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Top speed

Ava Segalla represented HVRHS at the Class S state track and field meet in New Britain May 29. Segalla and fellow Mountaineers Kyle McCarron and Anthony Labbadia qualified for the State Open. Full story on Page A9.

'Hero of Horsepower' Barber shaped Lime Rock's history

By Debra A. Aleksinas

LIME ROCK — Skip Barber's affinity for racing took root at the tender age of 10 in a block-long alley behind his family's Philadelphia home.

Propped up on a pillow to help him see over the wheel and reach the pedals of a dusty old Ford that had been stored in the garage, the youngster was only allowed to drive it back and forth in the narrow alley. There was no room to turn around.

"I logged exactly as many miles going backwards as I did going forward," recalled the soft-spoken Barber, who had grown up in a family of automobile enthusiasts. His grandfather owned an auto dealership, and his dad had an interest in cars.

Little did he know that those countless miles logged in that alley in 1946 would lead to his status as an enduring legacy in American motorsports and an icon at Lime Rock Park (LRP), which has declared 2024 as "The Year of Skip Barber."

As Barber, who sold the majority of the park to Lime Rock Group LLC in 2021, marks the 65th anniversary of his first visit, and first race, at the Lakeville track, the park is paying tribute to him throughout the season through special events,



PHOTO BY SHAWN PIERCE

Lime Rock Park CEO Dicky Riegel, right, introduced Skip Barber, at left, during the May 25 dedication of the newly christened Skip Barber Tower.

exhibitions and commemorative merchandise.

"As Lime Rock Park celebrates its 67th year of operation it does so with a deep sense of gratitude and reverence for the man whose vision and passion have left an indelible mark on this iconic racetrack," said Dicky Riegel, LRP President and CEO, of the park's former owner and founder of the world-renown

racing school which bears his name.

"His commitment to excellence and his relentless pursuit of innovation have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and racing fans," Riegel said of Barber, who remains a large shareholder

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Centuries-old surprise found in Kent home

By Kathryn Boughton
Kent Good Times Dispatch

KENT — Douglas and Chris Branson, owners of an old house located on the southeast corner of Camp Flats and South Kent Road, have uncovered a fascinating reminder of the building's former life while making repairs to the mid-18th century building.

The house, originally constructed circa 1740 by John Hopson was doubled in size around 1780 when an addition was constructed. The earliest portion of the house, remarkably unchanged by nearly 300 years of occupation, remains intact, but the later addition suffered a significant blow in December 2023 when a winter gale sent a massive tree toppling onto it. "The whole house shook," Douglas Branson said last week.

One front corner of the building was crushed under the tree and now, 17 months later, restoration work has begun. As workers cleared away the damaged portion of the house, removal of a ceiling suddenly revealed an old sign painted on what was once exterior clapboards.

The sign announced that it was the CW Page Store, which sold "Groceries, Good Things to Eat."

The Bransons already knew some of the history of the property. They knew it had been a 140-acre farm where cattle and pigs were raised—indeed, the section of town where it lies is known as Pigtail Corners. They believed that a portion of it was once used as a post office. They knew that it had been a home to artists: Hugh Tyler who lived there in the mid-1900s and later Ms. Branson's father, Larry Coultrip.

They inherited the property from Coultrip upon his death in 1998 and honored his desire that the building be preserved in as original a condition as possible. But they never suspected its mercantile background.

So, who was C.W. Page? It is probable that the merchant was Clark Page, both a son and a father to men named Walter Page. Page, variously described in census records as a blacksmith and farmer, was born in 1826 and died in 1897. The inventory of his estate reports the monetary value of "old store merchandise" and the sale of a store building for \$850. His land was divided up among his heirs with his wife, Hellen, receiving much real estate.

Was the house on the corner where he had his store? It cannot be said with certainty. In 1897, six years after Clark Page's death,

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Finn, 12, found his wings with the Young Eagles at Triumph Airfield Saturday, June 1.

Young Eagles take flight

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Aviation enthusiasts achieved lift-off Saturday, June 1, at Triumph Airfield.

The Young Eagles initiative of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) made its first appearance in North Canaan. The program promotes careers in flight to the next generation through hands-on experiences.

First timers got a feel for flying with the assistance of certified pilots. With clear skies, seven airplanes departed the grass runway and brought 32 youth flyers up to altitude over the course of the morning.

The planes reached "about 3,000 feet," said Chapter President Tom Whelan after touching down with

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Dodge marks 25 years at Town Grove

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Town Grove Manager Stacey Dodge was honored for 25 years of service at a party thrown by the Lake Wononscopomic Association at the Grove Saturday, June 1.

Bill Littauer of the lake association praised Dodge's management of the town beach and related facilities. "It's nicer than a lot of private beaches."

He also noted that Dodge was quick to act on the threat of the invasive plant hydrilla last fall, when it was discovered at East Twin Lake.

Dodge immediately shut down the launching of boats, a restriction that is in effect this summer as well. Instead, anglers can rent rowboats and small electric motors at the beach office.

Dodge said as far as preventing hydrilla goes, "It's a group effort." "If we can all be diligent we can save this lake from hydrilla."

As for her tenure, she said "I still enjoy coming to work."



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Online This Week

Falls Village passes budget

The 2024-25 spending plan was approved by town vote June 1. More at www.lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Evading responsibility

On Wednesday, May 29, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Troop B received a call from Torrington Police stating that they had come in contact with Heather Moresi, 40, of Torrington, who had an active arrest warrant from Troop B. Moresi was arrested on evading responsibility, failure to drive in proper lane and failure to obey a Stop sign. She was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond with a court appearance set.

Negligent homicide with motor vehicle

On Thursday, May 30, at approximately 11 a.m., Deborah Martin, 70, of Canaan, turned herself in at Troop B on an active arrest warrant on charges of negligent homicide with a motor vehicle and failure to drive on the right. Martin was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond. The charge stemmed from an accident on Route 7 in

Canaan on March 13, 2023, involving a Toyota Sienna driven by Martin and a Chevrolet C7500 farm truck. A passenger in a wheelchair in Martin's vehicle, Patricia Jordan, died as a result of the accident that occurred. An investigation determined that Martin's vehicle encroached into the oncoming lane, striking the truck.

Crashes into cemetery

On Friday, May 31, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Lilianna Zyszkowski, 23, of Southfield, Massachusetts, traveling southbound on North Street in Norfolk in a 2001 Jeep Cherokee, failed to maintain lane and left the roadway, striking two DOT traffic signs and entering St. Mary's Cemetery before hitting a tree and rolling over. Zyszkowski was issued a written warning for traveling unreasonably fast and failure to maintain established lane.

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

Hazardous waste collection day

FALLS VILLAGE — Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at the Falls Village Highway Garage on Railroad Street from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Residents from participating towns must register and obtain a ticket from their Town Hall in order to participate in the Collection Day. Registration is open through June 6. Contact your town hall to register. The 11 participating towns are: Canaan/Falls Village (860.824.0707), Cornwall (860.672.4959), Goshen (860.491.2308), Harwinton (860.485.2784), Kent (860.927.4627), Litchfield (860.567.7550), Norfolk (860.542.5829), North Canaan (860.824.7313), Salisbury (860.435.5170), Sharon (860.364.5789), and Torrington (860.489.2232).

Many of the products routinely used for housework,

gardening, home improvement, or car maintenance contain hazardous materials that may endanger our health and pollute the environment. Household products are considered hazardous if they are toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive. Examples of such products include pesticides, herbicides, oil-based paints, degreasers, household cleaners, paint thinners, and gasoline.

Improper disposal of these hazardous household products, such as pouring them down the drain or putting them in the trash, is dangerous and may contribute to drinking water contamination and air pollution.

There is no charge to participants. The event is being sponsored by the Recycling Advisory Committee of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments and the participating towns listed above.

First Friday music June 7

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, June 7, at 12 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m.

This month's program will feature tenor Kevin Ray, who

will sing Robert Schumann's song cycle, "Liederkreis, op. 39." David Baranowski will accompany on piano.

Free to the public, these musical gifts provide a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.



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Color run

On May 20, students at The Hotchkiss School hosted the annual Color Run fundraiser to benefit the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, which provides free mental health services to Region One students.

Swim lessons this summer at North Canaan pool

NORTH CANAAN — Summer swim lessons are available at the town pool through North Canaan Recreation Commission. There are four age groups for swimmers 4+ with a maximum of eight swimmers per lesson. Sessions will run weekly throughout July and the first week of August, four lessons per week Monday to Thursday.

There is a \$15 weekly fee for North Canaan residents and \$20 per week for non-residents. Register through June 23 by calling (860) 248-0970.

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Sharon Audubon raises funds for new facility

By Matthew Kreta

SHARON — The Sharon Audubon Center held its annual “Raptors & Riesling” fundraising event on Sunday, May 26. The event ran for about two hours, explained plans for the Audubon’s new facility and culminated in the release of several birds back to the wild.

“Raptors & Rieslings” was held under a large tent near several bird enclosures for patrons to see. There were drinks and waiting staff provided by the Sharon Package Store and J.P. Gifford, and a band played music throughout the event to about 250 attendees.

The majority of the two hours were spent with guests socializing and enjoying the refreshments provided.

Eileen Fielding, host and director of the Sharon Audubon Center, thanked Hudson Sebranek and his fellow Eagle Scouts for their work on the Audubon’s Deer Trail repairing boardwalks along the path. This project, Fielding said, is just one part



A preliminary version of what the new rehab clinic and facility may look like.

of the Audubon Center’s ongoing efforts to create healthy habitats for the hundreds of birds the community brings to them each year.

Fielding continued by elaborating on the topic of community, thanking everyone for their generosity and commitment to helping the area’s birds, as well as highlighting the many programs and school trips the Audubon Center hosts.

“As anyone who’s been in our clinic or our teaching spaces can tell you, our programs have outgrown our

buildings,” Fielding said.

The Sharon Audubon Center has started a capital project and capital campaign for new facilities that will provide more space for classes and programs, as well as bring the Center’s facilities closer to the organization’s goal of green practices and low emissions. Mock-ups of what the future facility may look like were available for patrons to view.



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW KRETA

Audubon staff showing one of the birds to patrons before the release.

The evening ended with the release of four birds back into the wild, after their recovery over the last few weeks at the Audubon. Attendees were shown the birds by a handful of staff before they were released and flew off to cheers and applause.

Wastewater review enters public comment phase

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — An environmental review of the property for the proposed West Cornwall wastewater treatment plant found no significant impact on the environment.

The environmental study has entered a public comment phase. Residents can view the study on cornwallct.org and submit comment through June 16.

Once the public comment phase has ended, Cornwall will be able to request release of funds for The Community Projects Funding Grant, managed by Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The estimated cost of the project is \$6.23 million, and the grant will cover \$3 million. The balance of the project costs would be financed by the general obligation bond of the Town of Cornwall.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Furnace tours

Abby Adam joined stalwarts Dick Paddock and Geoff Brown at Beckley Furnace in North Canaan Saturday, June 1. The Friends of Beckley Furnace offer tours of the historical site on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Adam said her ancestor John Adam was involved in the construction of Beckley Furnace.

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We will discuss and answer questions from the community following the presentation.

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North Canaan real estate activity

By Christine Bates

NORTH CANAAN — April and May real estate activity including residential sales, rentals, and commercial property as reported by Connecticut MLS for North Canaan is listed below. Note that all sales closed during the month of May and that North Canaan remains an affordable market in the Litchfield Hills.

Rentals

29 East Main Street — a 1,824 square foot unfurnished 3-bedroom house was rented for \$2,500 a month on April 3.
28 Granite Avenue — an unfurnished renovated 1,100 square foot cottage rented for \$2,500 a month on April 3.
14 Honey Hill Road — a 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3,000 unfurnished home rented for \$4,000 a month on May 16.

Commercial Sale

170 Ashley Falls Road — a unique commercial building formerly used as a hair salon sold for \$167,500 on May 7.

Residential Sales

70 Church Street, Unit A2 — a 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo sold for \$145,000 on May 1.
254 Salisbury Road — a 3 bedroom, 3 bath home sold for \$315,000 on May 20.
4 New High Street — a 3

bedroom, 2 bath ranch sold for \$340,000 on May 23.
72 Old Turnpike Road — a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home sold for \$365,000 on May 15.

April and May North Canaan real estate sales and rentals from Smart Matrix MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Rebecca Bloomfield, new creative administrator at Falls Village's Center on Main.

Center on Main expands offerings

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — A quick look at the Center on Main's website shows upcoming events that have nothing to do with the Falls Village Children's Theater (FVCT).

This is by design. Rebecca Bloomfield, a 10-year resident of Falls Village, is the new Creative Administrator at the Center, taking over from Brook Martinez, who was the first to hold the position. (Martinez is still involved with the center, with a music program). Bloomfield took over in April.

In a June 2 interview, she said a key part of the plan for the Center is "to get more people into the space."

The FVCT has its productions, and the Twelve Moons Coffee House people offer folk music, but that leaves plenty of time for other activities.

Bloomfield is looking for programming that has a regional appeal, and that "deepens community connections through programs that explore creative expression."

On Friday, May 31, Bloomfield facilitated the first of what will be monthly events, called "Big Talk" (as opposed to small talk).

She said the idea is to get people who may be quite familiar with each other to go past the usual questions about work or family.

Questions such as "What's giving you energy these days?" are open-ended and encourage the development

of deeper connections between participants.

Eight people showed up for the first Big Talk event, allowing for four groups of two people each, with Bloomfield facilitating.

Also, there was chocolate. Bloomfield said she was encouraged by the initial session. "It took a little bit of trust" on the part of the participants.

Bloomfield and the Center in Main board are actively looking for ways to use the space for creative endeavors.

Bloomfield is excited about the efforts at building community connections. Two people that attended the first Big Talk session (and who have known each other for years) reported that "they talked about things they normally don't."

Bloomfield and the Center in Main board are actively looking for ways to use the space for creative endeavors.

Coming up is Make Music Day on June 21, the summer solstice. (See www.thecenteronmain.org/events for details).

Ongoing programs include Co-Working on Main, when the building is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a good Wi-Fi connection and coffee for anyone who wants to settle down with a laptop and get some work done, and NO SERVICE: A Phone-free Art-Making Space for Non-Artists, described as "two hours of phone-free connection, where you will be guided through a creative process that uses art as a tool for meaning making."

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LEGAL NOTICE

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A certified list of Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Salisbury for election as Justices of the Peace was not received in my office at 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut.

A Primary will be held August 13, 2024 if the required primary petition(s) for opposition candidate(s) is filed, pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 11, 2024. Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidacies, including schedules, may be obtained from: Jennifer Law, Democratic Registrar of Voters, or Maureen Dell, Republican Registrar of Voters, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut.
Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut, this 30th day

of May, 2024.
Patricia H. Williams
Town Clerk
06-06-24

Message to Customers of the Sharon Water System:

On June 10th and June 11th, the Sharon Sewer and Water Commission will be flushing the water mains between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. On June 10, all lines north of West Main Street including West Main and Hospital Hill will be completed. The remainder of the system will be flushed on June 11th, 2024.

Customers can expect to experience intermittent decreases of water pressure with the potential for discolored water. Limiting water consumption will help to minimize the impact on individual service lines. It is also advisable to refrain from doing laundry, as potential iron and manganese slugs could result in staining.

If any customers notice that their water is discolored or turbid after 4:00 PM they should run their water until it clears before consumption or laundry. Past experience has shown water quality to return to normal within a couple of hours. We apologize for

any inconvenience that this might cause you, and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call VRI at 860-364-0457.
06-06-24

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 28, 2024:

Approved - Application 2024-IW-010 by owner 235 Belgo Road LLC (Benjamin Palmer) for Septic System Installation, Driveway, and Waterline Partially in the Upland Review Area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 09 as lot 09 and is known as 235 Belgo Road, Lakeville.

Approved with Conditions - Application 2024-IW-011 by Greg Murphy for cleaning and grading of pond edges and management of invasive species. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 34 as lot 01

and is known as 31 Robin Hill Lane, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Elizabeth J Oestreich.

Exempt - Application 2024-IW-009 by Engineer Patrick Hackett for Replacement of a Failing Septic System as a Use Incidental to the Maintenance of a Residential Property. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 05 as lot 33 and is known as 47 State Line Road, Lakeville. The owners of the property are Kevin and Otto Eisermann.
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.
06-06-24

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SHARON

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Sharon, Connecticut, will be held at 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut, on June 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to consider and determine by vote of all eligible voters in attendance, the following questions:
1. Shall the First Selectman be authorized to execute and

bind the Town to an Option to Lease granting the Sharon Housing Trust, Inc. an option to enter into a 99-year Real Estate Lease relating to the development of affordable rental housing on town-owned property known as the Sharon Community Center at 99 North Main Street, which option is to be exercised within one year, plus a possible extension of three months beyond said one year option term?

2. Shall the First Selectman be authorized to execute and bind the Town to a 99-year Real Estate Lease Agreement for \$1.00 per year, for the lease of the Town's 99 North Main Street property to the Sharon Housing Trust, Inc on such terms and conditions the Board of Selectmen negotiates for the development, construction, operation, financing and rental of affordable housing units as defined by Connecticut law?

A copy of the proposed Option to Lease with all terms and conditions and a copy of a proposed Real Estate Lease with draft terms and conditions are located and available for review in the Sharon Town Clerk's office and on the Town Website. Dated at Sharon,

Connecticut, this 28th of May 2024.

Casey T. Flanagan,
First Selectman
Lynn S. Kearcher,
Selectman
John G. Brett,
Selectman
06-06-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF KITTY CRAIN BENEDICT Late of Canaan AKA Kitty Benedict (24-00052)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 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:
Nancy Bayersdorfer
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz, and Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101,
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
06-06-24

OBITUARIES

Kimberly S. Middlebrook

SHARON — Kimberly Middlebrook, aged 67, passed away Tuesday, April 30, at her home in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Kim was born in Sharon, on May 15, 1956, to the late Alanson J. and Juanita Valyu Middlebrook.



Kim was full of life with a great deal of love and compassion to share. She always lent a helping hand when needed. Following college, Kim spent several years working as a dietitian but her love for animals led her down a new path.

As an avid animal lover, she fostered numerous pets which led her to establish her own pet sitting service. Kim was also a passionate

self-taught nature photographer and utilized the numerous parks in middle Tennessee to capture images of rare and beautiful birds. Kim had recently become a grandmother and derived a great deal of joy from this new role.

Kim is survived by her daughter, Alicia Hope Middlebrook and granddaughter, Sophia Ellise Middlebrook of Castalian Springs, Tennessee, brother, Lance Middlebrook of Millerton, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Keith Middlebrook of Sharon, and Todd Middlebrook of Winchester, Connecticut.

A celebration of life will be held in the fall.

Linda Mae Silvernail

CANAAN — Linda Mae "Lynn" Silvernail, 69, of 132 Quinn St., died Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

She was born Feb. 6, 1955, in Great Barrington, daughter of the late Clifford and Maxellene (Murphy) Silvernail.

Lynn worked as a nurse's

aide throughout the Northwest Corner. Her last employment was at Timberlyn Heights. She is survived by her two children and her sisters.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

AMENIA — After 94 years of life well-lived, Carol Donovan Hulst passed peacefully away. Born in Chicago to Florence and Elmer Donovan, Carol spent most of her childhood in South Addison, Maine, with her dear older brother Raymond. As with many children of the Depression, she did not have an easy childhood, but it did teach her to value hard work and to save everything.

Reading and education were of great importance to her. She graduated high school at 16 and entered college at the University of Connecticut. After two years she left to marry Leland Hulst, Jr., a young veteran back from World War II. While raising their 5 children in Amenia, Carol finished college by going part-time for many years. She went on to earn her master's degree and taught reading for the remainder of her career. She loved reading to children and instilled a love and respect

for books and education in all of those she touched.

Carol weathered many storms with grace and good faith. She survived the Hartford Circus Fire of 1944, and endured divorce and the sudden loss of her eldest son Lee in 2022. Her youngest son, Curt, was diagnosed with two kinds of leukemia as a teenager, defining a pivotal time in both of their lives. Through many long and determined months together at Sloan-Kettering Hospital, Curt beat his less-than-1% odds. They remained very close and Curt would call her every day.

After retirement, Carol had the joy of taking many trips to Europe, staying in senior hostels. She also enjoyed riding a bike, cross-country skiing, and swimming in the frigid Maine ocean. Carol moved from New York

to Cumberland in 1999, where she spent many happy years. She later lived in her independent-living apartment at 75 State Street in Portland, Maine, right around the corner from her oldest son Lee's house.

Carol loved family gatherings. Her favorite part might have been going through the check-out line at the grocery store with a giant turkey and more than enough food to feed an army. She loved telling the cashier that she had a big gang coming and a lot of cooking to do. One of her last phrases, out of the blue, was saying she was lucky she had 5 great kids. "Gram" is very loved, and her family is so grateful to have shared a life with such a special person. She had a life well-lived and will always be well-loved.

Carol was predeceased by her son, Leland Hulst III;

ex-husband Leland Hulst, Jr.; and son-in-law Joseph Murphy. She is survived by her children, Peter Hulst (Ann), Janice Hulst-Murphy, Curtis Hulst, Cheryl Hulst-Benoit (Vance); son-in-law, Mitch Ledford; nieces, Deb Page (Ken), Rindy Higgins (Jon) and Dee Dee Mandino (Rob). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kathryn Hulst (Ryan Albert), Evan Hulst, Ashley Davis (Blake), Shannon Hulst, Dylan Murphy, Jack Benoit, Charlotte Benoit, and Lillian Benoit; as well as her great-grandchildren, Adelyn and Amelia.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on June 14 at the Congregational Church in Cumberland UCC, 282 Main St, Cumberland Center, Maine. Arrangements are under direction of the Conroy-Tully Walker Funeral Home of Portland, Maine. To view Carol's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ConroyTullyWalker.com

Carol Donovan Hulst



Memorial Service

Alex Taylor III

SHARON — A memorial service for Alex Taylor III will be held on June 15 at the Congregational Church of Salisbury at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the service at the Sharon Country Club.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Migdale Castle sold at London auction

By Christine Bates
The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Migdale, the Tudor estate built by Andrew Carnegie's daughter in 1927 was sold on Thursday, May 30 at Sotheby's Concierge Auction in London.

One of the Hudson Valley's most iconic properties, the expansive, renovated stone estate of four stories, 34,000 square feet, and 29 rooms, achieved a sale price of \$8.96 million in cooperation with co-listing agent Heather Croner of Heather Croner Real Estate Sotheby's International Realty.

Located at 3872-3874 Route 44, the property was purchased by the art dealer and horse breeder Guy Wildenstein in 2020 for \$5,290,000 and then underwent an extensive four-year renovation that was rumored to cost \$20,000,000.

The estate on 68 acres includes twelve fireplaces, ten



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER CRONER, SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Migdale Castle located off Route 44 was sold at auction for \$8,000,000 plus a buyer's premium of 12%. It was most recently listed for sale in April for \$14,000,000.

bedrooms, 17 bathrooms, an indoor pool, a 5,000-bottle wine cellar, a tennis court and a billiard room. There's also a 5,000 square foot gate house and an additional 10,000 square foot staff house with 6 guest apartments.

The identity of the purchaser has not been revealed nor whether the buyer will

exercise the first right to purchase the additional adjoining 129 acres with walking trails, orchards and fields.

Previous to the London auction New York restaurateur Will Guidara, perhaps inspired by the success of estates turned into resorts like Blantyre in Lenox, Massachusetts, was purported to have a \$20,000,000 deal to purchase the property. The

sale was contingent on Town of Washington approval of a zoning change that would permit "a world-class getaway" luxury resort called Second Mountain with a hotel, spa treatments, two restaurants, cottages and glamping.

Local residents, quickly mobilized to oppose the project, and Guidara withdrew his application.

Sharon Hospital to host community forum June 12

SHARON — Nuvance Health's Sharon Hospital will host a community update that will stream live online on Wednesday, June 12, at 5 p.m.

Participants of the update, who can submit questions ahead of time by emailing andrea.rynn@nuvancehealth.org, will hear from President

Christina McCulloch on the latest hospital development. Questions can also be mailed ahead of the community update to Sharon Hospital, Attn: Public Relations, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT, 06069.

To access the livesteam on June 12 go to www.nuvancehealth.org/CTforums.

Summer history talks return

FALLS VILLAGE — On June 4 at 7 p.m., the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will host the first of the season 1st Tuesday at 7 Summer Talks.

Kicking off the line up of speakers will be Dave Jacobs who will speak on the New

Haven Railroad Changes over the Years. The talk will feature more of the pictures taken by the well known local railroad engineer Peter McLachlan.

The talks take place at The South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Route 63, Falls Village and are open to the public. There is no charge, however donations are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 860-824-5607.

Sign up for Sharon Baseball Camp

Sharon Baseball Camp will run from Monday, June 17 to Wednesday, June 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Veterans' Field.

James Smith will lead the staff in working with participants ages eight to 14 in improving individual skill work through drills and activities.

Registration for Sharon Baseball Camp can be accessed online by going to www.sharonct.myrec.com or by calling 860-364-1400. The registration fee is \$95.

Worship Services

Week of June 9, 2023

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org Misa en español al mediodía (12 pm) el último sábado de mes The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</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>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialo1@gmail.com All are Welcome</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>Chabad of Northwest CT On the Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount. We are here for you, welcome to the family!</p> <p>WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush</p> <p>Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Senior 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.thesmithfieldchurch.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>	

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National Dairy Month

June is National Dairy Month, a special time for me, a time to celebrate the way of life that has been in my blood for six generations. My father was a dairy farmer, and we made our living milking cows. Growing up, it was a life I loved and was passionate about.

I admired what my dad did and was thrilled at the opportunity to follow in his footsteps.

I married a dairy farmer and continued the legacy of dairy farming. Every day, I help improve our herd's health through responsible nutrition, reproduction, and management. I play an intricate part in our operation, and working alongside my family is a joy.

I am proud of our accomplishments and always look forward to applying the knowledge I have gained over the years to help others in the industry.

Dairy farmers' commitment to ensuring high-quality milk begins with taking good care of our cows and treating them with respect. I adore my girls — cows and daughters alike! Most people think that as a farmer, the passion is about the food, but for me, it's all about dairy farming and my cows. It's been my passion since I was a little girl.

In our line of work, every day brings new challenges and rewards. Dairy farming is a labor of love and a team effort. There's a profound sense of satisfaction in knowing that our hard work contributes to the production of nutritious, wholesome milk and dairy products that families enjoy across New England.

During National Dairy Month, I invite you to take a moment to appreciate the

GUEST COMMENTARY HOLLY ARAGI

dedication and hard work of dairy farmers. Our commitment goes beyond just providing milk; it's about ensuring the highest standards of animal care, sustainability, and milk quality.

Dairy farmers want to do good and are dedicated to protecting our natural resources. When you enjoy a cold glass of milk or a slice of cheese, know that it comes from a dairy farmer's love and commitment to providing a safe and wholesome product.

Dairy farmers work 365 days a year, so you can have access to healthy, affordable products like milk, cheese, and yogurt in the grocery store. Dairy farmers are the root of your favorite dairy foods that are present at the most special moments in one's life. Consumers have a lot of choices, and dairy is essential for many culinary experiences.

As we celebrate National Dairy Month, please raise a glass of milk to the dairy farmers who provide healthy, high-quality products as they strive to accomplish nothing short of the best. Here's to the cows, the land, and the generations of farmers who have made dairy farming their life's passion.

Holly Aragi is a third-generation dairy farmer at Pine Island Farm in Sheffield, Massachusetts. As a member of Dairy Farmers of America, Holly milks over 1,500 cows alongside her husband, Louis, and their three daughters.



The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. Monday. You may email letters to publisher@lakeville-journal.com.

Please provide phone number for confirmation and town of residence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salisbury Forum lecture: mix of misinformation

Joshua Goldstein's Salisbury Forum presentation on May 11, along with his book "A Bright Future," and Oliver Stone's movie, "Nuclear Now," based on that book, are all three long on propaganda and short on reality. Well-meaning as Goldstein may be, it doesn't take an expert to detect holes in his arguments for nuclear energy. His co-author's ties to nuclear industries raise flags too.

"Time is running out on decarbonizing our energy systems." True, but the new "fast, safe, and cheap" reactor technologies he showcased have never been built or tested. His solution? Streamlining and simplifying the permitting process, code for deregulation. What could go wrong?

Radioactive waste? "Don't worry about that because climate change is scarier. We'll deal with waste later." How's that for scientific and economic reasoning? At least

the UK has a plan, an estimated 150 year/\$84 billion project to bury beneath the ocean floor, just the last seven decades of accumulated nuclear waste.

Understating health risks of nuclear is standard with Goldstein. "Only 150 deaths related to nuclear reactors over the last 60 years, all first-responders at Chernobyl in 1986." A 1996 W.H.O. study predicted 4,000 cancer deaths around Chernobyl, 5,000 including contaminated areas nearby, and 16,000 across all of Europe. That's deaths only, not other downwind health issues.

"The 2011 Fukushima meltdown was not a nuclear disaster but a natural disaster. An unnecessary and botched evacuation is what killed people." That quote alone erases any credibility Goldstein might have had. Cesium-137 fallout was widespread and a decades-long health risk. Within days of

the meltdown hydrogen explosions exposed other reactors. Evacuating 160,000+ people was imperative.

"More people die from coal every day than have ever died from nuclear!" was an oft repeated phrase. As if those are our only choices.

Goldstein repeatedly belittled the success of wind, solar, and battery storage with the usual tropes: nighttime, unreliability, clear cutting mature forests for solar, immature battery technology, plus a new one, "dirty solar panels made with Chinese coal."

Here's some facts: Covering existing roof tops and parking lots in America with solar panels would equal all the country's current generation capacity.

Wind turbines in just twelve mid-western states could equal that generation capacity too.

There's wind potential in the other states, plus offshore.

We're talking many times our current generation capacity from carbon and nuclear free technologies, proven and getting better and cheaper daily.

Long-duration storage? In just six years California reached 10,397 megawatts of battery storage, equivalent to seven nuclear reactors.

Renewables hit 30% of the world's generation in 2023, cheaper, cleaner, safer, and faster than nuclear.

The nuclear industry knows these facts too, but their PR campaign is as deceptive as the oil industry's.

I love the Salisbury Forum but we need other perspectives on energy. I recommend starting with Arjun Makhijani of The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research. You can access for free, his Carbon and Nuclear Free, A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy. ieer.org/projects/carbon-free-nuclear-free

Albert Ginouves
Lakeville

Paving concerns

Since February of this year, there have been articles and letters to the editor expressing concern about paving and altering existing, natural, and public landscapes:

—Community Field in Lakeville

—Rail Trail leading to and from the Pope property

—Rail Trail leading to and from the Dresser Woods development

And a new nonprofit has been formed to save the Rail Trail.

In the May 30 edition of The Lakeville Journal, an article titled Behind 'Save the Rail Trail' suggests that paving to support the Pope project is a "misinterpretation" of the Colliers study. In an earlier article about paving Community Field, Curtis Rand said "There is no plan to pave 30% of Community Field. It's absurd."

What's wrong with this is that the Colliers study does include paving all these places, it is coming up in P&Z meetings without public input and all the general public gets is denials while the paving concepts slowly move ahead and gain traction.

Case in point: P&Z claims that it is not officially proposing paving Community Field, but go to the Salisbury P&Z section in the Town website www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents, listen to the replay of the January 2, 2024 meeting beginning at the 2:40 time stamp. You will hear P&Z discussing specifically add-

ing to the Plans of Conservation and Development "POCD" paved parking, the track around the field and paved walkways through Bauer Park. Why is P&Z cherry picking some things and not others in the Colliers report, and why do they decide without legitimate consideration of public input? As to why, Dr. Klemens says that P&Z included "things it liked" about the report and put in items "we prioritize." Adding P&Z put them in because we felt "strongly" and adding there are some things "it didn't like."

We've all seen this movie. An outside group (Colliers) is paid to brainstorm ideas for the Town. Without sufficient input from the public and actual consideration of Town residents and sentiments, a small group of people, in one case, P&Z, decides which options to include in the POCD, in another case, a former Selectman initiates changing a piece of the Rail Trail. Next thing you know, the Rail Trail is being surveyed in preparation for paving, sidewalks, housing, and lighting. In fact, you can see this for yourself if you walk the Rail Trail from LaBonnese north to 44. Look carefully and you will see surveyor marks on both sides of the Rail Trail.

Concerns over paving, therefore, are not misplaced. Of concern is when a few individuals and a small group of people in government, are not listening to these concerns.

Theodore Rudd O'Neill
Lakeville

Cart before the Horse ?

I recommend anyone who uses the Labonne's market plaza and the Academy/Railroad/Library Street corridor in the village center get engaged with current plans/concepts percolating for approval amongst the many committees within the town of Salisbury.

Most notable are the two housing developments bookending the center of the village and the report of recommendations regarding such expansions made by Colliers Engineering.

The first of these housing developments, named Dresser Woods, has already received a green light from the Planning and Zoning Commission. A traffic study was prepared by Hesketh in support of the expansion.

Conclusion from the Hesketh report:

"Based on the observed background traffic volumes, the projected site volumes and the analysis as outlined in the this report, it is our professional opinion that the traffic volumes associated with the proposed development can readily be accommodated by the existing roadway network without significant impact to current operations."

This study appears to have only considered the impact on village center traffic with respect to the Dresser Woods development alone.

It recommends that there be no changes or improvements to the existing roadways?

Residents who use these roadways or park at LaBonne's on a regular basis may have some questions. Design plans for the second housing development on the Pope land located at the south end of the same corridor are well under way.

Assessing the impact of one access road/housing project in isolation ignores the cumulative effect on traffic/parking that these two neighboring developments will present to the villages vehicular volume.

Adding the proposed 20+ multi family units at Dresser to the 60+ multi family units proposed at Pope is a very significant increase in village resident population and the many vehicles that will inevitably follow them, be they individually owned and/or service oriented.

One of the concepts proposed by Colliers Engineering is to construct a two-lane access road from the Pope development directly to the village center. At this stage, how this may impact the rail trail is unclear.

Setting aside the potentially contentious issue of losing yet more green space this is something that given the significant infrastructure costs, all taxpayers should be allowed to weigh in on.

I would urge residents to also note that the proposed housing expansions are all slated to be rental in nature, funded in part by non-profit organizations with private/state funding. They will NOT

be subject to local property taxes therefore.

Minimizing Dresser's traffic impacts without factoring Pope's is the definition of putting the cart before the horse and sidesteps any meaningful community input by splintering the discussion into individual committees application processes.

Town Hall owes resident taxpayers a full accounting of

projected impacts to the mill rate prior to green lighting what appear to be piecemeal, unfunded population expansions that are locked in for perpetuity.

The housing itself might be designated as affordable but, the unanswered question remains : can we afford the associated infrastructure ?

Aidan Cassidy
Salisbury

More letters appear on A7.

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago – June 1924

Women were the drivers of motor vehicles involved in 700 of 15,000 recent accidents analyzed by the state motor vehicle department. As there are about 30,000 licensed women operators, the figure indicates that approximately one in every 43 women who operate automobiles in Connecticut figure in accidents. About one in every 12 ½ of the licensed male operators of whom there were 183,000 last year, are in accidents. It is pointed out, however, that male operators, taken as a whole, do considerably more driving than women, and that the ratio stated, therefore, may not be a fair one. Nearly all drivers of commercial motor vehicles, for instance, who spend practically their entire working day at the wheel, are men.

LIME ROCK – Fay Chaffee and Fred Lee have opened a Garage on the new road in one of Mr. Lorch's fields, near the station.

Frank Sherwood and three friends of New Canaan were in Salisbury over the week end to enjoy the fishing on Mt. Riga.

The roads are being oiled by the state oiling truck.

LIME ROCK – One of the little Bailey boys broke his leg at school and is in the Sharon Hospital.

(Adv.) Lost A large brown envelope containing photograph of canoe. Bore address of Frederick Weicker. Of no use to anyone but owner. Will finder please notify Frederick Weicker, Salisbury School.

G.H. Sylvernale and family are moving back in Mrs. B.R. Wells' house on the corner.

Madison Silvernale has been off duty with an attack of lumbago.

50 years ago – June 1974

Area fire chiefs, businessmen and town officials were surprised to learn this week of a Connecticut State Police plan to close down the radio communications, fire and burglar alarm systems at Canaan Barracks as of July 1. The communications

and alarm functions will be centralized at Troop L in Litchfield.

“The Northwest Corner,” Housatonic Valley Regional High School's student newspaper, has been awarded the New York Times Certificate of Merit for “outstanding achievement in high school journalism.” The certificate was presented this week in ceremonies at St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, New York. The HVRHS student publication was one of 30 high school newspapers from the Northeast and Midwest to receive such recognition.

Mail in Salisbury, Sharon, Lakeville and Amenia was delayed Tuesday afternoon when the mail truck from Hartford broke down in Canaan. Regular afternoon deliveries to post offices was not made. After the truck was towed back to Hartford for repairs, it was again placed in service for the Wednesday morning run. But mail sorting was delayed in several offices because the extra-heavy load made the truck late.

Steve Blass, Falls Village - Canaan native, won his first game in a long time last week, pitching the full nine innings for Charleston in the International League. Blass, long a mainstay for the National League Pittsburgh Pirates, has experienced control trouble this spring and has been trying to work himself back into form in Charleston.

Salisbury Selectmen Tuesday night bridled at the bureaucratic language employed by the State Department of Transportation in response to a town request to acquire a small parcel of state land for a solid waste transfer station. The parcel of 1.36 acres lies between the present Route 41 and the old roadway south of Route 112. It adjoins a parcel of 1.84 acres now owned by The Hotchkiss School and offered to the town on a 10-year lease to accommodate the transfer station.

The sulphur odor that has been reported by a number of residents in the western portion of North Canaan does not emanate from the

town's sewer plant, according to Chuck Wohlfert, operator of the plant. Mr. Wohlfert says that the smell comes from gases thrown off by a smoldering coal fire at the site for the town's housing for the elderly project. The fire in the coal dust was started accidentally early this spring while the town crew was removing brush. Despite efforts to put it out, it has smoldered in the old coal bank for three months. The latest effort to extinguish it calls for thoroughly saturating the area over a prolonged period.

Betty Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Atwood of Falls Village, added yet another triumph to her successful 4-H Club career recently when she took first prize in the County 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.

Virginia and Herbert Schweter, the new owners of the Sharon Fabrics and Drapery Shoppe, have enlarged the store's offerings and now carry a complete line of fabrics, draperies, notions and services.

25 years ago – June 1999

Marsden Epworth, who edits the Compass weekly arts and entertainment publication for The Lakeville Journal, Millerton News and Winsted Journal, has won first prize for page one layout for community and weekly newspapers from the Society of Professional Journalists, Connecticut, for the issue of Sept. 24, 1998.

For his dedication and service to the community, Cornwall resident Gary Hepprich has posthumously been named 1999 Citizen of the Year by Taghannuck Grange 100. Mr. Hepprich died in August, and his wife Carol Hepprich attended the grange meeting May 27 to accept the award in his honor.

WEST CORNWALL – More than 2,000 people crowded into this hamlet Sunday night for the eighth annual Covered Bridge Dance. The bridge dance has been a Memorial Day weekend tradition since it was re-established in 1992 by the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department. The dance is one of the fire department's largest fundraisers.

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

Status Report

CORNWALL — Selectman Rocco Botto reminded motorists to be cautious of turtles on roadways during nesting season. The announcement came after a snapping turtle was spotted near Nash Pond and required an escort to safely cross the road.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Jahana Hayes

I support Rep. Jahana Hayes — (D-5) because I know firsthand the amount of work and commitment it takes to represent constituents and communities. I was Rep. Rosa Delauro's (D-3) campaign manager and then district director when she was first elected. The job is demanding— it takes a personal commitment to help those in need and a person who is true to their values and upbringing.

I know the hours involved — the number of meetings, the thousands of letters and calls that come into an office weekly. No, it's not easy when you are not in the majority and working in a dysfunction-

al “House,” but Jahana, like Rosa, knows that the fight must continue — for our local farmers, to the town that needs funding for a septic system, to the woman with breast cancer who's insurance company is cutting her off, to the family whose child lost their passport in a foreign country and can't get home, to those who need financial assistance for college, to the person whose Social Security check didn't come, the families who are working to keep afloat and need day care assistance, the small business owner who needs assistance, and the veteran struggling to get VA Assistance. And finally, to women who depend

on her for assurance that the right to choose is a healthcare issue and needs her continued support in Congress.

Like Rosa, Jahana comes from a hard-working family. She understands the trials that so many of us in the 5th District fight to overcome every day. Most importantly, Jahana, like Rosa, knows that country comes first. She, like Rosa, knows and listens to the constituent who says, “walk in my shoes.” This election will define us for who we are.

You may not agree with all her policies, but Rep. Hayes will be honest and abide by the Constitution.

Marlene Woodman
Sharon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying Hayes on Palestinians

I am one of a great many Jews in the U.S. and around the world, including Israel, who are horrified by the ever-worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza and believe that the Netanyahu regime is acting in ways that are contrary to both core Jewish values and Israel's best interests. A letter to the editor in last week's Lakeville Journal insinuates that Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, by expressing her concern for the suffering of millions of innocent Palestinians,

is complicit in antisemitism. She is not. The letter-writer cites an April 5, 2024, letter signed by Congresswoman Hayes and 54 other Congress members urging a full investigation into the Israeli airstrike that killed seven World Central Kitchen aid workers (more than 200 aid workers have been killed since the start of the war) and asking the Biden Administration to make certain that military assistance to Israel is subject to conditions to ensure it is

used in compliance with U.S. and international law. This is not antisemitism. Nor is it antisemitism to decline support for legislation that would spend billions on military aid for Israel but not a penny for humanitarian aid. The letter-writer's attack on Congresswoman Hayes is the kind of demagoguery that, regrettably, has become the stock-in-trade of today's Republican Party.

Pamela Jarvis
Sharon

Our responsibility to Mother Nature

It's one thing to have two dog leashes entangle and then use it in a metaphor for immigration [as I did in a recent letter to the editor]. That was a pretty safe ‘tangle’ to delve into — how we as strangers choose to interact with one another — getting tangled and then untangled by our actions (or inactions) and words.

But what if it the ‘tangle’ is not a metaphor — but is real. And the tangle, though completely unintended, can literally cause great physical harm or death. Such a situation cropped up this morning while walking my dog, Jasper, in our local state park.

After parking in the main lot, Jasper (on a leash) and I walked, guided by his nose, from the field into the woods. We mostly stayed on the path all the way to where the path gets very close to the Housatonic River. There, a five-yard-long side path, overgrown with new vegetation, led directly to the river (Jasper likes to cool off by wading in the water).

I stepped slightly ahead

of Jasper to descend safely to the river's edge. As I turned to Jasper, I could see that his whole head was in complete physical distress. He looked as though he was suffering from multiple jellyfish stings as tight lines of constriction crisscrossed his face and head. Suppressing my panic, I knelt down, took off my gloves and softly spoke to Jasper as I gently probed his entire head to try and figure out what the heck was going on. As I probed, Jasper was leaning downhill, forward on the path. For a few moments, I couldn't figure what was happening. It was only when my fingers got much deeper into his fur that I felt what the problem was.

My fingers revealed that it was a physical problem and not chemical one, which eased my panic but left me still very concerned with how to release Jasper from this totally constrictive, immobilizing prison. You see, unbeknownst to either to Jasper or I, descending along the path to the river,

Jasper had walked head first into a large tangle of invisibly clear discarded fishing line. The tangle of line had enveloped his entire head, and with his forward movement entangled both of his hind legs. He could not open his mouth nor walk a single step. His eyes were wide. Gently and very slowly and carefully I searched for some play in the complex tangle of fishline. Finally, my hands eased his legs and head closer together, enough to free first his snout and then his whole head and finally his legs. I was shaking. Jasper, obviously relieved (and uninjured) happily waded in the river and then shook the cooling water from himself.

Nature provides us humans with such extraordinary beauty and resource.

Respecting Mother Nature means— we act responsibly when we visit her.

I hate to think what would have happened to an otter, a fox, a raccoon.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

‘Save Rail Trail’ and affordable housing

Each spring as all becomes green again we battle invasive species that insinuate themselves. This spring a new green species has burst upon us. Signs have sprouted that beseech us to “Save the Rail Trail.” After extensive inquiry the undersigned is convinced that there is in fact no threat

to the rail trail.

What lurks behind this outbreak of signage is an aversion to developing affordable housing on the Pope property. What these signs really mean is “we don't want to house those less fortunate than ourselves.”

It is telling that these folks don't wish us to know

their names and hide behind a newly chartered entity. We have seen this on each occasion when affordable housing has been contemplated. I wish I could chalk this up to NIMBY but fear it is a much darker shade of green.

Philip V. Oppenheimer
Lakeville

Response to letter on Greenland ice

In responding to my May 9 letter about Greenland's ice loss, John Hoffman accused me on May 16 of being a climate denier, of denigrating climate scientists, and of thinking two-dimensionally about a three-dimensional problem.

All false.

My letter stated that for decades the media has portrayed Greenland as suffering from huge, planet-altering ice loss with lost glaciers, rising oceans and “existential threats” to humanity and the planet. Yet recent reports revealed the astonishing fact that Greenland's ice loss is actually just 1.6%.

Mr. Hoffman claims that revealing this fact makes it harder to solve the climate problem. Evidently it takes a constant stream of end-of-world rhetoric to spur action.

To that end, Mr. Hoffman used the same out-of-context scare tactics as the media when he noted that Greenland's ice sheet has lost 20 feet of thickness over the past 22 years, a rate of “270 gigatons” of ice per year.

This sounds catastrophic until you hear the context that Mr. Hoffman failed to provide. The context is that Greenland's ice sheet is one to two miles thick - some 5,000 to 10,000 feet. The loss

of 20 feet over two decades (about one foot per year) is truly miniscule.

No matter how you measure Greenland's ice loss — around the edges or from top to bottom — it is profoundly less than the media makes it out to be.

The problem isn't climate

deniers. It's climate criers. Their doomsday rhetoric and forced solutions won't save us.

They're like those who oppose every housing project with endlessly conjured problems.

Mark Godburn
Norfolk

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Our Towns

Emery Park's future under stewardship of new park director

By Alexander Wilburn

KENT — Parks Director Matt Busse provided an update on progress at Emery Park at a Kent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, May 29. Busse filled the role previously held by Jared Kuczynski at the start of this year.

Emery Park, located on Segar Mountain Road, was

recently inspected onsite by Aquarion Water Company, and it was determined that the water main was not leaking into the park.

Aquarion, a public water service, also assessed that the fountain line going into the park had been turned off for a considerable amount of time. Meaning the fountain is not responsible for the concerning amount of saturation

in the park's grounds.

To further inspect the area, District 4 will do a field survey with Busse present to further investigate the source of any drainage leaking into the park. Busse has also connected with a New Haven-based company that specializes in natural swimming pools, which employ plants to maintain the water as opposed to chemicals like

chlorine. Busse is particularly interested in the potential use of a limestone powder filter which would decrease the rise of algae, bacteria, and parasites in the natural swimming pool to be used for public use in the park. Limestone is also used by sewer plants, Busse noted. He suggested Kent would be able to obtain limestone in bulk at a relatively cheap cost.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Plant sale benefits community

Taghannuck Grange #100 held its annual plant and rummage sale at Sharon Grange Hall on Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2, with a broad selection of flowers, tomato plants, and even sweet peppers for shoppers to take home to their gardens. All funds raised by the sales benefitted the Taghannuck Grange's community service efforts, including the ongoing project of providing dictionaries to area elementary school students.

Farmer's Market opens in Kent

Produce lovers rejoiced at the Kent Farmer's Market opening Friday, May 31. Local farmers presented their harvests and prepared goods at Kent Land Trust Field on Route 7. The market is open seasonally on Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m.



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Gardens & Landscaping

Spring is well underway and with the weather clearing and temperatures rising, that means now is the time to start a new or finish an old gardening or landscaping project. The businesses advertising below are ready to help you complete your next project. Let them know you saw their ad in your copy of The Lakeville Journal or The Millerton News

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Kyle McCarron led the pack through three laps in the 1600-meter race.

CIAC Open results

At the State Open meet June 3, featuring the best of each division in the state, Ava Segalla placed 7th in the girls high jump by clearing 5'2". Kyle McCarron took 16th in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:31.70. Anthony Labbadia could not clear 6'0" and tied for 19th in the boys high jump.

Mountaineers compete in Class S state meet

By Riley Klein

NEW BRITAIN — Housatonic Valley Regional High School had eight athletes compete in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class S track and field championship May 29.

HVRHS made its mark throughout the long day of competitions at Willow Brook Park. The meet saw several Mountaineers set new personal records (PR) and three qualified for the State Open meet Monday, June 3.

Kyle McCarron set a new PR in the 1600-meter race by finishing in 4:23.5 minutes, enough for third place in Class S. The boys 1600-meter was won by Parker Cook of Old Saybrook High School in 4:22.54 minutes.

McCarron went on to PR in the 3200-meter run and placed fourth with a time of 9:55.75 minutes. The boys 3200-meter was won by Joseph DeLuise of Oxford High School in 9:33 minutes.

Ava Segalla participated in three events: high jump, 100-meter dash and 4x100-meter relay.

Segalla placed second in the high jump by clearing



Anthony Labbadia set a new high jump PR May 29.

5'2". Gwenyth Romanzi from Thomaston High School also cleared 5'2". Neither jumper reached 5'4" and Romanzi won due to less failed attempts on previous heights.

Segalla placed sixth overall in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.77 seconds (PR). The girls 100-meter was won by Emily McKelvey from Lyman Memorial High School in 12.33.

The girls 4x100-meter relay team featured Segalla, Mia Dodge, Harper Howe and Adelyn Diorio. They placed sixth in the finals with a time of 52.05 seconds. Cuginchaug High School won the girls 4x100-meter in 50.47 seconds.

Mia Dodge placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with

a time of 49.68 seconds. The girls 300-meter hurdles was won by Zoe Eastman-Grossel from Lyme-Old Lyme High School in 46.20 seconds.

Anthony Labbadia broke his own high jump PR twice at states. He cleared 5'10" and 6'0" both for the first time and placed fifth overall at the state meet. The boys high jump was won by Ja'Mari Manson of Bloomfield High School who cleared 6'4".

(More results at lakevillejournal.com)

Coach Alan Lovejoy was pleased to see his team perform well and set several new personal bests. Lovejoy is due to retire from teaching next month, but he will continue on as the track and field coach next year.

HVRHS Athletics

Hall of Fame announces class of '24

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Department has announced its Athletic Hall of Fame (HOF) class for 2024.

The HOF committee elected Denise Bergenty

(Class of 1973), Tim Hawley, (1971), Julia Neilson (1998), Joseph B. Nilsen (1954), Tina Paruta (1987), Brad Paulsen (1979), Paul Prindle (1960), Robert Ullram (1966), Willy Yahn (2014), and Maggie Yahn Umaña (2009).

The HOF, which was created in 1996, recognizes former athletes, coaches, and community members who have made outstanding personal and athletic contributions to Housatonic Valley Regional High School. There are a total of 120 current members of the Housatonic HOF.

"The Athletic Hall of Fame committee is excited to announce this year's inductees," said Athletic Director Anne MacNeil. "The Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2024 reflects the tradition and history of Housatonic as well as the impact that our athletic program has on students as all of our selectees have gone on to be productive citizens both personally and professionally."

The HOF ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 12 p.m. Following the Induction ceremony, there will be a luncheon sponsored by the HVRHS Alumni Association for newly enshrined HOF members, current HOF members and their families in the cafeteria. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (860) 824-5123 ext 1164.

Murphy Open to benefit SWSA

The 28th Annual Murphy Open will be held Monday, June 17, at the Links at Union Vale, in Lagrangeville, N.Y.

The event is organized by the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The entry fee for the 18-hole, four-person scramble format tournament is \$180 per person which includes green fees, cart, on course contests, box lunch, beverages and dinner and awards after the tournament. There will also be hole-in-one prizes sponsored by WHDD Robin Hood Radio, raffles and a silent

auction.

To register a team, buy a tee sponsorship, donate a raffle prize or for more information call Lisa Duntz at 860-671-0136 or email treasurer@tristatechamber.com.

The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) campaign to replace its 75-year-old intermediate 30-meter jump at the Satre Hill complex in Salisbury, CT with a state of the art all season structure. This new tower is essential for continuing the legacy of junior jumping in the northwest corner.

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LIME ROCK PARK

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in LRP. “The Year of Skip Barber is a fitting tribute to a man whose passion for motorsport knows no bounds.”

On Saturday, May 25, Barber saw his name carry even more significance in the sport as the track dedicated the timing and scoring tower in his name, after which he served as the Grand Marshal for the popular Trans Am Memorial Day Classic.

For decades, said Riegel, Barber has been a guiding force, instilling a passion for racing in countless individuals and leaving an indelible mark on the racing community. “Now the Skip Barber name will live on in perpetuity, ensuring that he continues to overlook Lime Rock Park for decades to come.”

‘I think car racing saved me’

From his early days as a competitive racer to his later years as a respected mentor, Barber’s career has been defined by a relentless pursuit of greatness. His eponymous Skip Barber Racing School, founded in 1975, became a mecca for aspiring racers, providing them with the tools and knowledge needed to succeed on and off the

track.

During a mid-May interview in a cozy chalet overlooking the picturesque park, Barber, 88, reflected on his journey in racing which began long before he became a household name.

An exceptional student throughout high school, he earned a full scholarship to Harvard. He would have been an English major but his need for speed won out over his desire to study.

“I think car racing saved me. I had good grades in high school and got a complete scholarship to Harvard. And then I didn’t do any work. I really checked out. During that time, I started reading car magazines and I got more and more interested. I decided to take my senior year off, and my housemaster said, ‘Excellent idea, go ahead,’” Barber said with a laugh.

He joined the Merchant Marine to earn some cash and pooled his resources “with a little money from my mother to buy my first race car, an Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite, the cheapest car in the world.”

Back at Harvard a year

later, Barber attended the Sports Club Car of America (SCCA) driver’s school at Marlboro, near Washington, D.C., and raced his first race. That race, he recalled, was at Lime Rock Park. Not only was this his first time visiting a racetrack, it was also his first win and the beginning of what would become a decades-long love affair with the Lakeville track and the Northwest Corner.

Little did he know at the time that this would be the start of a remarkable career that would not only shape his own legacy but also transform Lime Rock Park into one of the premier racing destinations in the world.

Shining moments in the driver’s seat

Barber, who resides in Sharon with his wife, Judy, raced a variety of machinery in the 1960’s and 1970’s, ranging from sports cars to high-powered formula cars. He delivered some shining moments while in the driver’s seat, including beating Jim Clark in an identical car at the then Mosport in his first professional race and setting the ultimate lap record at Lime Rock Park to help push his name to the top of call sheets.

Along the way, he won three Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) National championships, set 32 different lap records, and earned the President’s Cup. Barber was only beginning to build a lasting legacy in American motorsports.

Barber explained how he drove cars the owners or manufacturers wanted to sell.

“It was a great opportunity, and I was very fortunate. The affordable part about racing is what we call ‘getting a ride,’ that’s when someone else is providing you with something to drive,” he explained. The downside, he said, was that he was “completely dependent on other people providing me with the tools of my trade. I was great on the racetrack, but I

wasn’t very good at getting the rides” and networking.

At that time, the guru of track racecar engineering in North America, Carrol Smith, referred to Barber as “the fastest guy who never made it big.”

It wasn’t until years later when he started his racing school, that he would become a good marketer, Barber explained, “but that was too late for racing.”

Skip Barber Racing School Although he was “hoping it would never stop,” Barber said he finally realized that his racing days were coming to a halt.

“I had the idea of doing a racing school. It’s not that there weren’t some in the country. There was one in L.A., and another near Montreal, but I did not know about them.”

Believing that racing was a coachable sport, Barber formed the Skip Barber Racing School in 1975 at Lime Rock and Thompson Speedway with four students and a pair of borrowed Formula Fords. During this time, Barber served as president of the Road Racing Driver’s Club.

Recognizing the key role that Lime Rock Park could play in building his growing racing school, and to keep the track out of the hands of developers in the high-value Northwest Corner countryside, Barber led a group of investors, all racing school graduates, who purchased the track from Harry Theodoropoulos in 1983, eventually becoming the sole owner.

His eponymous school created champions in every professional racing series in the United States and produced winning drivers at the Indy 500 or Daytona 500 for decades. Barber sold his school in 1999 and continued to work there until 2001.

“I was told by the current owners that 400,000 students, from all over the country, have become racers and champions,” said Barber. Graduates include Marco

Andretti, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Alexander Rossi, Danica Patrick, AJ Allmendinger, Juan Pablo Montoya, Jeff Gordon and hundreds of other top professional racers today.

“You get big by having multiple schools going all at the same time. We had an office in Lakeville, and the workshops were in four different locations. Lime Rock was our most important track of all the tracks used around the country. It certainly was my favorite,” said Barber.

In 2021, Barber sold the track to Lime Rock Group LLC, a group of investors whom he said were equally passionate about carrying out Lime Rock Park’s legacy into the future. “This is a good group,” he said. “They feel the same way about it as I do.”

These days, Barber said he is happy with his continuing relationship as a large shareholder in Lime Rock Group LLC and his role as an active track management team

member. After decades at the helm of Lime Rock Park, including some tumultuous years securing its future, Barber said he now has peace of mind.

“I’m no longer in charge of worrying.”

A Hero of Horsepower

In late April, the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America announced its 2025 Induction Class, which recognized Barber as the founder of “the driving school of champions” in the category of Sports Cars along with six other “Heroes of Horsepower” inductees.

The Class of ’25 will formally be presented into the Hall of Fame in Daytona Beach, Fla., on March 10 and 11, 2025.

As he wrapped up the interview, Barber stepped out onto the Chalet’s terrace and viewed the expansive, verdant park and beamed with happiness — and a look of incredulosity. “I am so in awe of its beauty. To think that I’ve owned this...”

SIGN

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Francis Atwater wrote in the History of Kent, Connecticut that one Fred Chase had become a wealthy businessman after buying “the small and ancient grocery store of this place,” a building that had passed through the hands of William Geer, Edward Dakins and a man named Segar. “It was an old stand, but it remained for Chase to make it a noteworthy establishment,” Atwater wrote.

Chase quickly built on his success, moving his store close to the railroad station and building a new dwelling house. Atwater writes, “South [of Chase’s property] is a feed store, it being the remodeled building formerly occupied by the small grocery.”

“The four houses in the immediate vicinity of the station are those of Walter Page [Clark Page’s son], VanNess Case, Miss Emiline Fanton and John Burkhardt. All are farmers and Mr. Page runs a distillery and cider mill,” Atwater concludes.

Did the Page family go back into the retail business and start their grocery store once more? We don’t know. What is clear is that a photo of the house taken in 1903, before a porch was added to the front, does not show the sign painted on the front. Walter Page became South Kent postmaster in 1915 and during his tenancy Larry Coultrip removed what he believed to be post office boxes from the porch addition.

The Bransons are interested in preserving the sign, but the work would not be covered by insurance. They have been exploring various funding options, including the Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit. Unfortunately, the property does not have either state or national register designation.

“Our goal is to preserve it,” said Douglas Branson. “We are hoping to share this amazing discovery as it is part of the history of the area and to see if there is any interest in a private party or historic entity helping preserve the store sign. We feel it would be a shame to cover it back up.”

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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Art sale to support new nonprofit

It has been said that living well is an art. For Keavy Bedell and Craig Davis, that art form doesn't end in the so-called Golden years. The two Lakeville residents have created a new nonprofit organization called East Mountain House that will help make end-of-life kinder and gentler.

Bedell has been active in the community, providing access to all levels of assistance to people who are finding it hard to do the essential tasks and activities that bring meaning and joy to their lives. She is trained in contemplative care and is a certified end of life doula.

Davis is a contemplative care trained hospice volunteer who provided care for his late wife, Sandy Dennis, during her long struggle with cancer.

Both agree that there

are many excellent organizations in this region that offer quality care at end of life; but they wanted to offer a special kind of care that includes warmth, kindness, and care of the spirit as well as the body.

East Mountain House will provide a residence and care for a small group of people, probably no more than three at any time, at a home in Lakeville. The home will also provide bereavement and caregiver support groups, as well as support and guidance with advance directives and living wills. To help raise funds and bring awareness to their mission, Keavy and Craig have teamed up with the extremely dynamic duo of Liz Macaire and Simon Kristoph for a weekend-long art sale at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury from June 14 to 16, with an opening

party on Friday, June 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Macaire and Kristoph are partners in the new Macaire Kristoph Studio, which they describe as "specializing in interior design, staging, and event production as well as estate services."

Their retail estate consignment store is part of the new Ivy's Collective, at the intersection of Routes 4 and 7 in Sharon at the Cornwall Bridge border (right next to the modern bridge, not the West Cornwall Covered Bridge).

Both Macaire and Kristoph have degrees in art history and experience with merchandising and design.

They also seem to know everyone in three counties, including many of the talented artists who make this region their home. For the fundraising weekend, which they've dubbed the Arty

Party, they've put together a collection of works by more than 20 area artists, with prices ranging from \$40,000 for a large

canvas by Sharon's Tom Goldenberg, to small loose pieces that will sell for under \$200 (the artists will receive 50% of sales of their work).

The sale at The White Hart Inn begins on June 14 with a barbecue and live DJ on the Green in front of the inn, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, donations are accepted but there is no entry fee. Space is limited, so anyone planning to attend is asked to

send an RSVP to www.macairekristoph.com (where you can also preview and pre-purchase artwork).

The sale continues on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (and the work will remain on display throughout the weekend).

Learn more about East Mountain House during the weekend-long Arty Party; or go online to www.eastmountainhouse.org.



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"Galactic Dance," a 90-by-72-inch work by painter Tom Goldenberg of Sharon, is one of about 20 works featured in a fundraising art sale at The White Hart Inn from June 14 to 16.

HISTORY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

A Heroine's tale at Hunt Library

On Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, in collaboration with the Falls Village Equity Project, will host "Honoring a Heroine: The MumBet Story." This event features storyteller and museum educator Tammy Denease, who will bring to life the inspiring true story of Elizabeth "MumBet" Freeman.

Elizabeth Freeman, also known as MumBet, was an enslaved African nurse, midwife, and herbalist. Born around 1744 in Claverack, New York, she spent 30 years enslaved in the household of Colonel John Ashley in Sheffield, Massachusetts. Ashley was one of the creators of the 1773 Sheffield Declaration which stated that "Mankind in a state of nature are equal, free, and independent of each other, and have a right to the undisturbed enjoyment of their lives, their liberty and property." This same language was used in the United States Declaration of Independence of 1776 and in the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780. Evidence suggests that MumBet overheard these ideas

when Colonel Ashley held events in his home and when the documents were read aloud in the public square. Seeking freedom, she turned to Theodore Sedgwick, a prominent attorney who helped draft the Sheffield Declaration with Colonel Ashley. MumBet, along with an enslaved man named Brom, began the process of fighting for their freedom. Historians note that Sedgwick, along with many of the lawyers in the area, decided to use the case as a "test case" to determine if slavery was constitutional under the new Massachusetts Constitution.

After gaining her freedom, MumBet took the name Elizabeth Freeman and worked as a nurse, healer, and midwife for the Sedgwick family. Her courageous legal battle and subsequent life story are testaments to her resilience and determination.

This all-ages program is free and open to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about an important figure in American history and her lasting impact on the fight for freedom and equality.



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Knees creak by wee creeks

This spring I have spent more time than usual creeping around the “little blue lines,” those streams that show up on good maps as, yes, little blue lines.

This is where to find wild trout. Often brook trout, occasionally browns or rainbows.

The first thing to do is get used to kneeling. The fish are generally aggressive, but they are also incredibly spooky.

Once they catch sight of an angler, or even a rod going back and forth, they will zoom off to their hidey holes and sulk.

If you don't believe me, go to one of these streams and wade right on in. Watch as the little dark shapes whizz around.

When I was a callow youth of 45, kneeling was no big deal. At my advanced age, I have gone to knee pads, as worn by roofers and the fellows who restock potato chips at the grocery store. (It was one of the latter who kindly took his pads off and showed them to me.)

Reading the water is more important than ever in this context. What you want is “soft water.”

Imagine a pool that has a chute or plume of water coming in from above. As the faster-moving water enters the pool, it creates white water. On either side of the chute, there is calmer water. That's soft water.

You'll read about finding the seam. The seam is the line between slower and faster moving currents, or white water and soft water.

Trout like to hang around somewhere that offers protection from predators, not too much current to battle against, and adjacent to faster current, which brings food.

Finding the balance of these elements is what trout do all day, except once a year, when they have what passes for sex in the fish world.

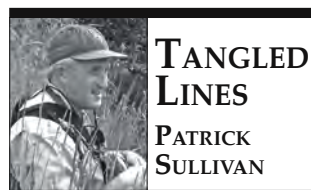
It's a depressing prospect for an ambitious fish, so don't dwell on it.

So when approaching a likely pool, identify the different currents, areas of soft water, and the seams. Do this from a kneeling or crouching position, of course.

Now you have figured out where to stick the fly. Pausing briefly to savor the lower back pain, try a dry fly first. A bushy dry fly that floats well and that you can see.

Park it in the soft water. It will bounce around. Don't let it sit more than a second or two. Flick it in, wait and flick it out.

Sometimes they'll whack it right away. Oth-



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

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Right, first brookie of the day in hand. Below, soft water flows down the little blue line.



er times they will want to see it a few times.

Next hit the seam. Sometimes it will disappear in the foam. Maybe it will sink. Don't worry about it. Keep flicking.

When you do this often enough, you'll get good at making miniscule adjustments from cast to cast. On big water, this is a matter of feet or a few inches. On a little blue line, it's an inch or two tops.

None of these casts are going to be long. Use water loads, bow-and-arrow casts, even roll casts if you're good at them. (I am not.)

You're probably not going to be rearing back with a standard fore-hand cast too often. Not enough room, and no point to it either, since you're sneaking around in kneepads and peering around boulders.

Whatever you do, don't get stuck at one pool just because the big one flashed your fly but did not take it.

A good rule of thumb is: Show the fly to them six times. After that assume you are boring them, and move on.

When do you go subsurface? As usual, it depends.

One of my favorite tactics is to use a Chubby Chernobyl or any foam-bodied dry fly, really. It serves as an indicator 90% of the time.

I tie a piece of fluorocarbon tippet, usually 4X, to the bend of the dry fly hook with a clinch knot. The tippet piece is usually between one and two feet.

I start with a wet fly or an unweighted nymph. If that doesn't work, I go to a brass beadhead nymph, which sinks some. And if that's a bust, I go to a nymph with a tungsten bead that really sinks.

And if all that fails I cuss a bit and chuck a Woolly Bugger in there, just to show them who's boss.

What rod to use?

I have a number of small stream rods, ranging in length from five and a half feet to eight feet, and in line weights from one to five.

More often than not I grab a Cabelas CGR six and a half foot four weight. It's a slow action fiberglass rod, quite inexpensive. I have a discontinued CGR click and pawl reel for it, and a double tapered line.

For fixed line fishing in small streams my favorite is Dragontail's Kaida, a zoom rod that fishes at nine feet and a bit, and 10 and a half feet. This is considerably longer than the fly rod, but the extra leverage al-

lows me to keep most or all of the line and tippet off the water. The extra length is also helpful if I latch onto one of the little blue line Leviathans.

About that: Little blue line fishing is extra-crazy. You have to accept this.

After all, you are expending considerable energy in difficult terrain, performing a highly technical task, in pursuit of quarry you are not going to kill and eat.

And even if you did, a creel full of six-inch trout will yield only enough meat to cover a few Saltine crackers.

You wouldn't be fishing for dinner, but for hors d'oeuvres.

Sharon receives funding for performing arts scholarship

Principal Carol Tomkalski announced May 28 that funds for a scholarship in honor of the late artist and Sharon resident Tom Levine was given to Sharon Center School.

The Tom Levine Scholarship for Performing Arts is meant to encourage students grades 4 to 8 to experience the broad spectrum of performing arts. Starting this June, the up-to \$500 (per student) scholarship will be awarded annually to two SCS students who show an interest in performing arts and have financial need.

The students will be selected by a commit-

tee comprised of Mrs. Tomkalski, Principal; Mrs. Webb, Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Pace, Library Media Specialist; Mr. McNulty, Music Teacher; and Ms. Patricia Chamberlain, former Superintendent of Schools.

Initiated by the Board of Selectmen, the scholarship is funded by Mr. Levine's Trust. Selectman Lynn Kearcher will be the facilitator between the trust and the school.

Students and parents can acquire an application from www.sharoncenter-school.org. Deadline for the return of the application: Monday, June 10th, 2024

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Rendering of the renovated Annex at Ancram Center for the Arts.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Ancram Center receives \$50k grant to expand

Ancram Center for the Arts in Ancram, N.Y., has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the renovation and expansion of its facilities. This grant is part of a larger NYSCA initiative, which is distributing over \$32 million to 102 capital projects throughout New York State.

The funding will be used to renovate a recently acquired adjacent building, known as The Annex. The Annex will provide accommodations for theater staff and a community room

for the Center's free classes and workshops. Additionally, the space will be available to other local groups for meetings and small gatherings.

Said Jeffrey Mousseau, co-director of The Ancram Center, "We acquired this house next to us, so we were literally expanding our footprint to include this new building and in a way, creating a min-campus."

In 2023, The Ancram Center produced 90 events, including theatrical productions, concerts, and workshops, serving approximately 1,700 individuals. This grant will help them

expand not only their current space, but also the continuation of their mission to bring innovative, contemporary theater and community programs to Ancram.

The Ancram Center is optimistic that The Annex will be complete by this time next year. The 2024 Season starts Saturday, June 1 with a family-friendly open house.

For more information about the Ancram Center for the Arts, visit www.ancramcenter.org. To learn more about the New York State Council on the Arts, visit www.arts.ny.gov.



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An interior rendering of the renovated Annex.

LIFESTYLE: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Scoville speech yields pro tips for podcasting

Mary O'Neill gave a detailed presentation on how to set up and run a podcast. She spoke at the Scoville Memorial Library Sunday, May 19.

O'Neill and Main Street Magazine's Thorunn Kristjansdottir have run the Main Street Moxie podcast for three years now. The pair interview interesting people throughout the Connecticut-New York-Massachusetts area. The interviews are about 50 minutes, and come out once a month, with a couple of breaks for holidays.

"We tell positive stories about people and places," O'Neill said.

The format is "conversational," she added.

She had the equipment she uses. A directional microphone with a filter over it, to cut out the "p" sounds. Each person gets their own mic to speak into.

An external hard drive.

A digital recorder, at about \$300 the most expensive piece of kit.

And she uses Audacity, a sound editing application, and a hosting service called Buzzsprout.

Sometimes guests are interviewed remotely, and Zoom is used for that.

From soup to nuts, it all adds up to \$600-\$800 or so.

O'Neill said it can be done cheaper. "You can use your phone."

But this is the routine she and Kristjans-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Mary O'Neill

dottir have settled into.

Other tips: "Batch" your podcast episodes. "People like to binge." She recommended having three episodes ready to go when the podcast starts.

Know your guest. O'Neill said good research ahead of the interview makes for better questions and a smooth interview.

Don't be a perfectionist. O'Neill admitted to being a perfectionist herself, and said it took a while for her to realize that "good

enough" is a perfectly acceptable goal.

O'Neill emphasized that she learned much of what she now knows about podcasting on the fly, from YouTube videos and from experimenting with the equipment and applications.

She also said once a format is determined, "stick with it."

"People are creatures of habit."

Main Street Moxie podcasts can be found by going to www.mainstreetmoxie.press.

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Why Op-Eds Matter and How to Write One: John Coston in Conversation with Laura van Straaten

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

On Thursday, June 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m., learn all about newspaper opinion pieces at this evening with John Coston, Editor in Chief of the Lakeville Journal, and Laura van Straaten, a seasoned journalist and a mentor-editor for the Op-Ed Project. Learn about the importance, power, and practice of writing opinion articles. Ask questions, try out your ideas with the experts, and sign up for an op-ed writing workshop. To register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

JUNE 7

The Spaghetti Wedding

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. noblehorizons.org

Join Noble Horizons for spaghetti dinner and a show ("The Wedding") Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m. There will be fun and surprises in store. Tickets are \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. Register on www.noblehorizons.org. This is a PG13 event and seating is limited.

Banned Book Club

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

On Friday, June 7 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" by Malinda Lo. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

JUNE 8

Spongy Moths: An Interpretive Walk

Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y.

Have you noticed the boom in spongy moth caterpillars? Are you interested in learning what's going on from an ecological perspective? Join Cary Institute's Clive Jones and Mike Fargione for an interpretive spongy moth walk on the grounds of our Millbrook, NY campus on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration required at www.eventbrite.com/e/spongy-moths-an-interpretive-walk-tickets-901506479147

JUNE 9

FFA Chicken BBQ

HVRHS Ag-Ed Center, 246 Warren Tpke., Falls Village, Conn.

The HVRHS FFA Alumni Chicken BBQ returns June 9 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal and support high school students. All proceeds go directly into scholarship funds.

Country Mutt Show

Lime Rock Park, 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Conn.

The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show is an energizing and entertaining spectacular celebration of every dog. A Westminster-style Dog Show that celebrates all breeds and creeds, this annual event will be held rain or shine at Lime Rock Park on Sunday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free and open to the public for spectators, the \$20 registration fee allows for you and your dog to compete in two categories and supports the vital animal rescue work of the Little Guild.

Blessing of the Bikes

All Saints of America Orthodox Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd. Salisbury, Conn.

The annual Blessing of Bikes will be held on June 9 at All Saints of America Orthodox Church at 12:30 p.m. Anyone who has a motorcycle or bicycle is welcome. The church is located at 313 Twin Lakes Rd. Salisbury, CT. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information call 860-435-9632.

JUNE 14

Summer Reading Kick Off Party

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

Jump into summer at the David M. Hunt Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 14 at 2

p.m. Join for ice cream, dancing, and more as we celebrate the beginning of summer and the library's summer programming. Families are invited to bring a blanket or chairs and hang out on the library lawn. Sign-ups for our summer reading program will be available from June through August for kids ages 5 and up.

JUNE 15

Children's Art Workshop

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

Artist Erika Crofut will hold a workshop for children on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will create and paint their own wooden flower for a yard or garden ornament. This event is free and open to children 6 and up.

Sign up is a must since supplies are limited. Please contact the library at (860) 824-7863 or email douglaslibrary@comcast.net

Football Skills and Drills

Great Barrington VFW, 800 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass.

Great Barrington's Annual Skills and Drills event is back. Come have some fun, play some football (no tackle) or learn some cheers. Try it out from 10 a.m. to noon. Ages 7-14. Food to follow. Bring water and dress appropriately (no jeans or crocs).

Art Exhibition

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

Opening with a reception on Saturday, June 15, 5 to 7 p.m., David M. Hunt Library (Falls Village, CT) will host an exhibition of abstract paintings by Robert Cronin, Serious Paintings, which will be on display through July 12.

JUNE 21

Claude Monet and the Art of the Garden

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

A presentation by Ann Temkin, the Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, at the UCC, followed by a cocktail reception in a private garden. At Cornwall Library, June 21 at 6 p.m.

JUNE 22

Cornwall Town Picnic

Hammond Town Beach, 37 Lake Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Park and Recreation will host the annual Town Picnic Saturday, June 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hammond Beach. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring a side dish or dessert, Hurlburt burgers and Dolan hotdogs will be provided. Ice cream sundaes will be made by the Cornwall Agriculture Commission. Lifeguards will be on duty.

Learn the Art of Block Printing

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon will present the opening of a new exhibition by artist Debra Tyler titled "Earth Scroll: Art Installation, Meditation, and Block Printing" on Saturday,

June 22. Tyler will lead two block printing workshops, one from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and the second from 2:30 to 4 p.m. To register for this free program go to www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

JUNE 29

Author Talk

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

James Traub is an American journalist. He is a contributing writer for The New York Times Magazine, where he has worked since 1998. From 1994 to 1997, he was a staff writer for The New Yorker. Registration is required for this June 29 event beginning at 6 p.m. cornwalllibrary.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/cornwalllibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1289

Real People, Real Stories by Ancram Center for the Arts

The Hilltop Barn at Roeliff Jansen Park, 9140 NY Route 22, Hillsdale N.Y.

Everyone has a story to tell. With each edition of Real People, local residents recount captivating tales that celebrate community and personal connection.

It's an audience favorite and mainstay in Ancram Center's seasonal programming. The RPRS approach involves a series of

storytelling workshops. In these workshops, local residents develop and shape their monologues with guidance from program director Paul Ricciardi. The results are an array of poignant, humorous, and captivating tales that celebrate community and personal connection.

Contact Paul Ricciardi at paul@ancramoperahouse.org. No prior storytelling experience needed; each storyteller receives 5-6 hours of individual training and rehearsal time to craft a compelling narrative and to hone the telling of their story.

This event will take place at 7:30 pm on June 29.

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Twelve Moons Coffee House

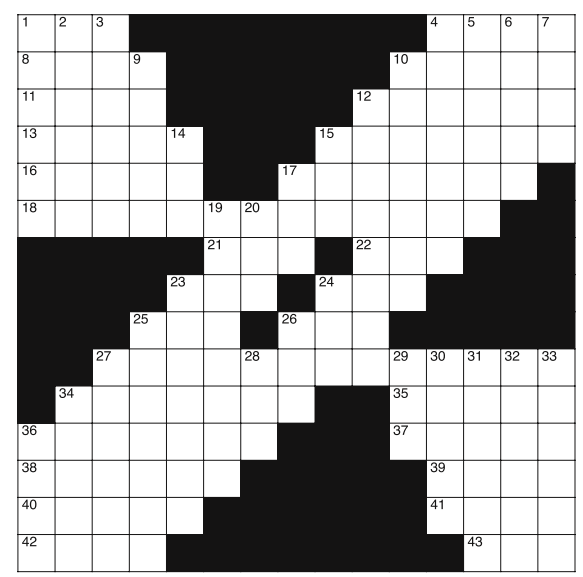
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

Twelve Moons Coffee House builds community through live music, poetry readings and storytelling on the 1st Saturday of each month. Doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured Professional Artists play from 8 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own dinner and beverage or enjoy the venue's light refreshments.

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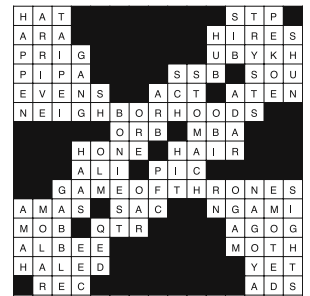
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- A type of equation
- Stretched uncomfortably
- Indian religious god
- Clocks
- Slowly leak through
- Witnesses
- Midway between south and southeast

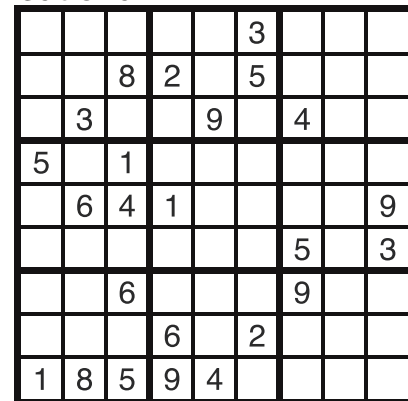


- Farm animals
- Prevent from growing
- Sensationalist periodical
- Soft-bodied beetle
- Very fast airplane
- Imaginative creation
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Evoked a response
- French river
- Shiny yellow minerals
- Make illegal
- U.S. military branch
- River in France and Belgium
- A woman of refinement
- Male child
- Type of medication
- German city
- Animal disease
- Mediterranean dietary staple
- Sneak out
- Radioactivity unit
- Performs on stage

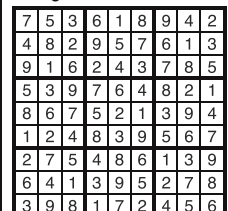
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Our Towns

Sharon Sustainable Team grows

By Alexander Wilburn

SHARON — Four Sharon residents were appointed to the Sustainable Team at a regularly held Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, May 28.

Tim Wright, Brian Abut, Katherine Shepard and Bethany Shaffer are set to each serve a two-year term on a team that First Selectman Casey Flanagan described as a “fundraising group” that will target grants and operating cost reduction strate-

gies with the goal of further the town’s sustainable and environmentally conscious endeavors.

Also related to Bethany Sheffer: her discussion of a project titled “Native Plants Proclamation” was postponed until June as Sheffer was unable to attend the May 28 meeting.

Further discussion on the grant application for the Community Development Block was also tabled until Tuesday, June 11, as Flanagan and the board had yet to

read the finished application. With the deadline looming on Friday, June 14, the selectmen decided that June 11 would be a more appropriate time to vote while still leaving room for changes to be made to the application before the deadline.

The Community Development Block is seeking to renovate the former Com-

munity Center by converting the building into four affordable housing units, with the potential grant to be used to help fund the renovation.

It was also decided that on Tuesday, June 13, at 6 p.m., in-person at Sharon Town Hall, a special town meeting will be held to further discuss the option to lease 99 North Main Street.

Wildlife exhibit opens at Academy Building

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The latest exhibit from the Salisbury Association Land Trust is on display at the Academy Building on Main Street in Salisbury through July 1.

“Imperiled Species in Our Community: The Biodiversity Crisis at Home” details the decline in the biodiversity of local animal species. These

include insects (the yellow banded bumblebee), bats such as the tricolor variety, reptiles (timber rattlesnakes), and two panels’ worth of birds.

The exhibit, created by Elaine and Lou Hecht, includes suggestions on how to help these species.

The Academy Building is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

North Canaan mill rate drops

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The annual town meeting May 30 passed both municipal and education spending plans unanimously.

Overall, the budget is down compared to last year. North Canaan’s spending totals in 2024-25 are set at \$13,344,971.70, a reduction of \$51,150.13 (-0.38%).

The mill rate was set at 24.75, down 0.75 (-2.94%) from last year.

North Canaan Elementary School saw an increase due to hiring a new teacher. NCES showed a bottom line of \$4,536,112.70 for next year, an increase of \$110,075.87 (2.49%) over 2023-24.

North Canaan’s Region One assessment is down compared to last year. The 2024-25 total is \$5,565,923, down \$136,960 (-2.4%).

The selectmen’s spending proposal showed a total of \$3,242,936, a reduction of \$24,166 (-0.67%).



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Davis IGA turns 50

Sunday June 2, The Davis IGA in Kent celebrated its 50th anniversary. Started in 1974 by Charlie and Anne Davis (above), and then owned for many years by son Gary and daughter Audrey. It is now owned by Greg and Brianna Eads who hosted the gala celebration at the Kent Community House. They provided food from the IGA, and entertainment by the Algorithmics Band. It was an open house celebration and the town turned out in huge numbers to honor and share memories of their beloved marketplace.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Peter Vermilyea was the guest speaker at Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society’s annual dinner.

Historical Society fetes volunteers

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society held its annual meeting and dinner at the Emergency Services Center Friday, May 31.

Peter Vermilyea, head of the social studies department

at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and author of several books, was the guest speaker.

The society honored Bunny McGuire for decades of volunteer work, and Tracy Wilson, who helped with information technology, grant writing and other ongoing projects.

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