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

Boat launch monitors at East Twin marina report successful dry run

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — The test run of a boat launch monitoring program at the East Twin marina, designed to keep invasive hydrilla from spreading, went off without a hitch on Sunday, April 21, according to Twin Lakes Association (TLA) officials. The day-long soft launch coincided with a sanctioned bass fishing derby at East Twin, allowing a trio of state-trained monitors, all TLA board members, to have conversations with fishermen about invasive hydrilla's presence in the lake, offer tips on preventing its spread, and visually inspect boats and trailers as they entered and exited the marina. "It went better than we planned,"

"We didn't bring anything in, and we're not taking anything back."

Fisherman Gary Menchen, Copake, N.Y.

said TLA board member Adam Mayer, a full-time teacher, coach and resident at the nearby Salisbury School. He will be managing the Boat Launch Monitoring Program this summer as an employee of the town of Salisbury. It was "just happenstance," that the soft launch coincided with a bass fishing derby that drew about a dozen fishing vessels to East Twin Lake, said TLA president Grant Bogle, who was one of six board members who, a day earlier, completed the first of several training sessions

offered by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). "We're not an enforcement arm. What we are doing is educating people so that they do the right thing voluntarily, because the lake is a shared resource," said Bogle. "Let's not bring more in and transport whatever we have out." Mayer noted that "the goal is not to catch the boater, it's to catch the spread of this highly invasive species. We will be interacting with the boaters. A big part of the process is like we're becoming the hosts and stewards of the lake. The anglers love the lake, the water skiers love the lake... and we hope to preserve what we all love."

**Wanted:
a few good monitors**

The TLA is partnering with the town of Salisbury to hire a seasonal crew of eight to 10 boat launch monitors. They will be supplemented by trained volunteers from the community, including lake association members.

The monitors, under the supervision of Mayer, will greet boaters and explain and distribute educational materials related to the

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Yaritza Vega and Dana Saccardi

Housatonic names Vega valedictorian, Saccardi salutatorian

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The valedictorian and salutatorian of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Class of 2024 are Yaritza Vega of Salisbury and Dana Saccardi of Cornwall.

Vega earned the top rank with a GPA of 4.420, just ahead of Saccardi's GPA of 4.412.

Vega will attend Middlebury

College in the fall, where she plans to study international relations.

Asked for her favorite class at HVRHS, she mulled it over before deciding.

"French."

In her spare time, she likes music, painting and drawing.

Saccardi will attend the University of Connecticut at Storrs in the

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Lisa Carter, left, who is retiring next month as Region One Superintendent of Schools after 22 years of service, was honored by the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau at its Gratitude Gala at the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan on Saturday, April 27. Carter, a former HYSB board member, is shown here with Executive Director Kelly Parker.

Glitz and gratitude mark Carter's farewell gala

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — A sold-out crowd dressed to the nines attended a Gratitude Gala at the Colonial Theatre on Saturday, April 27 hosted by the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) honoring Lisa Carter, who is retiring next month as superintendent of the Region One school district.

During the second annual event, which featured cocktails and conversation, live and silent

auctions and dinner and dancing, Carter was awarded the Nancy Bird and Linda Sloane Gratitude Award, named to honor two esteemed past board chairs.

Ashley Adkins, HYSB's director of donor engagement, noted that the award, which was introduced during last year's inaugural event, "profoundly expresses our commitment to honor those who exemplify our mission, vision and values... and Lisa certainly does all that."

In announcing this year's award recipient, the HYSB noted, "Lisa's

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Engine No. 5 gave guests a ride through the CAMA grounds.

'All Aboard' for Spring Startup

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA) opened its 2024 season April 27 and 28 with the Spring Startup.

Steam engine No. 5 offered happy riders a trip through the CAMA grounds situated on Route 7. The

open-air museum was filled with displays of engineering antiques for a weekend of educational enjoyment.

Exhibitors brought a wide and fascinating assortment of engines. Both steam and gas powered, the

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Millerton Road fire extinguished quickly, no injuries

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Lakeville Hose Company responded to a fire in a second-floor bedroom at 301 Millerton Rd. Thursday, April 25, around 8:50 p.m.

The first car to respond reported smoke coming from the second floor. A second alarm was struck, and fire companies from Sharon,

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Our Towns

Boards ready budgets for town vote

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — A well-attended public hearing convened by the Board of Finance on Friday, April 26, heard residents' comments on the 2024-25 budgets proposed by the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen. Barbara Prindle served as moderator for the hearing.

Following the public hearing, the finance board met to discuss the questions raised by residents and voted unanimously that the budgets would proceed on to town vote at the annual Town Meeting scheduled for Friday, May 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Reviewing the Board of Education proposed budget at the hearing was education board chairman Doug Cahill who said that his board continues to review expenses on an ongoing basis.

"This budget is the lowest we can present to the town,"



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Residents filled the meeting room at the Sharon Town Hall on Friday, April 26, for the annual Board of Finance public hearing on the FY25 budgets proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education.

Cahill said, noting that for the first time, capital expenditures are not included in the education budget, having been moved to the town budget.

The Board of Education budget for the coming year totals \$4,328,390, a decrease of \$185,937 (4.12%) from the current year, partially realized by the removal of capital expenditures. 106 students in

Pre-K through Grade 8 are currently enrolled at Sharon Center School, Cahill noted.

The Board of Selectmen's budget was presented by First Selectman Casey Flanagan.

"The selectmen devoted many hours going over each line to determine a budget that was fair to the town and to the employees," Flanagan said.

The Board of Selectmen budget for the coming year totals \$4,969,207, an increase of \$262,630 (5.58%) over the current year, after expected revenues are included.

Residents' questions sought clarification of line-item increases, including the ongoing tree removal program targeting hazardous and diseased trees, supported by state funding.

"Every time the wind blows, there are trees down, and if wires are involved, fires," Flanagan said. "My hope is that we can get on top of this in a few years," he added.

Considering the Hotchkiss Library's request for increased funding, the board noted that the library had asked for \$150,000 but received \$118,500.

Flanagan reported it was the selectmen's feeling that the initial request was high, although he acknowledged the important role of the library in the community. He added that the selectmen felt that a steady rate of increase, perhaps 10% annually, over the coming years would be a better option.

In other action, the Board of Finance approved the capital expenditure plans for both boards to be voted on at the annual town meeting.

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Online This Week

Norfolk natural resource review

On Thursday, April 25, The Norfolk Conservation Commission held its natural resource inventory discussion at the Norfolk Library to a small audience, including a very friendly golden retriever. 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.

Sideswipe in Sharon

On Monday, April 22, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Susie Johnston, 61, of Penn Yan, New York, was driving a 2017 Volkswagen Passat and was making a right turn out of the Sharon Package Store and began traveling east on Route 41. Theresa Gillette, 63, of Sharon, was westbound on Route 41 in a 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee and crossed over the double yellow line, sideswiping the driver door of the Passat. No injuries were reported. Gillette was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

court date was set. He was released on a \$2,000 cash/surety bond.

Failure to yield right of way

On Thursday, April 25, at approximately noon, Howard Mortman, 66, of Sharon, was stopped at a Stop sign near Hospital Hill Road in a 2016 Volkswagen Golf in Sharon. Laurella Van Braislis, 72, of Sharon, was southbound on Hospital Hill Road in Sharon in a 2019 Ford Edge. Mortman turned onto Hospital Hill Road and made contact with the Ford as it was turning. Both vehicles turned into the Sharon Hospital parking lot and waited for Troopers. Mortman was issued a written warning for failure to yield right of way.

Yellow-light fender bender

On Friday, April 26, at approximately 5:50 p.m., Edison Tupiza Quilca, 26, of Torrington, was driving a 2016 Honda CR-V and was stopped southbound on North Elm Street in North Canaan, attempting to turn left onto Route 44. Hedy Manalo, 62, of Stamford, was stopped behind the Honda in a 2017 BMW X3. When the traffic light turned yellow Tupica Quilca entered the intersection. He then drove in reverse to get out of the intersection, hitting the BMW. Quilca was issued a written warning for unsafe backing. Manalo was issued a written warning for operating an unregistered vehicle.

Impersonation, forgery

On Tuesday, April 23, at approximately 5:45 p.m. Troopers were dispatched to Laigle Flooring Covering and Design in North Canaan investigating a reported credit card fraud in conjunction with Cheshire, Conn., police. Two suspected parties were attempting to collect a fraudulently placed order with Laigle staff. An individual later identified as Santiago Ramirez, 26, of the Bronx, New York, produced a Dominican Republic ID as well as a fraudulent New York ID he said he purchased online so that he could obtain work. Ramirez was charged with forgery, 2nd degree and criminal impersonation. A

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.

We correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention.

Support Hotchkiss Library May 18

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's Annual Spring Gala and Auction will be held Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.

This annual fundraiser celebrates the role of the library in the community. This year's event is sponsored by Tri-Corner FEED (Food, Equity, Education and Distribution) and will be hosted by James and Linda Quella at their gorgeous hilltop home on Sharon Mountain Road.

Bid on both silent and live auction items including a limited-edition Jasper Johns lithograph, a romantic getaway at Glenmore Mansion, a custom portrait of your home by painter Colleen Maguire, fine dining

gift certificates, beautiful housewares, artwork, an historical nineteenth-century map of Sharon, and a children's birthday party at the Hotchkiss Library.

All proceeds will support the operating expenses of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, including enticing books and materials for all ages, as well as entertaining and educational programming for the entire family. Please join us in celebrating and supporting the library and our community.

Tickets cost \$175 per person. To purchase tickets please visit <https://bit.ly/annual-library-gala-auction>. For more information, please call the library at 860-364-5041.

Surf the web at Mudge Pond

Sharon's town beach at Mudge Pond will open for the season in May.

New for the 2024 season, residents will have access to a Wi-Fi network courtesy of Sharon Parks and Recreation and the town's broadband project. Comcast's Steve Wabrek installed the service

in April.

The network name is: SharonTownBeach
The network password is: MudgePond
(note the capital letters and no space between words)

CHWC awards \$75k to new health center

NORTH CANAAN — Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) announced a gift for the launch of its new regional health care center in North Canaan.

The Northwest CT Community Foundation (NCCF) has awarded a significant multi-year grant of \$75,000 to aid in acquiring essential medical equipment for the center.

CHWC's new Regional Healthcare Center for the Northwest Corner will offer integrated medical and behavioral health services.

The initiative aims to address the pressing crisis in rural healthcare, including the lack of providers, limited access to care, and transportation challenges, impacting both financially stable families and those less fortunate.

In becoming a founding funder, The Northwest CT Community Foundation joins the State of CT,

Foundation for Community Health, Sharon Hospital/Nuvance Health, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and BTCF's Fund for the Northwest Corner in supporting this transformational initiative.

Funders will be acknowledged at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 10, followed by a public open house on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Medical appointments will be available beginning May 13.

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When Covid restrictions kept students from sharing supplies and equipment, **The Fund** bought \$10,000 of science kits so students could work independently.

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**NUCLEAR ENERGY:
A SOLUTION TO
CLIMATE CHANGE**



Joshua Goldstein, PhD
Climate change is quickly approaching a series of disastrous turning points. Joshua Goldstein, an award-winning scholar of international relations, explains in his book, *A Bright Future*, how Sweden, France, and South Korea have already replaced fossil fuels with advanced nuclear technology.

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Christian Allyn (left) educated students on the importance of planting trees at North Canaan Elementary School as Selectman Jesse Bunce (right) watered the new American linden tree, April 26.

Planting new roots in honor of Arbor Day

By Riley Klein

Grade school students across the Northwest Corner embraced their inner Johnny Appleseed on Friday, April 26.

New trees were planted by several elementary schools to strengthen environmental resiliency and celebrate the importance of nature on Arbor Day.

At Cornwall Consolidated School, a young sugar maple tree was added to a bare spot near the parking lot.

"Acer saccharum. Let's get official," said Cornwall's assistant tree warden Bruce Bennett, noting the scientific name of the tree. "This starter plant came from Canada."

Bennett explained to the CCS student body that as the climate warms, trees are slowly migrating north. Sugar maples now stretch into northern Quebec, when previously they were unable to grow north of Maine.

"Sugar maples like cool, moist, cold winters to be able to mature and be healthy," said Bennett.

He said some trees that were once prevalent in the region have moved on or died out for various reasons. Chestnuts were all but eradicated due to blight, for example. Invasive insects can pose a threat too.

"What's happened with our oak trees this year, especially in our area, we've had this little worm called the spongy moth," Bennett explained.

"Eww," said the kids. "Ugh. I hate those," one student expressed.

"They give you poison ivy," added another.

"We need to keep planting trees that are resistant to those insects," said Bennett.

Eighth graders volunteered to cover the freshly planted maple with mulch.

Bennett then went over to Kent Volunteer Fire Department for the afternoon planting of a tulip tree with Kent Center School students.

Eighth graders helped



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Kent Center School eighth-grader Ricky Patterson shoveled some dirt on the newly planted tulip tree.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Cornwall Consolidated School Librarian Laura Munson and Assistant Tree Warden Bruce Bennett shared their knowledge of trees with students.

shovel dirt onto the bulb of the sapling. KCS science teacher Chris Rose shared unique qualities of the tulip tree. Fifth grader Derek Braislin, who studied the history of Arbor Day, shared his knowledge with the group after the planting.

In North Canaan, Tom Zetterstrom and Christian Allyn oversaw the planting of a young American linden tree. This marked the 34th annual Arbor Day ceremony in North Canaan Elementary School's arboretum.

"This American linden is already 15 feet tall, and by the time you fifth graders are as old as Christian Allyn, it will be 35 feet tall," Zetterstrom explained.

"Dang," responded a fifth grader.

Zetterstrom said of the hundreds of trees he has planted on town land in Canaan, he's never planted a linden. This one was selected because it will provide good shade for the parking lot.

"This is a shade tree and as the planet gets hotter, we're gonna want shade," said Zetterstrom.

"It's hot now," added a kindergarten, shading his eyes from the sun.

After the tree was mulched by the fifth graders, the kindergarten and first grade classes sang traditional tree songs: "Arbor Day" by Charles Szabo and "My Roots Go Down" by Sarah Pirtle.

The Board of Selectmen then pitched in and watered the newly planted tree with Principal Alicia Roy.

Selectmen secure flyover for parade

By Riley Klein

KENT — The Connecticut Air National Guard will be amping up the audio at this year's Memorial Day parade.

A four-engine C-130 Hercules will make a low-altitude flyover during the parade, First Selectman Marty Lindemeyer announced at an April 24 Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting.

"The 103rd Airlift Wing of the Connecticut National Guard will be doing the overflight," he said. "And they'll

be coming right down the center."

Lindenmeyer said he expects the plane to be loud and it may fly below 2,000 feet. "They love it," he added.

Lindenmeyer also announced changes to the Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee.

In addition to suggesting names to be added to town memorials, the committee will now oversee the maintenance and repair of monuments, conduct further research into town veterans for consideration to be added

to the memorials, and help with planning of memorial services.

As a subcommittee of the BOS, all suggestions must be approved by the selectmen before the veteran's committee can take any action.

During the April 24 meeting, BOS appointed Lindenmeyer to serve as the board's representative on the committee. A veteran himself, the first selectman said he looks forward to contributing to the efforts involved in maintaining town memorials and organizing services.

Our state and federal elected officials have spoken:

Nuvance must comply with the Office of Health Strategy's Final Decision to keep maternity open at Sharon Hospital. We therefore call on Nuvance to:

- Support current community ob/gyn physicians and midwives by offering fair pay comparable to what is offered at other hospitals
- Reverse the recent pay cut of \$10/hr for labor and delivery nurses and the >40% pay cut for community pediatricians who cover labor and delivery and instead offer fair pay comparable to what is offered at other hospitals
- Recruit full-time labor and delivery nurses, ob/gyns, and pediatricians by providing comparable recruitment support given to other Nuvance hospitals, including offering standard income guarantees to encourage new physicians to join local practices
- Publicize the positive birthing experience and the outstanding quality of care offered by the medical professionals at the Sharon Hospital maternity unit, using all media and methods currently employed to support maternity at other Nuvance hospitals
- Announce a public, long-term commitment to keeping maternity open
- Cease making disparaging comments directed at those who have worked to keep Labor & Delivery open at Sharon Hospital

A letter from our elected officials to Nuvance:



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



March 20, 2024



UNITED STATES
CONGRESS

Dr. John M. Murphy, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nuvance Health
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Dear Dr. Murphy:

In light of the recent announcement of the intention to merge Nuvance Health into Northwell Health, we write to express our concern about the status of maternal health services at Sharon Hospital, and specifically, Nuvance Health's compliance with the Office of Health Strategy's (OHS) recent final order denying the application to close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital.

Sharon Hospital is a critical health care provider for Northwest Connecticut residents, and the importance of providing labor and delivery services at our state's rural community hospitals cannot be overstated. OHS did a thorough review of the Nuvance application to close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital and found that it did not meet the conditions required to discontinue this vital service.

We are concerned about reports that Sharon Hospital does not have adequate staffing or contractual health services to meet the OHS requirement to provide services under the Certificate of Need. As a hospital system in good standing with the state, we expect that Nuvance will comply with the OHS decision and ensure proper staffing of the unit by commercially reasonable means, even while it chooses to pursue legal avenues to have that decision reconsidered. We may seek different avenues to meet these objectives, but hospitals, health care providers and state policymakers share the same goal: to provide excellent health care to the people of Connecticut.

We look forward to your response and continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senate

CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY
United States Senate

JAHANA HAYES
Member of Congress

MARIA HORN
Connecticut House of Representatives

STEPHEN HARDING
Connecticut State Senate

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Sharon Housing Trust urges action on 99 North Main

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Facing a deadline just a week away, the Board of Selectmen agreed unanimously at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 23, to draft and sign a letter of intent to be provided to the Sharon Housing Trust.

The letter of intent is a first step in the process of applying for a state CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to support the costs of renovating the former Community Center building, converting it into 4 affordable housing units.

Also discussed was the "Option to Lease" agreement that is now in final stages of review by attorneys for the town and the housing trust.

The agreement would establish a 99-year lease for the 99 North Main Street property.

"We want to get this done, but there is a process," said selectman John Brett, recognizing the pressure of the deadline.

"The CDBG grant is not dependent on the lease option," said Bob Whelan, housing trust board member, stressing that the timing is critical.

"We have only a week before the CDBG deadline," Whelan said, asking for a way to expedite the process. He pointed out that if the deadline passes, then there would be a year's wait for the next grant application cycle to begin.

First Selectman Casey

Flanagan agreed that a special meeting within days could occur.

"We want to support moderate income housing," Flanagan said, noting however that transparency within the process is important. He noted that the lease agreement contains significant changes and that the selectmen need to honor their commitment to the Board of Finance regarding the entering of significant agreements.

"I trust the process, even if it takes another week," Brett said.

Annual meeting

In other action, the selectmen scheduled the date of the annual town meeting for Friday, May 10, to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.



Cleaning up North Canaan

On Saturday, April 27, more than 70 residents came out in high-visibility vests to participate in North Canaan's annual Earth Day Clean Up event. Trash was collected from nearly all the town parks and fields. First Selectman Brian Ohler said it was "remarkable to see the outpouring of support."



PHOTOS PROVIDED

LEGAL NOTICES

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.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
04-25-24
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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 by 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 Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 22, 2024:

Exempt - Request for Jurisdictional Ruling 2024-IW-008D by owner Greg Murphy for maintenance of a farm pond. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 3 as lot 6-3 and is known as 157 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville.

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

05-02-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF

THERESA S. CARLSON
Late of West Cornwall
AKA Theresa Carlson
(24-00150)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 16, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Diane C. Hine
c/o Michael J Keenan Law, LLC, 787 Main Street, SO Glastonbury, CT 06073
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
05-02-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOHN E. GERLI

Late of Sharon
AKA John Emanuel
Gerli, Jr.
(24-00161)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 18, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Margery O'Boyle Gerli
252 East Street, Sharon, CT 06069 c/o Brittany Rose Young
Whitman Breed Abbot and Morgan LLC, 500 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
05-02-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LESTER A. HOYSRADT Late of Salisbury (24-00155)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 16, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Linda Roddy
c/o Linda M Patz Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
05-02-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DEBORAH EYNON REYELT Late of Salisbury (24-00185)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 23, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are:
William Reyelt and Rebecca Reyelt, c/o Louise F Brown
Ackerly Brown, LLP, 5 Academy Street, P.O. Box

568,
Salisbury, CT 06068
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
05-02-24

Town of Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority Notice of Public Hearing immediately followed by a Special Meeting Thursday, May 16, 2024 5:00 pm

A public hearing called by the Water Pollution Control Authority will be on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:00pm with the following agenda:

1. To receive public comment on 20% rate increase to go into effect July 1, 2024.

There will be a Special Meeting immediately following the public hearing.

This hybrid public hearing and meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom, where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The agenda and meeting instructions to join via Zoom will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas. Written comments may be submitted to the WPCA, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT 06068 or via email to townhall@salisburyct.us.

05-02-24
05-09-24

WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING— TOWN OF SHARON MAY 10, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Town Meeting concerning the budget and other items of said Town, will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, on Friday, May 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To see what action the Town will take in accepting the June 30, 2023 financial statements for the Town. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

2. To see what action the Town will take in expending up to \$42,000.00 out of the Undesignated Fund for the replacement of a 24-year-old John Deere Tractor and attachments for the Sharon Green Committee, as approved by the Board of Finance.

3. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, regarding the following, as

approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To adopt the annual budget of the Town of Sharon. Copies are available at Town Hall and on the Website

4. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 regarding the following as approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of TOWN AID ROAD funds for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of our Town roads and bridges;

b. To authorize expenditures of up to \$9,600.00 from the Sharon Cemetery Fund;

c. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any state, federal or other funds or grants for educational purposes;

d. To authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 in interest from the Virginia Brown Fund for Nature's Classroom;

e. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any funds or grants for general municipal purposes;

f. To authorize the expenditures of up to \$5,000.00 from the 67 Main Street Account for general maintenance of that building; and

g. To authorize the expenditures of up to \$181,930.00 from the Equipment Replacement Account for a new F550 Truck.

5. To see what action the Town will take to adopt the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as approved by the Board of Finance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

6. To see what action the Town will take to approve the receipt and expenditure of LoCIP funds in the amount of \$71,914.00 for tennis court replacement at Veterans' Field.

7. To see what action the Town will take to adopt the proposed Board of Education Six Year Capital Building Project Plan. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website. Dated at Sharon, Connecticut this 23rd of April 2024.

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SHARON
Casey T. Flanagan
Lynn S. Kearcher
John G. Brett
05-02-24

OBITUARIES

Marilyn Syriac Mullins

SHARON — Marilyn Syriac Mullins, died April 6, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, due to complications from a fall. She was one month shy of her 91st birthday and was greatly enjoying her life.



Born on May 4, 1933, to Amelia Pogel Syriac and Alfred Edmund Syriac of Westfield, Massachusetts, she was also the loving stepdaughter of Roland Syriac, and was the youngest of five children. She was predeceased by her brother, Franklin (Bob) Syriac, her sisters Mildred Gorham Benjamin, Alfreda Benz, and Shirley Arnold, as well as her husband Francis Edward Mullins.

After graduating from Westfield High School, class of 1951, Marilyn attended the Charles F. Gaugh School of Business. She graduated with honors and became a legal secretary. In Springfield, Massachusetts she worked at the law firm of Allen, Yerrel, Appleton and Thompson as Horace Allen's secretary.

In 1959, she married the illustrator Frank Mullins at Saint Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The couple moved to Manhattan, where they lived happily for several years. There she became the secretary of R. Birdell Bixby, close associate of Governors Thomas E. Dewey and Nelson Rockefeller, at the law firm of Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer and Wood.

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After the birth of their second child, Marilyn moved with Frank and his elderly father from the city to the country so their kids might enjoy the same kind of childhood that she'd had. Visits with friends in the Lime Rock area eventually led Marilyn to her beloved house in Sharon, where she raised her three children and lived her life for 57 years.

In Sharon, she and Frank became involved with the Sharon Creative Arts Foundation (SCAF, now the Sharon Playhouse). Marilyn led Brownie Troop 190 and volunteered at the Sharon Hospital and Sharon Audubon Center, as well as working various secretarial jobs including office manager at Skip Barber Racing School and at Uberti, USA. She also taught piano lessons. She put her children through local schools, public and private, sent her daughter to college, and managed to hold on to

her home following the death of her young husband from cancer in 1978.

Marilyn was a musician. She loved classical music and began playing the piano at the age of 3. She started her professional music career playing for a dance school while in her early teens. In the late 1970's she learned to play the organ from local legend Al Sly and worked as an organist in churches all over the region, up until the Covid-19 pandemic. She most enjoyed playing pipe organs and she dearly loved her choirs.

In 1995, Marilyn graduated from the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy and began a decades-long career as a massage therapist, working at the Interlaken Inn and volunteering for Hospice care. She believed in the healing power of loving touch.

Marilyn leaves behind her children; Christopher, Jonathan and Patricia Mullins, and a dear daughter-in-law, Michelle Shipp; five grandchildren; David Parker Mullins, Nakaia Kristof, Frank, Sam and Felix Mullins, and her beloved nephews and nieces, and many dear friends. She also leaves her beloved cats, Piper and Cooper. Marilyn was "Second Mom" to many of her children's friends. She was the dear friend, confidante and champion of her children and many others and will be very deeply missed.

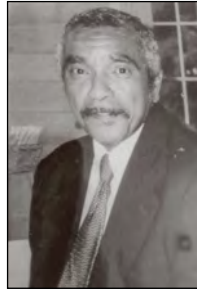
Marilyn and Patty had planned to travel to see the total eclipse of the sun on April 8. In honor and memory of her, Patty, Jon, Chris and Michelle made the drive the day after her death and watched the full eclipse from the shore of Lake Ontario. A celebration of Marilyn's life will be held in Connecticut at a date to be determined. The family may be contacted at marilynmlins24@gmail.com. We welcome your stories and memories of Marilyn.

The family wishes to thank mom's dear helper, Nora Mullen, Chore Service, and the Sharon Ambulance Squad, as well as the doctors and nurses at Sharon Hospital ER and Vassar Brothers ICU. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Core Service or The Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall, CT.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements

Alan Lewis Lindsay

MILLERTON — Alan Lewis Lindsay, 76, a lifelong area resident, transitioned to be with our Lord on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at The Grand at River Valley in Poughkeepsie. Mr. Lindsay worked briefly at the Wasa Developmental Center in Wasa. He went on to work for the Green Haven Correctional Facility in Stormville, as a corrections officer for over 25 years.



Born July 14, 1947, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Lewis W. and Clara (Reed) Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay attended and graduated from Webutuck High School in Amenia in 1965. Alan was raised in Millerton and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966. In 1968 he married Helen Evans and to this union two daughters were born. Alan enjoyed hunting and fishing, listening to the "Oldies" and walking the rail trails which he did faithfully every day. Alan will be remembered for his contagious laughter, love of family and his willingness

to take part in a good prank. Alan is survived by his daughters, Vachon Lyons and Jannel Wallace of Fayetteville, North Carolina; two sisters, Lorraine Melton of Poughkeepsie, and Carol Cappillette and her husband Don of Maryland; three grandchildren, Jared and Justin Mitchell and Jada Wilson; nine great grandchildren and a host of cousins and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Helen and his nephew Dwayne Melton.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Memorial contributions may be made to the North East Community Center Food Pantry, P. O. Box 35, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Alan's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Peter Charles Luminati

NORTH CANAAN — Peter Charles Luminati, 96, of 43 Pease Street, died April 29, 2024, at the Sharon Hospital, Sharon. He was the husband of Louise (Desmarais) Luminati. Peter and Louise were married for over 65 years. Peter was born Sept. 28, 1927, in Winsted, son of the late Louis and Celesta (Guiliani) Luminati.

Peter was employed by O&G Construction in Torrington as a truck driver. He retired in 1990 after working at the company for 31 years. Peter held the distinction of being the oldest living retiree from O&G. Peter was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church, St. Martin of Tours Parish in North Canaan. He was a member of the Teamsters Union.

Some activities that Peter enjoyed were pitching horseshoes, fishing, watching the Little League baseball games across the street from his home, NASCAR racing, playing cards and going to the casino. But his happiest times were celebrating gatherings with friends and family.

Peter served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He earned the rank of PFC.

In addition to his wife, Peter is survived by his five children: Robin Foley of Canaan, Laurie Twing of Canaan, Lisa Luminati (Jim

Cook) of Canaan, Peter "Chuck" (Sheila) Luminati of Sharon, and Robert "Bob" (Darlene) Luminati, also of Sharon.

He was predeceased by his siblings: John, Henry, Emma, Alice and Julia as well as his two son-in-laws: John Foley and Frank "Bub" Twing.

Peter is also survived by his grandchildren: Michael Foley, Ryan Foley (Whitney Tyler), Cody Luminati, Luke Twing, Shelby Luminati, Aliza Luminati and Malayna Luminati; his great-grandchildren: Mackenzie and Macie Foley and Avery Hutton as well as his sister-in-law Clara Petit and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph's Church, 4 Main Street, North Canaan, CT 06018. Burial, with full military honors, will be held immediately following the Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Canaan, CT.

Calling hours will be held Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, North Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be sent to the North Canaan Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 642, Canaan, CT 06018.

Audrey Garay

SHARON — Audrey Garay, 73, of Sharon, passed away, Wednesday, April 24, 2024, peacefully at home after a brief illness.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1950. Audrey spent her life as a dedicated caregiver and worked as a CNA at Sharon Hospital for many years.

She was known by everyone in town for her knack for mischief that brought laughter to all for decades. Her pranks were legendary, and her antics brought smiles to faces young and old. She knew how to turn an ordinary day into an extraordinary adventure, whether she was harassing her granddaughters at work, driving throughout the northwest corner looking for UFOs, or simply sporting some fake teeth and a Halloween mask at the local gas station. Yet amidst the laughter, Audrey was a devoted wife, mother,

grandmother, and friend. Her love knew no bounds, and her kindness touched the lives of all who crossed her path.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and cherished memories that will forever be etched in our hearts.

She enjoyed playing bingo, and spending time with her sister and her close friends, Sebbly and Joe Amato.

Audrey is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Joseph Garay; her son, Scott Garay, two daughters, Trisha Bailey and Monica Garay; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and her four siblings, Robert, Karen, Gary, and Eugene Tuthill.

Audrey is predeceased by her brother Kevin Tuthill.

Per Audrey's request there will be no funeral service held.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com



Worship Services

Week of May 5, 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 YouTube 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 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>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>WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors CTeen YJP</p>
<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>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 Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</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>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>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>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</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>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>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138</p>



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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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EDITORIAL

The coming of AI

Last weekend a group of us attended the New York Press Association 2024 conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, where editors, publishers, reporters, and advertising sales people gathered to take the collective pulse of the news industry and learn from each other. LJM Media, Inc., the new nonprofit umbrella for The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, was right at home with the hundreds of other organizations that wanted to scope out what lies ahead for our industry.

We've all heard the stories about the troubles facing the industry. What we don't hear enough is how much communities rely on a credible local news report to keep up with life in their own backyard. Studies tells us that readers are more likely to trust local news than national news and that has been the case for a while.

As we met in seminars and gathered together in the large hall of the historic Gideon Putnam resort hotel, it was readily apparent that the industry's future depends on preserving that trust in local news. Over and over the point was made that the default for news readers was for local news.

It came as no surprise that AI (artificial intelligence) was a hot topic among journalists and business leaders. Many featured speakers had been lined up to present seminar discussions on AI. Many of those same speakers also began by noting that at other recent engagements they had been drafted to cover the topic. A recent sampling of journalists across the board revealed that 28% of them are using AI right now. Another 20% plan to look into it. Surveys of news organizations show 60% of newsrooms have no policy in place on AI. Another way to put it is to say that most people are adopting a "wait and see" approach. However, some college professors at the conference said they believe the responsible thing to do is prepare their students for what's to come: more reliance on AI.

There's consensus that AI will likely provide new efficiencies in the workplace. Ten years ago the Associated Press began using AI to automate stories about corporate earnings, freeing up reporters and editors from the drudgery of repetitive work. There also was a consensus that AI definitely is coming. In fact, it is here. And there was awe at the pace that machine language is learning.

An important message to everyone at the NYPA conference was to be transparent with readers about AI. If you are using it in your newsroom, tell your readers. The Pulitzer Board, which administers the Pulitzer Prize for achievement in newspapers, magazines, literature and music, required journalism entries in 2024 to disclose the use of AI in researching, reporting or presenting stories to readers. Five out of the 45 finalists had relied on AI in their work.

We don't use AI in our news coverage at The Lakeville Journal or The Millerton News. We're curious about its ability to offer efficiencies. But our stories and photographs still are produced by our very human staff. That approach now has a technical label: it's called human-centric.

When and if we ever tiptoe into AI to help us do our job, we will share our approach with you. That, too, is a human-centric approach.



Grumbling Gryphons thanks for April celebrations

Letter of Thanks from Leslie Elias to the Connecticut Office on the Arts and Local Partners with Grumbling Gryphons for Earth Day Arts and Poetry Celebrations!

A resounding cry of music and laughter filled the air as children, teens and seniors danced with The Golden Lady Puppet in Cornwall, Canaan, Salisbury on town greens, in libraries and senior centers, throughout the month of April, in celebration of Earth Day and Poetry Month. A special thanks and shout out to the genius and artistry of Ellen Moon, who created this magnificent puppet and the imaginative masks and costumes she created especially for Grumbling Gryphons poetry and earth day performances.

Thank you to the Connecticut Office on The Arts, The National Endowment of The Arts for a special FY 24 Artist Grant I received to bring forth multiple celebrations in honor of Earth

Day and Poetry month: "To further Youth Empowerment & Foster Community Engagement and Environmental Stewardship through the Arts in our region."

Thank you to Noble Horizons, Geer Village, Scoville Memorial Library and Cornwall Library for hosting and contributing to the poetry and earth day performances and events held throughout the month!

Thank you to child and teen actors Stephany Quezada, Willa Lesch, Peter Parizhsky, Ruby Goldberg, Journey Johnson, Kylik and Avion Alleyne, Philippa Cavalier and my fellow troupe members Katherine Almqvist, Daniel Saed and Natalie Resto who participated in multiple performances!

Thank you to artists Katherine Freygang and Natalie Resto for making Endangered Species puppets with children in Cornwall for the jubilant parade on the Cornwall Town Green on Saturday April 27. Thank you to Sha-

mu Sadeh and all members of The Berkshire Resilience Brass 8-piece band which played an array of fabulous tunes for our pageant and parade!

Thank you to violinist Jane Prentice who fiddled ominously as our 12-person giant oil spill costume ominously approached the innocent animals and were ultimately repelled by the bluebird of happiness with a crew of zebras, lions, whales, fish, goats, ducks and a myriad more, calling for the end of fossil fuels and the need for conservation and environmental protection!

An enormous thanks to musician and composer Joseph Sobol for his own original musical settings of some of the world's best-loved poems which brought healing harmonies to our new poetic production — Hold Fast To Dreams — Bringing Poetry to Life!

Thank you to artist Jude Streng for her fierce and provocative FACTORY Pup-

pet which held court in our 2024 Earth Day Pageant.

A huge thanks to award winning filmmaker Ben Willis for his vision and phenomenal cinematography and editing of our intergenerational film, Count Ampula and The Carbon Curse, dedicated to the need for clean energy and reducing our carbon footprint. Thanks to The Cornwall Library and Margate Haske for hosting this film's premiere screening to a packed audience on Saturday evening.

A special thanks to my son Daniel Saed whose commitment to community engagement through the art of participatory theater continues to inspire me as both a mother and an artist.

I wish everyone a beautiful spring full of health, growth, love and enjoyment of our beautiful earth.

Leslie Elias
Artistic Director
Grumbling Gryphons
West Cornwall



Ground Ball

A hard, deft swing of the bat brings delight while leaping catch at the wall conjures surprise! Swinging for the stands may be a strikeout, but a well-placed bunt may win the series.

The ref may be doing his agonized best, yet fail to meet your high expectations.

The pitcher may walk a slugger-batter, as a double-play may save the inning...

Fans in the stands may be too excited when the popcorn vendor juggles a spill.

The bald coach in the dug-out has the stats on a legendary relief pitcher...

Reporters play bloated hyperbole, but the infield knows the real, lean story.

Kevin T. McEneaney
Verbank, New York

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sharon Hospital excels again

This time I was testing cardiology! Sunday morning at Church I developed symptoms of what family and EMTs present thought might be a mild heart attack and a visit to the hospital was in order.

The emergency room staff were at their best and detected a minor change in my status which then precipitated an overnight stay

at the hospital for further testing. I was overwhelmed by the professional attention in the emergency room and then further impressed with testing from the cardiology department the next day.

To watch this 93-year-old heart working away during the electrocardiogram was like watching something from outer space with color. The Technician loves his job

and was so proud of the high-tech equipment provided by the hospital and exceedingly patient with all my questions.

The Stress test was equally high tech catching my heart before, after, and during. The idea of a stress test can be daunting but the technicians involved were most considerate and encouraging.

Fortunately, the result of all this is that I am good to go

but I want to sincerely thank the good nurses who are the backbone of the hospital and the sophisticated skill of technicians and doctors. We are so fortunate to have a hospital nearby where you have the comfort of familiar faces, kind words, and excellent care.

Elyse Harney
Salisbury

Pope Property density too high

Housing is a clear need in Salisbury. Articles in The Lakeville Journal about town employees' inability to afford living in Salisbury, the state's recommendation that 10% of CT towns' housing should be affordable, the recent go-ahead from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Dresser Woods project and other locations, and the planning for the Pope property all indicate a pressing issue.

Planning for the Pope Property is on-going, but it needs critical consideration.

The current Pope building area is 9+ acres, including historic district land along the Rail Path.

Assuming the Historic District Commission allows full use of that acreage, one wonders what "historic dis-

trict" means if bucolic land is used for 64 housing units (approximately 110 people). That amounts to a huge intrusion into an historically protected area in Salisbury center.

The number 64 is worth further consideration. It represents the maximum number of units possible on the available land. But why must we build to the maximum? Apparently, the state favors funding larger projects over smaller ones. If Salisbury opted to spread out a portion of the development, the town might have to pay some of the cost — a trade-off citizens should be given the opportunity to vote on.

There are other (smaller) locations that could decrease the Pope density.

The meadow where Cobble Road intersects with RT. 41 is ideal for about 20 units, especially because it can tap into water and sewer across the street in Sarum Village. It is, however, owned by the Appalachian Trail (i.e. the U.S. Government). If they haven't already done so, town officials should approach the government to sell the land for affordable housing. Another plot is situated above the town hall off Factory Street; it, too, has water and sewer available. There is yet another plot off Rt. 44 beyond Lion's Head. The point is, if our aim is 64 units, we don't have to build them all on the Pope property.

Two months ago, in a let-

ter to the Lakeville Journal (Feb. 22, 2024), a representative of the Pope Land Design Committee stated, "Our charge was to determine if up to 64 [housing units]...could be accommodated. They can be. Whether they should be (my italics) is up to the elected and appointed town Commissions and ultimately the citizens of Salisbury." Residents should think carefully before supporting 64 units all in one place. Fewer will be more — for the people who live there, for the land that will be disrupted, and for the character of the town itself.

George and
Lorraine Faison
Salisbury

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1924

Work has been going forward in cleaning up and preparing the new public playground for the coming season. The field which contains between four and five acres is situated on the level stretch in the rear of the M.E. Church. It is an ideal location for a playground. The ground is reached from what is known as Porter Street which runs along one side of the High School building. This is particularly fortunate as the school children will be able to use the play grounds at recess and noon hour as well as after school, a fact which should interest every parent as it will naturally take the child off the street and out of danger of the increasing auto traffic.

C.D. Tusca, the manufacturer of radio sets of Hartford, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kent Fulton last Sunday. Mr. Tusca made the trip from Hartford in his aeroplane, using up about an hour coming and landing on the athletic field at Hotchkiss School. While here he treated "Sonny" Fulton to a ride greatly to the delight of that young man. Mr. Tusca returned to Hartford on Sunday afternoon, making the trip in 35 minutes.

LIME ROCK — Trains have changed time, therefore the stage does not go to any trains unless ordered to do so.

Daylight Saving went into effect in some sections on Sunday morning. The Hotchkiss School has advanced its clocks and many of the tradesmen are starting work and quitting an hour earlier. There has been considerable change in the railway schedules and none to their improvement. The general mixup is now on till Oct. 1, so grin and bear it.

The enterprising house-

wife is now treating the family, on a mess of hand picked dandelion greens.

"Bonnie-Boy" the German police dog belonging to Miss deLima has died as a result of strychnine poisoning. The poison was placed on Mr. deLima's property by some one whose identity is already known. Any person guilty of such a cruel and unhuman act does not deserve to live in decent society, and will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

50 years ago — 1974

While most of the towns in the Northwest Planning Region have some type of recycling program, only Cornwall's is making money for the town treasury. Cornwall also is looking ahead on the program and will try to find new markets for crankcase oil, scrap iron and metal and cans of mixed metals.

A second restoration of the monument on top of Bear Mountain is likely, according to A. Mitchell Finlay, president of the Salisbury Association. Mr. Finlay said he has "talked informally" with some of the trustees of the Association, and he feels the consensus is for restoring the marker again. The stone and concrete structure, which underwent extensive repairs last year, was vandalized a few weeks ago.

Sgt. Stanley Szczesniul of Lakeville has been designated a lieutenant in the Connecticut State Police. Best known in the town for his service as resident trooper from 1958 to the spring of 1971, Szczesniul continues in his present assignment as chief of Gov. Thomas Meskill's security detail.

The Brothers Pizza House, a new restaurant for Lakeville, opens today at 11 a.m. in what was formerly the B&L Restaurant on Ethan Allen Street. Two

brothers, Peter and William Stefanopoulos of Waterbury are the new owners and they have redecorated the dining room of the restaurant and enlarged the kitchen area.

25 years ago — 1999

SHARON — The voice is back. Marshall Miles, the veteran host of morning radio in the Tri-State area, will again be heard on local airwaves May 3, when he makes his debut on a new morning show on WKZE-AM (1020). One could say Mr. Miles is, in some respects, returning to his roots. For it was at WKZE-AM that he began his local broadcasting career in 1986. He left the station in April 1993, and later helped in the formation of WQQQ-FM (103.3) in Lakeville, where he served as station manager and morning host until this past February.

A wave of nausea swept through Salisbury School this week as dozens of students were sent to the infirmary with gastroenteritis. It all started April 19, when the first cases were reported. Early symptoms included vomiting, nausea, diarrhea and fever, which lasted about 24 hours. The number of cases peaked Sunday night and the school cancelled classes Monday, April 26. By that time, there were between 70 and 100 students and staff affected, according to assistant headmaster Sam Simmons. According to Torrington Area Health District director Gil Roberts, the cases developed gradually, rather than all at once, which suggested a virus transmitted person to person, rather than food poisoning. The state's epidemiologist is examining the cases to determine the exact cause.

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

Love and romance: Part II

Bob Dylan wrote "The Times They are a Changin'" and that was certainly true in the dating world. I knew people who found a partner online, mostly 30 something's, and decided to give it a try.

I researched dating sites the way I used to research stocks, with the same confidence that I'd make an "informed" decision. I started with JDate and Our Time, but they were each too limiting — my religion is hugely important to me, but it only mattered that the man I chose respected it, and the "senior" dating sites were depressing — I didn't want age to be our common denominator.

I then did a "trial run" on Match.com and that seemed ideal for me though it was not totally reliable, not always credible, certainly not algorithmically accurate, but replete with SO many good selections.

It's challenging to create a profile, and I was wary of revealing too much but wanted to be clear about my negotiables (religion, career, education, widowed/divorced, children) and non-negotiables (politics, sense of humor, motivation, compassion). I made sure my photos were recent and relevant and highlighted my career, travel, sense of humor, independence, focus on social

RETIREMENT—
WHAT NOW?

GWEN GREENE

justice, and total DIS-interest in sports. I provided my first name but was vague about other details (employer, alma mater) which would make me easy to Google.

Fortunately I was a salesman for 40 years and could handle rejection, because it came fast and furious. I initially contacted many men but so few got back to me; I reassured myself that it wasn't "personal" — they didn't even know me. It made me wary of continuing, (although I was in the City and had four dates the first week which felt like a good start, including two dates with one man). I recognized the challenges with online dating, encountering more problems than solutions: one man asked to see me again and when I readily agreed, told me he had a girlfriend but she worked evenings; another had NO internet presence and implied it was because he worked for a high level secret government agency. I realized quickly that I had to learn to manage expectations, and, as the saying goes, trust but verify.

A week later Covid started, I moved to the country,

and everything changed — I could chat but not meet anyone. I learned to avoid crazies, phonies, predators, men who were unsuitable, and just took my time. I learned to ask last names so I could Google them, and insisted on FaceTime to confirm who they were. I expected to return to the City after Covid, and "met" a man who seemed perfect — highly educated, funny, sensitive, and we FaceTimed daily for months until we finally met in person. All the indications were perfect — we even predicted Match would use our narrative in their ads — but he was really tied to the City and had zero interest in the country — confirmed when he spent a weekend and couldn't wait to get on the train home.

After a few more dates (in the city!) I ended it.

I was clearly better off dating locally (and maybe Boston and DC), and that first summer primarily dated a retired engineer who had taken up watercolor painting — we had wonderful dates visiting every outdoor sculpture park we could find, but having lived with a fabulously talented artist, I frankly couldn't

The appliance scam

If you haven't noticed, the price of large appliances continues to climb. What's worse, in a year or two, many find that the costly smart refrigerator, oven, or washing machine in your kitchen is suddenly plagued with all kinds of problems. What happened to the concept of quality?

In the last two years, my wife and I have had to purchase a new refrigerator and washer. The guy who delivered them warned me that it was just a matter of time before the dryer went as well. None of these items were more than ten years old. I credit Rachel Wolfe of The Wall Street Journal for explaining why.

There seem to be three factors behind the shorter life span of these household goods. Computerization, an increase in the number of individual components that go into each appliance, and the quality of materials overall. Let's take the refrigerator, as an example.

Back in the day, I can remember my mom having to shut down the fridge every six months or so and scrape off the ice that had built up in the freezer. Those days are gone. Manual defrost gave way to frost-free refrigerators that came with a bunch of new parts like heaters, fans, and sensors to automate the defrosting process.

The dawning of the 2000s saw a breakthrough in both energy efficiency and precise temperature control by replacing thermostats with digital computer control. All that was required was to add another batch of components and parts, mostly electronic, such as relays, capacitors, and solder joints to the old ice box.

Another factor impacting all appliances, not just refrigerators, was the industry-wide transition to lead-free solder in 2006. Environmentally, the benefits are obvious, since it eliminates toxic lead, however, the new solder requires stricter control over manufac-

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THE RETIRED
INVESTOR

BY BILL SCHMICK

turing processes and better design practices to ensure long-term reliability. This has resulted in an entirely new series of challenges to your neighborhood repair person to figure out what parts need to be repaired while others may need to be replaced.

In the meantime, George Jetson would be proud of the advancements. Appliance manufacturers keep coming up with wonder after wonder. Icemakers, touchscreens, and chilled water dispensers are built into refrigerator doors. I fully expect my fridge to be able to sing Zippity Do Dah in its next reincarnation.

The same trend is occurring in other appliances. New smart ovens offer induction, convection, air fry, steam, dual-fuel, and touch control. Washers and dryers promise smart technology integration with features such as in-washer faucets, dirt level and fabric type sensors, steam closets, removable agitators, cold water wash technology, and even add-on filters for microplastic capture.

While all these features enhance functionality, the number of valves, pumps, electrical connections, electronics, and such make something created to keep things cold now takes a rocket scientist to figure out, let alone repair. I confess that I still can't figure out how to switch the icemaker from simply dispensing water to giving me a cup full of ice. What's worse is that a blip in the icemaker can cause a system-wide failure and put your fridge down

for the count. It has happened to me.

I am not alone. My appliance repair guy said his industry is seeing a ton more items in need of repair. The Wall Street Journal article confirmed that and found that Yelp helped users request 58% more quotes from thousands of appliance repair businesses. American households spent 43% more on home appliances last year than ten years ago, even though prices have declined during that same period. One of the main reasons for this discrepancy is there has been a higher rate of replacements. Twenty-five years ago, the average homeowner replaced appliances every 12-13 years. Today it is every eight to nine years.

As most readers know, getting someone to repair your appliance is an expensive and time-consuming process. House calls are roughly \$250 per visit before any work is done. You can easily spend almost as much repairing an appliance as buying a new one.

In summary, the appliance market today "ain't what it used to be." One of my neighbors just ordered a dishwasher from Home Depot. They only drop it off. Now she needs to find a plumber to uninstall and cart away the old one and install the new one. There's not much anyone can do about it but if you still have that old freezer or fridge in the basement, I would keep it.

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Status Report

Williston Case III spotted a blimp-shaped UFO over Cornwall last week.

The Canaan Fire Co. annual raffle is back with bigger prizes. First place will win \$10,000, second place \$5,000, third place \$2,500. Tickets cost \$20 and the drawing will be held July 21.

SALISBURY—While on a walk down Race-track Road, a 17-pound golden collie slipped loose from his harness and dashed into the woods toward The Hotchkiss School. Salisbury Animal Control confirmed the pup was returned home safely.

CORNWALL — Paul DeAngelis found a pair

of men's leather gloves on Upper Town Street in mid-April. He is still looking for the owner.

Astronomers Without Borders is recycling used solar eclipse glasses to be used for the Oct. 2, 2024, eclipse in South America. The nearest dropoff point is at the Ethan Allen in Canton, Conn.

Connecticut is in the middle of the spring fire season. As of last weekend, the forest fire danger level remained high throughout the entire state. Connecticut Fish and Wildlife advised everyone to take precautions to prevent wildfires, such as completely extinguishing smoking materials.

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The 2024 Connecticut Boaters Guide is out and filled with excellent information, such as how to register your boat and where to take the classes to get your Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. This Certificate will allow you to operate a boat on any water in Connecticut. In addition, it goes over the best practices for boaters to take to avoid spreading invasive aquatic species such as milfoil, zebra mussels and hydrilla. Here in Salisbury, we are battling the new threat of hydrilla, so many of the public boat ramps are closed at Lakeville Lake, Long Pond and restricted at Twin Lakes until we get a handle on this. For more information, please visit portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/connecticut-boaters-guide and safe boating!



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Subdivision application returns to P&Z public hearing agenda

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The proposal to create a 20-lot subdivision along the Housatonic River is back on the agenda for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

After several public hearings in the fall of 2023, the application was withdrawn and amended based on commission, resident, and professional feedback. The proposal from contractor Allied Engineering was once more put to public hearing in Town Hall Monday, April 22.

The applicant is seeking approval to split the property, owned by Bruce McEver,

into 20 buildable lots and to construct a new road built to town standards. The road will eventually be transferred to town ownership.

Drawings at the Public Hearing showed theoretical 5-bedroom houses on the lots, but the application is not seeking permission to build any homes.

The proposed road will be 26 feet wide and will have fire hydrants installed every 500 feet. A homeowners association (HOA) would be created for the subdivision.

The Inland Wetlands Commission has reviewed the amended application and approved it. There will

be a conservation easement stretching 300-feet from the river's edge to protect the inner corridor from construction. River-adjacent properties will own a portion of the conserved land, but the easement itself will be deeded to a land use group and a brush-cleared walking path will be added along the river.

During the fall hearings, many residents expressed concern over the use of Highland Lane (a private, dirt road) as the sole access to the subdivision. In response, the applicant has agreed to pave Highland Lane from Honey Hill Road to the proposed new road.

More than a dozen citizens raised lingering concerns and questions at the April 22 hearing, most related to the plans for Highland Lane.

"I am strongly opposed to the Town of North Canaan taking over a private road,"

said Sue Boult. "No where in the Plan of Conservation and Development does it say that North Canaan wants to take over more roads or build more roads."

Housatonic Valley Association's Julia Rogers offered advice on alternative ways to structure the conservation easement: "Management of a conservation easement that crosses multiple parcels and doesn't have road access can be really challenging for a land trust or other entity to manage and enforce. A better solution would be a single parcel that connects directly to the road."

Naturalist and area conservationist Tom Zetterstrom thanked McEver for his efforts to remediate the property from invasive species. He asked clarifying questions about the land easement, which will be answered when the hearing continues May 13 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

Veden shares more Falls Village voices

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Eric Veden's newest Falls Village video is out.

Episode 32 kicks off with Kenny Rogers, who describes himself as a permanent New York resident with a home in Falls Village.

A firefighter by profession (albeit with a law degree), Rogers came to Falls Village in 2004 and got married here, at the South Canaan Meeting House.

Rogers said he worked in the same place for 22 years. "Everything was pretty good, until 9/11."

On that fateful day, Rogers' truck and crew were called into action after the second plane hit the World Trade Center.

"When we got down there, the traffic was extremely compliant. Never saw anything like it."

The firefighters who responded ahead of Rogers' crew died. Veden asked how he felt about that.

Rogers says, "I'm alive."

"I have so much, and so many lost everything. So I took it well. There were many people who did not take it well."

Rachel Gall, student of astrophysics, middle school science teacher, farmer and fiddler is next, complete with dog.

She recalls her 10th grade year at a kibbutz in Israel.

Not initially excited by the prospect, she was ultimately glad for the experience.

"There aren't too many of them left," she says. "I got to work on a tropical fish farm."

She currently works as a middle school science teacher in New Milford.

The viewer is next taken on a mushroom foraging adventure at Adamah Farm at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center.

Mushroom expert Carly Sugar provides hands-on demonstrations and running commentary, with plenty of clear video to illustrate.

The next segment is a visit with the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, with Michelle Hansen and Andrea Downs pitching the department's ongoing 100th anniversary celebration and associated activities. Think small children deploying water squirting devices far superior to any squirt gun.

Episode 32 concludes with a visit with Catherine Palmer Paton, starting in her family home. In the kitchen,

"We'd have 30 people in here." The children would put on talent shows, and her father would say "This isn't a gymnasium."

"Well, it should be!"

The Falls Village videos are available for borrowing or for sale at the David M. Hunt Library and can also be seen on YouTube.

Budget goes back and forth in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Finance cut some \$28,099 from the Board of Selectmen's proposed spending plan for 2024-25 at a three-hour special meeting Wednesday, April 24.

Finance chair David Wilburn started off by saying the board had to strike "a balance between delivering expected services and the cost of those services."

"A budget is not just a collection of numbers. It is an expression of our values and aspirations."

During public comment there was support for more funding from the town for the David M. Hunt Library.

The board then proceeded through the spending plan, line by line.

The library came up again. finance board member John Steines said that the library requested a 40% increase in funding. The selectmen reduced the increase to 30%, which is still more of a percentage increase than other services.

As the meeting wound down, Steines said, "This is not the way to run budgets."

He proposed that the finance board meet with all departments throughout the year to discuss their spending needs. "We'll be poised to do a better job" next year, Steines said.

The Board of Finance will hold another special meeting Monday, April 29, to discuss the education spending plan and recommend both municipal and education plans to a public hearing.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1914 this Cape Cod style home at 634 Main Street on 0.7 acres in Lakeville sold quickly for \$630,000, above the asking price of \$625,000.

Salisbury real estate sales in March 2024

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Listed below are real estate sales during the month of March filed with the Town of Salisbury. Only transactions with a monetary value are included while transfers without consideration are excluded.

March 13, 2024

10 Cooper Hill Road, a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 5.11 acres sold by Virginia Knittel to Elizabeth and Peter Juusola for \$629,500.

March 15, 2024

230 Lime Rock Road, a colonial home with pool and pond on 17.22 acres sold by Frances Cuneo to Benjamin and Kristen Fay Family Trust for \$1,570,000.

March 15, 2024

5 Bloomer Lane, a small cabin with direct frontage on Washinee Lake, sold by

Bloom Lane LLC to Angela Cho Yu and Xin Yu for \$355,000.

March 18, 2024

234 Main Street, a 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home sold by John Gruen to Deborah Appel Lang for \$630,000.

March 20, 2024

63 Main Street, a 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath house with garage/apartment on 8.16 acres sold by Star Herrmann to Jonathan and Deborah Newcomb for \$1,875,000.

March 25, 2024

177 Interlaken Road, a 4 bedroom/4 bath house sold by Nathan Family Trust to David Nathan for \$1,462,500.

March 28, 2024

333 Main Street, a commercial building, sold by Roger and Christiana Rawlings to 333 Main Street LLC for \$545,000.

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Sports

Little league baseball returns to Steve Blass Field

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Steve Blass Little League AAA baseball opened the 2024 season on Saturday, April 27, with an afternoon match between the Giants and Red Sox.

The Giants stood tall and came out on top with a 15-7 win over their Region One counterparts, the Red Sox. AAA little league teams are composed of players aged 9 to 11 from Cornwall, Kent, Falls Village, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

Conditions on Steve Blass Field were ideal for opening day baseball. Dandelions were blooming in the outfield beneath partly cloudy skies, about 64 degrees at game time.

Quin Bryant began the game on the mound for the Giants. "His brother was a catcher and needed someone to throw to him. So, he's been pitching since he was about 3," explained Bryant's mother, Allison, as he warmed up. Bryant then put the Red Sox out in order in the top of the first.

Ben Young pitched at the



Kurt Hall squared up in the batter's box, April 27.

start for the Red Sox and unleashed a cannon from the mound. His big brother, Nate, pitched in the Steve Blass League last year and said he taught his little brother everything he knows. The younger Young went on to strike out three batters in the

bottom of the first. Young then put the Red Sox on the board by stealing home in the top of the second inning. Lane Brooks and Sam Hamlin followed closely behind and each stole home themselves to even up the score at 3-3.



Ben Young got some advice from his big brother, Nate, before stealing home base.



Lane Brooks stole 2nd from Owen Cooper.



Quin Bryant pitched for the Giants.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN
Berkley Karcheski played center field for the Red Sox.

The Giants went on a run in the bottom of the second and pulled ahead to 10-3. Bentley King aided the cause by hitting a triple with bases loaded and bringing in three runs. Harold Pascual also brought two runners home with a single.

In the third inning, the Red Sox tacked on two more runs. Quinn McNiff stole home on a wild pitch, then Young hit a single and Sam Norbet made it home to bring the score to 10-5.

The Giants kept their foot on the gas and added five runs in the bottom of the third. Brayden Zinke, Lucas Wolfe, Colin Sherwood, Everett Kindred and Chris Johnson all touched home, making it a 15-5 game.

The Red Sox saw Hamlin and Brooks score in the fourth, before the game ended 15-7 by run rule.

Ben Young led the Red Sox offensively with one RBI and went 2-for-2 at bat. Young and Sam Hamlin were both quick on the swivel, stealing several bases a piece. In total, the Red Sox stole six bases from the Giants.

Chris Johnson and Harold Pascual each put the bat on the ball twice for the Giants, with Pascual bringing home three RBIs and Johnson bringing home two RBIs. Bentley King also brought in three runs on a triple.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Pickleballing in Kent

Kent Park and Recreation has joined with Kent Center School to provide the community with weekly pickleball. The public is invited to KCS Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. through June 5. There are two courts set up and all equipment is provided. People of all ages are welcome. No skill or experience necessary.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Above and beyond

Anthony Labbadia leaped over the competition by clearing 5'10" in high jump when HVRHS track met Wamogo and Nonnewaug High Schools, Tuesday, April 23.

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TWIN LAKES

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spread of hydrilla and other invasive plants threatening the lakes. They will also be responsible for collecting data and inspecting boats and trailers for potential invasive weeds before the vessels enter the water and again after they exit the lake.

"This hydrilla is serious business. The goal is to make sure that it is limited in its growth and will be eradicated not only in our lake, but in other lakes," said Mayer.

The monitors will be paid \$30 per hour and be on duty Friday through Sunday and on holidays from May 24 through Sept. 2.

A swift response, costly battle

The discovery of hydrilla last summer around the marina and in shallow waters north of the state boat launch has prompted a swift and sweeping response by the TLA to safeguard water quality.

East Twin was the first lake in Connecticut to confirm the non-native weed's presence, first noted in the Connecticut River in 2016. Hydrilla has since infected at least a half dozen other state lakes.

TLA officials had estimated that it will spend about \$250,000 this year on lake management, and similar amounts in future years, to conduct the required studies to monitor lake health, map the locations of aquatic species, both native and invasive, and use a combination of methods to control invasives and eradicate hydrilla.



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Jeff Smith of Kinderhook, N.Y., drained and wiped down his Skeeter FXR20 at the conclusion of a day-long bass fishing derby on Sunday, April 21.

According to Bogle, the cost to hire a manager and team of eight to 10 launch monitors for the program is estimated to cost the lake association an additional \$30,000 to \$35,000 per season, an expense that he said will be covered through fundraising and membership contributions.

"We've dealt with milfoil and zebra mussels in the past, but hydrilla is something else," said Bogle of the worrisome weed, which has choked parts of the Connecticut River and is known to suffocate fish and rare aquatic plants and fowl waters up to 20 feet deep.

"Our goal is to eradicate and control it here and stop it from going elsewhere," he said.

Through the Connecticut

Federation of Lakes and other working groups, the TLA has not only teamed up to share information and gain a stronger, unified voice in Hartford, but it has assembled a coalition of partners that includes the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northeast Aquatic Research and SePro, a lake management consultant. Local and state officials, including Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand, State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and State Senator Stephen Harding, are also involved.

On patrol at the crack of dawn

Armed with informational flyers and sporting neon yellow vests identifying them as members of the "Twin Lakes Association Ramp Pa-

trol," Mayer, Bogle and TLA board member Russ Conklin arrived at the East Twin marina at the crack of dawn on the day of the monitoring program's practice run.

They greeted the bass fishermen as they launched their boats into the lake, and again when they returned to shore about eight hours later. The goal that day was to inspect every vessel entering and leaving to make sure that no plant fragments were attached to boats, trailers, or gear.

The fishermen were given informational brochures and were asked to participate in a voluntary boat inspection and answer a few brief survey questions.

All went swimmingly, the launch patrol reported mid-afternoon as the fishermen returned to shore to drain and dry their boats, and check for any hitchhiking weeds, under the watchful eyes of the monitors.

Bracing for the summer surge

Dave Haab, who last fall marked his 50th year as business owner of O'Hara's Landing Marina, said he expects there could be an uptick in business since the East Twin launch is the only location in town allowing boat access.

Two weeks ago, the state boat launch on East Twin, located a short distance from the marina, was returned to its original use as a car-top only launch, prohibiting boat trailers from entry.

Meanwhile, the Town Grove boat launch at Lakev-

ille Lake remains closed indefinitely in an effort to keep hydrilla out, according to Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association. However, about a dozen small rental boats will be available for fishing and other recreational uses, he noted.

The town also has blocked boat access at Long Pond and is allowing only car-top aquatic activities there, such as kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding, First Selectman Curtis Rand confirmed last week.

In addition, the TLA intends to drop a marker buoy in the northeast corner of East Twin, identifying the

known location of the hydrilla bed and would encourage boaters to avoid the area if possible to minimize the risk of propellers chopping hydrilla plants and having the fragments float away and root elsewhere.

Later this year, subject to approval of DEEP, the TLA would like to treat the hydrilla beds in the northeast cove and use preventive measures, such as "floating limnocolrals" to separate the treated areas from the untreated areas and to protect rare or endangered plants. According to TLA officials, the barriers have been ordered and will be ready to deploy as needed.

Considering the spate of boat launch closings in town, Bogle said he has heard concerns from boaters that Twin Lakes, too, will become a closed lake, which is "absolutely not" the case.

FIRE

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Falls Village and Millerton responded, with Norfolk as backup.

Lakeville Fire Chief Jason Wilson said the fire had visible flames and involved clothing and furniture. The room had been unoccupied with the door closed for four or five hours. No injuries were reported.

The fire was extinguished and the mutual aid departments released at 9:25 p.m.

Wilson said the cause is undetermined and under investigation.

HVRHS

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fall. She plans to study natural resources, with a minor in either hydrology or soil.

Saccardi played tennis and volleyball at HVRHS and participated on the Envirothon team.

Her favorite class at HVRHS was graphic design.

The HVRHS graduation ceremony is Friday, June 14.

CAMA

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miliar huffing and chugging sounds of the "one-lunger" motors echoed all day long.

Industrial Hall had favorites like the enormous T.M. Eagle and C.H. Brown engines, running smoothly alongside a large, new arrangement of antique gas engines.

The collection stretched into the "engine shed," where CAMA's Jack Hayward was busy overseeing and explaining the various machines. He said CAMA's "enlargement and improvement is huge this year" and that "the focus is making it more accessible, educational, and enjoyable

for kids."

Hayward said this year, there will be a push to further educate how "power" was made and how it was used in the past with an emphasis on the ties between industrial power and agricultural evolution.

Toward that end, a huge antique steam powered cider press engine is eagerly awaited and expected to arrive shortly.

The Spring Startup tag sale was a hit, with vendors showcasing rare hand tools. Every shopper seemed to find something they were looking for.

GALA

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transformative leadership has shaped the educational landscape of our community, leaving a lasting impact on students and families alike."

The Gratitude Award, which honors "those who have gone above and beyond in nurturing the well-being and potential of our youth," according to HYSB, came as quite a surprise, said Carter, a former board member.

"I was so overwhelmed when I got the call from Kelly," she said, referring to HYSB Executive Director Kelly Parker.

"I've worked with them in some capacity since I was a high school teacher and got to know the organization over time. They really care about our students and our district and they are a valuable part of our community."

As she spoke, a steady stream of folks stopped by to offer congratulations and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Although Carter is retiring from Region One, she said she will be taking on the role of Assistant Executive Director at EdAdvance in Litchfield. "I am looking forward to it. It will be a full-time commitment but will not demand as much of my time."

Parker, who greeted guests as they entered the historic theater's lobby via the red carpet, noted that all



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HYSB staff, from left, Kelly Parker, Lynn Nichols, Jaimie Sadeh, Scott Lynch (volunteer), Taylor Rousseau, Marissa Kent and Shanet Baker.



Left, The Ram Miles band entertained guests who mingled for conversation and cocktails in the main theater, while upstairs in the grand ballroom, the Steve Dunn Band had attendees dancing the night away.

proceeds benefit HYSB's clinical programs and services supporting the community's youth and families.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year," she explained, and all proceeds benefit HYSB's clinical programs and services supporting the community's youth and families.



Danielle Francoline, HYSB board member, and Ronnie Reed of Lakeville.

A letter from Dr. William M. Kirber

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

The artist called ransome

If you claim a single sobriquet as your artistic moniker, you're already in a club with some big names, from Zendaya to Beyoncé to the mysterious Banksy. At Geary, the contemporary art gallery in Millerton founded by New Yorkers Jack Geary and Dolly Bross Geary, a new installation and painting exhibition titled "The Bitter and the Sweet" showcases the work of the artist known only as ransome — all lowercase, like the nom de plume of the late Black American social critic bell hooks.

Currently based in Rhinebeck, N.Y., ransome's work looks farther South and farther back — to The Great Migration, when Jim Crow laws, racial segregation, and the public violence of lynching paved the way for over six million Black Americans to seek haven in northern cities,

particularly New York urban areas, like Brooklyn and Baltimore. The Great Migration took place from the turn of the 20th century up through the 1970s, and ransome's

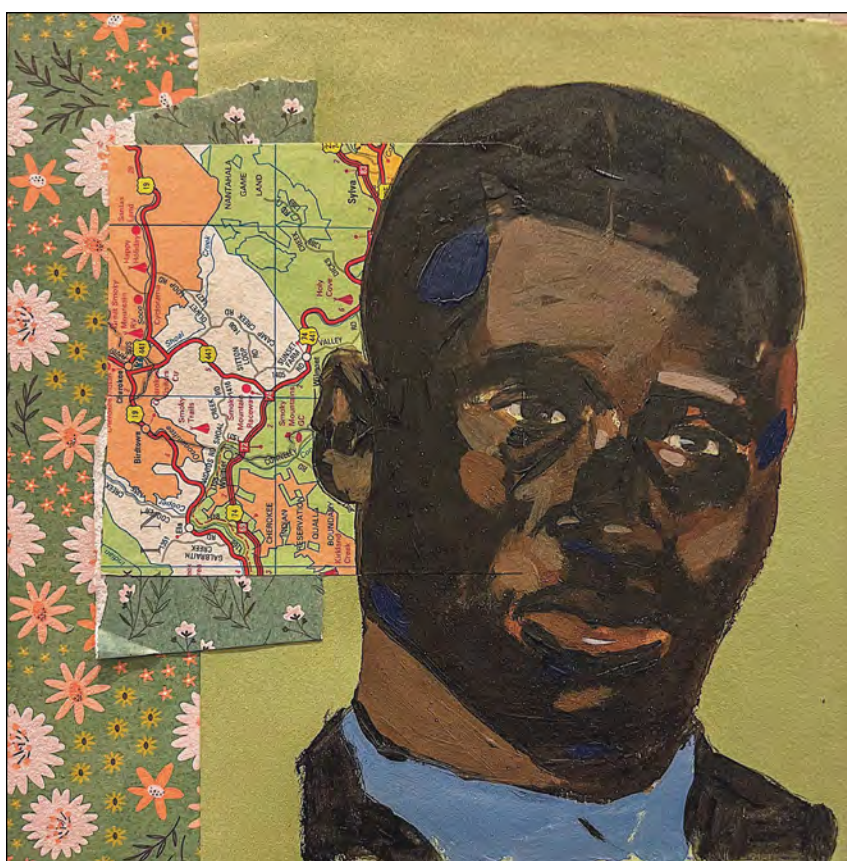
own life is a reflection of the final wave — born in North Carolina, he found a new home in his youth in New Jersey.

Map fragments of North Carolina feature heavily in a large collection of eight-by-eight collage and acrylic paintings, sold individually but together mounted on Geary's wall resembling the stitched patterns on quilts, like the quilts by the late Black American artist Arlonzia Pettway. Along with artists like Annie Mae Young and Mary Lee Bendolph, Pettway was a renowned artist associated with the quilts of Gee's Bend, generations of women in the town of Gee's Bend, Alabama who preserved African American culture in beautiful and vibrant textile art with bold combinations of stripes, textures and colors. The

influence is also wonderfully clear in ransome large-scale collages and acrylic paintings like "Square Quilt painting" on display at Geary. It's a powerful symbol of Gee's Bend's legacy continuing on, even under a new artistic medium.

In the smaller works, called "Migration Collages," painted portraits are combined with pieces of floral and pastel paper, evocative of the tradition of "Sunday Best" splendor worn in Black churches in the South. "The women elders at my Baptist church often greeted each other that way on Sunday mornings when one hat was more elaborate, colorful, or wider brimmed than another," New York Times veteran Lena Williams wrote in her 1996 essay, "In Defense of the Church Hat." "It was traditional to put on one's newest finery for church, and in many historically black churches, the wearing of fancy hats by women carried both spiritual and cultural significance."

"The Bitter and the Sweet" is on view at Geary through Sunday, June 2.



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

'Migration Collage' by ransome



'Square Quilting painting'



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Hospitality, ease of living and just plain fun are rolled into one for those who are intrigued by the leisure-time Caravana experience at the family-owned Four Brothers Drive-in in Amenia. Tom Stefanopoulos, pictured above, highlights fun possibilities offered by Hotel Caravana.

LIFESTYLE: LEILA HAWKEN

Four Brothers ready for summer season

The month-long process of unwrapping and preparing the various features at the Four Brothers Drive-In is nearing completion, and the imaginative recreational destination will be ready to open for the season on Friday, May 10.

The drive-in theater is already open, as is the Snack Shack, and the rest of the recreational features are activating one by one, soon to be offering maximum fun for the whole family.

Tom Stefanopoulos, the second generation helping to guide the Stefanopoulos family's recreational complex, brings a deep understanding of hospitality and business sense in support of the multi-faceted enterprise, begun in the 1970s, that is now a mainstay of the town of Amenia, located on a corner in the heart of the commercial district. He paused for an interview on Friday, April 26.

Two luxury camping trailers, each with an attached wooden deck and fire pit, make up Hotel Caravana, and each

offers a different fun vibe, Stefanopoulos explained. The larger of the two, offers a California lifestyle, retro to 1967, although its modern where it should be. It can sleep four.

The smaller Caravana sleeps two and offers a lifestyle of the future dating to about 2041. It's a brand-new Airstream, Stefanopoulos noted. It also has an attached deck with firepit.

"We get a lot of New York City people," Stefanopoulos said when asked what sorts of people are apt to be attracted to Hotel Caravana. "They want to experience the upstate life," he added. The idea of sitting out on the deck while watching an actual drive-in movie appeals to them, as does room service offered by the restaurant.

The lobster rolls prepared by the Snack Shack, are served on brisoché hot dog rolls, either Maine-style or Connecticut-style, and the lobster can be topped with caviar. Four Brothers version is praised by customers for the generous portion of lobster in each, and the price is competitive.

Caravana guests may book for a single night, or maybe two, or even longer, taking advantage of the bicycles to pedal along the nearby rail trail, a local amenity, Stefanopoulos noted.

"We make our guests feel like movie stars," Stefanopoulos said of the hospitality. And, if they like miniature golf,

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FOOD: PAMELA OSBORNE

Sun all day, Rain all night. A short guide to happiness and saving money, and something to eat, too.



PHOTO BY PAMELA OSBORNE

If you've been thinking that you have a constitutional right to happiness, you would be wrong about that. All the Constitution says is that if you are alive and free (and that is apparently enough for many, or no one would be crossing our borders), you do also have a right to take a shot at finding happiness. The actual pursuit of that is up to you, though.

But how do you get there? On a less elevated platform than that provided by the founding fathers I read, years ago, an interview with Mary Kay Ash, the founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Her company, based on Avon and Tupperware models, was very successful. But to be happy, she offered, you need three things: 1) someone to love; 2) work you enjoy; and 3) something to look forward to.

Like a lot of advice — to lose weight, for example, eat less and exercise, that's one I've heard a few times — this

is deceptively and falsely simple. It's pretty hard, really, to be lucky enough to enjoy your work day in/day out. And given divorce rates, it seems that someone to love can be a bit scarce on the ground, too, and so this category may need to be expanded to include whatever else you might be able to love. The last condition — something pleasing on the horizon — is, perhaps the one most able to be made to happen. Vacations on the high end, looking out the window or a good night's sleep on the low.

What Mary Kay failed to mention is how very difficult it is to have all three of these things working for you at the same time. It's tough. So best not to think about that too much, but instead just close our eyes and focus on what might be possible. Small small, that's the ticket.

Based on what makes some days better for me, and on what is realistic, here's a suggestion for a low key approach to

adding an attainable, achievable something to look forward to to your life. If there's one thing I don't look forward to, it's having to face an evening of standing at the sink and the stove at the end of a long day. Fast food and take-out fortunes have been made by people who figured out how to capitalize on this, to the detriment of neighborhood bank accounts everywhere. Much better to plan ahead, bothering in advance to fix something that's good and ready to eat at the end of the day, so that all that's needed is a quick heating up. Look at it as one step taken on the road to a happier few moments as shadows lengthen at the end of the afternoon. Works for me. Well, along with a toast to those who are with us, and to those who are not.

This recipe can be put together from items you may already have on hand. You might want to give it a try, it's simple and good.

FISH, BEAN, AND TOMATO STEW

8-10 servings

2 or 3 TB olive oil. A neutral oil is fine. I use Berio.

2 TB unsalted butter
2 sticks celery, halved lengthwise and very finely sliced, just a bit more than paper thin

Some celery leaves from the center of the bunch, rinsed and dried

4 medium shallots, peeled and quartered, OR 1 medium onion—red or yellow—roughly chopped

4 or 5 garlic cloves (small to medium), peeled and very finely sliced.

And no, it won't taste too garlicky: it isn't smashed or pressed, which intensifies that.

1 1/2 tsp. fennel seeds

A bunch of parsley, washed and dried. You will use the stems for the stew, the leaves for garnish. You want about 3/4 cup finely chopped parsley leaves. Medium chop the stems, 1/4" to 1/3" long.

1/2 c. dry white wine. I used what remained of a bottle; it may have been a bit more than half a cup, and had been sitting in the fridge for several weeks.

2 28-oz. cans of peeled plum tomatoes. I use Cento, and you needn't buy the more expensive San Marzanos. With my washed hands, I take the tomatoes out of the can one by one and put

them in a bowl, having removed the stem end and any stringy bits hanging from it, and any overlooked pieces of skin. Check the remaining tomato liquid for random bits of skin, too, before adding it to the bowl. All of these are indigestible, basically, and removing them improves the end product. But if you don't care about that, just dump in the can as is. The tomatoes will need to be broken up a bit as you stir, with a wooden or silicone spatula.

One 15.5-oz. can of small white beans, rinsed and drained; Roman, flageolet, navy. I buy Goya.

One 15.5-oz. can of larger white beans, rinsed and drained. Butter beans are good, cannellini would do, too. Again, Goya.

2 cubes of vegetable stock. Mince these into small pieces before adding, they'll dissolve more quickly.

Two pounds of frozen fish, thawed, rinsed, and cut into largish pieces, as they will break apart when cooking. Use a flaky fish, not a meaty one. I used one package of cod, and one of bay scallops,

This stew, though served hot, is light, and fine for this still between-seasons time of year.

And, happily, you will find it to be easy and economical. If you are feeling pinched these days, you can leave out the fish and add more beans. In that case, you might want to add fish stock cubes instead of the vegetable stock cubes specified, for a bit of extra flavor. You can, of course, use fresh fish instead of frozen, but that defeats the convenience of having a pantry-available meal. Regardless, and by the way, this is more than good enough to serve to a table of friends, if you choose to do that, and no one, including the cook, will feel hard done by. Or, if it's just you or a few at the table, make a potful, dip out what you need for a meal, and heat it in the microwave for a few minutes. Keep the rest for an easy tomorrow, it keeps well.

both bought on sale, which were in my freezer. The scallops (and by the way, in the past bay scallops were considered a delicacy compared to sea scallops, and were much more expensive; the reverse is true now, go figure) were very good, but all cod would be fine, too. If you're not using fish, rinse and drain another can of beans, add that, see if one additional can is enough. This is not a thick stew, it should be a somewhat thinner, soupy one. Add another can if you think it might be a good idea. The beans will swell as they cook, and will thicken the broth a bit; so if you're uncertain, be conservative. You can

chopped vegetable stock cubes, which will dissolve. Add a cup of water, if things look too thick. Bring to a boil, turn down the heat, and simmer for about half an hour, stirring periodically.

Add the fish pieces, nestled into the top of the stew. Reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and let this cook for about ten minutes, no more, until the fish is opaque and flaking. If you are using bay scallops, add them later, cook only 3 to 4 minutes. Once the fish is cooked, you can stir it in.

This should be prepared several hours ahead, so that the beans have mellowed and the seeds have softened. If

servicing the same day, I leave the base on the stove, covered, and reheat it slowly at dinner time. In that case, don't add the fish until the base is hot, shortly before you're serving it. If you have leftovers, keep the casserole in the refrigerator, and dip out and reheat only what you will need at that time.

With my washed hands, I take the tomatoes out of the can one by one and put them in a bowl, having removed the stem end and any stringy bits hanging from it, and any overlooked pieces of skin. All of these are indigestible, basically, and removing them improves the end product. But if you don't care about that, just dump in the can as is.

always add more beans later.

Lemon wedges to serve, with Maldon salt and freshly ground pepper, and hot pepper flakes or oil

Melt the oil and butter in a large pan (a six or seven-quart Dutch oven, for example) over low heat. Add the celery, shallots, fennel seeds, and chopped parsley stems, with a pinch of salt. Cook slowly, stirring frequently, until the shallots and celery are very soft, but not browned at all. When they are nearly soft, add the garlic slices, being careful not to let them burn, and cook to soften. Raise the heat to medium, add the wine and let it simmer for 3 or 4 minutes, and then add the tomatoes, beans, and

Wrap the chopped parsley and celery leaves in waxed paper, wrap that in a damp paper towel, and wrap that loosely in plastic wrap. This will keep for several days in the refrigerator, and should be sprinkled over the stew. Serve with lemon wedges, etc., as above, along with some good bread. If you aren't serving this to a crowd, you will have some easy evenings ahead, with very little to clean up. Cheers!

Sun all day, Rain all night? A friend once told me he'd had a perfect childhood, and this evocative short description of it was the only one offered. So peaceful and simple, and a guide.

Pamela Osborne lives in Salisbury.

...Four Brothers *Continued from previous page*

it is just a few steps away from their Caravana deck.

Asked how and why the Caravana idea began, Stefanopoulos recalled that as the drive-in theater grew in popularity,

people were traveling from greater distances away. The last film of the night might start at midnight, he said, so the idea grew that Four Brothers might be able to offer an accommodation to stay the night.

In addition to Caravana, Four Brothers offers an alternative of two or

three tent camping sites.

Future plans may include a third Caravana, Stefanopoulos said. Also, there is a giant mastodon skeleton, presently in storage, that should be on display, he said.

"It's pretty big," Stefanopoulos added.

The playground might be enlarged in the coming seasons, and perhaps an old-fashioned arcade added for retro amusement.

The community that surrounds Four Brothers remains important to the Stefanopoulos family as they offer substantial summer employment opportunity. Stefanopoulos said that a goal is to contract locally for business needs, such as musical entertainment and advertising. The drive-in also schedules occasion fundraisers to benefit local organizations, including the Amenia Fire Company and area schools.

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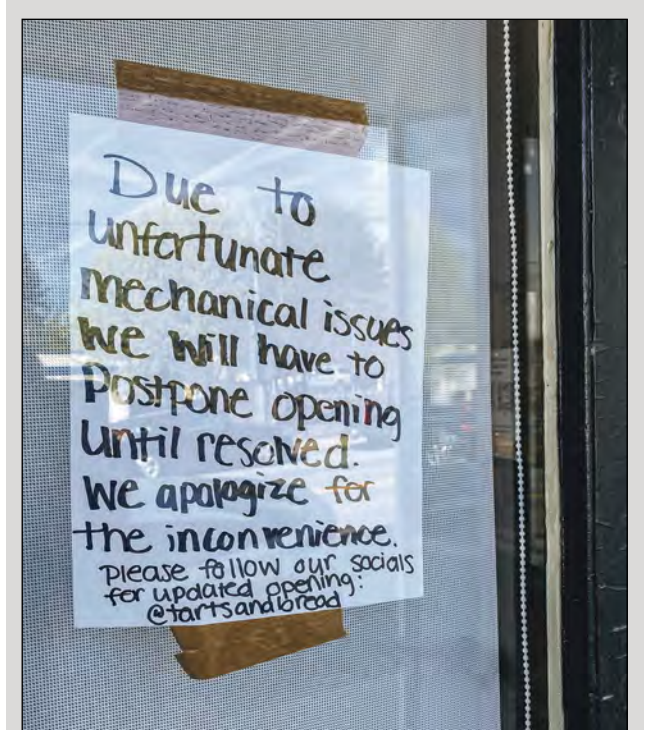


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Area residents hoping to celebrate the Grand Opening of Tarts and Bread, a new bakery in Amenia, on Saturday, April 27, were disappointed to read that the opening has been postponed.

Tarts and Bread opening is now delayed

After months of preparation by owners of Tarts and Bread and anticipation by area residents eager to sample the pastries of the newest bakery in town, the Grand Opening planned for Saturday, April 27, has been postponed.

Last-minute problems with mechanicals had proven insurmountable. A handwritten door sign explained the cancellation.

Visitors to the bakery were greeted by Town Supervisor Leo Blackman and a Millerton News reporter. While there was definite disappointment, there was also understanding, and hope that the problems would be resolved, and that the bakery would open for business soon.

Back in the state-stocked stomping ground

SOMEWHERE IN NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT — As I type Thursday morning, April 18 it is raining again. Thank God for that. I was worried about the crops.

Q: What crops?
A: Any crops. I just like saying “crops.”

In what seems to be an increasing rarity, we had two days without hardly any rain, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17. (It did start raining Wednesday evening.)

I ventured into a brook in the lower reaches, where the descendants of state-stocked browns have taken firm hold.

The state stopped stocking the stream about 20 years ago, so these fish are — what, the fifth or sixth generation?

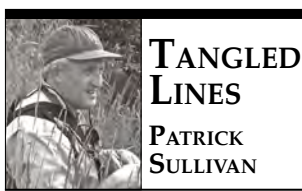
There are more of them in this small stream than you might think from a casual glance. And they are incredibly difficult to catch.

On Wednesday I used a little eight-foot Japanese Tenkara rod I forgot about. Not the greatest rod but it got the job done. I also carried the Dragontail Talon, which at a foot long when collapsed fits in the hand warmer pocket of my waders. It's 10 feet and change in action. And it's just a better rod.

(So have I gone all Zen weirdness? No, I use my regular rods all the time. I operate on 100% whim.)

In these new spots, I plucked not one but two wild browns from deeper plunge pools, and both were well over 10 inches. This doesn't sound like much perhaps, but the typical fish in here is four to six inches and could easily fit in a little rectangular can labeled “sardines.”

Fish were coming up for big dries, Stimulators (size 10) and Para-



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

chute Adams (size 10), but the big winner was Joe's Weenie. Unlike the ho-hum standard Green Weenie, Joe's Weenie is a darker green, tied on a jig hook and has a very heavy head. It sinks like a stone.

With regard to the photo of the large pool with the tree across it: This pool, which looks

incredibly inviting, is the scene of innumerable frustrations over the years.

The problem has always been the approach. The tailout is shallow, and the spooky fish could see me coming a mile away.

And while visible booted feet are bad enough, many is the time I have watched dark shapes scurrying away after being alerted to my looming presence by a) the looming and b) the waving of the rod.

But this tree fell just

right. It minimizes the looming aspect and seems to help with the waving rod bit as well. I can stand a few feet behind it and cast over it without mishap.

Upstream a 20-year old logjam finally blew out and completely changed the configuration of about 40 yards of stream.

This reminds me that rivers are not static systems. When one door closes, another one opens.

And he who laughs last gathers no moss.



Joe's Weenie is the superior Green Weenie.

CORRECTION

In the Discover The Berkshires special supplement printed on April 25 the theater located in Pittsfield, Mass., was mistakenly given the adjective “great” to its title. It is simply called Barrington Stage Company.

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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

First Friday Music

UCC Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, May 3, at noon at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program will feature Preludes and Fugues of Bach from the Well-Tempered Clavier. David Baranowski will play both piano and harpsichord, illustrating the differences between the two instruments. Free to the public.

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 to 6:30 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. at the 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 Great Falls to 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

May the 4th Be with You

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

Calling all kids and Jedi-in-Training! Join us at David M. Hunt Library for Star Wars Day on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 a.m. After reading a Star Wars story, we'll practice our Jedi skills with a Jedi-in-Training obstacle course, a lightsaber making station, Star Wars crafts, and lightsaber pretzels. May the Force be with you!

¡FIESTA! Celebrating Cinco de Mayo: Music from Latin America & Spain

The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y. thesmithfieldchurch.org

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with music from Latin America & Spain for guitar & mandolin with Judy Handler & Mark Levesque at The Smithfield Church. Part of the Bang Family Concert Series. The event will take place on Saturday, May 4, at 4 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$20 at the door. Information: 518-598-8276.

Hotchkiss Philharmonic Season Finale

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

The Hotchkiss Philharmonic presents their season finale on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Katherine M Elfers Hall of the Esther Eastman Music Center at The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn. This celebratory program, *Vive le France!* will feature pianists Fabio & Gisele Witkowski and maestro Vahan Mardirossian.

The program includes works by Berlioz, Poulenc, and Saint Saëns. Admission is free.

Amenia Repair Cafe

Amenia Town Hall Gym, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, N.Y.

There will be a repair cafe at the Amenia Town Hall Gym on May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fixers will be ready to repair your items!

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

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Our ponds are full of mysterious creatures making symphony beneath the water's surface. On Sunday, May 5, 2 to 3:30 p.m., come listen and join the music! Internationally renowned musician and philosopher David Rothenberg will reveal the soundscapes of the Noble Horizons pond using special technology. Hear photosynthesis in action, bugs stridulating, fish grunting, and sounds unknown to science. This Scoville Library event is hosted by Noble Horizons. Registration is required. Please use this link to register: www.scovillelibrary.org.

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.



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Trade Secrets returns to Lakeville May 18

The renowned gardening event Trade Secrets is returning for its 24th edition on May 18 and 19, 2024. Trade Secrets is the primary fundraiser for Project SAGE, a non-profit domestic violence agency serving Northwest Connecticut and the surrounding communities in New York and Massachusetts.

On May 18, attendees will have the opportunity to explore six exceptional gardens curated to inspire both novice gardeners and seasoned enthusiasts alike. From Bunny Williams and John Rosselli's stunning landscapes to the pictur-

esque Millbrook gardens, discover a wealth of ideas and creativity to elevate your green space. Then, on May 19, Lime Rock Park in Lakeville will transform into a haven for plant lovers and garden aficionados. Explore over 40 vendors showcasing the finest garden antiques and rare plants, all while supporting Project SAGE's mission to end domestic violence and abuse.

"Trade Secrets is not just a garden event; it's a blooming celebration of community, resilience, and the enduring spirit of Project SAGE. I am inspired by the transfor-

mative impact of Trade Secrets on our mission. Over the past 23 years, the funds generated by this horticultural extravaganza have helped many, rippling through our community, fostering awareness, advocacy, and empowerment. Together, through Trade Secrets, we nurture gardens and the strength to cultivate safe, thriving communities free from domestic violence and abuse," said Kelly Rybczyk, Interim Executive Director at Project SAGE.

Visit TradesecretsCT.com or call (860) 364-1080 for more information.

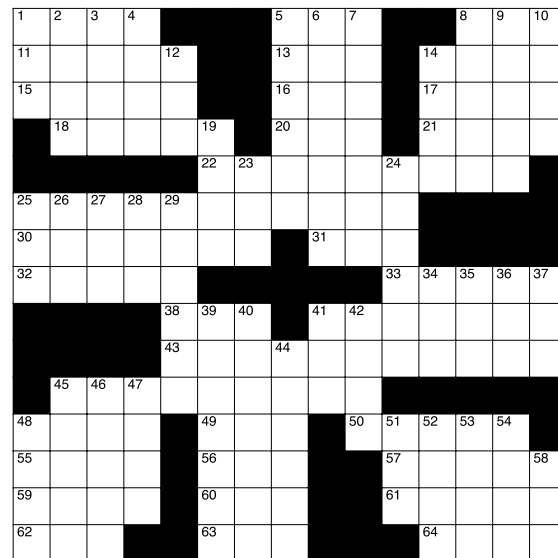
Brain Teasers

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- Lions do it
- In favor of
- Rest here please (abbr.)
- Pulpits
- Leisure activity
- Fertility god
- Financial obligations
- When you anticipate getting somewhere
- Spanish river
- Sporting events
- Type of tree
- Ceased to be
- Persons
- Synthetic resin
- Relates to photochemical reactions
- Father
- Former Cowboys coach
- City in Finland
- Run batted in
- Got through
- They darken skin
- In a harmful way
- Form of weaving
- City of Angels hoopster
- Caucasian language
- Syngman __, Korean president
- Sun up in New York
- Paddled
- Fishes
- Affirmative
- Nimble
- Doctor of Education
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- A small island

CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Hebrew unit of measure
- Swedish rock group
- College army
- Favor over another
- Called it a career
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Israeli statesman
- Hurries
- Slog



- Midway between south and southeast
- Benedictine monk
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Family of regulator genes
- Surrendering
- Political action committee
- S. American plant
- Long-term memory
- Bark
- Breathes in
- Take hold of
- Everyone has one
- Valentine's Day color
- Drivers' licenses and passports
- Outer walls of castles
- Enters with force
- One thousandth of an inch
- Deceased Chinese politician
- Sugary secretion of plants
- Expressed pleasure
- Shelter
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- Forest resident
- Fashion accessory
- A sharply directional antenna
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- A bad place to end up
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April 25 Solution

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April 25 Solution

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Our Towns

Summer celebration to honor Sharon Hospital

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Enthusiastic about early planning for a town-wide celebration of Sharon Hospital, resident Deborah Moore outlined festive possibilities at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, April 23.

Reading through a trove of records preserved by the late Mary Kirby, who documented the history of the Sharon Hospital Auxiliary organization, led Moore to

imagine a summer celebration on Sunday, August 25, to include a parade and a community picnic, most likely to be held at Veterans' Park.

While not requesting any financial support from the town, planning to finance the event through her own efforts, Moore said that she was seeking logistical assistance with arrangements and the town's support for the idea of the event.

Moore spoke of installing over-the-road banners

around the town, but the selectmen cautioned that the banner idea would need state approval as the main roads are state roads.

"I am inspired by the level of community commitment," Moore said of the decades of dedication among hundreds of hospital volunteers, suggesting that such supporters should be recognized. She singled out the past supportive work of Mary Kirby, Ben Heller and James Buckley, and in recent years, the Save

Sharon Hospital organization.

The Sharon Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1912 by 40 charter members, Moore reported, indicating that the hospital itself had opened in late 1909, with eight beds housed in a brick home on Caulkinstown Road. It had two nurses, three doctors and a small operating room.

By 1968, the hospital staff had grown to 200, assisted by 300 volunteers, serving 3400 patients annually.



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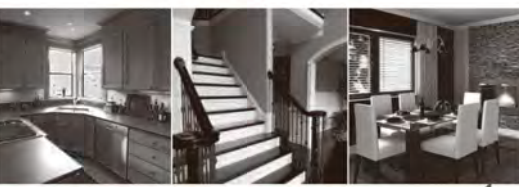
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