A needlework example.

Every sampler tells a story, and Peters is an able and entertaining interpreter of those tales. Learn more by visiting the Litchfield History Museum and seeing the exhibit (complete with explanatory museum cards) and come for her talk about samplers on May 5. Register for the opening reception and for the talk at www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org/exhibitions.

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FOOD: LEILA HAWKEN

Delectable bakery fare coming soon at Tarts and Bread

The enticing aroma of freshly baked breads and pastries should lure opening-day customers to the new Tarts and Bread bakery, on Saturday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m. in Amenia. The new French/Belgian bakery is located at 3304 Route 343, just downhill from the post office.

Recent weeks have seen delivery of equip-

ment and furnishings for the new bakery and eatery. In anticipation of the opening, it is said that the first 200 visitors will receive a free sample pastry. The delectable choice will be between a cinnamon crun and an almond apricot "8".

Ample seating will provide space for eating in, whether for pastry and beverage or for

lunch when choices will include savory tarts, quiches and sandwiches made with house-made spreads using locally sourced ingredients. All baked goods will be made fresh daily, offering lactose-free options. All breads are to be made with sourdough starter, easier to digest and high in nutrients.

Two examples of local

sourcing will be the coffee from Ilse Coffee in North Canaan, Connecticut and the tea from Harney's in Millerton.

Chef Christophe Raza is leading the bakery enterprise, reflecting his training at Le Cordon Bleu, while firmly believing that bakeries should be accessible to all, as they are in his native Belgium. As an example, the bakery's baguettes will be priced at \$2.90. And there will be light-as-air eclairs.

Tarts and Bread will be open seven days each week, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. But, for this one Grand Opening Day on Saturday, April 27, the doors will open at 9:30 a.m.



PHOTO ABOVE CINNAMON CRUN BY LEILA HAWKEN, BOTTOM RIGHT, PROVIDED

At the new Tarts and Bread bakery in Amenia, madeliene cookies are just some of the offerings.

Music in the Nave presents "Mozart in May"

The Manhattan String Quartet will perform Mozart's Quartet No. 15 in D minor and No. 16 in E-Flat Major when Music in the Nave hosts "Mozart in May" on May 18.

The two works on the program are from a set known as the "Haydn Quartets" because they were influenced by and dedicated to Joseph Haydn. After hearing

them, Haydn wrote to Mozart's father, saying, "Your son is the greatest composer known to me either in person or by name."

Pairing Mozart's radiant music with radiant weather has long been a popular concept, most notably with Lincoln Center's now-defunct Mostly Mozart series. Music in the Nave continues this tradition with the

inauguration of its annual "Mozart in May" event.

The concert will take place on Saturday, May 18, at 4 pm in St. Andrew's Parish, 1 North Main Street. Admission is \$20; tickets are available at bit.ly/mozartinmay and at the door.

For more information call 860-927-3486 or email saintandrewskent@gmail.com

...Hotchkiss

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Tom Zetterstrom, a tree preservationist, stopped to make the point to Hotchkiss School students that invasives have the power to dominate.

Zetterstrom stopped the group for several lecture moments and demonstrations of the proper way to cut bittersweet.

Tim Hunter, stewardship director of the Trust, pulled out a folding handsaw that student Oscar Lock, a senior, used to sever a buckthorn at ground level.

Shaye Lee, a sopho-

more, took a turn with the saw on some privet.

As the group huddled under a close canopy of invasive vegetation that was overtaking everything in sight, Zetterstrom explained that invasive-laden patch was once productive farmland.

As the two-hour stroll-and-lop ended, the group assembled in

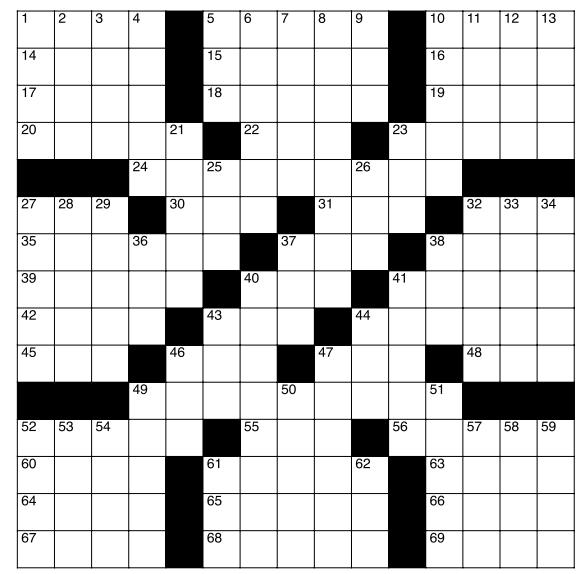
a hay field on the property to observe a healthy American elm at the edge of the open field that has been saved by the Trust's efforts.

Pointing to Red Mountain in the short distance, Zetterstrom told the students: "When you come back for your reunions — maybe in 50 years — you can say I helped save those trees."

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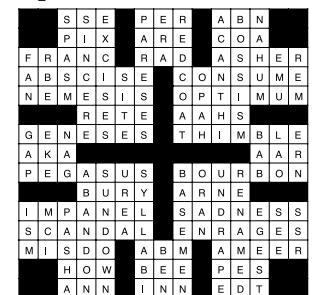
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1. Excessively theatrical actors
5. Footwear
10. A way to disfigure
14. Exchange rate
15. Hawaiian wreaths
16. North-central Indian city
17. Bungle
18. Extremely angry
19. A short note of what's owed
20. Criminal organization
22. Mimic
23. Try to grab
24. U.S.-born individuals
27. Some are covert
30. Order of the British Empire
31. Don't know when yet
32. Payment (abbr.)
35. Winged angelic being
37. Variety of Chinese
38. A way to be anxious
39. Famed wrestler Hulk
40. Partner to cheese
41. Slang for sergeant
42. Canadian flyers
43. Actress Ryan
44. Highly unpleasant vapor
45. Body part
46. Halfway
47. Cool!
48. Consume
49. Salts
52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
55. Housepet
56. Cavalry-sword
60. Symbol of a nation
61. Frocks
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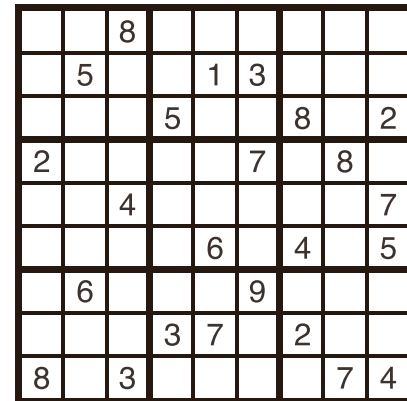


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11. Turkish title
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13. Thin, flat strip of wood
21. Russian river
23. Ribonucleic acid
25. Partner to flow
26. Airborne (abbr.)
27. Earthy pigment
28. Genus of earless seals
29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
32. By or in itself
33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
34. Partner to trick
36. British Air Aces
37. Ammunition
38. Supervises flying
40. Health care for the aged
41. Flanks
43. Millimeters
44. Where wrestlers perform
46. Not around
47. Flightless bird
49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
50. Expressed concern for
51. Satisfies
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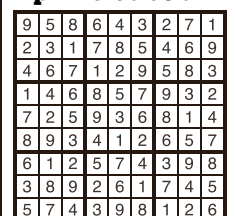
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APRIL 26

Choreography on the Edge at the Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts

Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts, 957 NY Route 82, Ancram N.Y.

Choreography on the Edge will be performed on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Academy of Performing Arts, 957 NY Route 82, Ancram N.Y.

For more information, contact Zack Jacobs at (845) 453 - 8673

APRIL 27

Opening Art Reception at BES

BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Opening on Saturday, April 27 at BES in Millerton is a show titled I Would Like To Know More About This Century, Like How Does Everyone Do It? featuring the work of Todd Colby. There will be a reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

The artist will be present and reading from his collected works alongside local poet Brandon Downing.

MAY 1

Directorial Debuts

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Announcing a new series at The Moviehouse: Directorial Debuts: Revisiting First Features from Established Directors with John Carroll Lynch. The first event will be on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m., featuring The Adventures of Sebastian Cole (1998), directed by Tod "Kip" Williams.

MAY 2

National Day of Prayer

Salisbury Veterans Monument, 27 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

Since 1952, all U.S. presidents have proclaimed the first Thursday of May to be a National Day of Prayer. All are invited to the 73rd celebration of the National Day of Prayer at 6 p.m. on May 2 next to the war memorials at the Salisbury Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held across the street in the Congregational Church. Members of the town will offer prayers for government, schools, businesses, arts/media, churches, families, military/veterans, as well as fire, police, and emergency responders.

MAY 3

Encounters with Aquatic Insects: Technical Illustrations by Shepherd Myers

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

Join us on Friday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., for the opening of a rare exhibit. Experience the intricate beauty of aquatic insects up close in illustrations by local entomologist and artist Shepherd Myers, collection manager of Honolulu's famed Bishop Museum for over a decade.

Eat, drink, hear bug music, and celebrate insect life with hands-on

origami bug folding. All ages welcome. For more information, visit this link: www.scovillelibrary.org.

Book Talk

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

Housatonic Valley Regional High School teacher Peter Vermilyea will host a book talk for his most recent book, "Litchfield County and the Civil War," May 3 at 7 p.m. in Douglas Library. This Event is free. For info, call the library at (860) 824-7863.

Photography Reception

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

On Friday, May 3, 5 to 7 p.m., Hunt Library will host a closing celebration for the exhibition *From the Hilltops: Early 20th Century Photography from the Mabel Hallaway Collection*: A joint project of the library and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society. A brief panel discussion will be followed by refreshments. Purchasers of exhibition prints may take them home at the end of the evening.

MAY 4

Bugs, Biodiversity, and Homegrown National Park with Michelle Alfandari

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

On Saturday, May 4, 4 to 5:30 p.m., learn about the crucial role of insects in a functioning ecosystem and how you can support insect, plant, and animal life in your own yard. Michelle Alfandari will present a new film narrated by renowned entomologist Doug Tallamy and introduce Homegrown National Park, a new grassroots movement to regenerate biodiversity. Each of us is the fastest solution to the biodiversity crisis. Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

MAY 5

Hike Cornwall

Rattlesnake Preserve, Cornwall, Conn.

Walk on the wild side at Rattlesnake Preserve May 5 at 10 a.m. Naturalist Andy Dobos and Deb Bennett will lead a walk through the fields and forests of this preserve which features dual beaver ponds searching for edible wild plants and wildflowers. Park at the Rattlesnake Road entrance near Cogswell Road.

There are two areas for parking located at either end of the trail, both on Rattlesnake Road.

eBirding with Birding

Expert and Bird Conservationist George Wallace

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

On Saturday, May 5, 4 to 5 p.m. learn how to enhance your birdwatching with smart phone ebirding apps. Birding expert George Wallace will introduce apps that are effective and free and will briefly discuss his work for bird conservation. George Wallace has been active in bird monitoring and conservation for over 40 years, including 18 years in leadership roles at the American Bird Conservancy.

The Secret Sounds of Salisbury Ponds with David Rothenberg

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MAY 7

Book Talk

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

On Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host Ryan Bernsten, author of "50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy". Bernsten undertook a 23,000-mile journey through all 50 states of his home country to answer the question: Is America as divided as it seems? 50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy is a work of travel nonfiction in the style of Alexis de Tocqueville that takes readers on a long and winding journey through all 50 states to explore the complexities of today's America. This program is free and open to the public.

ONGOING

TANYA MARCUSE: RAPTURE

Agrazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Route 44, Lakeville, Conn.

Tanya Marcuse creates large scale photographs of lush, immersive and allegorical works, fueled

by the biblical narrative of the fall from Eden. The work, on display at Agrazzi Art through May 31, explores the cycles of growth and decay and the tension between the passage of time and the photographic medium.

Sunday Meditation

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

Begin your Sundays with a peaceful meditation session from 9 to 10 a.m., led by Kathy Voldstad on Zoom. For more information, visit scovillelibrary.org.

THEATER: MIKE COBB

One woman play as a celebration for Earth Day

On Sunday April 21 at 2 p.m., actor Kaiulani Lee presented her one woman play about environmental writer Rachel Carson titled "A Sense of Wonder" at the Botelle School in Norfolk.

Lee has been performing "A Sense of Wonder" for the past twenty-six years at universities, high schools, the Smithsonian Institute, the Albert Schweitzer Conference at the United Nations, and at the Department of Interior's 150th anniversary. It has been used as the focal point in conferences on conservation, education, journalism, and the environment.

Also a highly regarded stage, television, and film actress, Lee has appeared in *The World According to Garp*, *Cujo*, *Before and After*, *A Bird of the Air*, *The Waltons*, *Law & Order* and others. She was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a play for *Kennedy's Children* and received an Obie Award for Best Performance by an actress for *Safe House*.

"A Sense of Wonder" was introduced by Pastor Erick Olsen of the Church of Christ Congregational (UCC). Olsen spoke of the play's importance as a featured event in The Norfolk Earth Forum and Norfolk's Earth Day weekend, which celebrates Carson's legacy. Additional programming

included discussion of "Crossings" by Ben Goldfarb; a lecture on Carson's continuing influence in the modern environmental movement, and a children's pollinator program. Sponsorship was provided by Botelle School, Aton Forest, Great Mountain Forest, Norfolk Conservation Commission, Norfolk Land Trust and the Church of Christ Congregational (UCC).

Lee then took to the stage and explained to the audience how the play occurs in two acts, the first part set at Carson's summer cottage on the coast of Maine and the second part from Carson's home in Maryland. Lee "removed the third wall," which refers to when a character addresses the medium in which they are situated, by describing the layout of Carson's cottage.

Act one opens with Carson writing a letter to a friend and shows her reluctance to leave the coast of Maine. Sick with cancer, she worries this may be her last visit. But she also describes her joy at seeing son Roger play on the rocks by the ocean and reflects on her lifelong desire to be a writer and how her love of the natural world and science ultimately became her muse. Carson expresses how her deep love of nature inspired her activism to write about the US government's use of the pesticide DDT and its

devastation of the environment.

In act two, Carson is visibly weakened by cancer and arthritis, but urgently brings her message to Congress and the American people. She recounts the backlash she received from the petro-chemical industry, efforts to discredit and label her as "alarmist" but is steadfast in her beliefs which are founded in her love of nature.

After finishing her performance, Lee invited the audience to ask questions. She provided additional historical context, namely how the success of Silent Spring inspired President John F. Kennedy to order the Science Advisory Committee to examine the issues raised in the book, which vindicated both the book and Carson. As a result, DDT came under much closer government supervision and was eventually banned.

Carson died from breast cancer in 1964, but shortly before her death remarked, "Man's attitude toward nature is today critically important simply because we have now acquired a fateful power to alter and destroy nature. But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself. We are challenged as mankind has never been challenged before to prove our maturity and our mastery, not of nature, but of ourselves."



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Kennadi Mitchell
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Emma Sisk
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Joseph Castellano
Tess Churchill
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Sasha Loucks
Margerelli Sawyer
Bryce Salmon
Sixth Grade
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Jackson Goodwin
Henry McCabe
Eli Tuthill

Affordable housing hearing in Salisbury

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) will hold a public hearing Monday, May 20, 6:45 on Zoom on the Salisbury Housing Trust's (SHT) application to build two affordable housing houses on town-owned property on Undermountain Road and Grove Street.

The commission received the application at its April 15 meeting.

The site is currently used in part for parking for employees of the White Hart Inn.

On Feb. 5, the P&Z determined that the proposal

for affordable housing is in agreement with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). That was in response to the Board of Selectmen's January referral of the proposal to the commission for an "8-24 review."

This refers to section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires that selling or leasing town-owned property be referred to the PZC to determine whether the proposed use is consistent with the town's POCD.

The SHT application can be seen on the town website, salisburyct.us (click on Planning and Zoning meeting documents).

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