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Scout Master Walter Deane and the scouts from Troop 22 raise the flag at the Robert D. Pierce memorial.

Positivity outshines rain clouds at Housy graduation

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Class of 2024 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School had to have their Friday, June 14, graduation inside due to the threat of thunderstorms.

It was a little warm and stuffy in the gym, but that didn't get in the way as the graduates cheered each other and the speakers.

Principal Ian Strever told the graduates, "Starting today, you begin to write the essay of your life."

Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter kept it brief. Referring to the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted the Class of 2024's first year of high school she said "You are strong, resilient and moving forward."

Salutatorian Dana Saccardi also alluded to the pandemic, when the class was split into two "cohorts" and attended school in person just two days per week.

"This meant we only knew a handful of people and our faces were hidden."

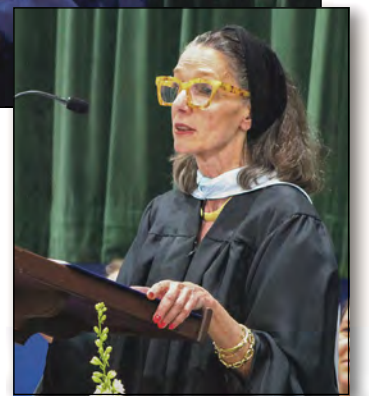
"But now we're together."

Saccardi concluded: "Life is



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Above, Class President Finn Cousins addresses his classmates at graduation. Right, outgoing Superintendent Lisa Carter says farewell.



not about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."

Class President Finn Cousins recalled his COVID-19 era "graduation" from Sharon Center School, which was done with families "driving in circles" around town because large group activities were

out of the question.

He said the word "entitlement" can have a positive or negative connotation. Choosing the former, he

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'Old Glory' finds new home in North Canaan

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Students of North Canaan Elementary School gathered at Sam Eddy Field Wednesday, June 12, to witness the stars and stripes hoisted high on a newly installed flagpole.

Celebrated two days early due to school ending, the Flag Day ceremony took place on a pristine spring morning. Patriotism was palpable as the students sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Grand Ole Flag" beneath a clear blue sky.

"Red symbolizes valor and bravery. White: purity and innocence.

And blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice," NCES Principal Alicia Roy said as the student body looked on.

Scouts from Troop 22 presented a 5-foot by 8-foot flag (donated by scout Luca Bascetta) to be raised in traditional fashion.

As the flag slowly climbed the 35-foot pole, "Taps" played on bugle courtesy of the scouts.

Hands covered hearts for the Pledge of Allegiance once the flag reached its pinnacle.

The new multi-tiered, metal

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Residents vote to lease Community Center to Sharon Housing Trust

By Alexander Wilburn

SHARON — The vacant Sharon Community Center is set to be converted into affordable housing following a vote by Sharon residents at a pivotal town meeting held on Thursday, June 13.

Following the approval to lease the town-owned building at 99

North Main Street to the Sharon Housing Trust, the Trust will now have just 15 months, a little over a year, to secure the funds needed for the building's conversion into apartment units.

The success of this project would continue the efforts of the Housing Trust on North Main Street, having

already obtained six apartments located in three buildings at 91, 93, and 95 North Main Street, not far from the Community Center.

The lease to the Trust will extend for 99 years, and the plan is to convert the empty building

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Superfund site serves as reminder for careful waste management

By Jennifer Almquist

The Barkhamsted-New Hartford Landfill, Regional Refuse Disposal District No. 1 (RRDD1), a 98-acre Superfund site straddling the towns of Barkhamsted and New Hartford has left a toxic trail that continues to require active management

Between 1974 and 1993, the unlined landfill accepted a noxious cocktail of municipal and industrial wastes, including oily metal grindings, sludge, and bulky items.

Groundwater contamination was first detected in 1981, setting off alarms about the potential health risks posed by the site.

As of June 2023, Connecticut had 13 Superfund sites on the National Priorities List (NPL) which identifies "the most serious uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites needing long-term remedial action." According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), when hazardous commer-

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Little League champs

Region One players on the Steve Blass Pirates won the Northwest District 6 Majors Little League championship over Tri-Town in the rain Friday night, June 14. Full story on Page A11.



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Online This Week

HVRHS spring sports recap

Another season of athletic achievement at Housatonic Valley Regional High School has come to a close. Scenes from spring high school sports can be viewed on Instagram.

Watch the video @lakevillejournal

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.

Transfer station larceny

On Friday, June 14, at approximately 5 p.m., Troop B received a call from the Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station about an active larceny. An investigation led to the arrest of Patrick Brennan, 39, of Sharon of charges of operating an unregistered vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without minimum

insurance and larceny, 6th degree. Brennan was released on a \$2,500 nonsurety bond.

Driver flees crash site

On Friday, June 14, at approximately 1 p.m., Robert Winters, 76, of Lakeville, was eastbound on Route 44 in Salisbury in a 2020 Toyota Tacoma and came to a stop due to eastbound traffic making a left turn at Twin Lakes Road. The Tacoma was struck by an eastbound 2016 Jeep Patriot owned by Tracy Lynn Nolan of Millerton. The unknown driver

of the Jeep left the scene on foot. Winters sustained minor injuries and the Jeep was towed from the scene. The crash is an ongoing investigation at Troop B barracks.

Rear-ended on Route 7

On Saturday, June 15, at approximately 1 p.m. Donna Prindle-speed, 73, of Canaan, was southbound on Route 7 in North Canaan in a 2012 Volvo S80 and slowed to make a turn into an apartment complex. Dana Tompkins, 28, of Sharon, also southbound in a 2022 Jeep Compass, struck

the rear of the Volvo. Both individuals sustained minor injuries and both vehicles were towed from the scene by Arnold's Garage. Tompkins was issued a written warning for failure to drive at a reasonable distance resulting in an accident.

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

Torrington filmmakers receive international acclaim

By Jennifer Almquist

TORRINGTON — Three high school seniors from Torrington, Trevor Llewellyn, Mateusz Haratyk, Bobo Lwin, and their families recently returned from a triumphant trip to Agrigento in Sicily, Italy

Inspired by the short stories by Nobel Prize-winning Italian author Luigi Pirandello (1867-1936), the three friends wrote an original screenplay and created a hand-colored silent film titled "Nailed," as part of the CIAO program of the Connecticut Academy of the Arts (CAFTA).

They submitted their fifteen-minute film (which features Trevor as a convincing Pirandello having a philosophical dialogue with Diogenes, played by Mateusz, and Bobo as the detective) to the literary, theatrical and film competition in Agrigento, Italy that celebrates Pirandello's literature and theatrical genius, "Uno, Nessuno, Centomila," which translates to One, No One, and One Hundred Thousand.

The CAFTA students competed with 1,711 students representing 289 schools from 19 countries. The students rose to the top 10 internationally. The nominated filmmakers, and their families, were invited to the event, which was held May 6-9, 2024, in Sicily.

Grant funding for the trip was arranged by Julie Scharnberg of the NWCT Community Foundation, who said, "This is the best part of grantmaking—to see what can happen when students have the opportunity to participate in initiatives like CAFTA's CIAO Program. So much hard work went into writing and producing such an insightful film. And then to see the level of recognition the three Torrington High School seniors received at the Agrigento film festival is thrilling and truly inspiring." The grant was made possible by the City of Torrington with funds from The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Teresa Graham-Sullivan, (co-founder and executive director of CAFTA), her husband John Sullivan (CAFTA co-founder), their dogs Zoe and Circe, the three young filmmakers, Trevor's mother Michelle Hass, and Mateusz's Aunt Justyna Ferenz traveled together to Agrigento, Italy (where Pirandello lived) on



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

The CAFTA group that returned home to Torrington triumphant from Pirandello film competition in Agrigento, Italy. From left to right, John Henry Sullivan III holding Zoe, Bobo Lwin, filmmaker, Trevor Llewellyn, filmmaker, Mateusz Haratyk, filmmaker, Teresa Graham-Sullivan holding Circe.

this whirlwind adventure.

Their film won the special Critics Choice Prize proposed by Italy's renowned film critic, Benjamin Biondi for their film. CAFTA students also received a Certificate of Honor for their original script from the Director General of Culture for Italy, Alessandro De Pedys, as well as scholarships for script studies in Italy. Their work was well received at the Pirandello Theater where, according to the young men, they were "treated like rockstars with standing ovations" as they made their presentation. They were interviewed by RAI TV, Italy's National Network.

CAFTA, located on Prospect Street in Torrington, is the creative treasure of Teresa Graham-Sullivan and her husband John Henry Sullivan III. CAFTA's mission is to "provide individuals of all ages the means to identify, explore, and utilize their creative ideas and talents with excellence and high standards on a competitively global level."

Mateusz Haratyk, whose plans now include studying filmmaking in Poland and Italy, remarked that, "I got deeply interested in philosophy because I was looking for any ways to better my life. I began reading Pirandello by accident. What reading Pirandello means to me is understanding to never underestimate the power of

planting a seed. Pirandello was writing for audiences in the 1920s but the themes and concepts of his works have never been more relevant than today. His work transcends generations and should be closely studied by modern audiences. Being invited to Agrigento was truly a life-changing experience. From the beautiful award ceremony to the incredible people we met, I can assure myself that this experience will never be forgotten."

The filmmakers researched "Novellas for A Year" by Luigi Pirandello, who wrote 40 plays, numerous short stories, novels, and is considered the father of the Theater of the Absurd. The theme for "Nailed" was chosen by reflecting on the growing violence in the world. They were drawn to the author, who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1934, and his themes concerning the senselessness of human existence, questions about death and its meaning, our ability to dominate our irrational impulses, as well as the fact that our lives are often in someone else's hands.

After returning home, Trevor Llewellyn, who is bound for the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine, to become a pilot, commented, "Being able to return [he competed there



COURTESY OF CAFTA

Trevor Llewellyn as Luigi Pirandello in the award-winning, hand-colored silent film, "Nailed."

when he was in 8th grade, also through CAFTA] to Agrigento was an amazing feeling. I'm so glad that I was

able to see some old friends and meet new people. The contest was organized beautifully, and everyone involved

made us feel welcomed and accepted. I am unbelievably grateful to all the organizers, judges and other contestants."

Mayor Elinor Carbone has planned a ceremony to present the young filmmakers with a Special Commendation from their City of Torrington. This August, Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) will award each young man with a Special Congressional Citation in recognition for their excellence in their work presented during the Luigi Pirandello Contest 2024.

Bobo Lwin, who now plans on becoming an electrician, added, "Going to Agrigento is like a movie, from all the cheers from the audience to meeting new people and tasting the culture, I know that this experience will always be in my heart."

Their film, "Nailed," has been entered into this year's prestigious Venice Film Festival as part of the Venice Biennale 2024.

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Read more at: 21stcenturyfund.net

Our Towns

Cornwall permits duplex, triplex development

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved a regulation to allow for two-family and three-family homes to be built by private developers in town.

Previously, multi-family homes could only be built by nonprofit organizations for affordable housing. By allowing private developers to construct multi-family homes, it is the hope of P&Z that more rental options will become available in Cornwall.

"It may allow more people with modest incomes to live in Cornwall," said P&Z Chair Anna Timmel.

Commission approval came following a public hearing at Cornwall Library Tuesday, June 12. Of the 11 residents that voiced testimony and the one received written testimony, no public

commentors were opposed to the regulation. Most spoke passionately in favor.

"The current housing crisis, as we know, it's hit Connecticut very hard," Selectman Rocco Botto said. "People that work in our town can't live in the same town that they work in."

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway noted that before the pandemic, the average price of a home in Cornwall was about \$350,000. "Now it's over \$800,000 and heading toward a million dollars."

"The situation is dire and I regard this set of regulations as a good way to attack the problem," said Jill Cutler, chair of the recently formed Affordable Housing Commission. "This type of housing is not affordable in the technical sense, but it might be affordable in the real sense."

Some residents spoke cautiously, addressing the potential for short-term rental

units to be built.

"Make sure we're accomplishing the goal here," said resident Stacey Marcin, emphasizing the units should be used for long-term rentals, "Not turned into money machines for people of means."

Timmel addressed concerns over large-scale development. She cited the mountainous topography in Cornwall and plentiful waterways as natural deterrents to big construction.

"As well as the lack of a centralized water supply system and sewer system means that in fact very little big scale development is possible here," said Timmel.

The regulation passed along with a change to restaurant permitting in town. Restaurants no longer need to go through public hearing to receive approval. Restaurants applying for special permits can be approved by P&Z following a site plan review.



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

The Salisbury Central School band performed on the field at Dunkin' Park as part of the opening act for the Hartford Yard Goats game on Saturday, June 15.

SCS band opens for Hartford Yard Goats

The Salisbury Central School (SCS) middle school band was among the opening acts for the Hartford Yard Goats, a minor league baseball team, at Dunkin' Park in Hartford on Saturday, June 15, the Yard Goats' Military Appreciation Night.

SCS performer Gus Tripler managed to snag a foul ball that was sent into the stands behind first base during an early inning. In the end, the Yard Goats triumphed over the Akron RubberDucks 2-1.

This performance, organized by

middle school music teacher and band director Rob Nellson, was the last for this year's graduating eighth-graders. Nellson lauded these students' dedication and perseverance during an earlier performance, noting that their introduction to the band program was at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Health restrictions at the time meant students were introduced to instruments and their band mates through masks, distancing and other precautions.

— James H. Clark



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Sold in May for \$585,000, the historic "Ethan Allen" home at 4 Apple Way fronting on Route 44 was built in 1761. The house has previously been listed for sale from 2011 when it was sold for \$345,000 in 2020.

Salisbury real estate sales in May

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Listed below are the eight real estate sales recorded during the month of May filed with the Town of Salisbury. Only transactions with a monetary value are included while transfers without consideration are excluded. Private sales between individuals not publicly listed are also included.

May 2, 2024

27 Orchard Street: a 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home sold by Elizabeth S. Hobby to Nicole M and Terry C Roy for \$330,000.

May 3, 2024

4 Apple Way: a 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold by Elena Karolinka Pavloff and James Dwyer to Charles and Charles Parker Newton for \$585,000.

May 3, 2024

14 Wells Hill Lane: 4 bedroom/4.5 bath home on 6.23 acres sold by James W and Meagan D Davis to Friday Jones CT LLC for \$5,045,000.

May 10, 2024

41 Fowler Street: 2 bedroom/1 bath 800 square foot home sold by Catherine H and Walker R Zeiser to Janet Leonard Stone Family Trust for \$340,000.

May 15, 2024

294 Lime Rock Road: .51-acre vacant lot sold by Jeffrey Gateman and Cassandra Gilmore to 294 Lime Rock LLC for \$60,000.

May 17, 2024

87 Canaan Road Unit 4D: 2 bedroom/2 bath condo sold by Patricia McHugh Russ to Peter A and Theresa Armour for \$635,000.

May 21, 2024

56 Tokone Hills Road: 2 bedroom/2 bath home sold by estate of Geoffrey Gott to Lawrence Pipitone for \$925,000.

May 23, 2024

Preston Lane: 1.04 acres

sold by Thomas P Stack to Michael Martin for \$215,000.

Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between May 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024 provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Falls Village, CT

Our Towns

Hayes, Horn and Potter to attend Falls Village Dems meeting June 24

FALLS VILLAGE — National and state elected officials and a State Senate candidate will discuss current issues at the regular meeting of the Falls Village Democratic Town Committee on Monday, June 24. The meeting, will be held at the Falls Village Firehouse

at 4 p.m. Following the meeting Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (D-5), State Assemblymember Maria Horn (D64) and State Senate candidate Justin Potter, who is seeking a seat in the 30th District, will be present for a discussion.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Roadside repairs

Bicyclerepair expert Shepherd Myers showed a group at the Scoville Memorial Library how to troubleshoot and perform basic bicycle maintenance on Tuesday, June 11. His basic kit includes CO2 cartridges for rapid tire inflation, and he had a pro tip: Buy the cartridges, which are also used for paintball guns, at sporting goods stores, not bike shops, and save big.

Historic trades, tools, tractors and gems at Eric Sloane

By Lynn Mellis Worthington

Kent Good Times Dispatch

KENT — When master woodworker Rick Liegl puts together his displays for a day demonstrating at the Eric Sloane Museum he likes to bring whatever he's working on at the time.

"I love it here with all the old tools. This is our place in Connecticut," Liegl said Saturday, June 8 as one of the participants in the Historic Trades Day.

Liegl was demonstrating his favorite style of carving for visitors—Early Connecticut and Massachusetts joinery carving that was done from the 1680s to 1700s.

As he made intricate patterns in a flat piece of Black Walnut wood, he explained what he was doing for those passing by his tent set up in front of the museum. Among the visitors were Tom and Joan Orzech of the Merryall section of New Milford.

"There is something special about having something locally made," Liegl said. He has educated himself about the historic techniques by visiting museums such as the Wadsworth and Yale to see the early pieces. "This is my favorite style of carving."

Other demonstrators were fiber artists Margaret Liljedahl of Hartford, who was weaving on her rigid heddle loom, and Jo Mellis of Kent, who was spinning wool on her spinning wheel. Both were inside the Noah Blake Cabin and had samples of their work available for people to look at and touch.

Outside the cabin was Gabor Ruzsan of Sparrow Bush, NY, a leather and wood craftsman with a wide assortment of items from leather belts to wood chairs from his company Garny & Co. Blacksmith Ian McCarthy was also demonstrating his skills on a portable forge.

There were many other activities happening at the museum and nearby, including a tool swap hosted by Antique Tools and Trades in Connecticut (ATTIC) with many vendors circling the back of the museum.

As visitors walked next to the tables, it led to the path to the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science located on the grounds of the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA). The museum was hosting a mineral, gem and jewelry show that featured 30 different vendors selling a wide variety of items from unpolished specimens by the pound to highly polished gems.

Down in the field next to the Housatonic River, CAMA's antique tractor pull attracted many contestants from area towns. Coordina-



Left, the front wheels of a tractor owned by Cody Butts of New Milford lift off the ground as he pulls during the Tractor Pull June 8 on the CAMA grounds. Below, woodcarver Rick Liegl speaks with Joan Orzech of the Merryall section of New Milford at the Historic Trades Day at the Eric Sloane Museum June 8.



PHOTOS BY LYNN MELLIS WORTHINGTON

tor Justin Downs of Sharon was watching closely as competitors pulled 8,400 pounds of cement blocks on a sled just past the midday.

As to how high a weight would be pulled, it was undetermined.

"It all depends. Some days with big tractors they could go up to 11,500 pounds," he said. This is the second year for the tractor pull at the CAMA property. He said many competitors use multiple tractors at the competition.

Downs said he has a "fleet of tractors," saying he was up to 10 at this point.

"It is just a fun hobby," Downs said. He started with

a pedal tractor at age 3 and then moved onto a garden tractor at age 7. While the equipment is important, there is a technique to a good pull.

"A lot of it depends on the tractor and learning how to work your tractor, get the throttle and brakes right. Where you back in sometimes makes a difference," Downs said.

It is hard to say what is the "best" order for drivers to go, he commented.

"Sometimes later in line is better," he said.

CAMA and the Eric Sloane Museum coordinate their events to make it enjoyable for visitors.

Left, Shoppers look through the gems and minerals offered for sale by the the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science during its mineral, gem and jewelry show



LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2023 is due and payable July 1, 2024. The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2023 will become delinquent on Friday, August 2, 2024.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from July 1, 2024 until the same is paid.

Bills may be viewed and paid online by going to the Tax Collector's page on the Town of Kent website at www.townofkentct.org.

There are two options for online payment: credit card or electronic check.

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There is a red drop box next to the front door of the Town Hall for payments.

Payments are also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE TOWN OF CANAAN

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Canaan gives notice that

she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due July 1, 2024 at the Tax Collector's office in the Canaan Town Hall, 108 Main St, Falls Village, CT on Monday's 9am-12pm & 1-3pm and Wednesday 9am-12pm. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2024 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after August 1, 2024 will be charged interest from July 1, 2024 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-130

Rebecca M Juchert- Derungs, Tax Collector, CCMC
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TAX COLLECTOR SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

The taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that I have received the Warrant and the Rate Bill to collect taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 with a levy of 11.00 Mills. Said taxes become due on July 1, 2024. If said Real Estate and Personal Property tax is over \$100.00, it is payable

in four installments due: July 1, 2024, October 1, 2024, January 1, 2025, April 1, 2025. Motor Vehicle tax shall be paid in one installment due: July 1, 2024. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2024. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before August 1, 2024 interest at the rate of 1.5% (18% annually) will apply. The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, PO Box 338, Salisbury CT 06068. WPCA Sewer use fees for the year July 1, 2024 are also due and payable on August 1, 2024. Tax office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-4pm. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall open 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday and a 24 hour drop box on the Factory Street back side of the Town Hall. Please check salisburyct.us for additional credit card payment information. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX OR THE INTEREST. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office 860 435-5189 or taxcollector@salisburyct.us if you do not receive a bill or have questions. Dated this 5th day of June 2024.

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OBITUARIES

Doris May Benedict

NORFOLK — Doris May Benedict, 84, a longtime resident of Norfolk, passed away on Friday, June 13, 2024, at Waterbury Hospital in Waterbury.



Born on Nov. 11, 1939, in East Canaan, Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth M. and Edna (Reid) Ford. Mrs. Benedict was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School class of 1957. On Jan. 24, 1957, in Ancramdale, New York, she married Orson N. Benedict who survives at home.

Mrs. Benedict dedicated her life to raising her family and church. She was a long-time member, former choir member and Sunday School Teacher, of the North Canaan Congregational Church in East Canaan. Mrs. Benedict was a genealogist and member of the Berkshire Family History Society and Connecticut Society of Genealogy. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and loved to tend to her garden.

In addition to her loving husband, Mrs. Benedict is survived by four daughters, Melissa Sweeney, Virginia Halsted, Frances Benedict and Sally LaChance. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Patrick and Kelly Sweeney, Michael, Benjamin Lannen, Molly Seitz, and Michelle and Christopher Benedict and eight great-grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a son, Orson N. Benedict, Jr.; a granddaughter, Gabrielle Noel LaChance; a brother, George Ford and two sisters Cathy Musselman and Judith Ford.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the North Canaan Congregational Church, 172 Lower Road, East Canaan, CT. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan, CT. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.

Peter Charles Nilsen

NIANTIC, Conn. — Peter Charles Nilsen 85 of Niantic, Connecticut, died at home surrounded by family on Tuesday May 28, 2024, nineteen days before his 86th birthday.

Born on June 16, 1938, in Sharon he was the son of Bjarne and Gertrude Nilsen of Lakeville. He was a proud graduate of Salisbury School for Boys class of 1956. He attended Wesleyan University and graduated with a MBA from the University of Hartford. He was employed by Aetna Insurance as a VP of Bond Investments before retiring. He loved spending time with family, reading, skiing and traveling in his retirement.

Peter is survived by his wife Susan Nilsen of Niantic, his two daughters Wendy Millesen and Beth (Stephen) Miller and his stepchildren Kris Deary, Cari Jacobsen and Mike Deary. He is also survived by his grandchildren Ben Millesen, Amy Millesen, Tucker Miller, Jennie Miller, William Miller and Andrew Jacobsen. He is also survived by his sister Ruth (George) Keeler and sister-in-law Sue Nilsen and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Peter was predeceased by his sister Rita Coats, his brother Joseph Nilsen and his nephew Eugene Wright.

All services were private.

SHARON — Eliza Kellogg Klose, died on June 12, 2024, at Noble Horizons after a long battle with dementia. She was 83 years old.

Eliza attended Potomac School in McLean, Virginia, acquiring her love of music both from her conservatory-trained mother, Celina Robbins Kellogg, and also from her Potomac school days with music teacher John Langstaff, with whom she later performed in Spring and Christmas Revels productions in Washington, DC (1974) and Hanover, New Hampshire (1982).

Eliza graduated from Milton Academy in Milton, Massachusetts, where she was valedictorian of the Class of 1958, and Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, earning a BA in English Literature, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1962.

After college, Eliza taught English at Bard College in Red Hook, New York, and at schools in Washington DC before marrying Kevin Klose in 1964. As mother of Cornelia (Nina, 1967), Kevin Brennan (Brennan, 1968) and Chandler (1972), she studied towards a Master's in Early Childhood Education, as well as participating in progressive movements such as early efforts at racial integration and community participation through Columbia Road Children's Center, the Community Playgroup movement, natural birth, and La Leche League. She taught creative music and movement at Columbia Road and also in the Six School Complex when her children joined one of the 6 schools, Horace Mann.

When husband Kevin was appointed Moscow Bureau Chief for The Washington Post in 1977-1981, Eliza learned Russian fluently, and became a guiding light for the family in navigating the challenges of life in the USSR.

She helped Kevin conduct interviews (he hadn't learned the language nearly as well) and supported the three kids in attending Soviet schools and learning fluent Russian. Both Eliza and Kevin became fascinated by the Soviet Dissident movement, coming to know and support the families of Dmitri Sakharov and Elena Bonner, Lidia Chukovskaya, Lev Kopelev, Vasily Aksyonov, Vladimir Voinovich, the Donetsk, Ukraine coal miner activist Alexei Nikitin and many others from the Soviet intelligentsia.

From Moscow, the family moved to Pomfret, Vermont, for two years while Kevin wrote an account of the Soviet dissident movement, and then to Chicago for four, during Kevin's stint as Midwest & Canada Bureau Chief for the Post. During this time Eliza translated and published works by activist and writer Lidia Chukovskaya, and also taught writing at Midwest Talent Search, Northwestern University's program for gifted youth.

Back in Washington, DC in 1989, Eliza joined and later became Executive Director of the small non-profit, the Institute for Soviet-American Relations (ISAR). As the Iron Curtain opened, ISAR expanded from public diplomacy efforts as a clearinghouse for Soviet-American civilian exchange to making seed grants to a wide network of NGOs within the former USSR. Under Eliza's leadership, ISAR distributed over \$15m in USAID funding to support citizen environmental groups through nine offices from Moscow to Almaty, Kyiv, Tbilisi and Baku.

Eliza divorced Kevin in 2006, the same year she retired from ISAR. Three years later she moved to Sharon,

to marry Harding Bancroft. After retiring from ISAR she sat on the board of the International Crane Foundation, traveling in the Russian and Asian Far East to learn about and support the Foundation's conservation work to preserve endangered crane populations.

In Sharon, besides creating and maintaining an extensive garden, Eliza joined and then co-chaired the Sharon Garden Club, Sharon Women's Club, and volunteered at the Sharon Historical Society. Eliza and Harding travelled extensively, enjoying tours in Europe, Former USSR, Egypt, Jordan, Norwegian fjords, the Galapagos, and glaciers in Tierra del Fuego.

Eliza battled dementia

for eight years; in 2022, she and Harding moved to Noble Horizons. Throughout her battle with dementia, Eliza continued to astound and touch us all with her grace and acceptance of her condition. She received the skilled and devoted care of the team at Noble Horizons. Until her final hours, though she could no longer speak or move her body, she was able to communicate her love and gentle spirit with all who knew her.

She is mourned by her husband, Harding Bancroft, her children, Nina Klose (London, England); Brennan Klose (Washington, DC); and Chandler Klose (Northampton, Massachusetts); eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as four stepchildren, eight step-grandchildren, and many other loving family and friends.

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REGIONAL

Appeal filed in decision allowing ridgeline site development in Amenia

By John Coston

AMENIA — A local farming family has filed an appeal to a New York State Supreme Court judge's decision to allow construction of a house on scenic Westerly Ridge.

The Amenia Planning Board granted site plan approval to Cameron O. Smith and Liza Vann Smith on Oct. 25, 2023, granting a waiver of the town code.

The Smiths purchased the property at 108 Westerly Ridge Drive in Amenia in 2005. It consists of 27 acres and is located in part on a scenic ridgeline that is largely surrounded by active farmland.

Judge Thomas R. Davis of Dutchess County Supreme Court denied the petition of Barbara Meile, Joerge Meili and Arrowhead Hills Partners that sought to annul the Planning Board's approval. The judge's order was issued on May 14. The petitioners filed their appeal with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on May 23.

Court records show that the Smiths purchased the property for \$850,000. It currently is listed for sale by Compass for \$1,249,000.

In 2007 Amenia enacted a section of Town Code called

"Scenic Protection Overlay District" (SPO) for the purpose of providing protection for scenic road corridors.

Judge Davis concluded that the Planning Board's approvals and granting of a waiver of a 40-foot crestline limitation were reasonable. Town code states that site plan approval must meet a standard that is 40 feet below the crestline of any ridge and doesn't disturb "the continuity of the treeline when viewed from a publicly accessible place." In a 2019 review of the project, the town's visual consultant commented "while the proposed project will be visible on the ridge, it will not substantially change the character of the view-

points studied."

Davis additionally wrote: "This is a recognition that the SPO's stated purpose is not to ensure or require that there never be anything visible in scenic areas except the natural surroundings but rather that steps be taken to ensure that the character of the viewshed in scenic areas not be substantially changed by proposed projects that come

within the SPD's boundaries."

"Lastly, there is nothing in the Code's provisions... that would support the petitioners' contention that the Planning Board was required to take into account the visibility of lights at night in determining whether to approve the Smith's application for site plan approval and a waiver of the 40-foot ridge line construction provision."

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The state Capitol.

2024 Legislative Tally

Gov. Ned Lamont finished his review Thursday, June 13 of the 175 bills passed by the General Assembly in the regular 2024 session, signing one final bill: a measure making numerous unrelated changes to insurance statutes.

The final score: 173 bills signed, two vetoed.

The General Assembly meets for three months in even-numbered years and five months in odd ones, and the legislative output this year was similar to 2022, when Lamont signed 167 bills and vetoed two from the regular session.

In 2020, the legislature largely shut down the regular session due to the COVID-19 pandemic and passed only one bill. Lawmakers returned to pass 13 bills in two special sessions: four in July and nine in September.

His two vetoes in 2024 were House Bill 5431, which would have created an ill-defined \$3 million program intended to provide state aid for strikers; and Senate Bill 226, which would have doubled the maximum val-

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BY MARK PAZNIOKAS

ue of contracts that a city or town could exempt from sealed bidding from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Legislative leaders have said no attempt will be made to override either veto.

The General Assembly will return at month's end for a special session to act on relatively minor measures: a bill necessary to avoid a spike in motor vehicle assessments in several cities and another intended to make Connecticut more attractive to a special type of business-to-business bank.

Both items, which were the subjects of public hearings in the regulator session, are expected to be presented to lawmakers in one bill. The Senate is expected to meet on June 26; the House on June 27.

Mark Pazniokas is the Capitol Bureau Chief and a co-founder of CT Mirror.

A letter to Mother Nature

I know that living here in Northwest Connecticut, in the country, is special. You fill our landscapes with all sorts of beauty and wonder — year round: the many splendid critter tracks in the soft cold snow, the thousands of brightly colored leaves dancing and laughing while whispering “whee!” as they float and sometimes rambunctiously tumble to the earth, the fish jumping up and out of the crisp clear water for a tiny morsel — and the rebirth of all of the families — both the year round residents and the winged migrants here for a spell.

And yes, I guess I understood (in my brain) that none of it was ‘free.’

It doesn't all just happen. The many myriad intertwined systems of life present and flourishing to greater and lesser degrees, each has been shaped by the intricate dynamics of the environment — both natural and man-made. And yes, I understand that there is a price to be extracted for any and all of this wonderful beauty. I just never thought that I would have such a front row seat on how terrible that price can be — and how it can be paid.

Nearing home, returning from a walk with Jasper (our dog) down at the river, I slowed the car as we came upon a doe and new-born fawn crossing the road. The doe scampered-off the road and down the embankment into the woods. The wobbly-legged fawn collapsed into a wobbly heap as it exited the pavement. I slowly drove the short distance

home and deposited Jasper in our house and then started to walk back to the spot where the fawn had collapsed. I warned a couple of car drivers approaching to slow down and be aware of the fawn. They happily agreed and slowly proceeded. I then approached the spot where I last saw the fawn — and thankfully saw nothing.

I was alone and it was quiet. After a few moments, I started hearing the soft plaintive rhythmic bleats of the fawn. I could not see exactly where in the woods the fawn was, as the woods were heavily shaded but it sounded nearby. A moment later I saw the fleeting shadow of the mother doe bouncing away, traveling much further into the woods [I had been told that does will try to lead any possible danger away from their fawns]. I realized that my presence on the roadside might be intrusive to her so I started to walk home along the road. As I walked, I kept glancing down the embankment into the nearby darkened woods, hoping to catch a glimpse - my glances were guided by the stationary, beacon-like bleats of the fawn.

My joy at witnessing such a timeless and touching event, so close to home — instantly turned to horror.

For approaching the bleats, the spot where the vulnerable, wobbly-legged fawn was, my final glance into the nearby woods revealed the powerful, business-like approach of a large black bear.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge



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

Please provide phone number for confirmation and town of residence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reviewing Rep. Hayes' support for Jewish values

I respond to letters from my friend, Alan Friedman, who is supporting George Logan's challenge to Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5).

Alan and I served together to help organize last November's nonpartisan Salisbury Vigil for Israel, the Hostages, and Peace, where Mr. Logan indeed spoke in support of Israel and the Jewish people. But Rep. Hayes, who couldn't attend due to Washington business, also delivered a supportive statement, and she has in fact attended other such gatherings, most recently at Congregation B'Nai Israel Southbury.

Israel is at war with foes that seek its destruction and the death of its citizens, even at the cost of the lives of Gaza's own citizens, among whom they hide. The antisemitism building across our land is one element of their strategy. So, it is appropriate that Congresswoman Hayes has in fact frequently voted to condemn antisemitism, most recently in the Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023, and she has consistently voted for appropriations for the defense of Israel, as on April 24, when she voted for bills to help Israel defend against Hamas and Iran, to support Ukraine, and to support Indo-Pacific deterrence against Chinese aggression. This included

humanitarian aid for Gaza — something absent from a Republican measure last November that a majority of House Democrats (not just the “Squad”) voted against. The April 24 bills should all have been enacted much sooner but were held up by the Republican majority — to the peril of Israel and Ukraine.

So too, a majority of House Democrats (not just the “Squad”) voted against HR 927, condemning the testimony of several university presidents regarding campus antisemitism, because the bill actually called for the presidents' resignations — something a majority of Democrats agreed the House should not demand. Otherwise, Rep. Hayes would have certainly voted yes, as reflected in her statement of April 22, telling many university presidents that the antisemitism on their campuses is “intolerable” and that they must do better. Hayes also voted in favor of the Non-profit Security Grant Program to help protect houses of worship and to ensure Holocaust education is taught in our schools.

Rep. Hayes and 39 other House members (again, not just “the Squad”) signed the April 5 letter seeking a halt to the transfer of offensive arms to Israel, until an investiga-

tion into the airstrike that reportedly killed several World Central Kitchen workers is adequately concluded. A good faith position that Israel should not use American offensive weapons in a way that kills humanitarian workers does not allow for a charge of irresolution in support of Israel — even if Israel did not intend this result.

So, it is not surprising that Rep. Hayes — given her support for Jewish values, Israel,

and the Jewish people — has earned the endorsement of the Jewish Democratic Coalition of America. If, however, Mr. Logan were elected and the House remained in Republican hands, Mike Johnson or worse would be Speaker, and the chances of enacting Trump's repressive authoritarian program would go way up. No thanks!

Mike Abram
Lakeville

Status Report

SALISBURY —Lakeville Hose Company seeks more donations for the raffle at its “Touch a Truck” event June 28. The event will be held at Lime Rock Park and all proceeds will benefit two families in need. Contact Anna at (860) 833-0505.

Canaan Fire Company recruits Duncan Jenny and Brian Hennessey have successfully completed their firefighter training.

Last month word came that Salisbury author Tom Morrison's legal satire “Send in the Tort Lawyers” was a semifinalist for the

2023 Mark Twain Award for Humorous and Satirical Fiction. The book is available at OblongBooks in Millerton.

NORTH CANAAN — Summer arrived this week and wasted no time setting the thermometer to 90-degrees. With heat indices nearing 100-degrees, North Canaan Town Hall opened its doors to the public for some air-conditioned relief. The McCarthy Meeting Room has open for residents during normal business hours. Free Wi-Fi, chairs, tables, and charging outlets were available for use.

Support for Logan

It's not too soon to start thinking about the upcoming election in the 5th Congressional District and why we can't afford to reelect Jahana Hayes, who has backed the disastrous policies of President Biden 99% of the time and has a demonstrated unwillingness to work across the aisle. She has voted to give undocumented immigrants the right to vote in D.C. It's all about retaining political power for the Democrats and what's best for her, not

for us in Connecticut.

Coming to our rescue is the Afro-Latino candidate George Logan. He is campaigning against profligate federal spending (causing record price inflation), open borders, and weak support for Israel. With so much corruption for all to see and no accountability, let's do the right thing in November, fight back, and give George our vote.

Peter Becket
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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago – June 1924

With a good deal of satisfaction the editor of the Journal announces the installation of a new Model 14 Linotype. This mechanical marvel is specially equipped with a complement of type faces which enables us to serve efficiently the large number of persons who look to our publication for enlightenment and entertainment, and who patronizes our job-printing department. Our new Linotype enables us to set by machine virtually all forms of composition that previously necessitated tedious work by hand. Our plant is now capable of turning out composition consisting of correct type faces in many different sizes, and the change from one size to another is made by a “twist of the wrist.”

Monday morning, at Salisbury, before Justice Tuttle, James Thomson of Sheffield pleaded guilty to violation of the rules of the road, charged with operating a motor vehicle in the traveled portion of the highway without reducing speed as the law requires, or seasonably turning to the right on meeting another car. He took off a hub-cap from the other car. Also in court, on Monday afternoon, Eleanor Douglas, the baby, age three years, the last of the Douglas children to be cared for, was placed in charge of Mrs. Curtis, of Lime Rock road. Eleanor's mother, charged with bigamy, was in default of a \$4,000 bond and was committed to Litchfield jail to await trial.

(Adv.) SITUATION WANTED – Stenographer and office assistant, high school graduate, 2 yrs. experience, full time or by hour, has typewriter. Frederica Bain, Millerton, N.Y.

It is reported that a large sized wild cat has been seen several times in the vicinity of Davis Ore Bed, but as yet no one has been near enough to get a shot at it.

Mrs. D.L. Shaw has sold the Interlaken Inn property to Mr. John C. Percy, who it is understood will make extensive improvements. The Inn will probably be opened later in the season.

One day recently Frank Sherman of Ore Hill caught a pickerel at Long Pond which measured 31 1/2 inches in length and weighed 4 pounds and 4 ounces.

A couple of young men who were traveling by auto to Williamstown, Mass., to attend the graduation exercises, crashed into a large tree on Saturday afternoon, near Mrs. Washburn's residence. The young men escaped injury but the car was badly damaged. The accident was caused by the fact that the driver was attempting to clear the windshield of rain without stopping.

50 years ago – June 1974

Think the paper shortage, like the gasoline shortage, is over? Guess again! This week's issues of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News come to you by the skin of somebody's teeth. At noon Wednesday we were absolutely out of newsprint. A truckload of 20 tons ordered May 7 and promised for delivery under our contract the first week of June did not arrive. Inquiry to the paper company disclosed that by then the mills were running three weeks behind, but no one had bothered to notify us. The paper then was promised for Monday of this week. It failed to arrive. Frantic telephoning brought us the assurance that the paper would be shipped without fail Tuesday and would be on hand by 7 a.m. Wednesday. That promise, too, evaporated. Finally, after we had made arrangements to borrow enough rolls for this week from The New Milford Times, the driver of the truck carrying our promised shipment telephoned from Syracuse, N.Y. He would be here by 1 p.m., he said. To avoid the necessity of reducing all our pages in size, we decided to take another chance and wait. He actually arrived by 3, and we were able to countermand the truck we had sent to New Milford. There's nothing like living dangerously!

The parade to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Falls Village Fire Department will be made more colorful by the participation of over 20 visiting fire companies and a 50-member junior drum corps from the Nip Muck Tribe of the International Order of Red Men. The young corpsmen will all be dressed in full Indian regalia. The color guard for the band carries the national flag, its own banner and the flags of all the New England states.

Ward Whitbeck of Salisbury this week completed 20 years of work throughout

Litchfield, Dutchess, Berkshire and Columbia counties as the area Duraclean rug and upholstery cleaner. He has served about 20,000 customers through the years, and said this week he sees no end to his work in sight. Whitbeck was born in Collinsville and has been in this part of Connecticut all his life. Before joining Duraclean he spent seven years with the Fuller Brush Company in Hartford.

25 years ago – June 1999

SHARON – A suspicious fire Friday afternoon rapidly burned an East Street barn to the ground, downing power lines and sparking two grass fires. The barn was being converted into a dwelling by Peter Elliott, who lived there. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Kevin Bousquet, general manager of The Interlaken Inn Resort & Conference Center, has become an equity partner in the historic property. He shares ownership with Reisman Property Interests of Rochelle Park, N.J. which owns and operates five hotels in the northeast and has owned and managed the Interlaken Inn since the early 1980s. Mr. Bousquet has managed the operations of the Interlaken for 15 years.

CANAAN – Attorney Catherine G. Roraback, a prominent advocate in the legal profession for individual and civil rights, received the Connecticut Bar Association's prestigious Charles J. Parker Legal Services Award at the CBA's annual meeting. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Ms. Roraback received her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and her law degree from Yale University School of Law.

WEST CORNWALL – Katherine Segalla, a member of the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter, was named the Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship State FFA Proficiency Award winner and received a \$100 check at the state FFA convention held June 5 at Wamogo Regional High School in Litchfield. Ms. Segalla now advances to a competition in August to become one of four national finalists in this proficiency area.

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

Run-Up to the Revolution, Part I

In the news in America, exactly 250 years ago: The British Parliament, incensed after learning about the Boston Tea Party of late 1773, and comparing Boston's thunderous action of dumping the tea in the harbor to avoid paying duties on it, to Charleston's more modulated one of letting the tea ships dock but refusing to unload their cargoes, reacts by passing what is called the Coercive Acts of 1774.

Americans label them the Intolerable Acts, because, as Joseph Warren, a Boston firebrand, puts it, they display “the power, but not the justice, the vengeance but not the wisdom of Great Britain.”

The Acts could not have been more perfectly designed to enrage Americans by attacking their basic rights to 1) ownership of property, 2) autonomy of governance, and 3) judgment by peers and neighbors. They are an important step to pushing Americans toward Revolution. But they are not the first.

In 1763, the French and Indian War ended. During its seven years, British regulars had defended the American colonies, although colonial troops also played major roles. After it, King George III decreed that Americans should pony up accelerated taxes to retroactively pay for their defense. Our forefathers did so at such a tremendous pace that by 1765 they were almost all paid up! That was because America's colonists were relatively well-off compared to the masses in the large English cities. And they were still loyal. “There are not five Men of Sense in America who would accept of Independence if it was offered,” George Mason wrote in 1770.

Members of Parliament,

THE LONG VIEW

TOM SHACHTMAN

seeing how easily the American colonists were managing, created new taxes. The first was the Stamp Act in 1765, and when Americans successfully protested and the Stamp Act was withdrawn, they passed the equally onerous Townshend Acts. By 1773 an American boycott had caused these too to be repealed but for a tax on tea, imposed to enable the British East India Company to replace its losses from other areas of the world.

The first Intolerable Act of 1774 closes Boston's port, denying tens of thousands their livelihood until Boston repays the East India Company for the value of the tea.

Great Britain revels in exerting power. If you are a tobacco farmer in the American south and want to export your crop to France, whose people have developed a liking for it, you cannot do so directly. Because the British Navy rules the seas, you first must send that tobacco (in a British-owned ship) to London, for re-shipment to France at an inflated price, the rewards going to the London brokers, not to the American tobacco farmer.

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their livelihood until Boston repays the East India Company for the value of the tea. The second (dated May 20) assumes that Massachusetts is under mob rule and replaces its elected government with Crown appointees, giving the new Royal Governor the right to appoint judges and sheriffs, and restricts town meetings to one a year. A third act (also May 20) takes away the right to a trial by one's peers by giving the governor the power to move any trial to another jurisdiction to assure a Crown-friendly result. The fourth, the Quartering Act (June 2), gives the British the right to quarter their troops on the colonists' private property -- at the colonists' expense.

These acts are intolerable enough to change the mind of George Washington, the 42-year-old Virginia planter (neighbor to George Mason), colonial legislator, and French and Indian War veteran. He has earlier disapproved of the Bostonians' “conduct in destroying the tea,” but on July 4, 1774, writes his friend, Bryan Fairfax, that he too wants to counter the British government's actions but feels that petitions will no longer suffice. “Does it not appear, as clear as the sun in its meridian brightness, that there is a regular systemic plan formed to fix the right and practice of taxation upon us? ...Ought we not, then, to put our virtue and fortitude to the severest test?”

[In my next column, Washington's response to this challenge in early summer '74, and those of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Laurens and other eventual leaders of the Revolution.]

Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written many books, including three about the Revolutionary Era.



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Family time

Countries leading the shift to EVs

Dear EarthTalk: Which countries are leading the shift from internal combustion engine automobiles to EVs?

—Mike B.,

Austin, Texas

EARTHTALK

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Electric vehicles (EVs) are powered by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that can be charged from an external source. No exhaust is emitted from a tailpipe, and there are no fuel tanks or other liquid fuel components. Globally, China is leading the transition to EVs in terms of sheer numbers. But other countries are further ahead in terms of per capita shifting to EVs.

China has an EV sales share of 29 percent and an impressive number of publicly available fast-charging stations. There are 760,000 charging stations country-wide—almost six times

more than all the combined charging stations in other countries! In June 2024, China unveiled a \$73.65 billion package of tax breaks over four years to incentivize Chinese citizens to buy EVs and other greener cars.

Sweden has a higher share of EV sales than China (54 percent) but less publicly available charging stations (2,600). People with battery EVs in Sweden pay the least road tax and are exempt from ownership tax for five years. Norway has the highest share of EV sales (88 percent) and many publicly available charging stations (9,100). However, the annual increase

in EV sales in Norway was about 36 percent from 2021-2022. Compare that to China (about 63 percent) and Sweden (about 68 percent).

China, Sweden and Norway are clear leaders in EV adoption, but it is also interesting to note which countries produce the most EV batteries. The supply chain for batteries starts in the mines, where raw materials containing the needed components are extracted. These materials have to be processed and refined, then made into battery cells, assembled into modules and then sold to automakers. Most EVs use lithium-ion batteries since they have a high power-to-weight ratio and long life. China holds 62.5 percent of global lithium-ion manufacturing capacity, Germany 11.3 percent, and the United States 6.3 percent.

Still other countries lead

in EV vehicle production after batteries reach automakers. China is the top country for car production, followed by Japan and India. Some carmakers have formed partnerships with battery makers to produce their own batteries. NIO, the equivalent of Tesla in China, is one such example.

EVs are gaining momentum in Africa, too. About two years ago, the Ethiopian government introduced incentives for Ethiopians to adopt EVs, including exemption from several kinds of taxes. People were further incentivized by increased restrictions on internal combustion imports, which are set to be banned entirely in the near future. Ethiopia originally set a goal to have 150,000 electric cars on the roads by 2030. Since 100,000 has already been surpassed, the target has been moved closer to 500,000!

By buying an electric vehicle, you can support the global effort to transition from gasoline-powered vehicles to EVs. Educate yourself on rebates, tax incentives and

other programs in your state.

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Graduation

Sharon '24 Class moves forward

By Alexander Wilburn

SHARON — Eleven students in the Sharon Center School Class of 2024 graduated from the eighth grade in a commerce exercise ceremony held on Wednesday, June 12.

Welcomed by Sharon Center School Principal Carol Tomkalski, who took over the role as successor to Principal Karen Manning in 2022, parents and family in attendance watched as students were honored for their achievements and took their first steps toward high school.

Eighth-grader Mira Landry Norbet, whose speech opened the ceremony, was awarded The President's Award for Academic Excellence, the top scholarly award for the school which ranked for her overall scholastic achievement. By far the most awarded student, however, was Jayden Michael Milton, who took home five awards, including The Sharon Center School Cup Award, the highest honor at the school.

This award was presented to Jayden by past recipient Finn Cousins, who won the school cup in 2020 and is now a graduating senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Eighth-grade class speaker Zaira Celso-Cristobal gave a heartfelt speech reflecting on times she had struggled and failed, remarking that she found encouragement by remembering when she first came to Sharon Center School. "Wouldn't that little girl with long black hair and a 'Sofia The First' backpack be proud of all she would come to accomplish?" She also thanked her parents, saying, "We are often asked who we look up to, or who is our hero, and I would say, my mom because she cooks, or my dad because he works. But not only do they do that, they've sacrificed so much for me, and made sure I don't have to live the life they did. I have an education, a roof over my head, clean clothes, and unconditional love."



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN
Mira Landry Norbet and Jayden Michael Milton smile with their diplomas and awards.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Robert Boyden remembers forgetting his lunch on the first day at Lee H. Kellogg School, but was saved by pizza day.

LHK students advance to high school

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The 12 members of the Lee H. Kellogg School Class of 2024 got a rousing send-off at a commencement ceremony Wednesday, June 12.

The ceremony was held inside.

Principal Stacey Calo beamed at the graduates and said, simply, "It has truly been a pleasure to be your principal."

There was a slide show depicting the students from infancy through the present day.

Robert Boyden spoke of his first day at LHK, when he forgot his lunch and was relieved and excited to learn about

Friday pizza.

He recalled that during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, it seemed that he and his classmates "had taken that last pizza day for granted."

First Selectman David Barger, flanked by Selectmen Judy Jacobs and Chris Kinsella, presented the Peter G. Lawson Citizenship Award to Paul Losh.

Barger quoted Lawson, who was First Selectmen for 18 years: "Don't be a resident. Be a citizen."

In accordance with LHK tradition, the graduates received copies of "The Little Engine That Could."

Eighth graders say farewell to KCS

By Alexander Wilburn

KENT — Kent Center School held its 96th commencement exercise as 24 eighth-grade students graduated in a ceremony held outside in the school's courtyard on Tuesday, June 11.

Principal Michelle Mott congratulated the Class of 2024, noting their "hard work, dedication and perseverance." She continued that their "achievements thus far are a testament to your resilience and determination to succeed. Today marks a new beginning and an exciting new chapter in your lives. High school will bring your challenges and opportunities, and will shape your future in ways you cannot yet imagine."

Class essayist Katherine Joseph Farewell reminisced on the difficulties that the COVID-19 pandemic had on their academic careers at



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Andrew See and Benjamin Baird head to high school.

Kent Center School. "We all know how much everyone struggled during lockdown and how hard it was to try and teach 4th graders over a Zoom call. Even though our

parents probably had it the worst with our kids at home, they were able to keep us together and make sure we stayed connected to the Wi-Fi. Our parents have always

been there to give us love and motivation in the universe."

Farewell also looked ahead to the future, noting that the school had prepared the class well for what was to come as they embarked on a new experience in the fall. "High school will bring us many opportunities, and with those opportunities will come challenges. There will be times when you might feel overwhelmed or stressed by a new loss, but then you can take the time to look back and see how far you've come. You can look back and see how the obstacles we've overcome and all the problems we've solved can be motivation to keep us going. And when all else fails, there is always Google. As we close this chapter in our lives and begin a new one, we can all take a moment to reflect on how far we've come and how much we have left to go."

Caps fly at 2024 Cornwall Consolidated School commencement

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — A touching ceremony at Cornwall Consolidated School Thursday, June 13, marked the end of middle school for 15 eighth graders.

Family and friends gathered beneath the tent on CCS's baseball field in the early evening. Led by the seventh-grade class marshals, the departing eighth graders marched down to the field.

Technical difficulty prevented a recording of the National Anthem from playing, but the crowd quickly filled in with an A capella rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Principal Leanna McGuire spoke in gratitude of the eighth-grade class for helping through her first year at CCS.

"I ask myself all the time, 'How did I get this lucky?' And it's really thanks to you all, you are my role models and leaders and you have set a high standard for our younger students," said McGuire.

Students summarized their time at CCS with fond memories and expressed excitement for what is to come in high school.

Elise Lagle, who started at CCS in Kindergarten then moved to Hawaii before returning to Cornwall, said she is glad her journey came "full circle."

"CCS has taught and given me more opportunities than anywhere else has," she said. "The memories I made here are far too memorable to ever forget."

"CCS is a great place to do the things you love, so let's keep it that way for more people to come," said Winter Cheney.

Each student received their diploma and moved their tassel from left to right. They were led by the class marshals out of the tent for the concluding cap toss.

Pizza from Pizzeria Marzano's food truck was served as guests and grads celebrated the joyous occasion.



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Eighth graders celebrate their achievement with a ceremonial cap toss at the field behind Cornwall Consolidated School. The students spoke highly of their time at CCS and expressed optimism for the future.

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Graduation

'A momentous day' at NCES



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Louise Faveau and Michael Parris speak at the commencement ceremony for the eighth grade class at Salisbury Central School Tuesday, June 11.

Class of 2024 departs Salisbury Central

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The 32 members of the Class of 2024 enjoyed a pleasant evening for their graduation ceremony at Salisbury Central School Tuesday, June 11.

Principal Stephanie Magyar welcomed the crowd, noting that she participated in the same ceremony 30 years ago.

Eliana Lang and Sophia Francoline read a land acknowledgement, noting the Mohegan and Schaghticoke people inhabited the area before the first European settlers arrived.

Teagan O'Connell said that the Class of 2024 was always a "good group." She said that's because the group is inclusive and has received

support from teachers and families. She also said her classmates have the "ability to find humor" in almost any situation.

Tess Churchill hearkened back to the COVID-19 pandemic, which required the class be split in two and saw the switch to remote learning. "Now we are closing this very memorable chapter of our lives."

Region One Superintendent (and former SCS principal) Lisa Carter, who is retiring this month, praised the students and said that soon "you will understand how much you have already done in your young lives."

As the ceremony ended, the graduates set off confetti bombs and everybody cheered.

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The outgoing eighth grade class of North Canaan Elementary School said "so long" to middle school Monday, June 10.

The commencement ceremony was held on the lawn behind the school with (most of) the 23 departing students seated up on the hill. Family and friends filled the grass to support the students.

Along with the eighth graders, Principal Alicia Roy also marked the end of her final year at NCES.

"Class of 2024, you and I are both leaving North Canaan Elementary School," said Roy, holding back tears. "I have so many happy



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Principal Alicia Roy gave a touching farewell speech to the eighth grade class. Roy is also departing NCES at the end of this school year.

memories. None of us knows what is to come next in life. But you can master it."

Teachers presented awards to students for academic achievement in

each subject. The students received their diplomas before sharing their perspective with the audience.

"Today is a momentous day," said Federico Vargas

Tobon. "As we stand on the cusp of high school, we look back on our journey through middle school with nostalgia, pride and excitement for the future."

"If life were an equation, M would be our dreams. X, our determination. And B, our upcoming opportunities. Mx+B equals your infinite future, for our potential is limitless," Grace Koller recited from her poem titled "Farewell to Yesterday, Embrace Tomorrow."

The commencement concluded with the eighth-grade class's performance of "Remember Me" from the film "Coco."

They marched out in single file to enjoy refreshments in the cafeteria with friends and family.

North Canaan announces end-of-year honor roll

NORTH CANAAN — The honor roll for 2023-24 third trimester at North Canaan Elementary School has been announced. Students listed below:

Highest Honors Eighth Grade

Caitlin Devino
Grace Koller
Abigail Perotti
Federico Vargas Tobon

Seventh Grade

Lyla Diorio
Elexis Petkovich
Owen Simmons
Olivia Simonds

Sixth Grade

Marrisa Christiansen
Sarah Devino
Paige Holst-Grubbe
Henry Perotti

Fifth Grade

Toni Bascetta

Milo Ellison
Zander Gwinn
Ronin Hinman
Grady Morey
Rylan Soule

High Honors Eighth Grade

Paige Beeman
Alisa Christiansen Madsen
Samuel Garcia Pulido
Kartel Henry
Chase Lowell
Camdyn Tallon
Erick Trotta
Collin Walsh

Seventh Grade

Maria Arango Agudelo
Destini Dingee
Lainey Diorio
Carter Finney
Katelyn Holst-Grubbe
Riley LaPlante
Tyler LaPlante
Aliha Massey
Harrison Morey

Sabrina Murtagh
Sofia Paz-Cortez
Agatha Pereira Lima
Roshwen Rivas
Justin Sorrell
Julian Swanson
Scarlett Visconti
Kaylea Wolfe

Sixth Grade

Greyson Brooks
Sergio Cruz Rodriguez
Landyn Dingee
Jheric Espinoza Romero
Marius Flunory
Julia Hajek
Jackson Holst-Grubbe
Taylen Leonard
Katherine Perez
Isabella Portillo
Eden Rost
Victor Valencia Sandoval

Fifth Grade

Christopher Johnson
Bentley King
Finley Lemon
Stella Richard

Honors

Eighth Grade

Luca Bascetta
Teah Fredenburg
Joseph Linkovich
Giovani Solorzano-Lemus
Sierra Szymanski

Seventh Grade

Sophia Bascetta
Connor Crane
Aubrey Funk
Ava Humes
Abigail Veilleux

Sixth Grade

Remmy Bergin
Rayna Doyen
Paityn Silvernail

Fifth Grade

Dontae Duprey
Harper Lemon
Colin Sherwood
Levi Simmons
Nikola Trotta
Brayden Zinke

Salisbury Central third trimester honor roll

SALISBURY — Salisbury Central School has released the honor roll for the final trimester of the 2023-24 school year. Students listed below:

Highest Honors Eighth Grade

Mia Belter
Sadie Chapell
Niki Clark
Eliana Lang
Olivia Lounsbury
Kennadi Mitchell
Teagan O'Connell
Emma Sisk

Seventh Grade

Liberty Brammer
Alexandra Philipp
Evelyn Adkins
Millicent Almeida
Evelyn Hall
Theodore Kneeland
Owen Saylor

High Honors Sixth Grade

Jillian Allyn
Max Bochnovich
Nico Bochnovich

Jack Campbell
Joseph Castellano
Tess Churchill
Louise Faveau
Sophia Francoline
Angel Gonzalez
Aryanna Horton
Ayden Lemmy
Julia Maier
Lily McCabe
Michael Parris
Bridger Rinehart
Vincent Valcin

Seventh Grade

Anna Ayer
Jacob Castellano
Phoebe Conklin
Theodore Dittmer
Grace O'Brocki
August Olson
April Puerto
Zoe Saylor
Solomon Schmidt
Quin Sheil
Mollie Sosin
Shiva Tantri

Sixth Grade

Victoria Bellanca
Aria Belter
Kieran Bryant
Christopher Campbell
Madeleine Carr

Mia Dunlavey
Ella Emberlin
Shane Higgins
Rozelynd LaChance
Sarina Lemmy
Jillian Murphy
Allegra Najdek
Ethan Nellson
Jaxxon Rogers
Patrik Sadlon
Miguel Santiago-Leyva
Brennan Sisk
Eliza Tarsia
Kaelyn Tompkins
Augustus Tripler
Eli Tuthill

Honors

Eighth Grade

Luca Floridis
Vladyslav Petrenko
Angelo Russillo

Seventh Grade

Meriel Hughes
Sasha Loucks
Bryce Salmon

Sixth Grade

Henry McCabe
Richard McGhee
Eden Ohmen
Noah Tencer



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Cool start to summer

Kent School students celebrated their last day of classes, Thursday, June 13, with a popsicle party. The party was hosted by the Kent Memorial Library and students from all grades showed up in numbers. The students wore their Field Day pink t-shirts, now fully covered with signatures and notes from classmates.





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Willy Yahn dives head-first into third base, Saturday, June 15.

Diving into summer league

By Riley Klein

LITCHFIELD — The Tri-State Baseball League is back for its 90th year.

Since 1934, when it was called the Interstate Baseball League, teams of players aged 16 and up have faced off in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Each team is comprised of mostly local players, but four out-of-towners are permitted on each team to balance the rosters.

The Tri-State league of 12 teams includes many retired college athletes, some of whom went on to be drafted into the Major League. Bold high schoolers and current college players take part as well to stay active in the off-season.

The full nine-inning games are played with wooden bats at town parks and are free for spectators. On Saturday, June 15, the Amenia Monarchs matched up against the Tri-Town Trojans at Community Field in Litchfield.

The Trojans, featuring players from Northwest Con-

necticut, defeated the Monarchs in decisive fashion with a final score of 22-0.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School alum Willy Yahn played shortstop for the Trojans. Yahn previously played his college ball in Storrs for the UConn Huskies and went on to be drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in 2017.

Yahn showed what sets the pros apart with his quick and accurate fielding, precision hitting at the plate, and blazing speed around the bases. Pure hustle.

Fellow HVRHS alum Bobby Chatfield served as coach for the June 15 game and supported his squad from the dugout.

A third former Mountaineer was on the field for the game, but on the other side. Sam Foley suited up for the Amenia Monarchs and tried his hand at pitching late in the game. Foley's teammates explained how to pick off a baserunner as the first-time pitcher warmed up.

For the schedule of upcoming league games, visit tristatebaseballct.com.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Above, Willy Yahn celebrates with his teammates on the Tri-Town Trojans in their big win over Amenia Saturday, June 15. Left, Coach Bobby Chatfield supports the Trojans from the dugout. Below, HVRHS alum Sam Foley plays summer baseball for the Amenia Monarchs.



Riley Klein, managing editor, works with Simon Markow, 2024 intern.

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Sports



Will Nichols caught Coach Tom Downey with an ice bath, June 14.



The Northwest District 6 Little League Majors champs pose with their trophies under the lights.

Pirates win Little League championship game

By Riley Klein

THOMASTON — The Steve Blass Northwest Connecticut Pirates defeated the Tri-Town Braves 11-1 in the Northwest District 6 Majors League Championship game June 14.

The Pirates, made up of players aged 10 to 12 from the six Region One towns and Norfolk, won by run rule with a 10-point lead after five innings, a fitting end to a dominant season. The 2024 champs did not commit a single error in the game.

Brody Ohler pitched from start to finish and earned the W with a total of 10 strikeouts. He let up just two hits and one run, all in the first inning. A radar, operated by 11-year-old spectator Jeffrey, clocked Ohler's fast ball at 62 MPH.

When these two teams met in the regular season June 8, the Tri-Town Braves, made up of players from Litchfield, Warren, Morris, and Goshen, defeated the Pirates 6-3. Under the lights at Reeves Field in Thomaston for the title match, the Braves could not repeat their prior success against the Pirates' disciplined defense and ended the season as runners up.

The game went on despite heavy rain at start time Friday night. "We'll have a nice shower," said the umpire as he walked out onto the field.

By the time the rain let up in the third inning, the Pirates had climbed to a 7-1 lead. They added three more runs in the fourth inning to



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN
Above, J.T. Farr wipes rain from his face as it pours down in the first inning. Right, Brody Ohler pitches a complete game for the Pirates, earning the W with just two hits and one run surrendered. All of Tri-Town's offensive action came in the first inning.



go up 10-1.

With two on in the bottom of the fifth, Ohler launched a deep double and brought home Thomas Nichols. With the lead at 10 runs, the game ended by run rule and the Pirates piled up in the infield. "Everything worked out great, even in the rain. Great season," said Coach Tom Downey after the win.

Brody Ohler went 3-for-3 at bat with an RBI. Greyson Brooks, Whitlow Cheney, Ronin Hinman, J.T. Farr, and Will Nichols brought in one RBI apiece.

The Pirates advanced to the greater District 6 majors tournament to play the top teams in Litchfield County. Region One last won the county district title in 1984.



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FLAG DAY

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pole was placed atop the base of the Robert D. Pierce Memorial. John Jacquier of Jacquier Welding & Steel donated the pole and complete the installation free of charge.

"It's for the town," he said. "Just a little something to give back."

At the site of the memorial once stood a cedar flagpole. The cedar pole fell some 20 years ago and the memorial for Pierce, a renowned civil servant in North Canaan who died in 1948, had been left without a flag for two decades.

First Selectman Brian

Ohler presented the Jacquiers with a special recognition plaque to thank them for the donation.

"North Canaan is such a patriotic town. We love our flag, we love our country, and we have some amazing friends in this town," Ohler said.

Flag Day marks the 1777 U.S. flag adoption by Congress. It has been celebrated annually on June 14 since President Woodrow Wilson's 1916 proclamation to honor the flag's history and significance as a symbol of freedom and unity.

GRADUATION

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said "We are entitled to celebrate and honor each other."

Essayist Vernona Bonett spoke of her concerns about climate change and urged the students to be active: "Be ready to advocate for more, not just for ourselves, but for the world as a whole."

Carolyn Corrado gave the commencement address. She had practical advice for the students, including:

"Actively practice gratitude."

And "Be willing to fail - epically."

Valedictorian Yaritza Vega spoke of her memories as part of an immigrant family and her introverted nature as a child.

She said her attitude changed when she received a scholarship. She was able "to channel the nervous energy into confidence."

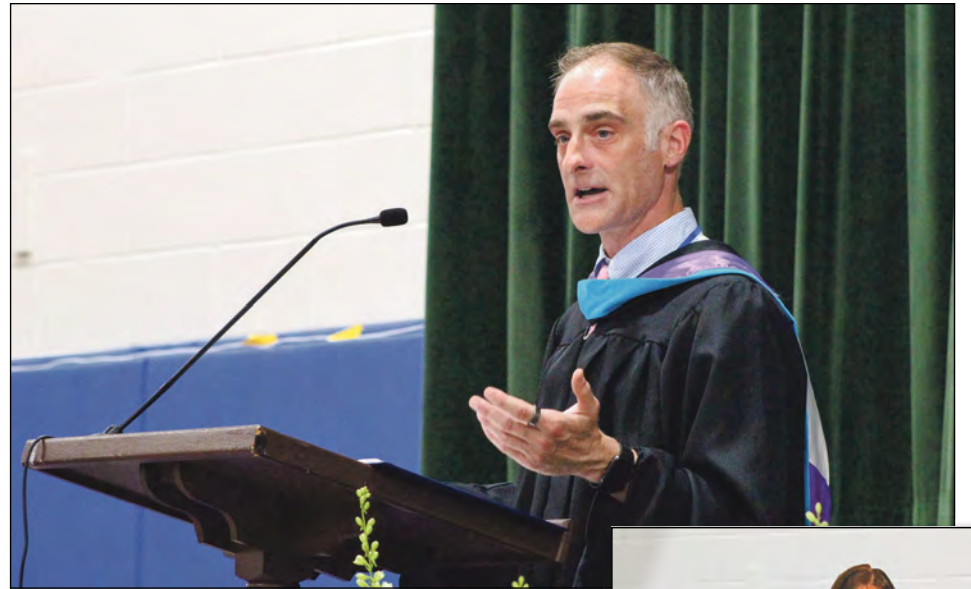
"If you succeed, be happy about it!"

Awards

Good Sportsmanship Medal: Haley Leonard, Eason Zhang

Good Citizenship Medal: Anne Moran, Dana Saccardi
Chamberlain Arts Achievement Award: Sofia Brooks, Aron Ladanyi

Community Award of Merit: Nancy Hegy Martin



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Principal Ian Strever looks toward the future.



Naomi Namayan Lesamana, exchange from Norway, speaks to her classmates at graduation.



A cardboard cutout of Tara Djeladin, an exchange student from North Macedonia.

HOUSING

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into four separate apartment units.

The extended life of this lease is to prevent the affordable housing units from being bought, sold, or turned into a commercial property. Funding for the Community Center may hinge on the results of a grant application that, following a delay for the Sharon Board of Selectmen, was approved and filed on Friday, June 14.

If the application is re-

ceived well, The Housing Trust could receive a \$1 million grant under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program.

The program is specifically interested in public works and local economic projects that would benefit low-and moderate-income residents or future residents, with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WASTE

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cial and industrial wastes are mismanaged, they pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment.

In 1980, Congress established the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) which is informally called Superfund. The Superfund program is administered by the EPA in cooperation with state and tribal governments. It allows EPA to clean up hazardous waste sites and forces those responsible to perform clean-ups or reimburse the government for EPA cleanups. Nationally, in 2023 there were 1,336 Superfund sites on the NPL.

Jim Hart, former First Selectman of Barkhamsted, was the whistleblower that finally brought attention and action to the developing toxic crisis at the Barkhamsted-New Hartford landfill. Hart said, "When this facility opened in April of 1974, society did not understand the issues associated with getting rid of certain chemical waste. The primary pollutants here were metal grinding waste. At that time in the district there was a significant number of machine shops. When we first opened in the mid 1970s there was a metal grinding waste pool up here. You just dumped into the pool. You know, back then, Harry Homeowner who changed the oil in their car just threw that out in the garbage."

As a young first selectman, Hart received a complaint of toxic runoff by a neighboring resident in 1981. After 18 months of stonewalling by the RRDD1, Hart decided to go up the food chain.

"I walked the area with the director of Farmington Valley Health. When we crossed the brook, the smell was potent to your nose, and we developed headaches. It was kind of scary."

In the spring of 1983 Hart wrote a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner asking for significant investigation. He laughed, "Superfund designation is like having an old musket and you pull the trigger, and it takes so long before the bullet comes out the other end. The EPA moved at



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Winchester Mayor and current administrator of RRDD1 transfer station Todd Arcelaschi (left) and Jim Hart, former administrator of RRDD1 transfer station and past first selectman of Barkhamsted (right) standing in front of the capped landfill of the vast 98 acre Superfund site in Barkhamsted.

a snail's pace, and it wasn't until the late 1980s that they did investigation work that required us to install a series of groundwater monitoring wells. When the first results from these monitoring wells became known the crap really hit the fan."

The Barkhamsted landfill's poisonous legacy includes a litany of hazardous substances that have seeped into the surrounding area. Cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, manganese, nickel, zinc, trichloroethylene (TCE), and cis-1,2-dichloroethylene have all been found in the soil, groundwater, and surface water near the site.

The potential threat to local residents continues. TCE and cis-1,2-dichloroethylene contaminated the Barkhamsted town garage's drinking water well, while antimony, arsenic, and selenium were detected at low levels in three private wells nearby. Site-related metals were found in the soil on two residential properties near the landfill, raising concerns about potential exposure. In this rural and residential area, where all properties rely on on-site drinking water wells, the threat of contamination looms large.

The EPA determined the potentially responsible parties (PRPs). In Barkhamsted-New Hartford there were

a dozen machine shops and businesses in the district designated as PRPs. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified 78 other PRPs, including corporate giants like Coca-Cola, Cooper Industries, and Eaton Corporation, as well as the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford, and Winchester.

The costs of remediation have been high. At least \$4.5 million in state Superfund money was spent to cap the landfill in 1999. Responsible parties began groundwater monitoring programs and continue to monitor the drinking water wells close to the site.

According to Winchester Mayor and current administrator of RRDD1, Todd Arcelaschi, "The containment has been successful, except for one time in the middle 2000's where the cap failed and there was a wash-out that required several hundred thousand in repairs. The landfill is visually inspected semi-annually now, groundwater and well testing is conducted quarterly."

After the closure of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) waste to energy (WTE) incinerator in Hartford, Arcelaschi feels the future of waste management in the Northwest corner of

Connecticut will depend on what happens with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments' efforts to form a Regional Waste Authority.

"If they successfully create one, we will still use the former MIRA Torrington Transfer Station, and our trash will likely continue to be shipped out of state, unless the Waste Authority can find available capacity for the region's municipal solid waste (MSW) at another WTE plant in CT."

The Superfund landfill is now in use again as the regional transfer station for RRDD1 for the towns of Winchester, New Hartford, and Barkhamsted. Of its 98 acres, approximately 13 acres contains the capped landfill, the second part of the site is currently used as the transfer station and recycling center, and the remaining space is an active solar farm generating 1.5 megawatts of electricity which helps offset recycling transfer operating costs.

While there is no evidence that anyone has gotten sick because of the contamination, and the EPA has approved the clean-up efforts, the specter of toxic exposure remains. The legacy of the Barkhamsted-New Hartford landfill Superfund site serves as a reminder of the price communities pay for improper waste disposal.

HVRHS National Honor Society inducts new members

FALLS VILLAGE — The Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter of the National Honor Society at Housatonic Valley Regional High School inducted the following new members at a ceremony held at the school on June 4:

Tyler Anderson
Evan Bockting
Daniela Brennan
Taylor Christen
Tara Djeladin
Tessa Dekker
Andy Delgado
Amelia Dodge
Lou Haemmerle
Harper Howe
Abigail Hogan
Sara Huber
Ellanor Karcheski
Kylie Leonard
Naomi Lesamana

Katelin Lopes
Tess Marks
Manasseh Matsudaira
Katerin McEnroe
Khyra McClennon
Lola Moerschell
Jassim Mohyidin
Olivia Peterson
Diana Portillo
Olivia Robson
Gabriela Titone
Abigail White
Elinor Wolgemuth
Junxin Zhang

Caitlin Messina, a social studies teacher, was inducted as an honorary faculty member.

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NATURE: ROBIN RORABACK

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There are thirteen kinds of snakes in the Catskills. Only two are venomous. Vanek defined the Catskills area as including the counties of Greene, Delaware, Ulster, Sullivan, and Dutchess.

John Vanek said, “Snakes are just amazing creatures. They are very misunderstood.” He added, “The more we understand about them, the more we can explain to our friends, you don’t have to kill them every time you see them.” He said humans have an “ingrained fear of snakes,” which he tries to help with education about snakes, starting with children.

He went on to say about snakes, “They can think. They have personalities that you can measure. They form kinships with other snakes and some snakes are good mothers.”

Of the thirteen kinds of snakes, the most common are Garter snakes. He said the females are bigger than the males as with many snakes who give birth to live young. They eat worms, small amphibians, and mammals.

Garter snakes have two yellow stripes and come in a variety of colors.

They can grow to two to three feet long and live in meadows, wetlands, and woods.

The Northern Water Snake can grow to three to four feet and live in streams and rivers. They eat fish and frogs. They

are more common in the Hudson River Valley. Vanek said water snakes “have a temper,” and will nip you touch them. They are not venomous.

The Black Rat Snake grows to five to six feet long and lives on a diet of small mammals and birds. They love to climb trees and live on cliffs and ledges at the eastern edge of the Catskills.

Met on a trail, they stand their ground and may rear up and hiss.

The Eastern Milk Snake hunts mice, small mammals, and other snakes.

They were mistakenly believed to drink milk from cows. They are in meadows and farms and are nocturnal.

The Northern Ring-Necked Snake has a ring on its neck and a bright yellow belly. It grows to about ten to twelve inches. They eat salamanders and baby snakes. They live in moist, rocky areas.

The Northern Brown Snake can grow to twelve inches. “They are known as “the gardener’s friend” said Vanek because they eat slugs, snails, and worms. There has been a decline in their numbers for unknown reasons.

The Black Racer is a shiny black snake that eats other snakes. Its numbers are declining in the Catskills. It grows to three to five feet.

Another garden helper is the Northern Red Bellied Snake. It is a small snake ten to twelve inches long. It eats slugs and snails. Its habitat is woods and meadows. To escape predators, it “flips over to show its red belly,” hopefully scaring them, and zips away.

The Eastern Ribbon Snake lives on the edges of wetlands. It can grow to be two to three feet and about as “thick as string cheese.” It eats salamanders and frogs.

The Smooth Green snake lives in meadows and bogs. It eats caterpillars, spiders, and other insects. It is about ten to twelve inches in length. Its

numbers have declined due to insecticides and habitat loss.

The Eastern Hog Nosed Snake burrows in the ground and favors toads for

its meals. There are a wide variety of colors. It can grow to three to four feet. It can puff up its neck in a “bluff display” which makes it look like a cobra which causes people to kill it out of fear. There are no cobras in the United States.

The Copperhead is one of two venomous snakes in the Catskills and can grow to two to three feet long and can be as thick as a golf ball. They are uncommon but can be localized. They camouflage well in leaves or on trees and are hard to spot. They eat frogs, small mammals, and cicadas. They like rocky outcrops and forests.

The Timber Rattlesnake can grow to four to five feet and is as thick as a baseball. They like rocky outcrops and forests. They eat mice, shrews, chipmunks, and other small mammals. Rattlesnakes will

sit along a scent trail, often a log, with their head up, waiting up to three weeks for a small mammal. Once they inject venom, they wait for the animals to die, follow its scent trail, and eat it, “with no fuss,” said Vanek.

“Fangs are like hypodermic needles and super fragile,” said Vanek. If fangs are broken, they won’t be able to hunt. “Rattlesnakes don’t want to bite us. Biting is a last resort.”

Vanek then mentioned safety measures if you are out walking in the woods.

“Leave snakes alone.” He emphasized. “Don’t pick up a snake.”

Do not step over logs because a rattlesnake could be waiting on the other side, head up, for its prey. Instead step up on a log or rock and look over before putting your foot down.

Stay on trails because there is less risk of meeting a snake. Wear long pants and boots and carry a cell phone with emergency numbers.

If bitten by a snake, the only first aid he recommends is “to get to a

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Natalia Zukerman playing for a group of school children at the Autism Nature Trail.

LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

All kinds of minds at Autism Nature Trail

At Letchworth State Park in Castile, N.Y. the trees have a secret: they whisper to those who listen closely, especially to those who might hear the world differently. This is where you can find the Autism Nature Trail, or ANT, the first of its kind in this country, perhaps in the world. Designed for visitors on the autism spectrum, the ANT is a one-mile looped trail with eight stations at various intervals, little moments strung together, allowing visitors to experience everything from stillness to wild adventure.

The idea for the ANT was born from a conversation in 2014 between Loren Penman, a retired teacher and administrator, and her neighbor. The two women were discussing the new nature center at the park and Penman’s neighbor said that her grandson, who loved the park, probably wouldn’t be able to enjoy a nature center. He had autism and at age seven was still without language and in a state of almost constant agitation. Her neighbor went on to say, however, that she had observed her grandson finding great calm at Letchworth, a state of being he couldn’t achieve almost anywhere else. Speaking to another friend with an autistic grandchild, Penman heard the same sentiment about Letchworth; it completely

calmed her grandchild. What was it about this special place that soothed the spirit?

According to the research of Michael Terman, PhD, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, a concentration of negative ions produces a positive effect on human beings’ general well-being.

Letchworth Park is roughly 17 miles long, following the course of the Genesee River as it flows north through a deep gorge and over several large waterfalls. Full of these tiny, invisible particles, it’s like a natural prescription to help humans feel better, happier, and calmer. Armed with this research and many personal observations, Penman and two friends, Susan Herrstein and Gail Serventi, reached out to Temple Grandin, a famous voice for autism and neurodiversity. Grandin replied almost immediately and became a consultant in the creation of the ANT which opened to the public on October 1, 2021.

Fast forward to October 2023. Penman reached out to me to see if I would write a song, an original “ANThem” for the trail. Penman and I met in 2010 when I was playing at a venue in Buffalo, New York. We’ve stayed in touch. She was working on securing a grant that would pay

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RECIPE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Brunch at Troutbeck: Black Emmer Pancakes

At Troutbeck, every meal is an experience, but Sundays have taken on a special charm with the highly anticipated return of brunch. Impeccably sourced, plentiful, elegant yet approachable, and immensely satisfying, the brunch menu reflects the essence of Troutbeck's culinary philosophy. Available every Sunday, brunch complements the existing offerings of three meals a day, seven days a week, all open to the public.

The culinary program at Troutbeck is led by Executive Chef Vincent Gilberti, who honors the natural landscape through thoughtful and seasonal cuisine. "We launched brunch in February," said Chef Vinny, as he's affectionately known. "It's been a goal of mine to add brunch since returning to Troutbeck as executive chef last year. Before my time here and before the pandemic, we had a bustling and fun brunch program, and while we've all returned to 'normalcy,' brunch was something we wanted to get back in the mix." Chef Vinny hails from the Hudson Valley and brings with him a wealth of experience from some of New York City's most celebrated restaurants, including Pulino's, Battersby, and Dover. After a stint in San Francisco's SPQR, where he honed his pasta-making skills, Chef Vinny has returned

to Troutbeck with a renewed passion for the farm-to-table philosophy.

Troutbeck's brunch celebrates the best of local and seasonal fare in an environment that is both elegant and welcoming. Said Chef Vinny, "We serve both in-house guests and our local community, which is very important to us. We love seeing familiar faces who return week after week." Reservations can be made via the website at troutbeck.com/eat-drink/or by calling 845-789-1555.

Black Emmer Pancakes by Chef Vincent Gilberti at Troutbeck (This recipe highlights the local/regional purveyors where they source their ingredients.)

Ingredients — Yields 8 to 10 pancakes
 1 Cup Black Emmer Flour (Wild Hive Farm)
 1 Tablespoon White Granulated Sugar
 ½ Teaspoon Baking Powder
 ½ Teaspoon Baking Soda
 ½ Teaspoon Salt
 ½ Cup Sour Cream (Ronnybrook Farm)
 ½ Cup Milk (Ronnybrook)
 1 Egg (YundWell Pastured Poultry)
 4 Teaspoons Melted Butter
 Vegaline or PAM cooking spray, as needed
Optional: Maple Syrup (Laurel & Ash Farm)



PHOTO BY JIM HENKENS

Black Emmer Pancakes by Chef Vincent Gilberti at Troutbeck.

Seasonal fruits: Strawberries, blueberries, peaches, etc.

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine and mix all dry ingredients.
2. In a second large mixing bowl, combine and mix all wet ingredients.
3. Fold in the wet ingredient mix into the dry ingredient mix in three increments (using 1/3 of the wet mix at a time). The batter should have a lumpy consistency.
4. Let batter rest for 10 minutes.
5. Heat a non-stick pan over medium heat. Spray with non-stick spray.
6. Working in

batches, add pancake batter (1/2 cup) at a time. Cook until you start to see the batter bubbling (about one and

a half minutes) and the bottom is golden brown. 7. Flip the pancake and cook the other side until golden brown, the

pancake rises slightly and is cooked through. 8. Serve warm with Maple Syrup and Fresh seasonal fruit.

...Autism Trail

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for the song, my travel, several school group visits to the park, and an evening performance for the public. Having never been to the park, I had my work cut out for me.

Autism diagnoses have soared by 175% since 2000. According to the CDC, the incidence of autism in 2024 is 1 in 36. Theories about environmental toxins, maternal infections, older parents, the rate of prematurity, and on and on. Little is conclusive, but more and more people are being diagnosed, perhaps due simply to the fact that there is more awareness, and that the "spectrum" is widening.

Throughout my years as a teacher, I have worked with children on the autism spectrum and what I have observed is that they seem almost unbearably alert to the world's wonders and its dangers all at once. Crying is common, but not necessarily for the reasons that have come to be associated

with tears- like sadness, grief, or pain - but more an overwhelm at the connection between joy and sorrow itself. The world is terrifying and mystifying and emoting as a way to try to comprehend it seems necessary. Music can be a great source of relief for children on the spectrum, a way to express the inexpressible, a way to alchemize the experience and mystery of being alive.

Grandin said, "The world needs all types of minds." A slight alteration and "All Kinds of Minds" became the song. I arrived at the ANT early on the morning of June 5 and spent the day with students from Batavia, Mt. Morris, Perry, and Warsaw Schools, teaching them the song. The children ranged in age from kindergarten through elementary school and varied greatly in terms of how they presented on the autism spectrum. Some were nonverbal, using handheld devices that could

"speak" for them. Some kids sang along, some shouted. Some cried, some laughed; all of them seemed intrigued by their surroundings, the guitar, and this new song written just for them. Under a bright blue sky, surrounded by ancient pine trees and waterfalls, we sang the chorus together, again and again:

I don't know why
 But I feel better by the water
 And the deep wood pine
 I can take my time
 Cuz the world needs
 The world needs
 All kinds of minds.

To find out more about the ANT and to donate, visit: autismnaturetrail.com/allears/

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...Snakes

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PHOTO BY JOHN VANEK

John Vanek, is a zoologist at the New York Natural Heritage Program.


hospital." Take a picture of the snake if you can. "The treatment for any snake in New York is the same."

Timber rattlesnakes

have been declining in numbers due to habitat loss and fragmentation caused by building roads.

If you see a snake, you

can be a citizen scientist and photograph the snake. Upload a picture to www.iNaturalist.org or nynhp.org/contribute-data.



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ART: MATTHEW KRETA

Nature-inspired exhibit opens in Sharon

The Sharon Town Hall is currently displaying an art exhibit by Pamela Peeters entitled "No Fear of Flying" until September 3, 2024. The exhibit opened on June 3 to celebrate World Environment Day.

The show displays work by Peeters, Allan Blagden, Zelena Blagden and Jean Saliter. Pamela Peeters has had a decades-long career as an environmental economist, sustainability strategist and ECO consultant, appearing on television and radio, sponsoring and leading environmental education programs globally and is recognized for her various artistic endeavors.

The current exhibit in Sharon Town Hall, featuring photographs by Peeters as the main attraction, contains several works from her "Elements" series, a set of 31 cards that feature photographs, meditative words and questions to reflect on that are meant to be viewed one at a time over the course of a month.

In an interview, Peeters said that a main theme of the exhibit was communication, not just with each other, but with the Earth.

"We have connecting points. We are the same," Peeters said. "The energizing effect that the elements of nature can have on us are profound when one

knows how to connect!" Peeters stated in a press release.

This is Peeters's third exhibit in Town Hall, and she considers it a love letter to life and to the planet.

When asked if she had a specific piece that she felt particularly strongly about, Peeters said she has a deep appreciation for "Core", a part of the "Elements" series and the last card in the work's sequence. "Core" is a photograph of a lotus flower, something Peeters said holds plenty of symbolism for beauty, new beginnings and potential.

"It will take some time to listen to its wisdom and you can start with small steps, but



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"Pearl" from the "Elements" series.

once you get the affirmations that you are on the path of manifestation, you will understand that to be one with your core is to come home," the card says.

Peeters also brought attention to the card "Pearl", which features a detailed photograph of a water droplet. This card focuses on turning something negative into something positive, reminding how it is only through irritation that a pearl is made. "Ele-

ments" can be purchased as a set at www.myelementsdeck.com.

Peeters plans to hold a workshop this summer to go with the art exhibit. The idea only came when the artwork began hanging in Town Hall, so there are no definitive dates for it yet. Peeters is excited to work with the community and see the shape that the workshop will take.

When asked for any final remarks to share, Peeters replied, "When

people will visit the gallery at the Sharon Town Hall next, they will discover how each of the artist's unique relationship with nature inspired them to create their works. Perhaps that could be a bridge for their own "No Fear of Flying" relationship with the "Elements" that surround them! A journey worthwhile exploring." "No Fear of Flying" will remain on display during Town Hall hours until September 3, 2024.



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Right, Ann Temkins, Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City will speak at the Cornwall Library. Above, Garden 2 in the garden tour features a lower pond and water garden.

Books & Blooms

On Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22, the ninth annual Books & Blooms event will take place, benefiting the Cornwall Library. This two-day garden-related event has become a cherished highlight, offering an enriching experience for garden enthusiasts and art lovers alike.

Friday evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a presentation by Ann Temkin, the distinguished Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Temkin will explore the deep connection between Claude Monet's passion for gardening and his renowned paintings of water lilies. Her talk will reveal how Monet's extensive gardens at Giverny were not just a

source of inspiration but a vital part of his artistic process. Despite the current acclaim of the water lilies series, they were initially met with significant criticism in the early 20th century. Temkin will discuss the transformation in public perception that eventually led to their recognition as pioneering works of 20th century art. Ms. Temkin, who was born in Torrington and weekends in Cornwall, is the first woman to hold the premier curatorial position at MoMA. This insightful lecture will be held at the United Church of Christ, 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village, and will be followed by a cocktail reception in a nearby private garden.

The event continues Saturday with self-guided tours of four distinctive Cornwall gardens,

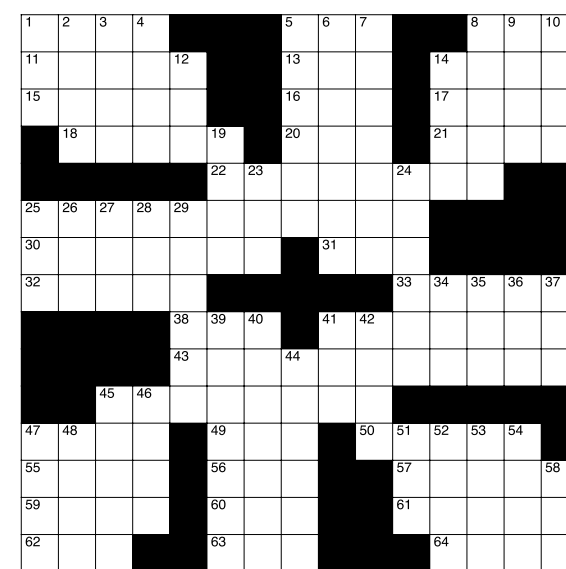
beginning at 10 a.m. Each garden offers a unique and enchanting experience, including an unfussy, low-maintenance perennial garden with specimen trees, a garden featuring a waterfall and millpond, a dramatic hillside garden with a plunging ravine, and a charming cottage garden with extensive plantings.

Tickets are priced at \$40 for the Friday talk, \$30 for the Saturday garden tours, or \$65 for both events. Registration and ticket purchases can be made through cornwalllibrary.org/events. Tickets and maps for the garden tours will be available for pickup at the Cornwall Library (30 Pine Street, Cornwall) on Friday, June 21, between noon and 6 p.m., or on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. on.

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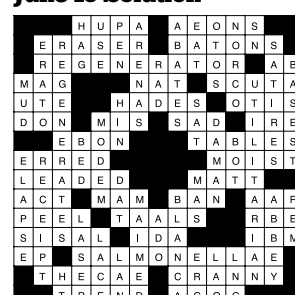
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13. Expression of understanding
14. Have concern for
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Iranian city
18. Eating houses
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. They include North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine
32. One who unloads cages
33. Another term for sesame
38. Formally forbid
41. Make clear
43. Inaccessible
45. Get through
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Decimeter
50. Type of sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: ___ pai dong
63. Termination point
64. Email function



12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Italian impressionist painter
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
28. Woman (French)
29. Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
34. Baseball stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Domesticated house pet

42. Untruths
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader
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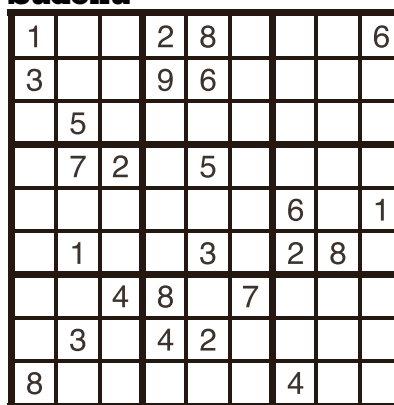
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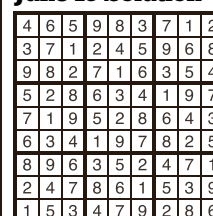
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1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Helsinki neighborhood
4. Unable to hear
5. More rapid
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. In a cagy way
8. Kate and Rooney are two
9. Algerian port
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JUNE 21

Solstice Singing Circle

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

On Friday, June 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., come sing at the Solstice Singing Circle at The Center on Main in Falls Village, Conn.

Studies show that singing can improve both mental and physical health and boost happiness. Come sing with us, and feel free to bring a song to share. This is a group singing circle, not an open mic or talent show. All songs are meant for the group to sing together. If you enjoy singing, this is for you! It is part of worldwide Make Music Day.

Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

This summer, starting June 21, on third Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join Mark Scarbrough on for an informal discussion of three contemporary poetry collections. Deepen your understanding of the craft for this most un-modern road: the contemplative path of poetry.

Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12343566

Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

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

This intensive, immersive workshop is designed to give writers the time we need to generate new work. Guided by prompts and in-class writing assignments, we will dive deep and emerge transformed.

Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

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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 23

30th Anniversary Ice Cream Social

21st Century Fund for HVRHS, 246 Warren Tpke, Falls Village, Conn.

The 21st Century Fund for HVRHS invites Region 1 Community Members to an Ice Cream Social under the graduation tent at HVRHS from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 23 to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Besides, the sundaes, cones, root beer floats and banana-splits, provided by Freund's Farm Market. There will be music by Lou Haemmerle, class of 2025, and an opportunity to mingle with other community members, teachers and students who have received grants from the 21st Century Fund.

JUNE 25

Berkshire Queer History Project Screening

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

On Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a screening of stories from the Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition's Queer History Project, in celebration of Pride Month. The Queer History Project aims to paint a more vivid picture of a community deeply interwoven into the Berkshires, but long forced into the margins. Stories shared will include:

Ed Sederbaum, cis gay man and founder of Rainbow Seniors, reviving his Brooklyn accent to appeal to the gents; Belle Fox-Martin, cis lesbian woman and UCC minister, and her surprisingly idyllic coming out; JV Hampton-VanSant, trans femme nonbinary and national entertainer, and the bad movie you must laugh at to not get dumped by her; Ray Garnett, trans bisexual man and Yellow House Books co-owner, on coming from North Carolina and choosing the family business so he could transition without losing his livelihood.

Snacks and beverages will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

JUNE 26

Coworking on Main

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

On Wednesday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., join us for Coworking on Main.

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Light refreshments will be served.

Women's Health Lecture Series: Women's Health 101

The Northeast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd. Millerton, N.Y.

On Wednesday, June 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Northeast-Millerton Library Annex there will be a talk as a part of the Women's Health Lecture Series: Women's Health 101, presented by Sharon Hospital and hosted by The Northeast-Millerton Library.

JUNE 27

Book Talk with Peter Kaufman

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

Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., join Peter Kaufman for a discussion of How to Win an Information War: The Propagandist Who Outwitted Hitler, by disinformation expert Peter Pomerantsev. We will discuss Pomerantsev's account of propaganda methods used to undermine German's faith in Nazism and reflect on how such methods might counter disinformation in our own era.

Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

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JUNE 28

Big Talk

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

On Friday, June 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., venture out of the default small-talk zone with strangers and friends, guided by a facilitator. Equally satisfying for extroverts and introverts, this program provides the opportunity for meaningful connection. Suggested donation of \$10. Non-alcoholic drinks provided. Ages 18+. Space is limited; advanced registration required: www.thecenteronmain.org/events

JUNE 29

Summer Concert Series

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

The David M. Hunt

Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a summer concert series on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library. The series kicks off on Saturday, June 29 at 6 p.m. with the Berkshire Resilience Brass Band. On July 27 at 6 p.m. the library will host Vance Cannon. The final event on Saturday, August 24, at 6 p.m. will be a community talent show/open mic night. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! These events are free and open to the public.

Book Talk

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

Cornwall Library will host James Traub, author of "True Believer: Hubert Humphrey and the Quest for a More Just America," for a book talk Saturday, June 29, at 5 p.m. Traub recounts Hubert Humphrey's role as twentieth-century American liberalism's most-dedicated defender and its most public and tragic sacrifice. In-person attendance only at the library (no Zoom). Registration required: cornwalllibrary.org/events

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Author Talk

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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.org/app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/cornwalllibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1289

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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.

JUNE 30

Drop In Art Making Space

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


On Sunday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, drop in to our Art Making Space and start or work on an existing creative project in the company of others who are doing the same! All ages welcome; kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. BYOP (project), or use the provided art materials (suggested materials donation: \$10).



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Art at Hunt


A show of Robert Cronin's "Serious Paintings" opened at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, June 15. The show runs through July 12. The artist will give a talk on Thursday, June 27 at the library.



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