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## Young voices lifted in song

A highlight of the "Young at Heart" fundraising event at The Sharon Playhouse on Friday, Dec. 6, was the talented YouthStage performance of Broadway show tunes. For full story, see page B1.

## Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service urges residents: 'help us help you'

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — While responding to a recent 911 call, members of the nonprofit Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service were hampered by darkness and had difficulty locating the caller's residence.

"We had to slow the ambulance down, get the flashlights out and go looking for the house number," which was not clearly marked from the road, recalled Jacquie Rice, SVAS chief of service.

Such delays by emergency responders, she said, happen all too often, wasting precious minutes which, in serious situations like heart attacks or stroke, could mean the difference between life and death.

House numbers that are missing or are not easily identifiable present a critical challenge for medical responders, said Rice, a long-time Salisbury resident who has volunteered with the ambulance squad

for the past 45 years.

Numbers etched in stone walls or non-reflective numbers on mailboxes, fences or trees can be a nightmare to find once the sun goes down.

### Most obstacles are preventable

Missing or poorly displayed house numbers are not the only challenges the ambulance squad faces as it traverses the 40 square mile community's 70 miles of rural roadways. Winter brings with it the added challenges of snowstorms and dwindling daylight hours.

"There are all kinds of challenges that come with us being so rural," Rice said.

Unplowed or blocked driveways, a single driveway with multiple homes, overhanging branches, locked doors, closed gates, snow- and ice-covered walkways and porches are among common ob-

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## Cornwall's Christmas Pageant tradition

By Robin Roraback

CORNWALL — Jane Prentice of Cornwall has directed the Cornwall Christmas Pageant since 2005. This year will mark her nineteenth and final pageant.

She will be turning the role of director over to Katherine Freygang, who is helping her cast this year's pageant. "It is time for me to pass it along," said Prentice.

The pageant tells the traditional Christmas story, complete with Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and three kings.

Jane Prentice said they've been

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PHOTO BY LAZLO GYORSOK

The Annual Christmas Pageant in Cornwall takes place on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Jane Prentice, director since 2005, will step down this year after 19 years of directing the pageant.

## Stadium System has rebranded, reopened sporting goods store

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — Stadium System Inc.'s retail store at 297 Ashley Falls Road, which for the past several years has only been open during the holiday season, has reopened with expanded hours and merchandise under the rebranded name Stadium Outfitters.

New signage has yet to be erected, but meticulously arranged shelves, racks and displays offer an array of men and women's apparel, footwear and accessories representing popular brands like Caterpillar, Carhartt, Red Wing, Muck Boot Company, Irish Setter, Shinessy, Hey Dude, Oakley,

Under Armour, Merrell and New Balance, among others.

While the apparel is front and center, Stadium Outfitters, which made its debut on Black Friday, has also stayed true to its roots as a sporting goods store by offering a scaled-down, seasonal sports section at the rear of the store.

"We have tons of hockey stuff out right now," said Nolan Gordon, assistant store manager, pointing to an array of hockey sticks, equipment and accessories.

Stadium System's Merchandise Manager Chuck Grant, who is managing Stadium Outfitters, noted that sporting goods will rotate seasonally, freeing up space for the expanded clothing lines.

"We are still stocking for sports. Right now, it's hockey and basketball,

and when summer rolls around we will have baseball gloves and bats," Grant said.

Customer response to the retail store's reopening has been overwhelmingly positive due to the fact that there is nothing like it around, said Gordon.

"Everyone desperately wanted it to open," he said. "People don't want to drive to Great Barrington or Torrington. They want to shop locally."

Stadium Outfitters is the retail arm of Stadium System Inc., the largest independent reconditioners of athletic equipment in the United States, and the largest team dealer in the northeast region.

The company, which specializes in refurbishing football helmets

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## State commends Hedden for 47 years of service

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Steve Hedden has been awarded a state commendation for more than four decades of service on the Cornwall Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency.

Hedden vacated his seat over the summer of 2024. All told, he said he served 47 years with the Agency and about 40 of them were as chairman.

Over the years, Hedden chaired hundreds of meetings and site visits. He was the longest-serving member of any Cornwall board.

"It is a record that will take a long time to duplicate," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30) recommended Hedden for a state commendation. Horn presented the honor to Hedden before the IWWC's Dec. 3 meeting at Town Hall.

"The State of Connecticut wished to recognize you for your great service to Cornwall and to this commission in particular," said Horn. "The entire membership extends its very best wishes on this memorable occasion."



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Steve Hedden, left, was presented a state commendation by State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) at Cornwall Town Hall Dec. 3.

Current chairman Bill Hurlburt served alongside Hedden for approximately 30 years and thanked Hedden for many lessons and laughs over the years.

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### Online This Week

**Amenia town board approves bond for garage**  
The Amenia town board approved a \$6.3 million bond for a new town garage and salt shed on Dec. 5. Read the full story at [www.millertonnews.com](http://www.millertonnews.com).

## POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

### Held on warrant

On Friday, Dec. 6, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Angelisa Deberry, 29, was taken into custody on Norfolk Road in North Canaan on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear, 2nd degree. DeBerry could not post \$10,000 cash/surety bond and was held pending a Superior Court appearance in Torrington.

### Man turns self in on burglary, mischief charges

On Thursday, Dec. 5, at approximately 2:10 p.m., Christopher Link, 58, of Greenwich, Connecticut, came to Troop B barracks to turn himself in upon learning of an active warrant for his arrest on charges of burglary, 1st degree-at night and criminal mischief, 3rd degree. The date of the alleged incident was Sept. 26, 2024, and the location was Doolittle Drive in Norfolk. Link was processed and released on a \$50,000, 7% cash bond and was scheduled to appear in court in Torrington.

### Hits pole on Sand Road

On Thursday, Dec. 5, Caleb Rand, 18, of Canaan, was northbound on Sand Road north of Route 126 in Canaan in a 1996 Ford Ranger when the vehicle exited the road, striking a utility pole. Rand did not sustain any injuries, and the vehicle was towed from the scene. Rand was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

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### Disorderly conduct, criminal lockout charges

On Saturday, Dec. 7, at approximately 3 p.m., troopers were dispatched to an address on Hollenbeck Road in Cornwall for an active disturbance. An investigation led to the arrest of Thomas Kearns, 57, of Cornwall, on charges of disorderly conduct and criminal lockout. Kearns was released on a \$2,500 bond and was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court.

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](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)

# Choes outline big plans for Millerton Square supermarket

By Christine Bates

MILLERTON — Kim and Chris Choe, owners of the Sharon Farm Market, are excited about their latest venture, the Millerton Square Shopping Center, which they purchased from veteran grocer Joseph "Skip" Trotta on Nov. 15, 2024.

The sale of the property to the Choes marks the end of an extended and complicated process of negotiations between them and Trotta, which began in May 2023 with a purchase agreement being reached between both parties, and an additional 18 months tacked on to sort out state and county regulations. With the red tape now behind them, the Choes are now moving ahead on their agenda for the property.

The centerpiece of their ambitious plans is the development of a new supermarket to meet the needs of the area, which stretches from Copake to Dover in New York, a food desert since Grand Union closed over five years ago.

The revamped, as yet unnamed, 29,000 square foot market will offer a wide selection of products at competitive prices including a full-service meat, deli, seafood, sushi, bakery, and produce departments supplied by C&S Wholesale Grocers, the nation's largest coast-to-coast distributor to independent grocery stores.

The Choes will continue to supply fresh fish sourced



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Kim Choe (left) and Chris Choe, operators of the Sharon Farm Market at Sharon Shopping Center, are planning a new supermarket in Millerton.

directly from the Boston wharves and seasonal produce purchased daily from Hunt's Wholesale market in New York City. Seasonally, fresh food will be sourced from over 20 local farms including vegetables, pork, lamb, and eggs from their own 129-acre all-natural farm in East Canaan.

Kim Choe is planning to expand the kitchen products and housewares selection and to add more flowers and plants. They also intend to operate an in-store restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner for both dine-in and take-out customers. Asian,

Latino, diet and specialty food items will be available including fresh sushi.

Before opening the Choes are focused on significant updates to the shopping center itself, beginning with a redesigned entrance, energy-efficient lighting, a repaved parking lot and modernized interior space. A greenhouse will be added to the west side with outdoor dining space.

They have already begun discussions with potential tenants to utilize the additional 20,000 square feet of retail space previously occupied by Riley's Furniture, Robert Trotta's law office, and

the liquor store. Renovations are underway, and the Choes are encouraging residents to watch as the transformation unfolds in 2025. The Choes are hopeful that sidewalks and a town/village sewer system will expand development opportunities in Millerton's business district and expressed gratitude to North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan for his continued assistance. "The Choes have been working to this day for a long time," Kennan said. "I appreciate their vision and their perseverance. We are all looking forward to having a food market back in Millerton."

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MICHAEL GREGG CORRIE**

Late of Missouri (24-00468)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 26, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Christopher Corrie c/o Margaret Elizabeth Smith

Carmody, Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, 50 Leavenworth Street, P.O. Box 1110, Waterbury, CT

06721 Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk 12-12-24

### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on December 12, 2024:

Approved - Special Permit Application #2024-0266 by Matt Schwaikert, for a propane tank and generator in the Flood Plain Overlay District in accordance with Section 401 of the Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 28 as Lot 22 and is located at 28 White Hollow Road,

Lakeville. The owners of the property are James Lestelle and John Stephens.

Approved-SpecialPermit Application #2024-0267 by owners Curtis and Susan Rand, for vertical expansion of a nonconforming residential structure in accordance with Section 503.2 of the Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 18 as Lot 23 and is located at 358 Undermountain Road, Salisbury.

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

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 12-12-24

## Correction

In the A1 story on Housatonic Valley Association's Auction for the Environment in the Dec. 5 edition, Lynn Werner's last name was misspelled.

## Learn to ski jump with SWSA

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) will host its annual Junior Jump Camp, a two-day fun introduction to ski jumping, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Satre Hill in Salisbury.

Children seven years old and up are eligible. The cost of the event is \$50 per child which includes lunch and instruction for both days.

Learn the basics of ski jumping with an emphasis on safety and control on SWSA's smallest hill.

Please bring downhill skis, boots and helmets (no poles required).

And if you enjoy your experience join our club TEAM SWSA and participate in practices throughout the winter for fun tournaments.

For more information or to register call Ken Barker at 860-806-0471 or email [kennethsbarker@gmail.com](mailto:kennethsbarker@gmail.com) or visit [jumpfest.org](http://jumpfest.org).

# Christmas Services

## Christmas Eve

5 pm and 8 pm  
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# Our Towns

## North Canaan selectmen fill vacancy at P&Z

By Riley Klein

**NORTH CANAAN** — At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen Dec. 2, Cooper Brown was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The appointment comes nearly a month after former chairman Tim Abbott resigned due to pressure from the developers applying for the River Woods subdivision.

Brown was previously an alternate member of P&Z and was one of two alternates to express interest in filling the vacant board seat. The other was Kathy Ducillo.

Ducillo was recommended by Chris Jacques, chair of the Democratic Town Committee.

In discussion with the two interested commission members, the selectmen inquired about relevant experience and qualifications.

Brown reported he had completed about six hours of land use classes as of Dec. 2.

Selectman Jesse Bunce expressed concerns of nepotism regarding Brown's father, Peter Brown, who is actively serving as vice chair of P&Z and is expected to become the new chairman.

Bunce felt Ducillo would be a better choice due to having more experience as a P&Z member.

Following the discussion, a 2-1 vote elected Brown to the vacant seat. First Selectman Brian Ohler (R) and Selectman Craig Whiting (R) voted for Brown, and Bunce

(D) voted for Ducillo.

### Resident Trooper resigns

Trooper First Class Jeremy Ribadeneyra, the resident trooper in North Canaan, submitted his letter of resignation to Town Hall in November.

Ribadeneyra is moving on to a new position with the state police force. He agreed to continue in his current role during the transition to a new resident trooper.

At the Dec. 2 BOS meeting, Ohler reported a meeting has been scheduled with the Troop B lieutenant to discuss a replacement trooper. He expects a new trooper to be assigned around the new year.

North Canaan's current resident trooper contract is in place until June 2025. In the 2024-25 town budget, \$161,315 was allocated to the resident trooper.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Marsha Altemus' "Gray Sky" was one of the works for sale at the jam-packed "12 x 12" art show Dec. 7.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Hunt Library hosts 13th '12X12' exhibition and fundraising sale

By Patrick L. Sullivan

**FALLS VILLAGE** — The David M. Hunt Library was absolutely packed Saturday evening, Dec. 7, for the annual "12X12" art event.

There were 78 works from 53 artists, all 12 inches by 12 inches in size, and all going for \$150.

Vance Cannon played guitar by the front desk, but

was difficult to hear in the hubbub.

Purchasers could take their works home, and the remainder will be on display (and for sale) through Jan. 10.

The show is a major fundraiser for the library. It was the 13th year of the event.

Artists represented included: Marsha Altemus, Katie Atkinson, Lori Barker, Pamela Berkeley, Janet Andre

Block, Rebecca Bloomfield, Virginia Bradley, Elizabeth Buttler, Mary Anne Carley, Erika Crofut, Robert Cronin, Cathrine de Neergaard, Sergei Fedorjaczenko, Zoe Fedorjaczenko, Ingrid Freidenbergs, Emily Fuller, Jill Gibbons, Susan Hennelly, John Hodgson, Shaari Horowitz, Vincent Inconiglios, Joey Jablonski, Sallie Ketcham, Jonathan Kopita, Rika La-

ser, Joan Macfarlane, Louise March, Roger McKee, Meg Musgrove, Ken Musselman, Heather Neilson, Jean Parks, Babs Perkins, Mary Perotti, Sam Posey, Bernie Re, Diane Schapira, Joel Schapira, Christine Stafford, Kate Stiasni, Tilly Strauss, Casey Swift, Carol Timolat, Justine Valla, Victor Valla, Hilary VanWright, Bluebell Ward, Terry Wise, and Judith Wyer.

## Kent transforms into gingerbread village

By Lans Christensen

Kent's Gingerbread Festival is in place for the month of December with gingerbread creations in twenty-three locations.

They can be found up and down Main Street as well as the Village Barns, Kent Green, and Kent Town Center.

This year a ginger riddle is part of the festival: Each location will provide a map and a clue to be used for a solution. Not all 23 spots have a gingerbread house,

Florence's "Duomo" by Susan Allen, at Heron Shop

some will just have a hidden gingerbread man, but all will provide clues.

The variety of gingerbread creations is vast, ranging from Susan Allen's spectacular "Duomo" at The Heron Shop on Main Street to the Nursery School's "Village" at Kent Memorial Library. Every stop on the map provides a true seasonal celebration.



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Gingerbread House at 45 On Main.



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# OBITUARIES

## Stephen S. Myers

LAKEVILLE — Stephen S. Myers, 82, of Lakeville, (formerly of New York City, Almond, New York, Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Fair Oaks, California) passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 30, 2024. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth “Betsy” (Phelan), his two sons Matthew and Shepherd, two nephews and three nieces.



Stephen was born in Elmhurst, Illinois, on Oct. 29, 1942, the son of the late Elwood Mosman and Donnie Marguerite Myers. Growing up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Stephen struggled with dyslexia in multiple high schools, ultimately graduating from Avon Old Farms High School in Avon, Connecticut.

Before attending Pratt Institute, he lived in a beach shack Shelter Island for a year and remembered this as a time when “you could walk the beach and eat the fish.” At Pratt he met his wife, Betsy, and helped to establish photography as a major there with the assistance of his friend Robert Mapplethorpe. As one of the first wave of artists to move to the East Iron District in Lower Manhattan, he and Betsy renovated a 3,200 square-foot loft and became one of many artists illegally living in the Soho loft spaces. They ran a photo studio for commercial clients, as well as doing street photography, including a role as the club photographer for the Alien Nomads’ MC or Motorcycle Club (which later became the New York City Hells Angels Chapter). He was a major contributor to New Journalism in New York City with Milton Glaser and Clay Felker during the 1960’s and 1970’s. His investigative photojournalism was featured in major stories about media figures along with current events in New York City and upstate New York. He documented multiple artists, musicians and notable persons (including Jim Morrison and The Doors, Sly and The Family Stone, Eddie Egan, Russell Means, Dennis Banks, John Lee Hooker, and Count Basie) from the Sixties

to the present.

In the late 1970’s Stephen and Betsy relocated to Western New York where he continued his photography work full time, including becoming a field tester for Eastman Kodak’s pre-production professional films and papers, as well as photos in the ad campaigns to introduce the product to the marketplace. His North Coast Native American mask photography for the American Museum of Natural History was used extensively across dozens of publications. He was a runner-up for the 1998 Ellie National Magazine Award for his LIFE Magazine article about his plant photography in which he was featured.

In 1988 Stephen and his wife led a grassroots resistance campaign, with the help of physicist Theodore “Ted” Taylor and the local community, against the New York State government over a proposed low-level radioactive dump. Rallying everyone from hardscrabble farmers, the sheriff, political leaders, academics, media, and even the members of the local Mennonite community, they were able to increase their ranks and bring many disparate groups together. At one point Stephen read the Declaration of Independence to an audience of over 5,000 at a county-wide meeting. He considered this day, and the fact that the entire campaign remained a form of nonviolent protest, to be among his greatest accomplishments. This activism led to a U.S. Supreme Court challenge, *New York v. United States*, 505 U.S. 144 (1992), which is the first enduring challenge of states’ rights under the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. They were able not only to stop construction of the dump, but also to change how the federal government would handle the disposal and containment of such waste for future generations.

His work was published in LIFE Magazine, New York Magazine, Esquire, Playboy, Fortune, A.D. Magazine, New Times Magazine, Harper’s Magazine, Natural History Magazine, VIVA Magazine, Seventeen, Audience Magazine, Working Woman, National Lampoon, The Saturday Review, and NOVA. Prints of his work can be found in the permanent collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Fenimore Art Museum, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, George Eastman House, the Robert L. Pfannebecker Collection, the Almond Historical Society Archives, American Museum of Natural History, Robert Sobieszek Collection, Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona, George Eastman House, the Sidney Clark Collection at Avon Old Farms, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) Collection, and Kroch Library’s Rare Manuscript Collections at Cornell University.

After raising his children in Western New York State, he and Betsy lived in various places before returning to the Northeast. Stephen had a lifelong passion and love for woodworking, painting (oil & watercolor), restoring antiques, attending estate sales and flea markets, listening to music, and riding his bicycle with his sons.

Send obituaries to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)

## Ella L. Clark

WEST CORNWALL — Ella L. Clark, 83, a social worker, writer, and lover of nature and the Post Office, died Nov. 7, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, after an acute stroke. Her family was with her in her last week.



Ella was predeceased by her parents, Benjamin S. and Charlotte L. Clark, her brother, Benjamin Clark, and her sister Tib Clark. Ella is survived by her daughter, Cristina Mathews of Fort Bragg, California, and her husband Jason and son Milo, her son Alexander Mathews, of Newton, Massachusetts, and his wife Olivia and children Ariana, Damian, and Torey, her daughter Jessica Meyer, of Pacific Palisades, California, and her husband Tim and children Ione and Nikos; and her sister Charlotte de Bresson of Paris.

Ella was born in New York City on Dec. 23, 1940. She was educated at Milton Academy and Radcliffe College. She married Richard Mathews in 1965; soon after, they traveled more than a thousand miles down the Yukon River. After

building a house in Amenia, they moved, with their two children, Alexander and Cristina, then 2 and 3, onto a fishing boat, and fished commercially, first in southeast Alaska for salmon, and then up and down the West Coast for albacore.

In fall 1972, Ella moved on shore with the children, and her marriage ended. In Point Reyes Station, California, she found a close community of artists and carpenters and became involved in community projects. With Jonathon Meyer she had her third child, Jessica.

Ella moved back East in 1983, landing in Sharon. She was an EMT on the Sharon volunteer ambulance crew, and worked at Oblong Books in Millerton.

Ella’s real career began in 1988, when she began working for the town of Sharon as a social worker. For 31 years, she threw herself into the work, focusing especially on affordable housing, health services, and fuel assistance. Ella founded several organizations, including the Chore Service and the Sharon Community Foundation. She

served on various boards and commissions, including the Sharon Hospital Board and the Cornwall Conservation Board. Ella was delighted to be named the Grange Citizen of the Year in 2007.

Ella was a prolific correspondent and writer. Ella enjoyed research, number crunching, and analysis to support grant applications and reports. She was a frequent Cornwall Chronicle contributor, often writing about the natural world, always choosing interesting, non-obvious topics. She loved digging into archives, getting the facts and voices right, and winnowing down what she had learned to the compact size the Chronicle demanded.

Ella moved to West Cornwall in 1991. Firmly rooted on Town Street, she “loved bird watching, taking photos of bears, smoking cigarettes after dinner, fighting for equity for all people, and putting orange peels on top of the fireplace,” as her granddaughter Ariana remembers.

A celebration of Ella’s life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the Cornwall Village Meeting House, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, Connecticut.

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# OBITUARIES

## David Graeme Townsend

SALISBURY — David Graeme Townsend was born July 23, 1930, in Mineola, New York, to Rachel Townsend (Maxtone-Graham) and Greenough Townsend. David and his older brother Antone grew up in New York City and Long Island. Some



of his early life was spent in Scotland in his mother's family home, Cultoquhey, which is near Perth in the Highlands. Here he enjoyed summers with all his Maxtone-Graham cousins. Many of these cousins would remain close with David for his entire life. One cousin, Charles Smythe, even came to America to live with David and his family during the war where Charles became like a brother to David and Antone. David went to St. George's in Newport, Rhode Island for a while and then on to Lawrenceville in New Jersey. He finished high school at the Basil Patterson School in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Immediately after high school, David enrolled in the US Marine Corps and served two tours in the Korean War. He was always very proud of his military service. After his service David attended the Sorbonne University in Paris

for two years and then the University of Madrid for one year. Even though David never finished his formal education, he always remained an avid student of history and language. In his travels his skill with foreign languages was sometimes a problem because he spoke with such a good accent that it was sometimes falsely assumed that he was fluent.

David always believed that travel was important in life. One of his great trips was in the 1950s when he rode from England to Turkey on his motorcycle. Throughout his life travel with his friends and family created many fond memories. Eventually he returned to New York City, where he worked for various Wall Street firms and H&R Block. There he became skilled as an investor, which would serve him well throughout his life.

In 1958, at a party in Manhattan searching for a bathroom, David serendipitously found himself in the adjacent apartment. There he found the love of his life Helen Gaylord. David and Helen dated for a couple of years before getting married Nov. 12, 1960 in Rockford, Illinois. For the

next 14 years they lived and worked in New York City. Sheila was born in 1963, and Lila followed in 1967. In 1963 they bought an old Connecticut farmhouse in Amesville, from David's aunt, who had owned the property for forty years. The home, fondly called River House due to its proximity to the Housatonic River, was used as a weekend and summer house until 1974 when the family moved to Connecticut permanently. Helen and David would live at River House for 54 years and became fixtures in the Amesville community. Over the years, David was involved in various ventures: owning a model train store, operating six vacation cottages by the Housatonic River, and buying and selling land. He also continued to work in the investment world well into his nineties. David loved country life and developed many lifelong passions. He learned to ski at 44, built and sailed iceboats, fly fished, water skied on the local lakes, constructed an elaborate model railroad in his basement, and hiked with his dogs on the nearby Appalachian Trail. David and Helen always had at least two dogs and a few cats as well as guinea pigs and fish at one time!

David always loved boats and trains. His first boat was

called Moonraker and was kept on Long Island. Daystar was a small water ski boat he used on Twin Lakes and took on summer camping trips to Lake George and Thousand Islands, New York. He moved on to a Grand Banks Cabin Cruiser in the mid-1980s. He named the boat La Bayadere (a famous ballet) in tribute to Helen, who was a dancer. He would embark on many adventures in this boat up and down the East Coast from Mystic, Connecticut to Bar Harbor, Maine. His most ambitious trip took him to the northern end of Labrador, Canada in 1992. David enlisted many friends and family members to "crew the boat". He also helped a man on the West Coast captain his boat, Grocery Boy, from Seattle to Alaska, again including many friends and family members to assist with the journey. His final boat was a smaller one called Swallow that he kept near his house in Bath, Maine. Trains were another passion of David's. He went on many trips by train and enjoyed driving around with his "train nut" friends simply to watch passing trains. His daughters remember being forced to picnic in a garbage dump on a western road trip just to catch a glimpse of an oncoming train! David and Helen continued to travel

well into their eighties with France and Scotland being favorite destinations but also more exotic locations like Patagonia. They also loved spending time with their granddaughters Claire and Danika Nimlos and attended all their high school and college graduations as well as many soccer games and concerts.

In 2017 David and Helen moved to Falmouth, Maine permanently to be near family. Helen preceded David in death December 24, 2022. In November 2023, David went on one final cruise up the East Coast to Nova Scotia at the age of 93 on the Serenade of the Seas with son-in-law (Mark Nimlos), close friends (Doug Saksa/Steve Ann and Mark Corrigan), and his caregiver (Shelly).

On November 17, 2024, David died peacefully at his home in Falmouth, Maine with family and his rescue cat Nala by his side. He is

survived by daughters; Lila Portland, Maine and Sheila (Mark Nimlos), Golden, Colorado; granddaughters Claire Nimlos (Peter Nimlos), Arvada, Colorado and Danika Nimlos, Pasadena, California; brother Antone Townsend, Highlands Ranch, Colorado; niece Maggie Townsend, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Goddaughter Elspeth Hilbert, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and California family; Joan, Hunt, Corie, Riette (Ralph Fallant), and Sean Burdick, Redwood City, California.

A memorial will be held Oct. 11, 2025, in Falls Village, time and place to be announced.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to: Great Mountain Forest, 10 Station Place, P.O. Box 534 Norfolk, CT 06058 greatmountainforest.org

Please visit [www.lindquistfuneralhome.com](http://www.lindquistfuneralhome.com) to view David's tribute page and to sign his online guestbook.

## Richard George Ralph

EAST CANAAN — Richard George Ralph, 84, a beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on Dec. 4, 2024, at his home in East Canaan, surrounded by his family. Born on Sept. 23, 1940, in Cornwall, Connecticut, he was the son of the late Marie (Kennedy) Ralph Negri and George Yeaton Ralph Jr.



Richard was the proud owner and operator of Richard Ralph and Son Rubbish Removal for many years. Known for his strong work ethic and reliability, he built a trusted business that served the community.

After his retirement, his son Richard took over the reins, continuing the family tradition. Richard's friendly demeanor meant that there weren't many in the area who didn't know him, and all were met with warm greetings and hearty waves.

Richard was known for his love of guitar playing and singing. From a young age, music was his lifelong passion. His vibrant presence could often be found at celebrations and events, where he would eagerly get up with the band and sing a song. Richard's enthusiasm

for music brought joy to everyone around him.

He leaves behind his children; daughter Leona Riley and her husband William of Clayton, North Carolina, and son Richard Ralph and his wife Joel of East Canaan. Affectionately known as "Papa Richard," he is also survived by seven grandchildren; Holli (Riley) Dunlavey and her husband Jeff, Kristen (Riley) Ford and her husband Jon, Ashley (Riley) Riva and her husband Tyler, Ashley Chance, Jessica (Ralph) King and her husband Jordan, Justin Ralph and his fiancée Taylor Wheeler, and Lauren Ralph, as well as sixteen great-grandchildren.

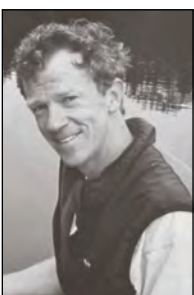
Richard is also survived by

three siblings; Donna (Ralph) Roux of Canaan, Stanley Ralph of Lakeville, and David Ralph of Salisbury, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, Cecelia (Tanner) Ralph, his brother Burton Veronesi, and his sisters Valerie (Ralph) Poley and Virginia (Ralph) Cables.

Services will be private at the family's request. The Ralph family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who shared in Richard's life, and they invite all who knew him to celebrate his memory with a donation to the Canaan VFW Couch Pipa Post 6851, 104 South Canaan Road, Canaan, CT 06018.

## Charles H. 'Chip' Collins

NORFOLK — Charles H. "Chip" Collins, 70, died peacefully on Nov. 29, 2024, after a long illness with dementia. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Chip was a visionary leader whose life and work left a lasting impact in land and wildlife conservation.



Chip was born Oct. 20, 1954, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Francis H. Collins and Nancy C. Collins. He graduated from St. Mark's School in 1973, and went on to study history at Colorado College, earning his bachelor's degree in 1977. In 1992, Chip earned a master's degree in environmental studies from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Chip's job at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy marked the start of a distinguished 40-year career dedicated to protecting the natural world. He served in several influential roles, including Colorado State Director for The Nature Conservancy and Vice President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. In 1986, Chip was named the first Executive Director of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. After

graduate school, Chip moved to Massachusetts to serve as Vice President of Winslow Management, an environmental investment management firm. In 1995, Chip co-founded The Forestland Group, LLC, a timberland investment management organization, where he served as Managing Director until his retirement in 2014.

Chip married Anne Childs in 1989, and together they raised three children, Teddy, Caroline, and Alice, in Watertown, Massachusetts. Being a dad was Chip's most cherished role in life. In addition to his professional work, Chip served on the

Board of Directors for the Land Trust Alliance, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, the Institute for Ecosystem Studies, Great Mountain Forest, the Student Conservation Association, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation, Shady Hill School, and the Jane Coffin Childs Fund for Cancer Research.

Chip's dedication to the environment was matched only by his deep love for wild places and the species that inhabit them. An avid outdoorsman, Chip traveled widely on fishing and hunting trips. He loved growing up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, calling waterfowl with his dad and two brothers, and spending his summers on Lake Muskoka and Deer Lake in Ontario.

He loved exploring the mountains of Colorado and the woods of Northwestern Connecticut.

Chip received exceptional care from many compassionate caregivers as his health declined. He never lost his love for the outdoors. Chip is survived by his wife, three children, daughter-in-law, Tory Collins, his mother, and his siblings, Alice Collins, Francis "Pat" Collins, and Edison "Eddie" Collins, along with many loved family members. A service will be held at Story Chapel in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass., at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the conservation organization of your choice.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Tribute to Rod Lankler

I just read Curtis Rand's wonderful letter to the editor on the recently departed Rod Lankler and this has inspired me to throw my 2 cents in. I first met Rod a few years ago as a patient in the Sharon Hospital E.R. Without going into medical details this my great love and admiration of Rod. We played golf together, I got him to join our book club, and socialize with our wives at Rod's place at Twin Lakes plus boat rides.

I can still remember Barbara telling my wife and I that she attended St. Lawrence "to find a husband." She did that in finding Rod. He was a great lawyer, husband, father and friend, so full of life. I was a little sad when he left the colder part of the year with Barbara just outside of Tuscan. I still miss Rod and always will.

W. Peter Reyelt, M.D.  
Sharon

## Vote down Wake Robin

My husband and I oppose the proposed re-development and expansion of the Wake Robin Inn by Aradev LLC. This is a project that never should have gotten off the ground.

For reasons no one has adequately explained, on May 6, 2024, the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission, with virtually no public hearings, approved a radical revision of our existing zoning regulations regarding hotels in Salisbury's residential areas. Many of us first learned of the Aradev proposal in September, and then only through word of mouth. Now, to our astonishment, we have learned that the zoning change came about only after the Commission consulted with Aradev about exactly what they wanted before this vote.

I won't rehearse the many trenchant analyses offered by both experts and Lakeville residents about the myriad ways in which the Aradev project, if approved, would adversely affect the lives and property values of all of us. One specific and indeed dangerous thing that's been overlooked, however, is that any increase in traffic on Wells Hill Road (which Aradev concedes is inevitable) will be especially disturbing at night. Today's cars come with intense, blinding LED headlights, which even now have an impact not only on

driving, on Wells Hill Road, but inside residents' homes, where it's a problem shades can't solve.

Even at this late date, the Commission continues to have an obligation to perform due diligence. They need to compare this project to something in our area it closely resembles—such as Canyon Ranch, in Lenox, MA. While their missions differ—Aradev focuses on a full hotel experience, Canyon Ranch focuses on wellness—the overwhelming similarities in amenities make the comparison apt. Both include high-end hotel rooms, spa services, a pool, a gym, and a restaurant, and landscaped grounds. Most important, both are destination sites for such crowd-drawing events as weddings.

Now, consider the differences in the two towns. According to the latest census in 2022, Lakeville has 886 residents, while Lenox has more than five times that number: 5062 residents. Meanwhile, Lakeville has 3.8 square miles of territory, compared to Lenox's 21.7 square miles—almost six times as much. The Wake Robin Inn sits on 12 acres, Canyon ranch occupies ten times as much—120 acres. Aradev proposes a capacity of 125 people for events in their "events" barn, the much bigger Canyon Ranch has an events capacity of only 65.

Imagine the Aradev hotel and Canyon Ranch each having 300 guests on site on a given summer night. The proportion of town residents to these resort visitors would be:

Lakeville 60:40  
Canyon Ranch 94:6

Over the course of the fall P&Z Zoom meetings we've learned from very informed residents, as well as experts in relevant fields, a plethora of specific ways this project would harm the quality of life in Lakeville and the concomitant reduction in the value of residential properties it would inexorably lead to.

The Commission has an obligation to the community to vote NO on the proposal.

Laurie Fendrich  
Lakeville

## An unredeeming Wake Robin plan

I was a bit late to this issue, (the amendment allowing changes to this non-conforming property was put through in May, The Lakeville Journal wrote the first story about the project in September). Now, after reading all of the information on the town website and attending two zoom meetings and talking to so many Wells Hill residents — I now understand that this proposed hotel/conference center on the Wake Robin site makes no sense. I've been told that it is legal, but just

because it is legal (and there is some discussion about that) does not mean it is a good thing for the road or the town. Nearly every single resident of the road does not want this project to go through. Isn't that enough? One can call the Wells Hill residents NIMBYs but the acronym does not apply in this case. There are no redeeming features of this project, it is not a hospital, a halfway house, a re-hab facility — it is an oversized luxury hotel/conference/wedding venue,



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Opposed to Wake Robin expansion

I am writing to express my opposition to the granting of a special permit for the Wake Robin Inn expansion project in Lakeville.

I believe that the immense scale of this project (even the "scaled down" version) will have an adverse effect on local traffic and pedestrians and will create major noise and light nuisances. It is clear to me from all the testimony that the expansion will adversely affect the enjoyment and value of neighboring properties. I believe commissioners need to protect us, their constituents, and the community from such development overreach.

But I wanted to point to

another issue of concern to me, and that is the P&Z's changing the zoning regulations on May 6, 2024 well in advance of the formal application by the developer ARADEV. These zoning changes enabled the vast hotel, spa, and event space proposal that ARADEV is now applying for in this special permit.

There clearly was not any meaningful public review or participation in the May change. In the P&Z memo of October 15, 2024, it is stated "at least one member of the public spoke, and her questions were satisfactorily addressed." The public at that time was unaware that these

zoning changes could result in a vast development project at the Wake Robin Inn. The commissioners did know, because, as they have acknowledged, they were involved in "pre-application" discussions with ARADEV.

In short, are we now going through a well-attended and very informative public review when much of what ARADEV wanted was previously decided in a context where there was no meaningful public review?

This issue goes to the heart of public participation in our local government processes.

John W. Sutter  
Lakeville

## Problem with P&amp;Z in Salisbury

Something is wrong with the Zoning aspect of Planning and Zoning in Salisbury. At the last meeting, 2 December 2024, an application to increase the height of a non conforming structure, in the area of non conformity, was acted upon and approved by the Commission members. So, you ask, what is the problem? Well, the problem is that the Commission does not have the authority to vary its' regulations. That is the function of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Recently, Abby Conroy and her assistant Miles Todaro were asked to produce the ZBA records for the encroachment of a new porch into the required front setback on the old pharmacy/Chinese restaurant in Lakeville. The response was that no application was required because "the site plan was approved by the Commission based on the applicants statement that a porch had once been there", as shown in over 60 year old photos and would be pre-existing. Now that is presidential!! If it ever was, it can be

again! Once again the Commission usurps the functions of the ZBA (The specifics are the existing building was 18.5 feet from the property boundary in a zone that requires 20 feet. The porch was extended in the area of non-conformity, when only ZBA could consider such an application.

Regarding the Wake Robin application, at the same meeting on the second of December, the Commissioners have latitude in questioning applicants to insure compliance with the existing Regulations, however, requiring the applicant to define who they would allow to contract a booking (to avoid protest) does not appear in the applications. Requiring an application (under Section 213.5 of the regulations which relates to a new Hotel) is absurd as the Wake Robin has been in business as an Inn for one hundred and ten years. Putting the prospective buyer through the requirements of a Special Permit application, in order to improve on the existing use, is absurd and contrary to the Regulations.

(Can you say "Law suit"?)

It should not be to difficult to require Commission adherence to and application of the regulations. However, that would require the Commission members and Land Use staff to read and understand the application of the regulations. The Connecticut General Statutes clearly define the functions of the P&Z and the ZBA.

It is interesting to observe.

Peter K. Oliver  
Lakeville

## LETTERS

## Wake Robin 'correction'

At the end of November, I submitted a letter to the editor with concerns about the planned expansion of the Wake Robin Inn and the impact it would have on the area. Trained as an engineer, you hope your calculations are not off by an order of magnitude, which mine were not, but they were off by a factor of 2-3x. I thought I recalled an early submission for the event space was going to be 10,000 ft sq. It looks like it will be 1/3 of that and so rather than have weekly assaults on the neighborhood of 600 cars (500 event goers and 100 staff. It will only be 200-300 instead.

This doesn't change the questions I've raised. Where are the 100s of celebrants who are clamoring to be in Lakeville every week? This isn't someone's lifelong dream to own a bed and breakfast and so the economics be damned. If someone proposes to build a car wash and it meets with all the regulations, we wish them luck. If someone wants to mine iron ore, we say sure, as long as you follow the regs and in these cases we know what is likely to come of these projects. We don't question the economics because everyone needs to wash their car and there is plenty of iron ore here. This project only makes sense if there is a virtually guaranteed return to investors that can only come from filling the space with bodies weekly. The White Hart isn't bursting at the seams, and neither is the Interlaken and that means the developers know something we don't know that will bring in enough bodies to justify the expense. It's no different than if someone applied to mine uranium here.

Everyone would ask where is the uranium? The Wake Robin expansion raises the same issue: where are the celebrants you hope to mine and why has no figurative Geiger counter gone off if that is what you are really doing? I'm still hoping town leadership will answer this question.

Theodore Rudd O'Neill  
Lakeville

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## VIEWPOINT

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago —  
December 1924

Mr. Walter Angus of Taconic got the surprise of his life on Tuesday evening. While Walter went for the evening mail exactly 50 of his neighbors and friends took quiet possession of his home, and were awaiting him when he returned. It is needless to add that he was thoroughly surprised, although everyone else in the community knew all about it. He soon recovered his poise and proceeded to enter into the very happy entertainment that followed. Cards were played, dancing was indulged in and there were games for the smaller members, while each and everyone made short work of the excellent refreshments. The event was given just previous to Mr. Angus departure for his old home in Scotland, where he expects to spend a six week's vacation. He sails next Saturday from New York on the Carmania and his many friends presented him with enough good cigars to last him over several trips to Scotland.

Last Saturday night Carlo Zanetti of Lime Rock came home in an ugly frame of mind, and abused and struck his wife. She sent word to her brothers, Louis and Angelo Beerti of Torrington. They came Sunday to reason with Carlo and persuade him to be kind to his wife. He resented their interference and a struggle ensued in which Carlo grabbed a carving knife, and Angelo received a slight cut on one thumb. "Big Jo" came in at that time and relieved Carlo of the knife and took him from the room. The next day, Monday in court, Justice Tuttle found Carlo guilty on two accounts for assault and sentenced him to 30 days on each count, 60 days in all, and costs of \$15.01. In view of the needs of his family for his support, the jail sentence was suspended on his promise under oath that he would go home and behave. Lawyer J. Mortimer Bell prosecuted the case.

Mr. Ralph Ayer of Torrington, well known here, died at the Hartford Hospital, following an operation on Nov. 28th. Mr. Ayer was state milk inspector and well known in this section. His age was 48, and he is survived by his wife, his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Mr. William Conklin of Salisbury was a visitor at the Journal office last Friday morning. Mr. Conklin will be 90 years of age in February and is remarkably sprightly and keen minded. Last summer he attended all the base ball games and says he expects to do the same this year. He was keenly interested in the new Linotype at this office and remarked upon the strides that machinery had made in his time. He talks interestingly of past events and remembers clearly the prize fight between Yankee Sullivan and Morrissey at "No man's land" in Boston Corners years ago. He was but a lad at the time, and like all lads he climbed a nearby tree to see the fun.

Howard Paine is with his mother, Mrs. Bulman, and is nursing a sprained ankle.

The Falls Village Fire Department has been organized with twenty-two active members, with I.N. Hanson, chief;

C.A. Maynard, captain; H.S. Beebe, lieutenant; E.L. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer. The Falls Village District has purchased a Reo chassis equipped with booster tank, pump, 100 feet of chemical hose, and 1,000 feet of fire hose. More equipment will be added later.

The new steam heating plant at St. Mary's Church is completed and is giving great satisfaction.

Radio certainly brightens up the home. If you don't believe it Mr. Radio Fan just look at your electric light bills.

Ten teachers of the Lakeville and Ore Hill public schools were entertained by Mrs. A.E. Bauman at her home last Thursday evening. The evening was most pleasantly passed with games, refreshments, etc.

Peter Flynn recently became the owner of a large ham, of which he is exceedingly proud. Pete is certainly no cripple at the table, especially when there is home cured ham to be eaten.

Betty, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sylvernal, is very much better after trouble with an abscess in her ear.

Miss Josephine Bauman while coasting down Bostwick Hill last Thursday evening was thrown from her sled, striking a tree. She received a blow on the head and bruises about the body, being confined to the bed for several days following. She has practically recovered from her injuries.

50 years ago —  
December 1974

Two Housatonic Valley Regional High School student publications will run this year as supplements to the school. The Lakeville Journal, it was agreed Tuesday night. The HVRHS Board of Education approved the arrangement for The Northwest Corner, the school newspaper; and for The Acorn, a literary magazine. Previously The Northwest Corner has had a press run of 350 copies, sold mainly at the school. The Acorn, published once a year, has had a slightly smaller circulation, with copies sold at the school and in some stores.

Sharon selectmen voted this week to accept Salisbury's offer to share use of a solid waste transfer station and recycling center, effective mid-1976. Until then, Sharon officials said, they would plan to continue paying another neighbor, Amenia, \$22,000 per year for use of the Amenia landfill.

After 30 years of sharing a law office with G. Campbell Becket, Lakeville attorney Thomas R. Wagner will move his office to larger quarters next Monday on the second floor of the building newly renovated by the Litchfield Savings Bank. The two attorneys have never been partners in a formal sense, although they have conducted their practices under the joint name of Becket & Wagner. Both men emphasized that their decision to occupy separate quarters does not affect the warm personal relationship that they have maintained for many years.

Andy Gandolfo, sales representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's Torrington office, recently exceeded \$1 million in life insurance sales during the year of 1974. Mr. Gandolfo joined Metropolitan Life in February of 1974 and achieved these sales results with less than 10 months of company service. He is married to the former Carol Millard of Norfolk and is a life-long resident of Canaan.

Clifford Wohlfert of Canaan will open a new barber shop, the Cutter's Cabin, on Railroad Street this weekend. The shop will offer a full range of services from conventional haircuts to the latest in men's hairstyling.

The Canaan Housing Authority capped three years of dogged work last Thursday when they held the ground-breaking ceremony for the 40-unit housing for the elderly project. The project, to be called Wangum Village, will be located off Quinn Street.

Canaan First Selectman Leo Segalla said Tuesday that footings have been poured for the new town garage on Whiting Drive. "If we have any kind of weather we ought to be able to get the building before too long," he said. Mr. Segalla said the new town garage will be larger than the one destroyed by fire in November. It will be built with cinder blocks rather than wood and will be 115 feet long and 48 feet deep. It will have seven bays with 12-foot overhead doors.

A third fire at Housatonic Valley Regional High School is still under investigation by state police, according to school vice principal Richard Alto. A small trash barrel fire started in a boys' lavatory at the high school on Dec. 4 and was reported by a student. Custodians extinguished it quickly. Although this was the third fire in the last three weeks, Mr. Alto said it was "more apt to be carelessness" than the other two fires.

25 years ago —  
December 1999

Those walking through Treva King's science room at Sharon Center School may notice a new addition to the room's animal family. As of last week, the school has a pet hedgehog. The hedgehog, appropriately named Spike, arrived by car from Decatur High School in Indiana last week. Spike lived in the school for a year before the Rubino family helped to bring him to Sharon. Like all the other animals in the room, Spike has been donated.

LAKEVILLE — ITW Insert Molded Products is moving along smoothly with the construction of an additional manufacturing facility, to be located behind the existing factory at 194 Main St. The new facility will measure approximately 12,000 square feet.

CANAAN — The Board of Selectmen voted this week to accept an offer from Northeast Towers Inc. regarding the town's use of the new communications tower. The town's public works radio equipment will be moved to the Church Hill tower erected by Litchfield County Dispatch.

## OUR TOWNS

## SWSA withdraws snow pond application pending restructured plans

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) has withdrawn without prejudice its application to Salisbury's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to build a snow-making pond beneath the ski jumps.

SWSA President Ken Barker said in a follow up interview that the decision to temporarily withdraw was meant to give the organization time to restructure their plans in response to new information from the commission and letters from the public.

"We'll be back once we've sorted through all the new info," Barker said.

Salisbury Planning and Zoning Chairman Michael Klemens authored one such letter, which was added to the public record on Nov. 18. Klemens, who is a conservation biologist, recused himself from reviewing or commenting on the SWSA application if it were to come before P&Z, which it would if excavation were to occur. "My comments are as a private citizen with expertise in the matter before

you," he stated in the letter.

Klemens' letter, which is accessible on the commission's webpage, focused primarily on the ecological impacts of the project, as well as the example it might set for future wetland conservation in town. Klemens asserted that the wetlands commission, like P&Z, regulates "the use not the user," arguing that SWSA's popularity should not influence the decision: "taken at face value, the applicant is requesting to significantly alter and destroy a complex forested wetland."

"Precedent matters," he said.

Representatives of SWSA have maintained that the project wouldn't affect the entire range of the wetland, but would disturb 0.46 acres which is just over half of the total wetland. Project engineer Pat Hackett and environmental consultant Jay Fain have also stated that the project would include an emergent shallow-water shelf wetland, which they asserted would diversify the ecosystem.

Klemens' letter insists that SWSA seriously consider alternative approaches that

do not significantly alter the wetland. "In my professional opinion, there is a large reduction in wetland function by the proposed conversion, whether or not it has a perimeter planting shelf," referring to the emergent wetland zone in the proposal. SWSA has described the prohibitive costs and logistics of alternative systems (such as a cistern) in prior meetings with the commission.

Despite their disagreement over method, Klemens and SWSA agree that more water for snowmaking is vital to SWSA's functionality. "That SWSA needs to secure additional water is well established," Klemens' letter stated. Both Fain and Hackett have described the urgency of increasing the snowmaking system's water supply as essential to SWSA's continuation as winters warm and weather windows shrink.

SWSA President Barker was determined to keep momentum in the project as the group reassesses its plans in the wake of the public hearing and Klemens' letter. "We're going to keep moving along with this as soon as we can," he said.



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## Doing their bit for their class

Logan Gallagher, left and Gavin Mechare were on eighth grade fundraiser duty, selling baked goods at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday morning, Dec. 7. A sort of granola and jelly concoction was the popular favorite.

## Housatonic FFA store selling trees and poinsettias until Dec. 20

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — As soon as a visitor got within range at the Housatonic FFA store at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, the tree team sprang into action.

"May we help you, sir?" they said, almost in unison.

The Housatonic FFA store, in addition to Christmas trees, sells poinsettias, wreaths, garlands and other useful things such as gigantic blocks of cheese.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 7, business was brisk, and the veteran FFA members were training the freshmen, such as the tree team of Luca Floridis of Salisbury, Landen Cooper of Lakeville, and Nico Bochnovich, also of Lakeville.

Inside Hayden Bachman, a sophomore from Falls Village, was carefully wrapping a poinsettia against the cold.

She explained that it doesn't take much to discourage a poinsettia used to the warm confines of the FFA greenhouse.

Bachman is the FFA secretary, and she said that the store, open since Saturday, Nov. 30, had already recouped expenses.

The FFA store took delivery of 825 trees on Nov. 20. Plenty remain but they do tend to sell out fairly quickly. The FFA store is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 20.



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Visitors to the Housatonic FFA Holiday Store Saturday, Dec. 7, were greeted by the tree team of Luca Floridis, Landen Cooper and Nico Bochnovich.

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Lately there has been strong public interest in Connecticut's new stormwater regulations and recommendations. These new regulations became effective in March 2024 and are intended to protect lakes and streams from any negative effects from post construction stormwater runoff. The State sets out recommendations and best practices for site planning, source control and stormwater management for proposed developments. For more information, please visit: portal.ct.gov/deep/water-regulating-and-discharges/stormwater/stormwater-manual.



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using the same script since the pageant began. She is not sure how long the pageant has existed, but she has written documentation going back to 1959 and knows that it was going on before that.

Jane took over the directorship from Charlotte Frost in 2005. Charlotte Frost took over from Prentice's grandmother-in-law, Theodora "Dody" Prentice who, Prentice thinks, took over from Mary Shefflin.

The Christmas Pageant is filled with tradition. "Zejke Herman started as a littlest angel, became a shepherd, king and then narrator - 60 years of involvement," said Prentice.

"Dody got the job because she had the costumes," explained Prentice of her grandmother-in-law's years as director. Those costumes are still in use with some repairs and updates over the years. Prentice said she and others "snatch up things that might fit at Cornwall's annual rummage sale."

CASTING has gotten harder over the years, she commented. "Demographics and the people who live here have changed. In Charlotte's day there was a choir at the church, and a children's choir and the high school had a choir. Now we are a pick-up choir."

"Before it was kind of like tryouts for the kings and Mary especially. Now it is about trying to fill the cast and find children to fit the parts. It is harder to find people," explained Prentice. "One year, I called thirty-five men in turn to find the last king."

"Now we really, really need community to make it happen."

Added to that is that the parts are sung, so not only does she need someone who fits the role visually, but they have to sing.

Prentice recalled one year

that was a disaster. "Mary lost her voice on the day of the pageant. I had to find a new Mary that day." She added, "Basically it flies by the seat of its pants every year."

The year of the COVID pandemic, "We did it outside on the front steps of the church. Being outside, we could have Robert the llama from Llama Quilt Farm take part."

"It was beautiful when it was done. The lighting was great. Luminaries were on the front lawn. It was beautiful."

She talked about favorite memories. "Something special happens every year." For instance, one year she remembers "The little angel yawning" in the middle of the pageant.

One year "one of the shepherds had to help a 'sheep' (his family's dog named Minnow dressed in a sheep costume) up the steps," she said. "He was a Jack Russell, and his legs were too short. He was also elderly."

Prentice talked about what she will miss about directing the pageant. "I think what I'll miss is this: When it is all over and everything is cleaned up and everyone's gone home, I sit in the dark with just the star illuminated, reflecting on how beautiful it is really - even with the disasters."

This year's pageant will be on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. with a snow date of Dec. 15, though Prentice said they have only had to cancel for snow twice in all the years of the pageant - once when Theodora Prentice was the director and once Jane herself had to call it off.

The pageant takes place at the United Church of Christ Meeting House at 8 Bolton Hill Rd. Anyone attending is asked to bring a present wrapped in white for children in need.

## SVAS

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stacles that hamper medical response.

"We are really good at grabbing shovels off front porches," Rice said, who noted that the ambulance service purchased a snowplow that attaches to its rescue truck for use during severe snowstorms.

Most obstacles are preventable, according to Barrie Prinz, president of the SVAS board of trustees and squad member, who was on call with Rice on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

"The more people are prepared, the more time they save for rescue personnel," Prinz said. "A lot of folks are not anticipating calling an ambulance, but you can save critical minutes and save lives."

Taking steps ahead of time to ensure movement inside the home also saves valuable response time.

"People don't think, 'What if I have an emergency?' We've moved furniture and other items" to gain access to the patient, Prinz said. "Take a look around the house for obstacles, like stuff on stairs, furniture in hallways. Every minute saved is a minute we can spend on the patient."

**'We didn't want to wait'**  
Locked doors also impede emergency response.

"If we get to the house and the door is locked, we will break it down. If you have someone with you, have them go unlock the door after calling 911," Prinz said.

Rice recalled that several weeks ago rescue personnel gained entry to a home by breaking a small window-pane on a porch door.

"We reached inside and opened the door, but we cleaned it all up and put cardboard on the broken window. We didn't want to wait, as it was a medical emergency."

As happens often in a close-knit town like Salisbury, Rice said she knew the



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**Jacquie Rice, left, squad officer for the nonprofit Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, and Barrie Prinz, president of the Board of Trustees and volunteer squad member, prepare for an ambulance call.**

person in distress.

"Salisbury is a very old community, so many of the people we go and see, we grew up with," Rice said. "This gentleman was the father of some of my friends growing up. I kind of knew the layout of the house a little more."

"The types of calls that are very difficult are the people you know but they are also very good calls when you get there, and they feel more comfortable in their medical emergency."

Many people also do not realize that ambulances and rescue trucks are wider and taller than normal vehicles.

"There are certain driveways where we have to pull in both mirrors to drive down," because they are so narrow, Rice said. "If you want us there quickly, please remove the barriers. Help us help you."

That includes low-hanging branches and overgrown trees and bushes, walls and locked or closed gates.

While a driveway's clearance may accommodate an average-size vehicle, ambulances are 8 feet, 6 inches wide, not including side mirrors, and 10 feet tall, Prinz noted. "And we have some pretty long driveways in our town. If we have to leave the ambulance by the road and walk, that's ok unless time is critical, and we have to carry you away."

Another tip offered by

rescue personnel is to secure any pets in a crate or another room.

### File of Life could save a life

Other pertinent information useful to first responders is the medical history of the patient, including name and date of birth, illnesses or allergies and a list of medications with dosage.

Prinz suggests using a File of Life magnetic folder that adheres to the refrigerator door and holds vital medical data such as emergency contacts for everyone in the household.

"It is critical to have a list of medications in a place where we can see it, like the refrigerator," she said. "If we don't know you're a diabetic, for example, that would help us save an incredible amount of time in determining how quickly you need to get to a hospital."

The File of Life packet should also include a valid advanced directive such as a Do Not Resuscitate, also known as a DNR, order or a medical power of attorney.

"If we know what medications you're on and your medical conditions, it can change the course of how we treat you and how quickly we treat you," said Prinz.

The forms and magnetic envelope are available to residents free of charge at Salisbury Town Hall and the local library.

They can also be requested via the SVAS website by filling out the comment section, emailing [salisburyambulance1971@gmail.com](mailto:salisburyambulance1971@gmail.com), or stopping by headquarters at 8 Undermountain Road in Salisbury.

### Advance preparation is essential

While no one likes to think about having to call 911 in an emergency for themselves or a family member, it is essential to be prepared, said Prinz.

The ambulance squad is frequently called out to assist with falls in or around the home. Seniors with mobility issues can benefit by installing grab bars in the bathroom, or in hallways, said rescue personnel.

"I hope people don't hesitate to call. Yes, you might be in an embarrassing situation and don't want people to see you at their worst, but we really don't judge," Prinz said.

SVAS responds to 700 calls annually. "Everything from standby at a football game to folks for lift assists to medical emergencies resulting from falls or car accidents," Prinz said. "The population keeps going up every year because more people have moved here, especially around COVID time."

Rice also noted that the Good Samaritan Law provides immunity for individuals experiencing or witnessing underage alcohol intoxication or a drug overdose if they summon emergency services.

"There's no judgment," the squad chief said. "If you find someone unresponsive, we want you to call 911."

## HEDDEN

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"I certainly appreciate it," said Hurlburt. "It's been a good ride."

Planning and Zoning chair Anna Timmel noted Hedden joined the IWW-CA not long after it formed in 1973.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Karen Nelson thanked Hedden for his guidance and commitment to the town.

"He firmly believed in every decision that he made," said Nelson, adding Hedden ensured "the commission made good decisions for the betterment of Cornwall."

"I consider your friendship very valuable," said Nelson.

## STADIUM SYSTEM

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and gear and has an in-house screen print shop, is based at a sprawling facility on Church Street, where it has been owned and operated since 1948 by the Schopp family and is currently being run by brothers Ed and Mike Schopp.

According to Grant, the retail store, formerly the site of Canaan Auto, was purchased in 2016 and had been operating until about 2020, when it was forced to close due to a double whammy of a worker shortage and then the arrival of the global pandemic.

News that the retail store is once again up and running has been the talk of the town, said Grant, who has been em-

ployed by Stadium System for 25 years.

"Everyone around town has been very happy," he said as he offered a tour of the store, which included a "Close-Out Corner" where clearance and off-season items are marked 30% off.

Footwear, too, fills an area near the front of the store where work boots, hiking boots and athletic shoes, as well as trendy, lightweight canvas shoes in a variety of designs by Hey Dude, are displayed.

The bright and airy store also has a small section featuring children's clothing, several glass cases filled with stylish sunglasses at all price

points, shelves featuring hats and caps, and a display stand loaded with leather work gloves.

Marti Cunningham of Great Barrington rounds out the staff at Stadium Outfitters. On a recent visit she did double-duty ringing out customers in the store and attending to Christmas tree shoppers.

Cunningham recalled the hectic week before Black Friday when she and the store's managers arranged not only the stands of Nova Scotia Balsam Firs, but all the merchandise floor to ceiling, a task that she said "took forever, but it looks good now."

Nearby, neatly stacked plush throw blankets in na-

ture prints by Carstens shared space with a gift bundle of six pairs of socks and a CAT logo baseball cap for under \$25.

"It's so easy to not spend so much money here," Cunningham said, noting that all merchandise is 10% off through December.

"I've had customers walk around for an hour," he said. "They're psyched, and they stay forever."

December store hours are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed on Christmas Day). Beginning Jan. 3, Stadium Outfitters will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Our Towns

# Sharon Playhouse's YouthStage fundraiser spotlights talent with 'Young at Heart'

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Hard to imagine that such a thing could be possible, but The Sharon Playhouse managed to underscore the “fun” in “fundraising” with its YouthStage event, one night only, on Friday, Dec. 6.

Guiding the evening held in the Bok theater space was YouthStage Associate Artistic Director Michael Baldwin, who serves a dual role as Education Director. He skillfully presented the fundraising theme while demonstrating the depth of the playhouse's education program by showcasing the young talent being trained in the performance arts.

Energetic performances were delivered by a talented company of YouthStage performers singing and dancing their way through three Broadway numbers, all three inviting the audience to draw closer to the Sharon Playhouse education program.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

A staged play reading of “Young at Heart” was a feature of the fundraising event at The Sharon Playhouse on Friday, Dec. 6.

The final piece from “Oliver” invited the audience to “consider yourself one of us.”

Another highlight of the evening was a fun staged reading of a short play, “Young at Heart,” written by Baldwin and performed by a talented cast of 14 supporting the story of four youngsters and four oldsters, the former enduring

school detention and the latter being senior community inhabitants roped into assisting the visiting youngsters with a senior center activity. The outcome is heartwarming and uplifting.

Buoyed by a sell-out audience, the event became a celebration of the program, the impressive young talent, both combining to serve the regional community. That community sense united the audience of all ages, where the adults could appreciate the theater's education programming and what it contributes to the development of participating children, and the children in the audience could see their own possibilities.

This was a community that anyone would want to be a member of, and that would welcome everyone warmly. The education program offers five programs for all ages, of which YouthStage is one.

Recounting his own history with Sharon Playhouse, Baldwin said that he had first discovered the Sharon Playhouse at the young age of ten,

“The heart of our community,” was how Baldwin described the playhouse's place in Sharon.

a connection that has now lasted 30 years.

“It was the place where I could be myself; I could be me,” Baldwin said. Judging from the audience enthusiasm at the event, the “me” that Baldwin has contributed has meant the world to the development of the theater's education program.

Proceeds from the evening's fundraiser paid for the purchase of the new risers in use within the Bok theater space.

The playhouse began to grow the education program in 2020, and over the past four years it has grown, Baldwin said. In 2024, the education program attracted 148 young people, and in 2025, programs are expected to attract 165.

Going on to a most entertaining presentation of budget numbers, Baldwin said that ticket sales cover one-third of the theater's operating costs. As an example, Baldwin said, the cost for electrical service currently totals \$33,126, and the year is not yet over.

**New program in 2025**  
A new program being introduced in 2025 is Launch-Pad, a pre-professional training program for youth 15 to 20 years of age, Baldwin said. Entrance will be by audition. There will be no fee to participate, and participants will receive a \$250 stipend. Participants will rehearse and perform in a “flashy” musical to be directed by Baldwin in August. The musical will be announced in January.

## One Sharon home sold above \$1 million in October and November transfers

By Christine Bates

October was another busy month in Sharon with ten sales recorded that month and four transfers in November. Transfers in both months were almost all in the affordable range with a surprising number of off-market, private sales in October. During this two-month period nine single family homes sold for below \$500,000 with only one closing above \$1 million. The inventory of homes for sale has remained level at over 20 listings with more than half asking over a million in early December.

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40 River Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 2.7 acres sold by David O. Bailey to Martin J. Cuatchon and Hannah E. Kerr for \$600,000.

6 Silver Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath house sold by Tyler H. Drosdeck to Eileen Dingle for \$450,000.

Sharon October Transfers  
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99 King Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home built in 1800 sold by Estate of Patricia Omalyev to Matthew Garipapa and Samantha Aycart for \$300,000.

75 Mitchell Town Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home sold off market by Shirley A. Hoffkins and Shirley A. Leibrock to Cole T. Leibrock and Carly A. Leibrock for \$330,000.

West Cornwall Road — Residential vacant lot sold privately by Kim Preston Dube to Philip R. Baldwin.

294 West Cornwall Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath home sold privately by Kim Preston Dube to Debra Ann Preston for \$375,000.

74 Hilltop Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch sold by Stephanie Pitman to Suzanne Quain Trustee and Sandra Mary Krizman Trustee for \$415,000.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This one level home on 74 Hilltop Road with 1,004 square feet built in 1961 was sold for \$415,000 on October 22, 2024.

4 Upper Main S., Unit #6 — 2 bedroom/2 bath condo sold by Xiaoyan Wang to Jacqueline M. Fitzpatrick for \$288,000.

45 Herrick Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home on 3.65 acres sold privately by Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB Trustee and Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust AB2 to David Schneiderbeck for \$530,000.

65 King Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 Cape Cod home sold by Alan Denker to Dimitri Zagoroff for \$501,000.

456 Route 7 - 5 bedroom/5 bath home sold by Werner Doyle MD and Janet M Standard to Michael and Susan Katz for \$2,075,000.

\* Town of Sharon real estate sales recorded as sold

between Oct. 1, 2024, and Nov. 30, 2024, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Property details provided in town tax cards. Note that recorded transfers occur after the actual real estate closing and may also include private sales. Current market activity from Smart MLS. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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## Noble Horizons holiday market

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Noble Horizons Auxiliary holiday market brought shoppers and vendors together Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

The event replaces the long-running Festival of Trees, but retains some familiar features, such as Mrs. Claus.

Mrs. Claus was available during the holiday market for consultation with youngsters. Salisbury Central School will also send a couple of groups to visit with Mrs. Claus on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Jean Saliter was doing brisk business selling her watercolors, including holiday cards, which came in handy for a reporter who was struggling with an unprecedented influx of Christmas cards that required responses.

Elsewhere there were tree ornaments, dolls, raffle tickets, food, cider and those long matches that are useful for lighting the fire, thus providing the Yuletide spirit minus the soot.

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# Our Towns

## Carolers gather for tree-lighting at Trinity Episcopal

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LIME ROCK — About 30 parishioners gathered on a brisk winter's evening at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock Saturday, Dec. 7, for caroling, hot chocolate and the tree lighting.

The tree's lights came on during "Jingle Bells."

Choir director Christine Gevert had choristers in the church for a quick run-through of the program half an hour before kickoff at 5 p.m.

Then the group, plus the portable organ, set up inside the vestibule as people gathered outside.

There was hot chocolate, which while tasty

Parishioners gathered for carols and a tree lighting at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock on Dec. 7.

enough was also useful for hand-warming purposes.

Rev. Heidi Truax greeted the carolers and, wasting no time, the music began.

As the singing proceeded, passing cars on Lime Rock Road slowed momentarily. One car pulled over briefly, windows down, for a quick sample of Christmas cheer before moving on.



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## Kent residents pack town hall to air traffic camera proposal

By Dave Dunleavy  
Kent Dispatch

KENT — Residents packed a Town Hall meeting room last Friday, Nov. 22, to hear more about a proposed and controversial town ordinance that calls for the installation of two traffic cameras in the village center with the aim of decreasing speeding in town.

The two-hour public hearing, held on Nov. 22, offered more information on traffic monitoring studies done earlier this year that showed a high number of instances where drivers have exceeded the posted speed limit near the town center along Route 7.

On Monday, Nov. 25, the selectmen, who had planned to take the issue to a town meeting vote on Dec. 6, postponed the meeting until Friday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. Residents will be asked to vote on the proposal by paper ballot. If approved the cameras could be installed by springtime.

“People said they thought it was too quick,” said First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer after changing the date. “Changing the time to 6 p.m., people who come up from the city didn’t think they could make it in time. It also conflicts with the Messiah Sing-in and we wanted to be respectful of that. A lot of people are impassioned about making their voices heard.”

The approximately 50 people who crammed into the meeting room, and two dozen more on Zoom, had plenty to say about the ordinance. Some claim cameras are simply not needed, while others say such a move is long overdue, especially in the downtown area that is crowded on weekends and home to most businesses.

“I’m concerned about the atmosphere cameras create,” said Lianna Gantt. “Are we turning our town into a speed trap? It’s embarrassing really. It makes me question why we’re doing this at all.”

Andy Ocif, a retired state trooper, said he’s not a big fan of cameras and said it may be time the town considers hiring a second resident trooper. Others in the audience suggested speed bumps could help with enforcement.

Resident Diane Kite cautioned that the town should be careful that the town doesn’t get the reputation that “Big Brother” is watching.

Lindenmayer said cameras would help increase safety, not only for drivers but for pedestrians. He said Kent School officials previously contacted his office in support of the ordinance.

“We are blessed that no one has been injured or hurt



PHOTO BY LYNN MELLIS WORTHINGTON

Lower speed limits have been in place since April 2024 in the center of Kent.

so far. I want to keep it that way,” Lindenmayer said.

Resident State Trooper Vicky Donohoe said she can sit on Route 7 any day and observe cars going over 50 miles per hour. She said one-third of the ticketed violators live in Kent. Because of speeding on the state routes, Donohoe said there is little time to monitor traffic in other town locations.

Earlier this year, the speed limit through the village center was dropped to 25 mph on both Routes 7 and Route 341. As cars head south on Route 7 past Kent Greenhouse & Gardens, the speed limit was also decreased from 45 mph to 35 mph. As drivers come into town their speed is digitally displayed and posted signs remind them they are entering a 25 mph zone.

“Those signs make me slow down. It does work,” said resident Lee Ogden.

A number of residents, including Rufus de Rham, said it would be helpful first to see if cameras in other states make a difference. Data is limited in Connecticut as legislation giving municipalities the opportunity to install cameras was only passed a

few years ago.

Residents in the town of Washington recently approved the installation of cameras.

“I’ve heard people say, ‘What are you doing in Kent?’” said de Rham. “I’d like to see updated data to see if people do get accustomed to lower speed limits.”

But resident Chris Garrity, who lives on North Main Street, said addressing the issue of speeding in Kent is long overdue and the number of speeders is increasing.

Traffic studies conducted by the town earlier this year in several locations on Route 7 near the village center, recorded more than 30,000 instances of drivers exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 10 mph.

Brandon Knox of Dacra Tech, whose company handles the processing of citations, addressed residents via Zoom. “There’s a lot of speeding going on in your town. There’s a mass amount of people going way faster than they should.”

The cameras detect and collect evidence of an alleged traffic violation by recording images that capture the time,

date, plate and location of a motor vehicle that exceeds the speed limit by 10 miles per hour.

The alleged citation would have to be reviewed first by law enforcement personnel, perhaps Trooper Donohoe. A citation is then generated and sent to the vehicle owner. A fine of \$50 plus a \$15 processing fee would be imposed, with a small portion going to the company selected to generate and send out the infraction. A second offense would result in a \$75 fine. There is also an appeal process for citizens.

Lindenmayer made clear that citations do not affect insurance rates or points on one’s license since no information is shared with other agencies.

Some in the audience questioned whether this was a way for the town to generate revenue, but Lindenmayer explained that any funds must be used for safety measures. He gave the examples of repainting crosswalks and paying state troopers for overtime.

And there are initial start-up costs, he said. The purchase of two solar-generated cameras will cost \$46,000.

Because so much data was presented during the hearing and for most, it was the first time seeing it, resident Lynn Harrington said the Dec. 6 meeting should be pushed back.

“There’s a lot of information to absorb and more information that is needed,” Harrington said. “This is critical for people to make an informed decision.”

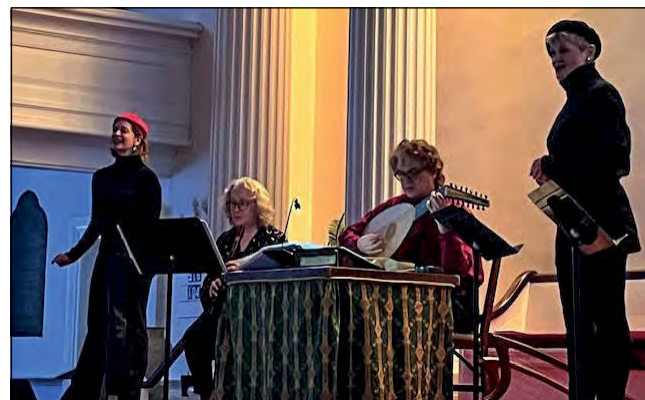


PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

From left; Zahra Brown, Judith Dansker, Christopher Morrongiello, and Marcia Young perform a mix of classic holiday tunes and archaic carols at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, Saturday, Dec. 7.

## A traditional Christmas with the Salisbury Four

By Krista A. Briggs

SALISBURY — On Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, the Salisbury Four performed a two-hour set of traditional music and carols in an old-fashioned style. The early evening performance, which was set to a backdrop of subdued lighting, featured respectful instrumentation and gentle interpretive dance movements at times.

Featuring soprano Zahra Brown, Judith Dansker on oboe and recorder, Christopher Morrongiello on the lute, and soprano/harpist Marcia Young, the quartet began with “Da Day Dawis,” a traditional tune of the Shetland Islands which was historically played at dawn on Christmas Day, and then launched into the “Cherry Tree Carol.” Other songs included “A Glee at Christmas,” “Light of Love,” “In Dulci Jubilo” “Lo How a Rose”

and standard non-secular holiday fare such as “Silent Night,” “Good King Wenceslas,” “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” and “Angels We Have Heard On High.”

The Salisbury Four are all highly accomplished musicians. Brown is an early music specialist and the co-founder of the Parnassus historical dance ensemble. Dansker is a graduate of Juilliard whose performances in baroque chamber music have earned her accolades. Morrongiello is a graduate of the Royal College of Music and Oxford University who teaches music history at Hofstra University. Young is a director of performances studies in the music department at Stern College, Yeshiva University with a resumé that includes medieval and performances at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cloisters and the San Francisco Early Music festival.

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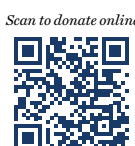
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## DECEMBER 13

### Friends of Roeliff Jansen Community Library's Annual Baked Goods, Soup & Book Sale

Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, N.Y. roejanlibrary.org

The Friends of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library is holding its annual Baked Good, Soup and Book Sale on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Come to support the Library and enjoy delicious treats and hearty soups prepared by library patrons. The Friends Bookshop will be open with books and puzzles in excellent condition for holiday gift-giving. There will also be a special \$1.00 sale of children's books.

The sale will take place in the Library's Community Room. The Friends Bookshop is located in the lower level of the Library.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is chartered to serve Ancram, Copake, and Hillsdale, is located at 9091 Route 22, approximately one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23.

### Ani Jenkins: Visions

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, Conn.

Artist Ani Jenkins will display her wood sculptures in a solo exhibition in the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery at HVRHS. There will be an opening reception on Dec. 13, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the show will be up through January 7. Ani Jenkins uses a variety of wood types to create whimsical stories with interactive features. This is the gallery's first exhibition with exclusively 3-dimensional pieces. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit anijenkins.com, @hvrhsgallery on Instagram, or reach out to student Ellie Wolgemuth: ewolgemuth@hvrhs.org.

## DECEMBER 14

### Ornament Making and Tree Lighting

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

Swing by the library between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to make holiday ornaments for the town tree lighting ceremony during the Holiday Extravaganza or wrapping paper for all your holiday needs. All supplies are free and included.

### Holiday Extravaganza

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

Get into the holiday spirit at the Falls Village Holiday Extravaganza at the Center on Main, hosted by the David M. Hunt Library, Falls Village Recreation Commission, and the Center on Main. Community holiday music and readings at 4 p.m. before experiencing the annual Tree Lighting at 5 p.m., with Santa coming down Main Street.

### Holiday Puppet Show

Salisbury Congregational Church, Salisbury, Conn.

A holiday puppet show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Salisbury Congregational Church. Co-sponsored by the Salisbury Association and Friends of the Scoville Library, the talented Puppet People will stage a wonderful interpretation of "A Christmas Carol" to delight children of all ages. Free.

## Colebrook Holiday Fair

Town Hall and Colebrook Senior & Community Center, 562 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Conn.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the town of Colebrook will be holding its traditional holiday fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a variety of unique vendors, breakfast with Santa, trees & wreaths, a raffle, Cookie Land, gingerbread cookie decorating, fun gifts, arts and crafts, a children's shopping area, an auction with the Colebrook Historical Society, and a holiday café with delicious homemade offerings.

For more information visit: www.townofcolebrook.org/community-events

## DECEMBER 15

### Town of Amenia To Host a Celtic Holiday Concert

Amenia Town Hall Auditorium, Amenia, N.Y.

The Town of Amenia is planning to host a concert of Celtic holiday music in the Amenia Town Hall auditorium. The concert will take place on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free. The concert is a holiday gift from the Town of Amenia.

### Holiday Centerpiece Workshop at Roe-Jan Library

Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, N.Y. roejanlibrary.org

On Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 to 2 p.m., add a personal touch to your decor by attending Roeliff Jansen Community Library's

"Back to Nature" Holiday Centerpiece Workshop. Participants will create their own seasonal centerpiece using natural materials like evergreen branches, pinecones, and berries. Space is limited to 15 participants, and registration is required. To sign up, email director@roejanlibrary.org.

Roeliff-Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, approximately one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23.

## DECEMBER 18

### Mindfulness and Meditation with Ally Lyons

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

Take a moment for yourself this holiday

season on Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. at the David M. Hunt Library! Join Ally Lyons for an introduction to mindfulness and meditation, perfect for beginners and experienced practitioners. The session includes discussions on the benefits of meditation, two short practices, and a Q&A. Ally Lyons, a seasoned yoga teacher, Reiki practitioner, and co-founder of isitclean.org, brings over 10 years of experience to this calming event.

### A Christmas Carol

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Rd., Sharon, Conn.

The Sharon Playhouse is thrilled to present its fourth annual Holiday YouthStage production: an inventive twist on "A Christmas Carol," adapted by Doris Baizley

and co-directed by Andrus Nichols and Drew Ledbetter. This one-hour production brings the magic of Dickens' classic to life in an engaging, family-friendly format. "A Christmas Carol" runs in The Bok at the Sharon Playhouse on Wednesday, Dec. 18 through Sunday, Dec. 22, with evening and matinee showtimes. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35.

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## Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the Word of the Week.

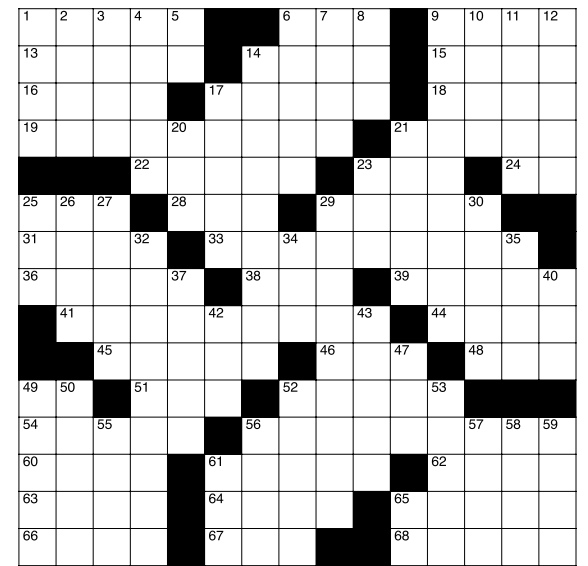

- How deep something is
- A forceful push
- Leader of a tribe
- Fleshy part of the face
- Seasonal joy

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Thou \_\_\_ do it
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Brainstem part
- Town in New York state
- Little (Spanish)
- Continent
- Retch
- Short-billed rails
- Small period of time (abbr.)
- Confused
- A team needs one
- Woman in ancient times
- Republican Party
- Spanish be
- "The Godfather" character Johnny
- Not around
- City in Zambia
- A type of beginning
- Numb
- Gurus
- Small, gray-headed crow
- Vehicle type
- Disorders
- One point east of southeast
- Indian soldier
- Tree type
- Midway between south and southeast
- It cools your home
- Corn comes on it
- Ship's deck
- A way to bake
- Improvised
- Butterfly genus
- Baseball fields have them
- Designated space
- Discharge
- Two of something
- Once more
- Part of your face
- Tax collector
- Cassia tree



- Mountain in NE Greece
- A daughter or your brother or sister
- German surname
- Having more than one husband at a time
- Romanian city
- Energy
- Makes less hot
- Gas diffusion electrode
- Former CIA
- Set an example for others
- Support of a particular person
- One from the Big Apple
- Mountain range
- Violate the sanctity of something
- Supervises flying
- Talks
- Persian male given name
- Born of
- Forcibly take one's possessions
- Discounts
- Knockouts
- Posh Colorado destination
- Form of therapy
- British rock band
- Type of virus (abbr.)
- The U. of Miami mascot is one
- Volcanic crater
- Middle Eastern nation
- Sinn \_\_\_, Irish organization
- Ethiopian lake
- Bits per inch (abbr.)
- Equally

### Dec. 5 Solution

T	A	B	S	T	S	P	A	A	R					
P	R	A	H	O	K	A	A	B	B	E				
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### Sudoku

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8			1					3
		2					7	
	4							
			8			6	4	7
			2				9	8
		5	6					
4	6		1					
9	1			8	7			6

### Dec. 5 Solution

5	3	2	4	9	1	6	7	8
4	6	8	3	5	7	1	9	2
7	1	9	8	6	2	4	5	3
2	7	1	9	4	8	3	6	5
6	4	5	1	7	3	8	2	9
9	8	3	6	2	5	7	4	1
1	5	6	2	8	4	9	3	7
8	2	4	7	3	9	5	1	6
3	9	7	5	1	6	2	8	4

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# Sports

## Millbrook tops Salisbury in basketball opener

By Riley Klein

SALISBURY — Salisbury School varsity basketball fell 71-43 to Millbrook School in the first game of the season Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Millbrook won through effective shooting and control in the paint. Senior center Zoumana Traore collected 20 points for the Mustangs and reeled in rebounds left and right.

Salisbury fell behind in the first half but battled back to within one point early in the second half. With score at 34-33, the Knights' momentum was stalled by a series of foul calls and turnovers. Millbrook proceeded to go on a 13-2 run and pull ahead down the stretch.

Millbrook's guard Joe Evangelista facilitated the offense successfully, scoring 12 points and creating opportunities for Traore.

Salisbury's offense was produced by the perimeter players. Senior guard Jonah Gilliam led the Knights in scoring with 15 points. Sophomore wing Jaden Schwene-



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN  
Above, Millbrook's Joe Evangelista goes up for a shot. Right, Salisbury's Paul Shyposh looks for an open teammate.



braten scored 10 and junior guard Jermelle Cotton scored nine.

Salisbury will return to the Flood Athletic Center Wednesday, Dec. 18, to host Canterbury School at 5 p.m.



Right, Liam Gregory takes a jump shot during Salisbury School's 71-43 loss to Millbrook Dec. 4.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A skier contemplated the rows of ski boots for sale at the SWSA ski sale Saturday, Dec. 7.

## Ski deals galore

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The annual Salisbury Winter Sports Association ski swap was hopping at about 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Lakeville Hose Company firehouse in Lakeville.

The parking lots were full — except those needed to be kept clear in case the fire trucks had to move out. Cars were parked along Brook Street and shoppers milled about toting new boots, skis and other equip-

ment. Ken Barker, working the sales table inside, said the flow had been steady since opening up at 8 a.m.

Much of the merchandise came from a vendor in Vermont and was delivered Friday morning. Some items were donated to SWSA, and the remainder consigned by individuals.

Jumpfest, the marquee event for SWSA, runs from Friday, Jan. 31 through Sunday, Feb. 2. Visit jumpfest.org for details.



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## Wrestling returns

Varsity wrestling began the 2024-25 season Wednesday, Dec. 4, when Salisbury School hosted The Hotchkiss School for a scrimmage. The friendly scrap matched opponents in corresponding weight classes against each other for an afternoon of sparring on the mats. A few days later on Dec. 7, wrestlers from both schools matched up again at the Hotchkiss Invitational.

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