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## Housy seniors put finishing touches on Capstone projects

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Seniors at Housatonic Valley Regional High School discussed their “Capstone” projects with The Lakeville Journal Friday, Feb. 14.

Lou Haemmerle of Salisbury will attend New York University in the fall. Interested in music production, Haemmerle’s Capstone project started off by releasing music to online platforms such as Spotify.

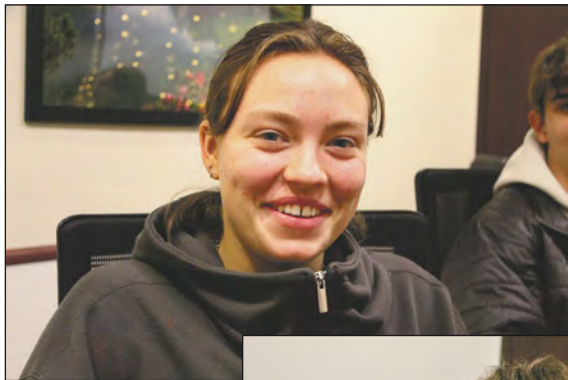
“But I did that early.”

So the scope of the project was widened to answer the question “How do I implement myself in the creative industries?”

Asked for more details, Haemmerle said she did a number of internships, which required some travel — to Los Angeles. The internships included set design, soundproofing music studios and videography. Haemmerle was aided in this by a grant from the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS.

Haemmerle said the result was “a lot more learning and information on the industry that I wouldn’t have learned otherwise.”

There was some pressure involved. “I had to be on site, and put on my big girl pants.”



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Housatonic Valley Regional High School seniors Lou Haemmerle, above, and Jake Bosio, right, are finalizing work on their Capstones.**



Jake Bosio of North Canaan, with the help of a grant from the Region One Athletic Fund, installed a golf simulator in the Hewatt-Mahoney Science and Technology Center.

He explained how this works. There is a 10 foot screen and a projector. The player boots a golf ball into the screen, and a “launch monitor” provides club and ball data.

Plus the device shows the golfer

where the ball wound up on the virtual course.

Bosio said he is the captain of the HVRHS golf team and wants to be a golf pro, so his Capstone was truly a “passion project.” He added his handicap is 13.

He will attend the University of Hawaii.

Ellie Wolgemuth of Salisbury’s Capstone revolves around her four years as being the primary student intern working for the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, located in the

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## Kent School faces class action suit following IT breach

By Kathryn Boughton  
Kent Dispatch

KENT — Kent School is facing a proposed class action suit filed on behalf of 70 current and former students whose personal photographs and video files were allegedly illegally accessed, viewed, copied, and retained by a former senior school IT employee.

Typically, a class-action lawsuit is started by filing a complaint that names at least one representative, and that representative files the lawsuit on behalf of the entire proposed class of plaintiffs.

The case was filed Tuesday, Feb. 11, in Torrington Superior Court by three former students—Hannah Kent, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Olivia Leary, of Goshen, Conn., and Natalie Hudson, of Sharon, Conn.—

and all others “similarly situated.”

The complaint asserts that “highly private and personal photographs (including photographs of a sexual and intimate nature), videos and communications” were accessed without their consent by Daniel Clery, former network and systems administrator at Kent School.

The complaint alleges that a state police search of computers belonging to Clery, revealed “3,670 personal image files that either belong to or depict current and former Kent School students” as well as screenshots of text messages and emails.

A private cybersecurity firm hired by Kent School reportedly found that Clery accessed and copied 81 persons’ personal files, both of students and former employees of the school. Of these, 79 were female.

Clery, of Brookfield, was arrested in June on two counts of first-degree

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PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

A large gathering is held in front of Salisbury Town Hall Monday to protest the current administration in Washington, D.C.

## Protesters picket at Town Hall on Presidents’ Day

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — The frigid winds and icy conditions did little to deter a hearty group from gathering on the steps of Town Hall Monday, Feb. 17, to protest the current administration in Washington, D.C.

Holding signs referring to “Musk-rats” and “Kleptocracy,” while chanting “This is what Democracy looks like,” participants expressed their strong concerns over what they believe is a deep threat to the future of the country

under President Donald Trump.

Organizer Amy Lake said holding such a rally on Presidents’ Day was timely. “Up to this point, presidents have mainly obeyed the rule of law and if not, Congress and the courts used their constitutional power to override the overreach of the executive branch. This is not being done. Their silence is complicit. Democracy is in peril.”

She urged those who are outraged with the current situation to call their legislators and others

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## Cornwall receives Democracy Cup

Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas came to Cornwall Thursday, Feb. 13, to present the town with the Democracy Cup for garnering the highest voter turnout in the November 2024 election at 90.46%. From left: Selectman Rocco Botto, Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas, Democratic Registrar of Voters Jayne Ridgway, Republican Registrar of Voters Brittany Mosimann, Selectman Jennifer Markow, State Sen. Stephen Harding, R-30, First Selectman Gordon M. Ridgway and State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64.



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# Regional

## Copake solar project draws opposition from legislators

By John Coston

COPAKE — The proposal to build a 42-megawatt solar farm is coming into sharp focus this week as state legislators criticize the plan ahead of a decision due from Albany and an announcement from Hecate Energy LLC to hold a virtual open house for residents.

The pros and cons of Shepherd's Run Solar Farm have been debated since 2017. Last spring the state denied Hecate's application. In December, the company refiled, triggering a 60-day period for the state to respond. That clock runs out on Friday, Feb. 21. Hecate will hold its virtual open house on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

In the weeks since the new filing, comment for and against has been submitted by residents, groups, and more recently by state legislators.

State Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-41, who chairs the Agriculture Committee, wrote to Zeryai Hagos, executive director of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, ORES, on Feb. 12, stating: "I have followed this issue closely over the past few years, and not only does this project pose significant risks to our environment and water supply, I believe Hecate has acted in bad faith throughout the process."

"It is hard for me to understand why ORES is still going through the review process with a proposal it has already found to be flawed and worthy of dismissal."

State Assemblymember Didi Barrett, D-106, who chairs the Energy Committee, wrote to Gov. Kathy Hochul on Feb. 5, expressing concerns "of many of my constituents, including the Town of Copake leadership." Barrett noted to the governor that this was her third letter concerning the project since Hochul took office.

"It has been my experience that from the outset," Barrett wrote, "Hecate has failed to act in good faith, neither communicated with or addressed the concerns of the Town leadership and community as a whole."

"As an example, the newest application still does not reflect the recommendations of the community-wide Craryville Gateway Working Group, which I served on for several years. The application also fails to take into consideration the Department of Environmental Conservation's newly enacted wetland regulations."

In her letter, Barrett quoted Hochul, who in a 2023 veto message said: "It



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Hecate Energy's Matt Levin, center, discusses detail of the Shepherd's Run project with Copake residents who attended an open house on April 3, 2024, in Hillsdale.

is incumbent on renewable energy developers to cultivate and maintain strong ties to their host communities throughout the planning, siting, and operation of all large-scale projects."

Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson wrote about concerns the city's Common Council cited in October 2024 about the safety of Hudson's water supply. The Council adopted a resolution in opposition of the Shepherd's Run project siting on the watershed of Taghkanic Creek, which supplies 100% of the water for the city.

"Unfortunately, we have not seen any evidence that the protection of the Taghkanic Watershed, and thus, Hudson's water supply, or compliance with 10 NYCRR 109.1, has been addressed in Hecate's application to ORES," Johnson wrote. "We do not consider platitudes by the developer promising to rely on an Environmental Monitor (which Hecate appoints) to 'promote avoidance of unpermitted wetland impacts' a substitute for guaranteed assurances that no harm will come to Hudson's water. We can point to examples of instances where water supplies have been negatively impacted by solar facilities and if there's even a chance that could happen to Hudson it must be seriously addressed BEFORE any permit is issued."

Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a group of citizens, this month reiterated its opposition to the project. Sara Traberman, of Sensible Solar, wrote: "It is clear that Hecate's application fails to address extremely important potential impacts of this project, including wetland damage, risks to Hudson's drinking water, and fire risks to the nearby Taconic Central School and Audubon Rheinstrom wildlife sanctu-

ary. ORES should not grant it a permit."

Friends of Columbia Solar, whose members are residents of the community who support Shepherd's Run, has submitted supporting comment on the ORES website. Following Hecate's re-filing of the application, Dan Haas, representing the group, wrote: "What's needed now is not more pointless delays, but as quick a start as possible towards the completion of a solar facility that will benefit not only the Town of Copake but, given the urgency of climate action, the planet Earth as well."

The project has drawn more than 200 comments filed on the ORES website, mostly in opposition.

Hecate's Matt Levine, senior director of development, said the newly submitted application includes changes based on community feedback. Some of them are: excluding battery storage; native tree and shrub planting to minimize sightlines for neighbors; extending and connecting local hiking trails and recreational and education opportunities; providing for sheep grazing and several other priorities discussed with residents.

Levine also stated in an email: "Hecate is committed to ensuring the Shepherd's Run Solar Farm is built in way that preserves and protects the natural resources of Copake and the surrounding community. After extensive reviews covering every aspect of the project's impact on the Taghkanic Creek Watershed it is clear that building Shepherd's Run will actually improve water quality — especially compared to current land use — as Troy Weldy from the Columbia Land Conservancy noted in a presentation to the Conservation Advisory Council in Hudson earlier this month.

"As our permit application moves forward, we will continue to engage with the community to ensure their concerns are incorporated so we can build a project that helps New York meet its clean energy goals while preserving and protecting the natural beauty of Columbia County. As I said in my letter to the community, the project has already been greatly improved by incorporating the feedback we have heard along the way."

Town of Copake Supervisor Richard Wolf, who has posted solar updates on the town's website, updated the status at the Feb. 13 board meeting. In an interview he criticized Hecate.

"This belated invitation to a virtual meeting is another example of Hecate's lack of engagement with the town, with the town's people and it's scheduled for midweek when they well know that weekenders won't be here and anybody who is working may well not be available, anybody with children may not be available and the fact that they don't have the courtesy to come and meet with the community in person is another indication of their approach to this entire matter."

"The timing, of course, right at the end of the 60-day period is further evidence," Wolf said.

### Correction

In an article on December 2024 property transfers that ran in The Lakeville Journal on Jan. 22, 2025, an item on 30 Selleck Hill Road indicated two acres of land was sold to the Salisbury Housing Trust, when in reality only the home on that property was sold to the Trust.

### In The Journal this week

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### Online This Week

#### Berkshire League tournament results

Housatonic's girls and boys basketball teams made the playoffs. More on Instagram @lakevillejournal

## POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

#### Car flips after slide-out

On the evening of Feb. 12, Gianna Musso, 25, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida was traveling west on Route 182 near the intersection with Green Road in Norfolk. The conditions were snowy, and the Toyota Prius Musso was driving at the time of incident slid off the roadway and struck a wood post before overturning onto its side. The vehicle was disabled and towed from the scene, but Musso was uninjured. Musso was found at fault for the accident, and was issued a written warning for violating C.G.S. 14-213, Failure to Maintain Proper Lane.

#### Distracted driving accident

At 3 a.m. on Feb. 8, Stephanie Thiery, 37, of Norfolk was traveling south on Route 272 in a Ford Explorer when she attempted to turn left onto Bruey Road. The trooper who responded to the accident determined that Thiery was texting while making the turn, and ran off the road before the vehicle came to a rest atop a stone wall. Thiery was issued an infraction for violating C.G.S.14-236, Failure to Maintain Proper Lane, and C.G.S. 14-296aa, Use of a Handheld Device

While Driving.

#### Tree collision on snowy roadway

On the evening of Feb. 8, Daniel Harrison, 68, of Sharon was driving northbound on Skiff Mountain Road during snowfall. While navigating a curve, Harrison lost control of his Ford Bronco on the slippery road and ran off the road, colliding with a tree. Harrison reported no injuries, but the vehicle was disabled by the crash and was towed from the scene. Harrison was issued a warning for C.G.S. 14-218a, Traveling Too Fast for Conditions.

#### Bald tire spinout

At around 10 p.m. on Feb. 8, Victor Quiroz, 50, of Sharon was driving uphill on Calkinstown Road in snowy conditions when his Acura TLX lost traction and slid off the roadway, colliding with a large boulder. Quiroz reported no injuries, but the vehicle sustained disabling damage to the passenger side and under carriage. Quiroz was issued a verbal warning for violating C.G.S. 14-98a, Unsafe Tires in Snow Conditions.

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

## Canaan Fire Co. seeks donor contributions

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — "We need your support," urged the 2025 annual appeal letter from Canaan Fire Company.

Residents received the letter in early February with a request for tax deductible donations to support the volunteer department that has been serving the community since 1911.

"Each and every donation makes a difference."

The cost of safety gear for one firefighter has risen to

nearly \$5,000. The letter indicates that new regulations may require two sets of gear for each interior member. Equipment costs are on the rise too, and soon the Company will need a new ladder truck.

The appeal letter was accompanied by an envelope to contribute. Donors can mail checks or money orders to Canaan Fire Company, P.O. Box 642, Canaan, Connecticut 06018.

Call the Company at (860) 824-7366 for more information.

## Sharon Hospital hosts senior supper

SHARON — Nearly 60 members of the community gathered at Sharon Hospital on Thursday evening to enjoy a special Valentine's Day-themed dinner organized by the hospital's foundation.

The evening, created to celebrate those in the Sharon community who enjoy the hospital's senior meals program, began with a buffet dinner prepared by chef Dwight Gardner and Rick Snyder Director of Food Services at Morrison Health Care.

After dinner, Sharon Hospital cardiologist Dr. Sheri Harrison gave a special presentation on heart health for the happy crowd.



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Dr. Sheri Harrison's post-dinner presentation Feb. 14 focused on heart health.

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## Our Towns



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96 Main Street in the center of the historic hamlet of Falls Village is a classic example of Greek Revival architecture. With 2,900 square feet on a small 0.14-acre village lot it sold for \$400,000.

## Falls Village median property price dips to \$660K in January

By Christine Bates

FALLS VILLAGE — For the last two years the median price of a single-family residence in Falls Village has remained above \$600,000 and reached above \$700,000+ from July 23 to May 2024.

Prices have stabilized in the mid-\$600,000 range since last summer.

The number of annual residential real estate sales has returned to the typical 15 to 20 per year. For the four months ending in January, only one piece of land and five homes were sold.

Currently there are just five homes listed for sale in Falls Village, three of which are under the January median price of \$660,000 with two over a million dollars, and four pieces of subdivided residential land on Beebe Hill Road ranging from \$245,000 to \$800,000.

### Recorded in January

Amy Road — 10.85 acres sold by Preston A. Stuart to Scott D. Simko for \$130,000.

310 Music Mountain Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath contemporary home with 3 fireplaces sold by David Ott to Samuel Aiken for \$840,000.

### Recorded in November

12 Battle Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 0.69 acres sold by Daly Renville to Paul Rapisarda for \$640,000

107 Route 126 — 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold by Shawna MacNamara to Joshua Hahn for \$615,000.

96 Main St. — 4 bedroom/4 bath home sold by 96 Main Street LLC to Lemon

Properties LLC for \$400,000. Recorded in October

135 Canaan Mountain Road — 1 bedroom/.5 bath cottage on 5 acres sold by Chester W. Hewitt and Crissey Marie Leggett to Robert W. Buick for \$215,000

*\*Town of Canaan real estate transfers recorded as sold between Oct. 1, 2024, and Jan. 31, 2025, provided by the Canaan Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

## Marijuana legalization coming to Cornwall in spring 2025

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Recreational cannabis businesses will be able to apply for operation in Cornwall this spring.

At a meeting of the town Planning and Zoning Commission Feb. 11, commissioners voted unanimously to allow the current moratorium to expire May 31.

Recreational marijuana was legalized in Connecticut in 2021. It was left up to municipalities to determine which license types are permitted in each town.

P&Z opted to allow its

moratorium to lapse with no additional regulations in place. Prospective cannabis companies will follow the same process as other new businesses seeking a permit to operate in town.

When Cornwall's moratorium expires, there are three cannabis license types that could be permitted in applicable zones: retail dispensary, micro-cultivator and food and beverage manufacturer.

P&Z felt confident allowing these license types based on prior community feedback. In a 2023 survey of residents, 64% supported retail dispen-

saries, 62% supported micro cultivators and 61% supported food and beverage manufacturers.

Retail establishments will be able to apply for operation in the two commercial districts located in West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge. Under town regulations, retail stores in the general business zones require a site plan review to obtain a permit. No public hearing is required for approval.

A micro-cultivator could apply for a special permit to operate as a commercial greenhouse, which would re-

quire a public hearing prior to approval. Micro-cultivators in Connecticut start with a grow space of up to 5,000 square feet with the potential to expand over time.

As for food and beverage manufacturer, land use consultant Janell Mullen said "a strong applicant with a great lawyer" could make a case to qualify under the regulations for home businesses.

P&Z Chair Anna Timell explained Cornwall has "no regulations allowing manufacturing except on a very small scale as a home-based business."

## Beloved teachers reconnect for Sharon Center School reunion

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — Stories of teachers who left lasting influences on their students abound. But it was the students at Sharon Center School who will forever live in the hearts of former teachers Irv Robbins and Jack Compresi.

The two, who taught and coached at the school from the 1970s to the 1990s, are planning a reunion to be held Saturday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school.

"I really liked the kids," said Robbins, who taught social studies, algebra and science to seventh- and eighth-graders. Now living in Cabot, Vermont, Robbins has visited many of them throughout the country, beaming as he describes the successful adults so many of them have become.

Compresi, lovingly known as "Compo," taught physical education and coached. His affable personality and sense of humor



PHOTO PROVIDED

Former Sharon Center School teachers Jack Compresi, left, and Irv Robbins are planning a reunion for March 1 to gather those they taught from the 1970s to 1990s.

made him a popular figure throughout the school and the community.

"We were a family," he said, describing the staff and students at the school.

Because of the memories the teachers hold dear, as well as a desire to bring together as many of those who passed through their classrooms as possible, they decided to hold the reunion.

The two enjoy reminiscing about those days when they both coached school teams.

"The players weren't perfect, but they didn't have to be," said Robbins. "One year, 32 girls went out for basketball and they all played. We divided them into two teams. We played everybody and anybody. That made my year."

Compresi, who lives in Harwinton, recalled the many trips they took with the students. Claire and Ed Pedersen, owners of the local bus company, gave them a bus to use. Compresi got his CDL license and off they went to

such destinations as the Yale Bowl, UConn, Marist and the then-Civic Center to see games. One trip to Block Island was for an Audubon program.

An excursion that stood out to Compresi was a camping trip to Port Judith, R.I. "We dug for clams and made clam chowder," he remembered. "But my spaghetti was terrible. I didn't boil the water over the fire hot enough. The kids laughed and said even skunks wouldn't eat it."

For both men, teaching was much more than just a job. They have kept up with many of the students, still receiving Christmas cards from some. Robbins has made it a point to try to visit those who are sick.

"I probably taught a thousand kids over the years and only sent three to the principal," he said with a smile.

The two are hoping for a good turnout for the reunion and are encouraging all to spread the word.

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# Home pottery studio approved with restrictions

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve a special permit enabling a long-standing but unpermitted home pottery studio to continue commercial operations. The permit included limitations, however, that the applicant described as unfeasible.

"We're not satisfied at all," said applicant Steve Katz following the vote at the Feb. 13 P&Z meeting. Katz has represented the Alison Palmer Studio alongside his wife Alison Palmer during their appearances at the previous two P&Z meetings.

Palmer, who has run the studio with Katz from their home at 48 Stone Fences Ln. for 16 years, said that she is grateful to P&Z for granting permission for the studio to operate, but that the conditions of the resolution indicate a lack of understanding amongst the commissioners about making a livelihood from pottery. "Nobody on [the Commission] had any understanding of what it is to be an artist," she said.

Katz concurred: "We're happy that we were approved, but [the Commission] doesn't understand what it takes to run pottery workshops."

The resolution granted the studio a special permit, but restricted the total number of days workshops could be hosted at the residence to 12 per year, with no session lasting more than three consecutive days. The resolution also shortened the operating hours of the workshops from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I believe P&Z misunderstood our business," said Palmer. "That just isn't going to happen — I mean, it can't happen."

She emphasized that a workshop must run for multiple days to account for instruction, firing the pieces, glazing and finalizing. She and Katz said that they intend, if possible, to reapply to P&Z for a permit that allows their proposed schedule of 12 to 14 annual workshops, each lasting between two and four days.

While discussing the res-

olution at the Feb. 13 meeting, P&Z member Darren Cherniske said that the "conditions and restrictions we put in our resolution are sufficient" to account for the zoning concerns voiced by the commission and neighbors.

Those concerns primarily revolved around workshop and pottery event attendants increasing traffic on Stone Fences Lane, which is a short private road. The Alison Palmer Studio sits at the end of the street — "up in the woods," as Palmer put it.

The issue was first brought before P&Z as a last minute addition to the Dec. 12, 2024, meeting agenda as Palmer and Katz applied for a permit to run a holiday open-house style event that was planned to last a week.

At that meeting, David and Denyse Stoneback of 11 Stone Fences Lane spoke out against allowing the permit to go forward and announced that the studio had been operating without proper zoning permission for years.

The Stonebacks had

moved to Stone Fences Lane earlier in the year and were surprised by the traffic on the road. Many of the vehicles on the roadway were speeding, they said, which they attributed to pottery studio visitors.

At the Jan. 9 public hearing for the general Major Home Occupation permit, several other neighbors also voiced concerns about traffic on the road. The Stone Fences Association, a neighborhood board, spoke out against the precedent set by allowing a business to operate in a neighborhood that is explicitly zoned as residential.

P&Z member Sarah Chase pointed out that the application was for a special

permit, and thus by definition does not set precedent but rather is reviewed on a "case by case basis" as all other special permits are.

At the Feb. 13 meeting, P&Z Vice Chair Karen Casey emphasized that there had been no specific traffic study conducted on the street, and thus the Commission couldn't levy decisions based on unsubstantiated data.

Palmer and Katz have claimed that the street, like many in present day Kent, is busy due to residential density, and that the studio's contributions are negligible.

Katz explained that he and Palmer have strategized new plans to ameliorate the neighbors' concerns while

maintaining their business, including a car-pooling plan that he said will cut down vehicle traffic to the studio even further. "We want to apply again so we can put in these new factors that would straighten out the misunderstandings," he said.

Palmer said that while the issue may be a just question of traffic to neighbors, it is existential to her and Katz' life in Kent. "If they close down our workshop," she claimed, "We will lose our house — it'll go into foreclosure."

"I mean to displace us old people, you know, for such a trivial matter is like — I just can't believe my neighbors would do that to me."

## Schoolgirl samplers featured at Salisbury Association show

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A new exhibit from the Salisbury Association Historical Society opened Saturday, Feb. 15.

"Birth, Death and Alphabets: The Enduring Legacy of Schoolgirl Needleworks before 1850 with Alexandra Peters" features samplers from Peters' collection, including one that dates back to 1698.

Peters is giving a talk on the subject Saturday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. at the Scoville Memorial Library. The talk is in-person and online. To register go to [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org) and click on "events."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

On display at Salisbury Historical Society's new exhibit.

## Student recital returns to Salisbury Congregational Church for 43rd year

The annual student recital is returning for its 43rd year at Salisbury Congregational Church at 30 Main St.

This year's performance is set for Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m.

Jazz and classical ensembles from Salsbury school and Indian Mountain School as well as solo pianists and a cellist will grace the stage at the United Congregational Church.

Admission is free and donations to the church's special music fund are encouraged. After the performance, viewers are invited to stick around for a reception with sandwiches, chili and dessert.

## Hartford to manage federal grant for West Cornwall's future wastewater plant

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Concerns regarding a potential halt on government grants raised questions about the funding for West Cornwall's sewer project.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway described it as "the three-million-dollar question."

The grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which was approved in 2022, was awarded to fund roughly half the cost of the \$6.2 million wastewater plant. Planning for the project has been ongoing since 2015.

A Jan. 27 memo from President Trump froze all

federal grant moneys. The memo was rescinded Jan. 29 and the freeze was thawed due to questionable legality.

Following these developments, Ridgway checked in with the town's HUD contact in Washington D.C. He was redirected to the Connecticut office, which explained the town's grant is now being administered through Hartford.

"The word we got from the Department of Housing and Urban Development was that the freeze order that was put out [last] month will not affect this project. So that sounds pretty definite," said Ridgway at a meeting of the Wastewater Management Project in West Cornwall

Village Construction Committee Feb. 11.

Although it was approved three years ago, no money has been released to Cornwall to date. Reimbursement for project costs can begin after the design phase of the facility gets underway.

Members of the Committee discussed next steps at the February meeting. Engineer Steve McDonnell said the team is prepared to send out Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) to prospective design firms.

The Committee planned to finalize the RFQ for release later this month. It was hopeful to have responses by the next meeting, which is scheduled for March 11.

## Pope Committee to seek meeting with Planning and Zoning

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Pope Land Design Committee met online on Thursday, Feb. 6, for 18 minutes and agreed to have another meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission as soon as possible.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said he had received two documents from architect and urban planner Andrew Ferentinos and forwarded them to the committee.

The first, in memo format, titled Advancing the Pope Site as a Model for Integrated Development and from Ferentinos "in collaboration with:

Jocelyn Ayer, Director,

Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity" covers "environmental considerations" and "design considerations."

The second, longer document, is titled "Scope of Work - Pre-Design Phase" and is from Ferentinos "in consultation with: Select members of The Salisbury Village Improvement Coalition (SVIC)," goes into more detail.

The committee members weren't sure what to make of the submissions.

Lisa McAuliffe, head of Salisbury Recreation and a committee member, said she felt the committee was "going around in circles" and asked if a meeting with P&Z might get things moving.

Committee chair Ray McGuire and Rand agreed, and McAuliffe was given the job of setting a meeting up.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT WARNING

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Meeting of the said District will be held at the North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items:

1. To name the legal depositories for the funds of the Canaan Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
2. To name an auditor to inspect the accounts of the Canaan Fire District for such fiscal year.
3. To elect three members of the Executive Committee to serve for three-year terms.
4. To elect three officers for the positions of Warden, Treasurer and Clerk of the Canaan Fire District to serve for three-year terms
5. To transact any other business proper to come

before such meeting.  
Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 21st day of February, 2025.

Anthony J. Nania  
Warden  
02-20-25

### Liquor Permit Notice of Application

This is to give notice that I, Elesh R Patel, 11-05-66th Avenue 3A, Forest Hills, NY, 11375

Have filed an application placarded 02/18/2025 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a Package Store Liquor Permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 13 E Main St, North Canaan CT 06018.

The business will be owned by: stateline liquor store llc

Objections must be filed by: 04-01-2025

visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/remonstrance> for more information Stateline Liquor Store, LLC

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# OBITUARIES

## Louise Elizabeth Churchill

MILLERTON — Louise Elizabeth Churchill of Longs, South Carolina, passed away Feb. 12, 2025, where she was a resident of Loris Rehab and Nursing Center.

Louise was born April 26, 1942, in Norwalk, Connecticut, the daughter to the late Woodworth and Gertrude Elizabeth (Tanner) Merrill.

Louise is well-known for being strong, determined, loving and a woman of faith. Louise received her GED after raising four daughters and worked several years at Sharon Hospital.

Louise is survived by daughters, Debbie Austin



of Longs, South Carolina, Beverly Churchill of Millerton, Wanda Swartz of Stanfordville, Brenda Churchill of Concord, North Carolina; a sister, Joan Tucker, of Stormville, New York; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Celebration of Life will be in the spring at Green Lawn Memorial Park in Montgomery, Pennsylvania. The family asks in lieu of flowers to please donate to alz.org. The website has several donate tabs you can choose from. This is a not for profit charity and their tax ID number is 13-3039601.

## William Joseph Washburn

EAST CANAAN — William Joseph Washburn, 74, of 121 Lower Road, died at his home surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11, 2025. He was the husband of Anna (Ostrander) Washburn. Bill was born Sept. 2, 1950 in Southington, Connecticut, son of the late Benjamin and Marie (Roy) Washburn.

Bill worked at Becton and Dickinson Company in Canaan. He was an engineer with the company and retired after 31 years of employment. He served for four years in the Air Force Reserve. His hobbies included music, guitars, camping and going to races. His most precious time was spent at his home along with his family. A close second was time spent in Billville, his garage, where he spent hours working on his 1970 Roadrunner.

In addition to his wife,

Bill is survived by his children; daughters Katherine Andrews and her husband Stanley, Ashley Washburn and her fiancé Keith Tyler, and son Tyler Washburn and his wife Shelby all of East Canaan. Bill is also survived by his sister Lynn Perotti of Bristol, and his three grandchildren; Morgan and Megan Andrews and Casey William Washburn, all of East Canaan, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Saturday Feb. 15, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. A service of Remembrance was held at 3:00 p.m.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be sent to the American School for the Deaf 139 North Main St. West Hartford, CT 06107.

## Norman Reich

SALISBURY — Norman Reich, 93, passed away on Feb. 10, 2025, at his beloved home on Twin Lakes in Salisbury. He was the loving husband of Beverly Reich for 62 years, and she remained by his side, fiercely guarding his comfort and dignity, until the end.



Born July 25, 1931, in Brooklyn, New York, Norman was the son of Elsie and Harry Reich. He was deeply proud of having been Sports Editor of the Tulane University Hullahaloo and having served as a dental officer in the U.S. Navy after attending New York University Dental School. He often expressed his gratitude for those who protected our country in battle, and he knew that he was lucky to have seen only angry seas instead of war.

Norman married Beverly after a courtship in New York, where he would practice dentistry for 40 years, and at his family's Berkshire Hills Camp (BHC) in Salisbury. The young couple (with 3 children in tow) took over running the camp in 1971. BHC was a revered institution, and former campers continue to visit its lakeside property where the Reichs made their home in its restored gymnasium.

Prior to their move to Northwest Connecticut, the Reichs raised their children in Scarsdale, New York. There, Norman took up his most revered pastime: running. "Stormin Norman" completed 6 marathons

in New York, Boston, and Washington D.C., rounding off his merits by walking the New York Marathon for his 80th birthday as a fundraiser for Team for Kids.

A board member of the Northwest Center for Family Services and the 21st Century Fund for Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Norman believed in serving his community and in giving back.

He was generous and kind, and his genuine smile, animated stories, and goofy sense of humor lit up a room. Norman was never happier than when surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by Beverly and their three children, Randall, Joseph, and Donald; three children-in-law, Peter, Erica, and Frankie; three grandchildren, Paulina, Fia, and Dylan; and his younger sister, Joan. He was predeceased by his older sister, Barbara. He is also remembered by countless family members and friends who he touched through his shining amiable spirit.

The family will hold an intimate celebration of Norman's life in the spring when a tree will be planted in his honor and a bugle will blow taps, a nod to both the military and BHC. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in hopes that a cure will come soon for this heartbreaking illness which impacted Norman.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Send obituaries to editor@lakevillejournal.com

## Terry Wayne Sutherlin

MILLERTON — Terry Wayne Sutherlin, 85, a resident of Millerton since 2008, formerly of Pine Plains, died peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at his home in Millerton. Mr. Sutherlin was a retired freelance actor and also an accountant for several large corporations prior to his retirement in 2007.



Born Oct. 29, 1939, in Redding, California, he was the son of the late Audley W. and Evelyn (Laslow) Sutherlin. Following high school, he attended Antioch University and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater. He served his country in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps) as an investigator prior to his honorable discharge. Terry Wayne lived in Hawaii with his parents when Pearl Harbor was attacked and between the ages of 7 and 20 he lived in Arabia before returning to the United States. In September, 2000, in Los Angeles, California, he married Antonia E. (Fritz) DiFrancesco. Antonia survives at home in Millerton. Terry traveled extensively throughout his lifetime and had a very successful career as a freelance actor. He

appeared in many motion pictures and commercials and he is a long-time member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG). He treasured the many lifelong friendships that were created during his career as an actor. Terry was not one to "drop names" of his friends, but if he had, they would be some of the most recognizable in the industry. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading and spending time with his loving family and many friends. In addition to his wife, Antonia, Terry is survived by three children; Seth Sutherlin, Aeden Sutherlin and Barb Stout; and four step-children, David DiFrancesco, Christopher DiFrancesco, Bruce Ingalls and Lisa Ingalls; his grandson, Eliza Sutherlin; his sister, Cheryl and his best friend, Steve Furman and his wife Jane of Houston, Texas.

There are no calling hours. Cremation will take place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

# OUR TOWNS

## Sharon IWWC considers application for new development on Low Road

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The fate of an application to create an office space, retail facility and gallery remains undecided after a public hearing at the Feb. 10 meeting of Sharon's Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission.

Low Road Sharon, the applicant, is a non-profit that will run an artist residency program planned on Jasper Johns' Sharon property.

The project involves a new development on property that is owned by Low Road Sharon, but is auxiliary to Johns' main estate. The proposed construction site sits at the addresses of 1, 15 and 29 Low Road, adjacent to the shopping plaza on North Main Street.

An application for this project was submitted to the IWWC in the fall of 2024. It was ultimately denied by the commission at its Dec. 12 meeting, but with a note that the applicant may reapply. The proposed building site sits on a gradient above a stream, and several commission members expressed a desire to see alternative building strategies explored in the plans.

IWWC accepted the applicant's resubmission at its Jan. 13 meeting, and set a public hearing as the proposed development was deemed a "significant activity."

Jim McTigue of New Milford-based firm Howland & Associates presented

the amended application at the Feb. 10 public hearing, highlighting the downscaled nature of the new proposal, including relocating and sizing down the north building.

McTigue emphasized erosion control measures on the slope above the stream, as well as the elimination of a pathway that had previously been planned to be located

close to the waterway. McTigue maintained that the development will remain consistent with the residential nature of the street.

Commissioners and members of the public levied questions regarding the extent and duration of disturbance during construction, the two planned construction vehicle entrances, ero-

sion control and site drainage and the use of a proposed pathway that would be directed toward Lovers Lane.

After closing the hearing, members of the Commission decided to table the matter for further review.

IWWC will resume discussion of the application at its next meeting, which is scheduled for March 10.

## Offer to purchase old firehouse in Falls Village withdrawn

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The offer to buy the former firehouse at 35 Railroad St. has been withdrawn.

First Selectman Dave Barger made this announcement during the

regular monthly meeting of the Board of Selectmen Monday, Feb. 10

The town-owned property's sale to James Gillispie for \$300,000 was approved by a referendum vote on Nov. 7, 2023.

Gillispie's plan was to

turn the building into a gym and wellness center.

Barger read a letter from Gillispie in which the latter cited the rising costs of construction and higher interest rates as reasons for backing out of the deal.

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### Worship Services

Week of February 23, 2025

<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b>                  9 South Main, Sharon CT                  Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M.  <i>Transitioning through prayer</i>                  All welcome to join us                  860-364-5260                  www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b>                  30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT                  Whoever you are, wherever you are on Life's journey, you are welcome here!                  Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming                  www.salisburyucc.org                  Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy!                  (860) 435-2442</p>
<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b>                  484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville  <i>Offering companionship along the Way</i>                  Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.                  Sunday School at 9 a.m.                  Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org                  The Rev. Heidi Truax                  trinity@trinitylimerock.org                  (860) 435-2627</p>	<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b>                  12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT                  SUNDAY SERVICE                  10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II)  <i>In-Person and on You-Tube</i>                  www.stjohnssalisbury.org                  860-435-9290</p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b>  <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i>                  172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT                  Worship services Sundays at 10 am                  www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational                  860-824-7232</p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b>                  Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons                  Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.                  For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com                  All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b>                  is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan                  Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm                  www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b>  <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i>                  St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan                  St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville                  MASS SCHEDULE                  Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church                  Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary                  Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church                  DAILY MASS SCHEDULE                  Wednesday 6pm                  St. Joseph Chapel or Church                  Thursday 8am                  Immaculate Conception Church                  Friday 8am                  Church of St. Mary                  ALL ARE WELCOME!                  For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>Congregation Beth David</b>  <i>A reform Jewish Synagogue</i>                  5344 East Main St., Amenia                  SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM                  Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg                  (Calendar at congbethdavid.org)                  ALL ARE WELCOME                  Rabbi Jon Haddon                  845-373-8264                  info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b>                  112 Upper Main Street,                  North End of Sharon Green                  Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits                  10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care                  No Sunday School in Summer                  The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse                  860-364-5634                  sharonumc5634@att.net</p>
<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b>                  319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039                  9:15 a.m. Worship Service                  9:15 a.m. Sunday School                  "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"                  The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse                  860-435-9496                  Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b>                  Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m.                  Trinity Retreat Center Chapel                  Lower River Road, West Cornwall                  in person and on zoom                  Warm fellowship following service                  All Are Welcome!                  www.allsaintscornwall.org                  Rev. Mary Gates!</p>
<p><b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b>                  16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village                  10:00 a.m. Family Worship                  Coffee Hour                  A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!                  860-824-0194</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b>                  40 Leedsville Road                  Amenia Union, NY                  SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30                  IN-PERSON AND ONLINE                  Visit our website for links                  Rev. AJ Stack                  845-373-9161                  www.stthomasamenia.com                  A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b>                  Cornwall Village Meeting House                  Worship Sunday, 10 am                  Outstanding Church School (10 am)                  Mission Opportunities                  Warm Fellowship following Worship                  860-672-6840                  www.uccincornwall.org                  Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister                  Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>	<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b>                  29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT                  Where you will find: A Warm Welcome!                  Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!                  Sunday School - 10am                  Sunday Worship - 11am                  Wednesday Bible Study                  and Prayer Meeting - 7PM                  (860) 824-5685                  VISITORS WELCOME!                  www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b>                  656 Smithfield Valley Rd.                  Route 83, Amenia, NY                  Services every Sunday 10 a.m.                  www.thsmithfieldchurch.org                  21st Century Theology                  in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b>                  313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT                  Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M.                  Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.                  Special Services Online                  Rev. John Kreta                  860-824-1340   allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b>                  2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT                  8:00AM - Worship Service                  2nd &amp; 4th Sunday                  "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"                  The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse                  860-824-5534                  canaanct-umc.com                  canaanctumc@gmail.com                  We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>Sharon Congregational</b>                  25 Main Street, Sharon, CT                  Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.                  Visit our website                  sharoncongregationalchurch.org                  for Sunday services                  Contact us at 860-364-5002 or                  info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>



## Inaugural 'Gospel Preaching' with gentle voice and strength

Text: Luke 4:14-22

One month ago at the Inaugural Prayer Service, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde preached a call for "unity that incorporates diversity and transcends disagreement — and the solid foundations of dignity, honesty, and humility that such unity requires."

Initially, her sermon elicited nods of approval: who could object, to a goal so noble? She concluded with a plea for mercy, delivered directly to the president: mercy for those who are LGBT+; mercy for those who are not citizens or lack documentation, mercy for those fleeing war and persecution, mercy for any who might be seen as a "stranger." All of whom, in today's United States of America, live in fear.

Some responses levied blistering criticism against Bishop Budde. Accusations of politicizing an event that ought to have been above politics. Calls for her to be deported. Denunciation of her status as bishop because she is a woman. Disparagement of her tone.

She preached the Gospel, with a gentle voice and with strength. She relayed Jesus' teachings, and their implications today. In that setting, the Gospel stung.

The Bible's uncomfortable teaching says that we who believe in God may not be first in line to receive mercy. But if we are to follow Jesus, we had better be the first in line to act mercifully — regardless of whether we think the recipient is deserving, because in God's sight mercy is a measure of the giver, not the receiver. God is no tribal deity, belonging to one people only, and God will pour out saving help on any person in need, including unbelievers and those whom our society decides to expel.

The Bible is full of references to land and borders, and wars fought over the same, but Jesus flagrantly ignored borders, crossing them at will.

There are thoughtful arguments, both secular and religious, in favor of protecting borders. Yet Jesus did not make them, and they contradict a core Gospel teaching: those who would follow Jesus' Way are to consider every person on this planet as a family member, whose well-being is as important as

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our own.

To the argument that talk of immigrants or LGBT+ neighbors or economy is political talk, inappropriate in a religious setting: read the prophets and the Gospels. The Bible's religious topics — by definition, religious topics — are resolutely focused on the wellness of all living beings, and how we treat one another, and how we organize our common life. When a policy or an administration has created hardship, especially for those who are vulnerable in our society, it is not the church or synagogue or mosque or meeting or gurdwara wading inappropriately into political territory, it is the politicians flouting the core message of God's Living Word.

In the Gospel, might does not make right — vulnerability makes right. In the Gospel, there is no justification for harsh treatment or expulsion of persons who are here illegally — because every person is our neighbor, and such laws fail God's requirements of morality and mercy. In the Gospel, the accumulation of wealth is a grotesque abomination — an act of blatant infidelity which deserves no reward, and certainly no position of influence. In the Gospel, there is no outsider in God's eyes, only in human eyes, and God often will give first attention to someone we think of as unfit or undeserving or unwelcome as if to deliver a message laser focused on each believer: "Your way to me, beloved, is through a loving relationship with them. Your way to me is by all of 'them' becoming 'us.'"

In times and circumstances that are hostile to Gospel values, preaching the Gospel will sting. God knows, all that I am saying may be dismissed as political. Call it what you will. I take my stand on the Gospel, and I pray to be accountable to the Gospel alone.

*From Sermon preached at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, Salisbury, on the Third Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 26, 2025.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Sharon Hospital praise

Had a great experience there. My heart doctor, Shari Harrison, and the entire staff, quite wonderful. I'd go back but not too soon.

Thanks to Kristie Schmidt as well. We are lucky to have such consummate professionals, right in our midst.

Lonnie Carter

Falls Village

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## To know or not to know, that is the question

### A VIEW FROM THE EDGE PETER RIVA

People use a word, "disinformation," loosely because it means nothing more than words spewed out devoid of actual meaning, context, proof, fact, or ownership.

That does not mean those words were spewed without intent, written without intent, broadcast without intent. The old adage of "sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me" was wrong when I was a kid and even more wrong in the age in which we live, where words can travel to millions of people instantaneously, permanently circulating, always causing harm. I'll take physical sticks and stones over diarrheal vituperous words promulgated on the Internet any day.

The world we are entering, where a sole person can

decide to rename a 600-year-old, internationally accepted place name as a whim requires us to stop and think of the dystopian world that's being built around us, for us, engaging us, corrupting us. The Gulf of Mexico being renamed may seem like a trivial matter as it rebounds to and is endorsed by Google, MSN, and other Internet platforms. However — at a stroke — truth and fact have been obliterated. This is a modern form of book-burning. Once burned, those books cannot be re-read, cannot be learned from,

cannot influence thinking and intelligence. The Gulf of Mexico as historic fact has been obliterated, sanctioned by the very backbone of the Internet providers.

But, like book burning in the '30s, they have shown their hand, their capitulation to the new dystopian world; no doubt for profit or ideology. It doesn't matter which. The fact is this, if you know it is the Gulf of Mexico, has been for 600 years, and someone tells you it is no longer named so, then you can easily decide if that someone is to be trusted. If not, tell everyone you know that they are wrong. Don't simply roll over. In short, you have to decide if you want to join the book burners or stand against their intent and distortion of fact and reality. Speak up.

Acceptance without revolt

is capitulation, corruption of your very being. How do you revolt against such entities as Google, MSN and others? Probably you cannot. But then at least you will know that whatever they make, whatever they promote, whatever they post is not to be blindly trusted ever again. Remember, if it seems false, if it smells like smoke, it is likely a form of book burning in the modern Internet age. You can check, you can become a gatekeeper of truth. You have to. If you don't, they have won and the world as you know it will not survive.

A solution? Read actual books. Rejoin your library, become a supporter of literary fact, research, and time-tested fact.

*Peter Riva, a former resident of America Union, now lives in Gila, New Mexico.*

## Leisure travel bad for the planet? Stay home?

### EARTHTALK Enhao Yuan

Dear EarthTalk: Is leisure travel so bad for the planet that we are all better off just staying home?

—Jackie Smith, Boston, Massachusetts

According to the International Air Transport Association, in 2024 global air travel increased by 10.4%. Behind this surge in tourism is growing affluence in developing countries, demographic shifts to younger generations, convenience of travel, and increasing awareness through social media.

Despite the booming economies traveling creates, there lurks the harsh penalties that each flight, drive and cruise puts on Mother Earth. Tourism accounts for about 8% of world greenhouse gas emissions. University of Queensland Associate Professor Ya-Yen Sun conducted a study showing how tourism is the leading producer of greenhouse gases of all global economic sectors. Dr. Sun and his research team anticipate "annual increases in emissions of three to four percent" from travel alone.

Transportation is the primary contributor of greenhouse gases from travel, almost half of tourism's carbon footprint. Online emissions calculator, Atmosfair, shows that a single round-trip flight from New York to Los

Angeles for a typical family emits 7.1 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2). This is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from approximately 1.7 gasoline-powered vehicles driven in one year.

"Goods" and "Food & Beverage" make up the next largest contributors of greenhouse gases. These categories encompass the souvenirs and shopping experiences of tourism, considering production, manufacturing and shipping. Food production entails growing, processing, transporting, and much more, thus multiplying its carbon footprint.

Visualizing the effects of global warming is difficult, even with these numbers and facts. Rising sea levels and dwindling ice sheets seem hardly connected to one airplane ride.

University of Tennessee Professor John Nolt concluded after calculations that "the average American is responsible, through his/her greenhouse gas emissions, for the suffering and/or deaths of one or two future people."

Yet, we can and are do-

ing more to combat travel's eco-damage. Aircraft emissions are being lowered through biofuels, electric motors and efficient design. Quitting travel is extreme, but consider the impacts of your next trip. And if the answer to travel or not is yes, decrease your carbon foot-

print: buy offsets, choose efficient airlines, fly during the day. And remember what Dorothy concluded after her travels: "There's no place like home."

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February 1900

SHARON — The work of rebuilding the C.B. Dakin store is rapidly going on. Mr. Eggleston has a large force of men at work upon it.

Last Saturday's edition of the Journal was the largest ever printed and we are pleased to state our circulation is steadily increasing. Now is the time to subscribe. Everyone in this section should have the Journal which is only \$1.50 per year.

James Ellis took a second and third prize at the recent New York Poultry exhibit at Madison Square Garden. The fowls were a hen and a pullet.

Mrs. John Garrity and five children came near being suffocated by coal gas escaping from the parlor stove on Wednesday night. John himself was not affected very greatly and this fact probably saved the family from death. The youngest son was unconscious for a time but recovered all right. This is the third time the family has escaped suffocation from the same source.

Two plain, but very neat chandeliers for gas lighting have been put in at the depot, and with the other jets the place is brilliant at night. A large light has also been placed on the east and west ends of the depot making a great improvement thereabouts.

Two more new baggage and express cars have been put into service on the Central New England. The cars are of the newest and most convenient style and the crews of the trains are justly pleased with them. When the passengers mention the new cars to conductor Collier, a very satisfied smile comes over his genial countenance as he replies "yes they're dandies."

LAKEVILLE — We understand there is to be at least one if not several automobiles in town the coming summer.

Julius Frank of Ore Hill has accepted a position with the C.N.E. Road at Maybrook and will move his family to that place.

John Garrity has commenced work on the foundation of the new M.E. Sunday School room. The walls are to be ready for the carpenters by April 1st. Mr. Garrity says there is 15 inches of frost in the ground, and that the rain only took out about three inches.

100 years ago —  
February 1925

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Bissell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Wednesday of this week. February 18th, 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Bissell were married at Sharon, Conn.; they moved to Lakeville in 1878 and have resided here ever since. The couple were the recipients of many handsome gifts including many gold pieces. Many of their friends out of town remembered them with letters and telegrams of congratulations.

Roy VanDeusen of Salisbury has gone to Stonington to join the force of men who are tracing the gypsy moth.

Radio fans have been more or less annoyed for the past three months by a

loud roaring and whacking sound, which is not static or ordinary interference. One supposition is that it might be a swinging wire somewhere on the electric lighting system, and the Conn. Power Co. employees have run down every suspected leak, but the noise would reappear after being quiet for days. It seems to happen more often on Saturdays and Sundays and of late has been rather regular in accent, leading many to the conclusion that some amateur experimenter is working with a small sending set, which has no particular wave length and thus affects the whole range of the dials of receiving sets. If the noise is unavoidable it is certainly taking the joy out of life for radio listeners. If it is the work of an amateur, some one should appear to him and show him the error of his ways. If the thing continues it will probably be reported to Washington.

Miss Dorothy Daley is the new stenographer at the Oxy-Crystine plant.

A Bill is now pending before the Legislature authorizing the merger of the Salisbury Savings Society with the Robbins Burrall Trust Company. If the Bill is passed and the merger effected, it is believed by the officers of both institutions that it will add to their efficiency and redound to the benefit of the community and the depositors.

Alfred Beebe of Ore Hill and Ernest Fisher of Falls Village, who were serving short sentences at Litchfield jail, took French leave of that institution on Tuesday. The State Police on Wednesday recaptured them and they are now once more guests of the county.

Miss Mabel Silvernail is ill with a mild case of scarlet fever. Clement Bauman is now practically recovered.

If the person who borrowed my extension ladder to pick apples last fall returns same at once, no questions will be asked. A word to the wise is sufficient. A.S. Martin.

Miss Betty Halgren, Mignon Taylor and Marcia Rudd gave a very pleasant valentine party to about 16 of their schoolmates of Miss Stuart's School last Thursday afternoon. The event took place at Union Hall. The youngsters wore some cute valentine costumes and for amusement there was dancing, games and lots of eats. "Hop" Rudd and his drum helped out the victrola in furnishing the music for the dancing, and the youngsters had a "simply gorgeous time."

LIME ROCK — Mr. Lyon is in Bridgeport, and his son-in-law, Wm. Ward, is looking after his business while he is away.

50 years ago —  
February 1975

Area dairymen will receive about 8 per cent less per quart for their milk this month than they got a year ago. Dairy farmers who supplied the federally regulated Connecticut market during January will be paid a uniform price of \$8.95 a hundredweight (about 19.25 cents per quart.)

Officials in the U.S. Railway Association in Washington D.C. confirmed this week

that portions of the Harlem Division Line north of Dover Plains and the Berkshire Line north of New Milford will not be included in the "soon to be announced" preliminary system plan report of the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail). There is some hope, though, that rail service to Wassaic may be included in the Conrail system.

A large new discount liquor store has opened for business at the Millerton Super on Route 44. Store owner Joseph Trotta, president of Millerton Super Inc., said that he was "shockingly happy" with the way sales have been going during the opening week.

Employees at the Norfolk General Electric plant will learn more today and tomorrow about their futures. Counselors are scheduled to visit the plant to advise the workers of what their benefits and opportunities will be after the announced April 25 closing of the facility. The plant has been in Norfolk for the past 32 years and employs 31 persons, most of them women who have been with the company many years.

The Canaan Chamber of Commerce has renewed its efforts to bring medical personnel to Canaan. The chamber, following its failure to attract a full-fledged doctor to the town, has changed its direction and is now considering a paramedic.

Tate Peter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Begley of Canaan, was baptized Feb. 2 in the East Canaan Congregational Church. The Rev. Peter Dakers performed the service.

Of all the small towns in the state, Kent has the highest paid public officials and employees. At Tuesday's Board of Finance meeting it was revealed that Kent leads all Connecticut towns with populations under 3500 in wages and fees paid its elected officers.

25 years ago —  
February 2000

Siding has been removed from the covered bridge in West Cornwall, in anticipation of restoration to correct a list to the south. The roof and flooring will also be taken up, and the structure will be temporarily closed so it can be straightened. Braces will be added to the top corners of the bridge and some of the tresses supporting it will be replaced. Advanced notice of a five-day closure of the bridge will be given and traffic will be detoured.

KENT — Asked at a town meeting Feb. 11 to donate 3.9 acres of town-owned land to Kent Affordable Housing voters responded with an overwhelming "yes." In the best attended town meeting over a year, 116 residents favored donating the land. Sixty were opposed. The land will be used to construct 24 units of affordable housing.

Two-time Barber Dodge Pro Series runner-up Todd Snyder has signed to drive in the 2000 Dayton Indy Lights series with Brian Stewart Racing. The 30-year-old Snyder, formerly of Sheffield, Mass., and now a resident of Roxboro, N.C., finished second in both the 1998 and 1999 Barber Dodge Pro Series, taking the title fight to the final round in both years.

## Anthrax vaccine: It took 80 years

After the smallpox vaccine of 1799, little happened in infectious disease for fifty years. Physicians decided that disease was part of life, it existed within us and could not be eradicated, leading to a philosophy of "therapeutic nihilism." Doctors could follow the course of tuberculosis with stethoscopes as it ate through a lung, but did not hope to stop the process.

Nursing and nutrition improved during the 1850s and 1860s (think Florence Nightingale). Sanitation would soon have a beneficial effect on health, but the idea that disease came from infection by bacteria, viruses, or fungi, occurred to no one. Until Louis Pasteur discovered that yeast and bacteria act on beef broth, grape mash, and flour to alter them—in beef broth by putrefaction and degradation of proteins, in grape mash by converting sugar to alcohol and in bread by making carbon dioxide causing bread to rise, puffed up by the CO<sub>2</sub>.

Louis Pasteur was from Artois in the Jura mountains where the wine was awful. He looked at it with a microscope, expecting to find yeast—recognizable spheres with buds, but found yeast and contaminating bacteria. He told the vintners to start again with pure yeast and to clean all their equipment with heat. The wine improved. (Pasteurization was first used to preserve wine, not milk.) The eventual result was the Germ Theory of Fermentation, Putrefaction, and Disease. Pasteur became famous and repeated his success with diseases of silk moths and sour beer. It was a fertile theory and remains so.

Chemists of the mid-19th century hated the germ theory. They could not bear to see their tidy chemical equations corrupted by bacteria or yeast. They thought it was a form of mystical vitalism, but had no alternative theory to explain how sugar turns into other molecules. They conceded, but it took decades.

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Physicians could not believe that anything as small as bacteria could fell a human being and many of them believed in spontaneous generation of bacteria from inert chemicals, an idea that Pasteur destroyed. Physicians thought he was an unqualified upstart, a charlatan poaching on their territory. Pasteur, a fine speaker and something of a showman, returned their contempt.

## In the 1870s, French cattle were suffering from lethal anthrax infections; farmers lost 15% of their herds.

What of the long gap between vaccines? From about 1850, Pasteur and his students and Joseph Lister in Scotland, worked out ways to grow and examine bacteria and yeast in beef broth or other nutrient liquids. They disproved spontaneous generation and learned that microorganisms could grow without oxygen, that anthrax bacteria could make heat resistant spores, and that bacteria could be kept out of wounds, reducing infection.

In the 1870s, French cattle were suffering from lethal anthrax infections; farmers lost 15% of their herds. The Minister of Agriculture asked Pasteur for help, and he sent two assistants to a farm near Chartres where cattle, sheep and pigs were dying. The assistants reported to Pasteur, who asked about birds. Ducks, chickens, and geese were thriving.

How to account for this? Pasteur knew that birds have an internal temperature of 42 degrees C, while mammals

live at 37 degrees C. The difference is 9 degrees Fahrenheit, which is a lot. He asked if the small opaque bodies, called batonettes, found in the blood of cattle or sheep dying of anthrax were bacteria that would grow in beef broth. They did. He then injected a hen with batonettes. Nothing happened. When he cooled the hen in a bath it sickened. Removed from the bath the hen recovered.

He reasoned that if he grew the bacteria at 42 degree C in beef broth they might lose the ability to kill at 37 degrees C. They did. The bacteria, *Bacillus anthracis*, were attenuated, they had lost some function (a piece of DNA as it turned out) but still grew. These bacteria formed the basis for a sheep and cattle vaccine. These bacteria were called the Pasteur vaccine strain and was used for many years. (My lab worked with it until we learned, just after 9/11, when there was anthrax terrorist attack, that the FBI and CDC test for anthrax did not recognize the vaccine strain as harmless. Not wanting to scare people, we killed our cultures with superheated steam.)

A trial took place in a village called Pouilly-le-fort, Southeast of Paris. Twenty-five sheep were inoculated with attenuated *Bacillus anthracis* and 25 were left alone. Two weeks later the 25 inoculated sheep were given a booster. After another two weeks all 50 sheep got a dose of virulent bacteria. In two days, the unvaccinated sheep were very sick, the vaccinated sheep were healthy. In later tests, the same held true for cattle. Pasteur, who knew what was at stake for farmers, agriculture, and medicine, paced in his lab at The École Normale Supérieure in Paris. Finally, a telegram arrived. It read Succès Épatant! (Stunning Success).

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SALISBURY — For the annual corned beef dinner March 15, Lakeville Ladies Auxiliary seeks donations from businesses and artisans for prizes in the raffle. Any and all donations accepted. Contact Anna Pattison at (860) 833-0505 for more info.

Pastor Anna Crews Camphouse is now pastor of the Northwest Cooperative Parish, which is comprised of Canaan, Lakeville, Millerton and Sharon Methodist Churches. Millerton Methodist Church will hold new service times: 4 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

NORTH CANAAN — Two kittens are in need of a new home. Frost and Aspen, brothers aged 4 to 5 months, are a bonded pair currently at North Canaan Animal Control's kennel. Frost was described as more outgoing than Aspen, but both enjoy being scratched. Contact ACO Lindsay Burr at (860) 480-7568.



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The State is considering a change in how it deals with environmental cleanups on private property. The new direction, named Release Based Cleanup Regulations are intended to speed up the process and avoid the current system where properties can be tied up for years with the Transfer Act. To understand the Transfer Act, please visit: [portal.ct.gov/deep/remediation--site-cleanup/property-transfer-program/fact-sheet](http://portal.ct.gov/deep/remediation--site-cleanup/property-transfer-program/fact-sheet). CTDEEP has been conducting public hearings on this new approach over the past year and please go to this site to be updated: [portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Remediation-Site-Clean-Up/Comprehensive-Evaluation-and-Transformation/Release-Based-Clean-Up-Program-Regulation-Development](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Remediation-Site-Clean-Up/Comprehensive-Evaluation-and-Transformation/Release-Based-Clean-Up-Program-Regulation-Development)



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# FFA tradition lives on at Housy

By Hannah Johnson

FALLS VILLAGE — Every February, FFA members around the country celebrate National FFA Week.

For the general public, here's what FFA is and how it impacts our community.

FFA began in 1928 as Future Farmers of America. In 1988, it changed its name to The National FFA Organization to reflect the growing diversity of the agricultural industry. The name change also promoted the organization's objectives of public speaking and leadership opportunities.

In the 97 years since FFA's creation, it has helped millions of students grow as leaders, and achieve career success in and out of agricultural fields. FFA members use the skills they learn through their experiences to attain real-world accomplishments.

More than one million members in 9,235 chapters across all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico are currently part of FFA. Of those members, 112 belong to the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter.

Housatonic Valley FFA members participate in

events at the chapter, district, state, and national levels every year. Last year, members attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

These experiences allowed students to interact with members from across the country. The Housatonic Valley FFA Alumni Association sponsored both of these events.

Students also compete in Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events. This past fall Delanie Keeley, Hannah Johnson, Darwin Wolfe, and Madison Melino placed first in the state Equine Evaluation CDE, and Madeline Collingwood, Cole Simonds, Sidney Crouch, and Michael Gawel placed first in The Nursery Landscape CDE. Both teams will go on to compete at the National FFA Convention this fall.

Students also attend

workshops hosted by state FFA officers throughout the year as well as participating in a variety of community events. Members volunteer at the Big E, Goshen Fair, and Falls Village Car Show and sponsor rabies clinics over the summer.

Chris Crane, Housatonic Valley FFA president, said "FFA is such a great opportunity, I can't wait to celebrate our chapter and see what we have in store for the rest of this year."

What's in store: Spring Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events, and our annual agriculture education open house, when the community can see first hand what the FFA students are doing.

Housatonic Valley FFA members are grateful for the continuous support from our community and are eagerly anticipating the upcoming opportunities to show our students' personal growth through our program.

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## Meet the FFA reporter

FFA Reporter Hannah Johnson, age 17 and a junior, is from North Canaan.

She said her interest in agriculture education and the FFA stems from her experience working with horses. She plans to become a large animal veterinarian.

She credits FFA for helping her with public speaking.

Hannah has a twin sister Maddy and a younger brother Christopher. Her father Bryan is in insur-



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Hannah Johnson

ance, and her mother Beth is the principal at North Canaan Elementary School.

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## Our Towns

# Crowd braves falling snow for musical night at Hunt Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The annual Midwinter's Night in the Village fundraiser at the David M. Hunt Library started as scheduled at 6 p.m. on a snowy Saturday evening, Feb. 15.

Garth Kobal, acting as master of ceremonies, thanked everyone for coming out in less than ideal weather, and got things started with a selection from Walt Whitman.

Katelin Lopes played guitar and sang "Can't Help Falling in Love," a song made famous by Elvis Presley. As the song concluded, a member of the crowd thanked Lopes for the trip down memory lane.

Brook Martinez, flanked by his son Leo on guitar, led the Galactic Overtones vocal group — Adam Sher, Jaimie Sadeh, Rebecca Bloomfield, Sara Heller and Lara Hafner.

The first piece was an audience participation exercise. The audience participated happily and, it must be said, competently.

Then the group charged through the traditional "Down to the River and Pray," Stephen Stills' "Hope-



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Musical acts included Galactic Overtones, above, and Katelin Lopes, below.

lessly Hoping," and "Red Clay Halo" by Gillian Welch.

Before the first number, Martinez paused for a moment and said "Wait, I need a banjo."

He disappeared for a moment and returned, bearing the instrument.

"Anybody play banjo," he asked the crowd.

"Yeah, me neither."

While all this was going on, people munched at the massive table of hors d'oeuvres, sipped at wine, beer and soft drinks, and visited quietly so as not to disturb the readings.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Guests of Chocolate Fest in Kent had a wide variety of sweets to choose from.

## Chocolate Fest brings warmth to Kent's midwinter

By Alec Linden

KENT — No golden ticket was needed for the 28th Annual Chocolate Fest at the Kent Center School on Feb. 12, and luckily no attendant, child or adult, was turned into a blueberry.

The sugar was flowing, however, reported Rich Barber, who was doling out sweets for eager guests. "I'm just trying to keep the sugar highs from getting out of control," he said after placing another cookie on an already ample plate.

When Barber isn't busy distributing delicacies, he serves on the board of the Kent Center School Scholarship Fund, for which the Chocolate Fest is the only fundraiser of the year. The Scholarship, which has been continuously running for 63 years, offers five years of support to Kent Central graduates as they move on to higher education elsewhere. The Fund has awarded over \$1,000,000 to over 1,000 students so far, said Chocolate Fest Co-Chair Lee Sohl.

Sohl explained that it remains the sole fundraising event of the year because of the generosity of the Scholarship's supporters. Chocolate Fest doesn't raise huge sums — each attendant pays a \$5 entry fee for unlimited access to the goodies — but it still plays a more important role, Sohl said: "It's our connection with the community."

Plus, it's just a good time: "It's fun because everybody's happy — they're getting

chocolates!"

Cookies, brownies, blondies and beyond were piled high on platters surrounding the bustling room, courtesy of kitchens across Kent belonging to local restaurants, area schools, Scholarship board members, past recipients of the Scholarship, and other members of the community.

Sohl expressed her gratitude for all who donated, saying that the restaurants, schools, and other contributors were "just so generous."

The event was nut-free to accommodate for allergies, and even featured a gluten-free counter. As Sohl put it, "We are full-service."

Other notable stalls included a chocolate fountain staffed by Cathy Montemorra and Wendy Harvey, who have been dispensing sweets at the Fest for "a good 15 years."

The Kent Land Trust also had a table decked in hoodies and other merchandise, but KLT Program Manager Melissa Cherniske said that the real action was at the bracelet-making station the Trust had set up for the event. Cherniske expressed that KLT's participation in Chocolate Fest goes back years, and represents a close relationship between the two organizations: "All our kids went to Kent Central," she said.

Sweets aside, community and kinship are the heart of Chocolate Fest. As Barber put it, "It's really just a nice family thing."

## Kent hosts dam maintenance webinar

By Alec Linden

KENT — Civil engineers from Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection joined the Kent Conservation Commission's Zoom room on Feb. 6 with a key message for those with dams on their property: dam maintenance — and failure — is the owner's responsibility.

DEEP engineer Lariab Afzaal, who gave a presentation on the organization's process of dam risk assessment and monitoring, said "it is the dam owner's responsibility to maintain their dams in a safe condition to prevent the loss of life or damage to property." She added that dam owners are "financially responsible for damages caused by their dam failing."

Conservation Commission member Wendy Murphy introduced the evening's speakers with a call to increase the town's vigilance on

its waterway infrastructure as extreme precipitation events become more frequent with climate change.

"Between the increasing effects of climate change and alterations in land use patterns, we think it may be time to re-evaluate how we live in harmony with streams, ponds and dams," Murphy said.

Over the course of the presentation, Afzaal outlined DEEP's schema for classifying dams based on their downstream risk level, and what each classification entails for maintenance. She reported that Kent's dams fall into either the "AA" (negligible hazard) or "BB" (moderate hazard) groups.

AA level dams are not regulated, but are still required to be registered with DEEP. BB level dams hold the potential for "moderate economic loss" downstream, including damage to roadways and unoccupied structures. BB level dams must be

inspected every seven years.

When a dam is due for inspection, DEEP sends a notice to the owner, who is then responsible for hiring a professional engineer to conduct the inspection and make repairs. DEEP does not provide funding for the maintenance or removal of dams, Afzaal said, but the Dam Safety Regulatory Program can help guide owners toward several grant opportunities which may apply to their dam.

Following the presentation, Murphy expressed concern that many dam owners aren't aware of their responsibility for dams on their property, or even if they own one at all.

Anna Laskin, another civil engineer with DEEP's dam safety program, replied that "Property Disclosure Reports," which acknowledge dam ownership, are required to be included in every real estate transaction even if realtors may not be aware of

them.

Commission member Jean Speck asked if there are many dam owners who remain unaware of their presence, to which Laskin said it's "very unlikely" due to DEEP's outreach efforts.

At the Feb. 12 regular meeting of the Conservation Commission, members still disagreed as to Kent's dam safety awareness. "I think a lot of [residents] just don't know that they are responsible for keeping [their] dam in good shape," said Commission advisor Jos Spelbos.

Commission member Connie Manes contended that stating that the dam maintenance and ownership process was either faulty or fully operational was just conjecture without evidence. Regardless of the effectiveness of the process, she said that she agreed with other commissioners that dam safety outreach and education for realtors and residents alike should be a priority.

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## KENT SCHOOL

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computer crime, according to the complaint and is next due in the state Superior Court in Waterbury on March 20. His case is statutorily sealed.

The women are represented in their case against Kent School by David S. Golub and Jennifer B. Goldstein of Silver Golub & Teitell.

The lawsuit seeks to hold Kent School responsible for failing to oversee and supervise the employee, failing to establish a system to monitor access to the school computer network and students' personal devices, and failing to protect students' privacy over a period of four years.

The lawsuit alleges that Kent School ignored a complaint filed in 2022 by an employee who discovered that her computer had been accessed. In spring or summer of that year, the staff member asked Clery for help with a computer she had been issued by Kent School.

The complaint states she left the room while he was working on the laptop and, when she returned, found him looking at photos filed in her private Google account. He quickly closed the screen, according to the complaint. She reported his behavior to her supervisor, but it is believed no action was taken.

The complaint reports about eight months later, the same staff member was



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**Kent School is facing a class action lawsuit on behalf of 70 students whose personal data were illegally accessed by a senior school IT employee.**

approached by Clery, who told her he was checking the school's antivirus software and that he needed to access her laptop.

After he left her office, she received an email on her Kent School account notifying her that a software product called RClone had been granted permission to access her Google account, according to the complaint.

She contacted Michael Siepmann, head of the school's IT department, to inquire about the software. RClone is a command-line program to sync files and directories to and from different cloud storage providers, the com-

plaint states.

When Siepmann questioned Clery, he was told that Clery used RClone to transfer the school's antivirus program and had "accidentally" reconfigured RClone to access the staff member's Google account.

Later that day, Clery again approached the woman, saying he had to access her computer, according to the complaint. This time, she stood beside him as he worked and noticed a gallery of her vacation photos on his phone. When she reported this, the school "belatedly initiated an interior investigation," the complaint states.

Clery's employment was terminated in February 2023.

The school subsequently hired Vancord, an information and cybersecurity firm, to examine Clery's work. The Vancord examination concluded that Clery used the Kent School system to systematically target female students to find and upload pictures saved on their personal computers from 2019 until 2023.

The lawsuit seeks damages "in excess of \$15,000" from Kent School for its alleged negligence, invasion of privacy, computer privacy violations, recklessness and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

## PROTEST

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leaders and make their voices heard.

As she looked around at the approximately 60 who came out, Lake said, "It feels good to be doing something and to be building community."

Many motorists who drove by honked horns as a show of support.

Danila Larssen, who is the chairman of the Democratic Town Committee in Litchfield and president of the Greater Litchfield Young Democrats, talked of being scared and nervous. "We may be safe here in Connecticut and I acknowledge we are privileged, but we have to think about others elsewhere."

Larssen was with Kay Munoz of Waterbury, vice-chair of the Greater Litchfield Young Democrats and a member of the Hispanic Democratic caucus. "It is important we show our communities we're not just beacons of hope, but that we can do something," she said.

Karin Gerstel of Salisbury noted she is the child of parents who were victims of the Holocaust. "When, years later, my mother was asked why people didn't try to stop it, she replied she didn't have

an answer." Then, after pausing, Gerstel said, "I'm glad my parents are not here to see this now."

One of the younger participants was Maria Grusauskas of Falls Village, who said, "Democracy cannot defend itself. It's important for people to stay informed nationally and strengthen their local communities."

**"Democracy cannot defend itself,"**

**Maria Grusauskas, Falls Village**

Julia Oloff, also of Falls Village, said she came out because of her concern about what she sees as an abuse of power by the executive branch, "which has dismantled the justice department and cowed the GOP congress. The president is using autocratic techniques to censor free speech and foster hate speech." But she was emphatic when she said, "A multicultural society is here to stay."

Peter Coffeen of Norfolk was mainly interested in protesting the removal of funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). "That agency was set up to do good for poor people," he said.

Lake said many local individuals who would have attended had gone to Hartford where a large rally was taking place at the same time.

## CAPSTONES

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HVRHS library.

Ellie saw a need for the job's requirements to be spelled out clearly, for whoever takes over.

Things like "how to hang a show, host an opening, make sure things run smoothly."

Ellie wound up with a "60,000 word Google document" that can be accessed and modified by future interns.

Ellie was not sure what the next step was — possibly Princeton, maybe the Rhode Island School of Design and/or Brown University.

Diana Portillo of North Canaan, a volleyball and softball player, made friendship bracelets, some adorned with the mascots of other Berkshire League schools, some without, and gave them to players on opposing teams.

The idea was to promote sportsmanship among the league schools, and to foster a sense of community among student athletes.

The first bracelet was given to a Gilbert player.

Each bracelet came with a QR code that took the recipient to a Google form, where the recipients could enter their personal information.

It took a little while to catch on, but it worked. "From 75 bracelets I got 75 responses."

Daniela Brennan of North Canaan was unsure where she would attend college, with Worcester Polytechnic Institute a strong possibility. She plans to study mechanical engineering.

Her Capstone project headed in a different direction.

A Roman Catholic, she was curious about other faiths, and acquired first-hand experiences with Judaism, Muslim and Hindu congregations.

She kept track of her observations and thoughts in a journal.

She said that "in monotheistic faiths, the core beliefs are similar."

"The way they show it makes them seem different, and that's where biases and misassumptions come from."

Asked how she decided on this course of inquiry, she said "I get it from my dad, he loves philosophy and religion."

"And learning about it helps me learn my own faith."

Jassim Mohyidin of Lakeville, who will attend Florida Institute of Technology to train as an airline pilot, turned his attention to computer aided design, or CAD, for his Capstone project.

Specifically, he used CAD in conjunction with his activities with the HVRHS Robotics team.

"I reverse-engineered last year's robot," he said. He identified deficiencies and came up with solutions.

Because robotics is a collaborative effort, his work will inform future Robotics team members.

"You have to think about the whole robot, not just your bit."

All six students agreed



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Ellie Wolgemuth, left, and Diana Portillo, right, are seniors at HVRHS who have recently completed their Capstone projects.**

that the Capstone projects required them to get out of their comfort zones and provided opportunities to do things that they might not have attempted otherwise.



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**Daniela Brennan researched theology for her Capstone.**



**Jassim Mohyidin "reverse engineered last year's robot."**



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## Mol and Scott shine in 'Love Letters' at the Sharon Playhouse

The Sharon Playhouse held a one night showing of the play "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney on Saturday, Feb 15. The sold out, though only partially attended due to the weather, performance was held in the Bok Gallery and starred Gretchen Mol and Campbell Scott.

"Love Letters" is an epistolary play, meaning the story is conveyed through the letters exchanged between the two main characters: Melissa Gardener, played by Mol, and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, played by Scott. The play begins at childhood and lasts until the characters are about sixty years old. With the performers reading letters back and forth,



Gretchen Mol and Campbell Scott in a reading of "Love Letters" at the Sharon Playhouse

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the staging is minimal—intimate lighting casts a warm glow over the two actors seated at a

single table, where they remain for the entire performance. The Bok Gallery's cozy setting

enhances the play's simplicity, making for an

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**RECREATION: MIKE COBB**

## Winter Weekend in Norfolk returns

Winter WIN (Weekend In Norfolk) will take place again Feb. 22 to 23 with a wonderful mix of in-person and virtual events highlighting creative talent in Norfolk.

Highlights include food and drink specials at the Icebox Cafe and the Berkshire Country Store, nature walks, pickleball, art displays and lectures at the Norfolk Library, live Americana and world music on Saturday at the Norfolk HUB, chamber music by Yale students, a live Tango performance, dance classes, tours of historical structures, art exhibits, a book launch, a raffle, open houses at the Fire Department and the Sugar House, lectures, movies, and much more.

WIN committee member Sue Frisch said, "We're so proud to be part of a town that unites to create a festival like this for everyone. Literally all of Norfolk volunteers to give everyone—visitors and each other—a good time and show them how great Norfolk is."

New this year are a Mushroom Inoculation Workshop at Husky Meadows Farm, a special book launch celebrating "The Norfolk Library: History, Culture, Community," the film, "The Jump," Seattle Children's Film Festival and selections



PHOTO BY WILEY WOOD

Star Childs of Norfolk enjoys cross-country skiing on one of Norfolk's many trails.

from Disney including short movies for kids, and special discounts at Berkshire Country Store (doughnuts) and Icebox Cafe (chai). Also on offer

are a pop-up bookstore, wildlife tracking walk, Pickleball, and more.

Old favorites include hiking, skiing, snowshoeing on Norfolk trails

and fly-tying workshops. Ice-skating on the town rink will depend on the weather.

Norfolk and area residents can also look forward to summer WIN on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 1, 2, 3, 2025 (10th annual Weekend in Norfolk).

Most events are free; registration in advance is always recommended. For a full list of activities and information on how to register, please see the WIN website: weekend-in-norfolk.org

Information can also be obtained at the Norfolk HUB at 2 Station Place in downtown Norfolk.



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Fredlyn "Freddie" Doelling and her cat, Peaches.

**LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN**

## The Fountains at Millbrook host Valentine's fundraiser

This Valentine's Day, residents and associates at The Fountains at Millbrook celebrated love by giving back. From Feb. 1 to Feb. 14, they collected pet food, toys, blankets, and other supplies to support the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue. Their efforts resulted in a donation valued at approximately \$300, which was delivered to the shelter on Feb. 15.

The Fountains is a unique retirement community that warmly welcomes pets, recognizing the joy and companionship they bring to residents. Unlike many senior living facilities with strict pet policies, The Fountains embraces animals as part of the community.

Resident Joy Papa knows firsthand the deep connection between people and their pets. She spent Valentine's Day with her chihuahua, Pook-

ie. "Valentine's Day is not just about having a boyfriend or husband," said Papa. "It extends to family, friends, and for me, my dog. Pookie is good company, keeps me on my toes, and brings me peace."

Lucy Bonacquist, another resident, shares a similar bond with her 13-year-old dog Harvey. Harvey has become a beloved figure in the community, often joining residents for activities and providing encouragement during Bonacquist's exercise class, "Limber Up with Lucy."

"Harvey is essential to my well-being," said Bonacquist. "He has more friends than I do here!"

Fredlyn "Freddie" Doelling and her orange cat, Peaches, enjoy their daily companionship. "I just love Peaches; she's great company

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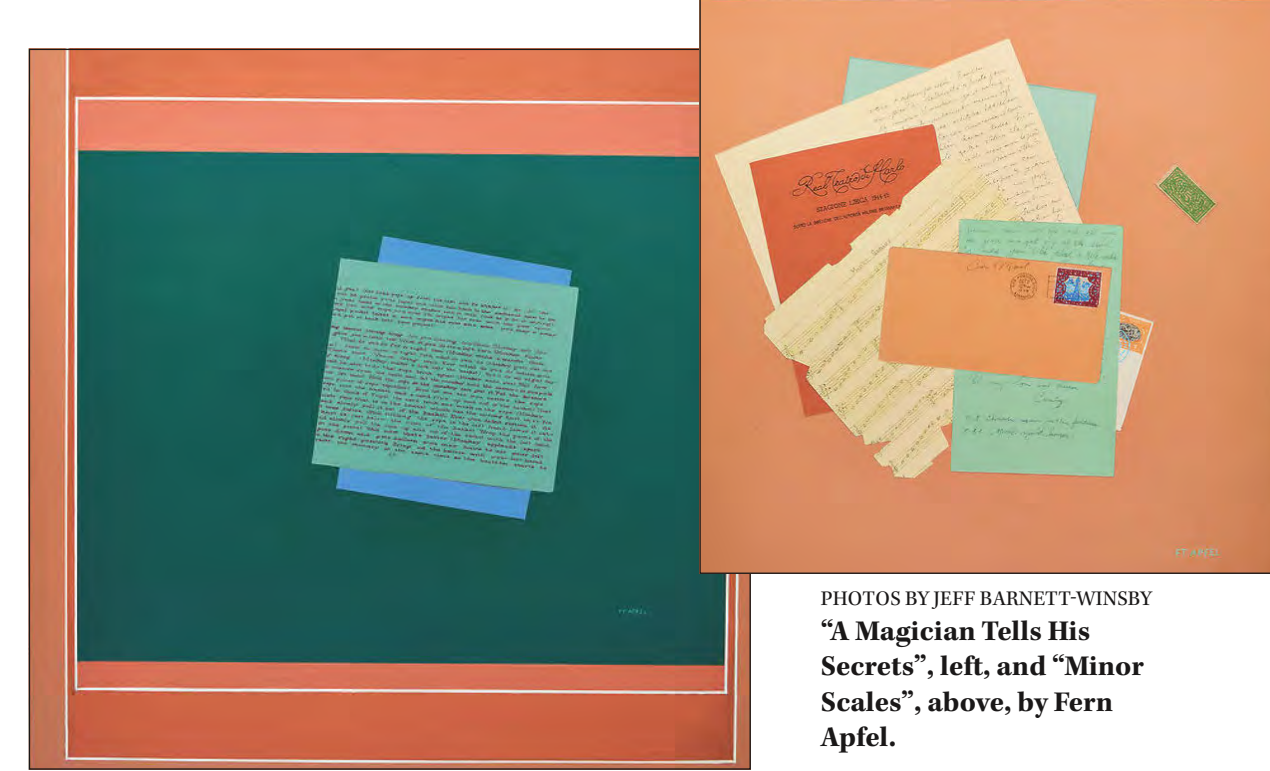


ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# Fern Apfel: 'Letters Home' at Troutbeck

Opening on Friday, Feb. 21, "Letters Home" is the latest exhibition in Troutbeck's ongoing collaboration with the Wassaic Project, a partnership that brings contemporary artists to the historic site in Aenia. This season features Fern Apfel, a Hudson Valley artist known for transforming handwritten letters, diaries, and ephemera into meticulously painted still lifes.

Apfel's work explores the intersection of text, memory and abstraction, preserving the beauty of handwritten correspondence while reflecting on the passage of time. Though they appear to be collages, her paintings are carefully rendered in acrylic and archival pen, capturing the worn textures of aged paper, faded ink, and personal



PHOTOS BY JEFF BARNETT-WINSBY  
**"A Magician Tells His Secrets", left, and "Minor Scales", above, by Fern Apfel.**

inson, who also currently has work on view at the Wassaic Project in "A Space Between Worlds." Additionally, they have presented a solo show of photographs from Wassaic Project co-director Jeff Barnett-Winsby. The two entities have also worked together numerous times over the past few years for programming events, including collaborating with the Wassaic Project's education department to produce Troutbeck's Symposium series. Most recently, Troutbeck hosted the Project's winter benefit.

"Because of the small community that we share, it felt like a natural development to expand the Wassaic Project's artists and art outside of Maxon Mills. We are excited to continue this partnership with Troutbeck," said Will Hutnick, Wassaic Project's director of artistic programming.

histories.

A two-time recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts Individual Artists Grant, Apfel has exhibited

widely, with works in the permanent collections of The Hyde Collection, The Albany Institute of History & Art, and the Tang Teaching Museum. In 2022, she received the Yasuo Kuniyoshi Award from the Woodstock Art Association & Museum,

recognizing outstanding artistic achievement.

The opening reception will take place on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m., continuing Troutbeck's commitment to showcasing artists whose work engages with history, language and place.

The Wassaic Project first began curating exhibitions at Troutbeck in 2022 with solo exhibitions by Wassaic alumni Polly Shindler and Taha Clayton. Most recently, Wassaic has curated a solo presentation of paintings by Dana Rob-

## ...Love Letters'

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intimate and engaging experience.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of "Love Letters" is its pacing and flow, which Mol and Scott brought out fantastically. For the majority of the play, the actors simply trade lines back and forth as they read their letters. This back and forth is broken up through occasional bits of quick, heated exchanges, long monologues and gut wrenching silence as, for one reason or another, a character goes five or six letters without writing back. This difference in pacing is extremely effective, and ensures that the audience does not feel any sort of stagnation.

Of course this pacing methodology would mean nothing if not brought out and explored by the performers, who both tackled their respective roles with gusto. Gardener, played by Mol, is a very highly spirited individual who is often finding herself in trouble and living loose. Ladd on the other hand, played by Scott, is an English major who is quickly established as a bit more

rigid and only able to accurately speak his mind through writing. As their lives develop and life's many joys and tragedies hit them through the years, both performers brought out their personality shifts and outbursts wonderfully while ensuring they remained true to their original selves.

Although Gardener finds herself weary and lost as her art career fades and addiction rears its ugly head, Mol preserves a hint of the character's former free-spirited playfulness in her letters. Despite becoming a Senator, traveling abroad, and starting a family, Scott balanced Ladd's rigid and stiff demeanor with moments of openness in some of Ladd's longer and more heartfelt letters. With a play so exposed and minimalist, it lives and dies with its performers, and Mol and Scott certainly gave it life.

"Love Letters" at the Sharon Playhouse was a one night only performance, though "Sylvia", also by Gurney, is slated for performance at the Playhouse August 29 to Sept 7.

## ...The Fountains

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and loves to talk to me," Doelling said. Peaches has won over many residents, often joining in on visits for extra attention and playtime.

Lisa Rieckermann, community life director at The Fountains, highlighted the impact of pets on residents' well-being. "Whether furry or feathered, the pets bring so much joy to our community on Valentine's Day and throughout the year. We are excited to have a fundraiser that can bring animals a bit of the happiness they bring us."

Through this fundraiser, The Fountains at Millbrook extended its love for animals beyond its own community, sharing kindness with pets in need. Their Valentine's effort proves that love truly knows no bounds.



PHOTOS BY LISA REICKERMANN

Left, Lucy Bonacquist, a resident of The Fountains, and her dog, Harvey. Right, Joy Papa, a resident of The Fountains, with her dog, Pookie.

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## Author talk: 'Inventing the Modern' at Cornwall Library

On Saturday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m., co-authors Ann Temkin and Romy Silver-Kohn will discuss "Inventing the Modern: Untold Stories of the Women Who Shaped The Museum of Modern Art" at the Cornwall Library. This collection of essays highlights the often-overlooked women — founders, patrons, curators, and directors — who played a crucial role in MoMA's early success.

Temkin, MoMA's chief curator of painting and sculpture, and Silver-Kohn, a longtime

researcher in the field, will explore the museum's uncertain beginnings and the revolutionary efforts of these women. Their book offers fresh insights into MoMA's history, shifting focus from its first director, Alfred H. Barr Jr., to the visionaries who laid the foundation for one of the world's most influential modern art institutions.

Temkin, a familiar presence in Cornwall, previously spoke on Monet's gardens at the 2024 Books & Blooms event. Silver-Kohn has a home in Sharon



## Tangled tackle fondling 2025

The Super Bowl is over, pitchers and catchers have reported for spring training, and that means spring is around the corner.

Which in turn means it's time for the annual Tangled Lines Tackle Fondling report.

I noticed the reel bag, which has traveled around in the car for at least one full year, was full of dirt. This was in addition to reels, waterproof matches, a knife, and the extra pair of polarized sunglasses that I tore the car apart looking for back in October.

Hmmm. Maybe the definition of "tackle fondling" should be expanded to include "car cleaning."

Anyhoo, I went to the hardware store, bought a can of compressed air, and started blasting the dirt, sand and grit out of the reels that float around loose all year in the reel bag.

While doing this I clipped off ancient brittle leaders and noted which lines needed cleaning and dressing.

Not a difficult process. They all need cleaning and dressing. Anglers don't do this often enough. I do it a couple times a year, and as needed when my floating line stops floating.

Some people use hand wipes, the kind that come in a little packet. You can get them cheap online.

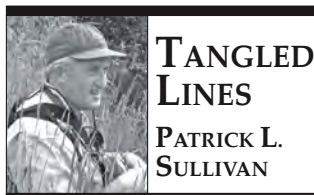
I'm even cheaper, however, so I use Dawn dish soap, which cleans everything from fly lines to birds caught in oil spills. You can even do the dishes with it.

I make a weak solution, defined as one cup or so of warm water with one small blob of Dawn dish soap. Stir until frothy, and dunk a brand new sponge in it.



PHOTO BY PATRICK SULLIVAN

**A can of compressed air is handy for getting last year's grit and gunk out of your gear. It also wouldn't hurt to clean the car out more than once a year.**



**TANGLED LINES**  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Run your line through the sponge, recharging as needed. You'll see the yick come off on the sponge.

For dressing regular PVC-coated fly lines, you can use Mucilin green label line dressing, which has silicone in it. Or you can use Albolene, which is a face cream designed to remove theatrical makeup. A tub of Albolene costs about the same as one dinky little thing of Mucilin. But the dinky thing is a lot easier to carry.

For dressing your silk lines, I refer you to Izaak Walton's "On Ye Dressynge of Ye Snootye Sillye Silke," 1655.

Next up, the waders and boots.

I have four pairs of waders, one is right out of the box. None have patches or known leaks. So, fingers crossed.

On boots, I have four pairs, felt and rubber soled, sizes 9 and 10.

Looking them over, I see some studs have come out of the rubber soles and they have stayed put in the felt. So that means replacing a few here and there and hoping for the best.

Wading sticks: I have several, and I fully expect at least one to fail this year. So I have spares, both of the collapsible type, and the trekking poles which are adjustable but do not fold up and go into a holster.

Rods: I only have one new rod to test out, a Chinese-made bamboo

number that is an experiment.

Fly boxes: I am not even going to pretend to sort this out. I'm just going to pick up where I left off.

But I am NOT buying any flies until I use up what I have. And since I have thousands...

Next time we'll go back to the Tangled Lines medical report, featuring Mohs surgery, rotator cuffs, and how to splint your pinky toe when you bash it into the furniture at 3 a.m.

— Hint: It involves duct tape.

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### FEBRUARY 20

#### The Highline: Wild by Design

White Hart Inn, 15 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.

On Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Richard Hayden will share insights on the High Line's native plants, ecology, and Piet Oudolf's design.

### FEBRUARY 21

#### Gigante: Tracking the Fate of the World's Big Trees with Evan Gora

Cary's Lovejoy Auditorium (or live stream), 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, N.Y.

On Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., take a trip to the tropics with Cary Institute scientist Dr. Evan Gora, a forest ecologist and Fellow at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, who is exploring the fate of some of the world's largest trees.

Register: [www.caryinstitute.org/events/gigante-tracking-fate-worlds-big-trees](http://www.caryinstitute.org/events/gigante-tracking-fate-worlds-big-trees)

### FEBRUARY 22

#### Jazz Age Concert

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY. [millbrooklibrary.org](http://millbrooklibrary.org)

On Saturday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Millbrook Arts Group presents Charleston! Songs and Instrumentals from the Jazz Age with pianist, vocalist, and musicologist Peter Muir, PhD. Featuring works by Gershwin, Berlin, Morton, and more. Pre-show reception at 4:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY. RSVP requested: [millbrooklibrary.org](http://millbrooklibrary.org). More info: [millbrookartsgroup.org](http://millbrookartsgroup.org).

#### Student Art Show Awards

Kent Art Association, 21 S. Main St. (Route 7), Kent, Conn.

Through Feb. 22, Kent Art Association's 33rd Annual Student Art Show will be on display, open Thursdays through Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. A closing and awards ceremony will be held Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

#### Book Talk: Inventing the Modern

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org)

MoMA insiders Ann Temkin and Romy Silver-Kohn discuss their book *Inventing the Modern: Untold Stories of the Women Who Shaped the Museum of Modern Art* on Feb. 22 at 5 p.m.

Registration required at [cornwalllibrary.org/events](http://cornwalllibrary.org/events).

### Pre-Industrial Needlework Talk

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

As part of the Salisbury Association's ongoing sampler exhibit, Sharon resident Alexandra Peters will give a talk on Feb. 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury. The talk will discuss how needleworks made before 1850 show us life before the Industrial Revolution from the often-surprising perspective of young women. Registration is required for the talk, which will be offered in person and online, at [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org).

### Ilana Kaplan, Nora Ephron at the Movies

The Moviehouse, Millerton, N.Y.

On Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., there will be a special screening of *When Harry Met Sally* followed by a Q&A on Nora Ephron's lasting legacy.

\$100 (Includes book + 2 event seats)

[www.oblongbooks.com/event/moviehouse-nora-ephron-at-the-movies](http://www.oblongbooks.com/event/moviehouse-nora-ephron-at-the-movies)

### FEBRUARY 23

#### Jazz Vespers

Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Sharon United Methodist Church at 112 Upper Main Street will have a community Jazz Vespers service on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Jazz duo Nick Moran and Carol Leven will offer jazz musical selections on the theme of love accompanied by a brief meditation on love from Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse. The suggested donation for the musical team is \$20, with no minimum entry fee. All are welcome.

### 43rd Annual Student Recital

Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC celebrates the 43rd annual Student Recital Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m., continuing a beloved tradition under the leadership of Judith Dansker and Kris Jensen. This year's talent includes Jazz and Classical Ensembles from Salisbury School and Indian Mountain School as well as solo

pianists and a cellist. After the recital, all are welcome to stay for a reception that includes sandwiches, chili and dessert. Admission is free; donations to the Special Music Fund are welcome.

### FEBRUARY 24

#### Parenting in a Tech-Driven World

THRIVE, 96 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

Join us at THRIVE from 7 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 for a one-hour workshop designed to discuss strategies and share experiences about parenting in a world driven by technology. This event is facilitated by Adam Lang.

This event is open to everyone and free-of-charge. Pre-registration is not required. Participants may arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. for snacks and light refreshments.

Learn more about this event and other THRIVE offerings at [aspacethrive.org](http://aspacethrive.org).

### FEBRUARY 26

#### Auditions: Girl With A Camera

Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack, N.Y.

The Two Of Us Productions is holding auditions for *Girl With A Camera* by Byron Nilsson. Performances: May 9-18, 2025, at Claverack Library's Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery.

Audition Dates are Wed., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., Fri., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., and Sun., March 2 at 2 p.m.

Sides provided. Email [StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com](mailto:StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com) for advance copies.

#### Synopsis & Roles:

Photographer Ivy Wilmot's career soared, then collapsed after her marriage to a movie star. Another man loved her—but he was the FBI agent investigating her father.

Roles available: Marc (movie star ex), Nancy (photo editor), Jeanne (former teacher), Julius (Ivy's father), Lester (FBI agent). Ivy is cast.

#### Last week's WotW

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### FEBRUARY 28

#### Five Points Gallery – New Exhibitions

Five Points Gallery, 7 Water St., Torrington, Conn.

Five Points Gallery presents three new exhibitions: *I Am My Mother's Savage Daughter* by Patricia Miranda, *The Tale of Lost Water* by Susan Hoffman Fishman, and *Figuring it Out*, a group show featuring Shona Curtis, Sonja Czekalski, Gail Gelburd, Susan Keiser, and Jean Scott. The exhibitions will be on view from Feb. 28 through April 12.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Feb. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., and an artist talk on Friday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Gallery hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. Free and open to the public. More info: [fivepointsarts.org](http://fivepointsarts.org).

### MARCH 1

#### Chili Cookoff

Cornwall Town Hall, 24 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Park and Recreation will host a chili cookoff at Town Hall March 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. Competitors must register in advance by contacting park.recreation@cornwallct.gov. Guests can attend for free and submit feedback on contestant entries. Winners will be awarded a trophy.

### Connecticut's Foxes

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org)

The David M. Hunt Library will host Ginny Apple, speaking on Connecticut's Foxes, on Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m. Connecticut is home to two species of fox: the brilliantly colored Red Fox with its white-tipped tail and black legs, celebrated in literature from Reynard the Fox to Dr. Seuss's Fox in Socks, and the smaller, lesser-known Grey Fox, which, believe it or not, can climb trees. These efficient omnivores play important roles in our ecosystem keeping the balance of nature in sync. Join Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and a Barkhamsted resident, to learn all about foxes. This program is free and open to the public.

by female Italian composers of the Renaissance and Afro-Portuguese composer Vicente Lusitano. The program includes vocal and instrumental pieces performed by the Crescendo Vocal Ensemble with soloists Jennifer Tyo, Sarah Fay, Laura Evans, and Igor Ferreira, accompanied by Christa Patton on harp and recorder and Juan Mesa on organ. Directed by Christine Gevert.

### MARCH 2

#### Crescendo at Saint James Place

Saint James Place, 352 Main Street, Great Barrington, Mass.

Crescendo presents a concert on Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m., featuring rarely performed works by female Italian composers of the Renaissance and Afro-Portuguese composer Vicente Lusitano. The program includes vocal and instrumental pieces performed by the Crescendo Vocal Ensemble with soloists Jennifer Tyo, Sarah Fay, Laura Evans, and Igor Ferreira, accompanied by Christa Patton on harp and recorder and Juan Mesa on organ. Directed by Christine Gevert.

#### Crescendo at Trinity Church

Trinity Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville, Conn.

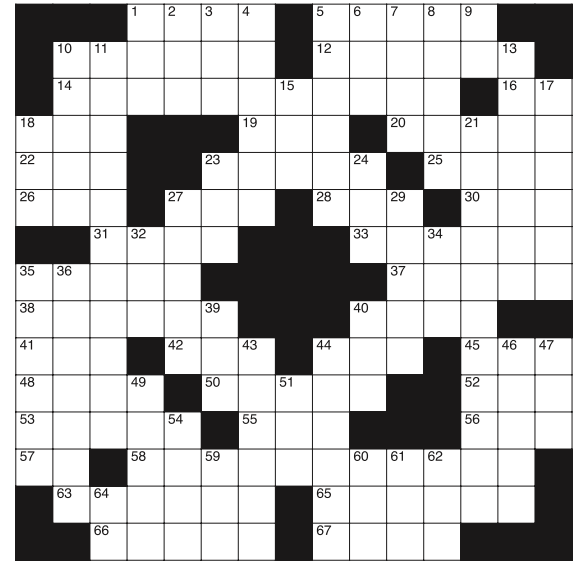
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## Brain Teasers

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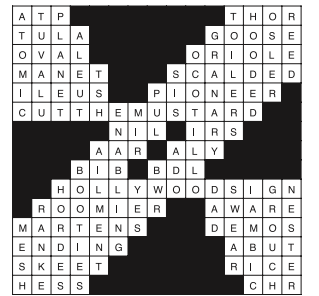
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5. Yankees' slugger Judge
10. Helps to preserve food
12. Plant disease
14. One who predicts
16. Equally
18. Burundian franc
19. Pouch
20. Arizona city
22. Surround
23. Hard, heavy timber
25. Witnessed
26. They \_\_\_
27. French river
28. A way to drink
30. Small constellation
31. Peruse a written work
33. Type of hound
35. Plant of the goosefoot family
37. Evade or escape
38. A way to confine
40. Volcanic crater
41. Weekday
42. Women's service organization (abbr.)
44. Local area network
45. Sensory receptor
48. Posted
50. Tibetan pastry
52. Licensed for Wall Street
53. Very willing
55. Golf score
56. Consume
57. Touchdown
58. Tends to remind
63. In a way, smoothed
65. Poke holes in the ground
66. Herbaceous plants
67. Taiwanese river



15. Political action committee
17. U.S. government legislative branch
18. Civil Rights Act component
21. Contractors take one
23. Spanish soldier
24. A person's brother or sister
27. Expressed pleasure
29. Song of praise
32. Shock treatment
34. Patti Hearst's captors
35. Counteract
36. Goes over again
39. Popular Dodge truck
40. Male adult
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Rope used to lasso
46. Become less intense

47. Subway rodent
49. Lead alloy
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54. Advise someone
59. Famous NYC museum
60. Ocean
61. Cathode-ray tube
62. Cologne
64. It starts with these two

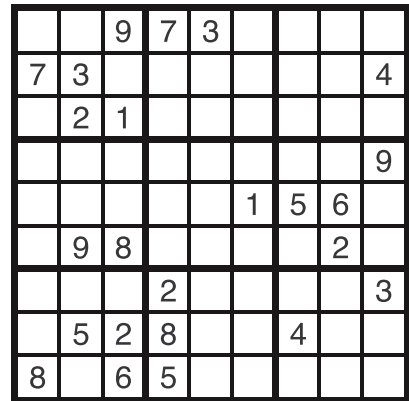
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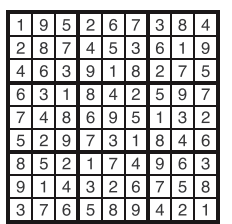
### CLUES DOWN

1. Body art
2. Boxing's GOAT
3. Film for posterity (abbr.)
4. Prayer
5. Calculating machine
6. Keyboard key
7. Outburst
8. Man-eating giants
9. New Hampshire
10. Type of sword
11. Counting
13. Pants style

### Sudoku



### Feb. 13 Solution



Level: Intermediate

## 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 WotW.


1. "Order in the \_\_\_!"
2. Spouse passed away
3. Godfather of Soul
4. Fully understands the topic
5. Winter weather report

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## Sports

## Hotchkiss girls on 15-game win streak

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Since losing the first game of the season, The Hotchkiss School's girls basketball team has been perfect.

The win streak extended to 14 following a visit to Kent School Feb. 12.

After winning the opening tip-off, Hotchkiss scored three quick baskets by Morgan Jenkins.

Kent managed to keep the game close and under control for the first half thanks in large part to Kaya Nuttall and Celeste Harper. Both made three pointers and were near-perfect from the free-throw line.

The first half ended with a Hotchkiss lead 30-24. The Bearcats pulled ahead in the second half with superior rebounding, shooting and play execution.

Hotchkiss' star seniors Morgan Jenkins and Kaila



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Eleanor Helm leads a fast break for Hotchkiss Feb. 12.

Richards were leaders on the court. Both surpassed 1,000 varsity points earlier this season.

Eleanor Helm of Hotchkiss added to the winning effort by sinking three-pointers with frequency and leading a coordinated plan of attack.

In the end, Hotchkiss defeated Kent 69-49.

Hotchkiss then defeated Taft School 66-55 on Feb. 15 and the Bearcats' season record improved to 15-1.

New England Prep School Athletic Council postseason tournaments begin in March.



Hotchkiss senior Morgan Jenkins reached the 1,000-point varsity milestone earlier this season.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Kyle McCarron

## McCarron wins silver at indoor state meet

By Riley Klein

Housatonic Valley Regional High School senior Kyle McCarron's 1600-meter time of 4:30.31 earned him second place in this year's indoor state meet. He was within two seconds of first-place finisher Matthew Kraszewski from Nathan Hale-Ray High School.

McCarron was one of eight runners to represent HVRHS in the 2025 Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class S indoor track meet at Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven Feb. 15. In addition to his 1600-meter silver medal, McCarron placed sixth in the 3200-meter run.

For the HVRHS girls, Mia Dodge placed fifth in the 55-meter hurdles. Dodge also placed fifth in the sprint medley relay with teammates Gabi Titone, Harper Howe and Kenzie Lotz. Howe placed eighth in the 600-meter race. Titone placed 10th in the 1600-meter race.

Patrick Money placed 10th in the boys 55-meter hurdles and 25th in the long jump. Money, Kyle McCarron, Silas Tripp and Peter Austin placed 12th as a team in the sprint medley relay.

## Wake surfing on Lake Waramaug faces uncertain future

By Alec Linden

KENT — A new study conducted at Lake Waramaug that explores the potential public safety and ecological risks of wake surfing has met some public pushback from some water sports enthusiasts.

The study was contracted by the towns of Washington, Warren and Kent — the three towns in which the lake is contained — in 2023 through the Lake Waramaug Interlocal Commission. The Lake Waramaug Task Force, a non-profit dedicated towards protecting the ecology and water quality of the lake, located infrastructure security and environmental services firm Terra Vigilis as a candidate to run the study. The group completed its research in 2024 and published its final report in December.

Washington hosted an informational meeting on the evening of Jan. 30, in which representatives of Terra Vigilis presented their findings and fielded questions from the public. Washington First Selectman James Brinton

emphasized that there would be no action or vote at the meeting, as it was meant to be purely informative.

Terra Vigilis CEO Timothy Tyre spoke to a busy Zoom audience as well as a robust live crowd at Bryan Memorial Town Hall in Washington Depot as he went through the findings, which primarily concerned impacts to the lake bottom from wake boats while operating in "surf mode."

Wake surfing is a sport in which the participant surfs on the wake of a heavy boat as it travels at slow speeds, usually between eight and ten miles per hour. Boats use various methods to produce a larger wake, though many modern designs rely on fillings ballasts — large sacks of water that weigh down certain parts of the hull — and other measures meant to push the stern of the boat deeper to displace more water, which then creates a higher and stronger wave.

Tyre compared the impacts of "large displacement waves" from wake boats in surf mode to the wakes cre-

ated by more traditional waterski craft, which are lighter and "plane" on the surface rather than displace water.

Tyre reported that their findings found that the wave heights from the large displacement waves were "two to four times higher" than those created by waterskiing and cruising vessels. He also said that propeller downwash from wake boats in surf mode was detected up to 26 feet in depth, while a traditional waterski boat would only cause disturbance at up to "eight or nine feet" of depth.

The disturbance caused by the deep propagation of energy, Tyre reported, caused "sediment redistribution with nutrient release," which includes the possibility of buried toxins being redistributed in the water column.

When the public comment section opened, several attendants wanted to know more about specific data regarding potential toxicity in the water, but Tyre was unable to provide satisfactory data as he said the study had not focused on measuring

the chemistry of the lake.

Other viewers, such as Keith Angel who resides along the lakeshore, questioned why tubing wasn't getting scrutiny when it also produces large wakes. Tyre said that the bottom line of the study's findings was that the waves produced by these boats in surf mode were fundamentally different from the wake of planing vessels.

Marc Rogg, who owns Echo Bay Marina on Candlewood Lake, questioned the horsepower figures Tyre used in his presentation, saying the power on the wake boats was overstated while waterski and casual craft's horsepower were under-represented. He also doubted the study's recommendation of a 500-foot buffer zone between a wake boat in surf mode and another vessel, the shore or other sensitive areas, claiming that the number was unprecedented amongst guidelines used elsewhere in the state and country.

Wake surfing is a relatively new presence on Connecticut's lakes, having erupted as a popular water-

sport in the U.S. over the past 15 years or so, and as such is not yet regulated by state statute beyond laws that apply to waterskiing. The rules that apply to wake surfing are the same as those mandated to vessels towing water skiers under Connecticut General Statute, 15-134.

In a follow-up interview, Selectman Brinton said that no new ordinances have been passed regulating watercraft on the lake since the 2016 ban of sea planes. He was also careful to point out that, at the time of the Jan. 30 meeting, no new ordinance regarding wake surfing was currently under review by the BOS.

The next steps, he said, were to hold discussions with the other towns and then take ideas produced in those talks back to the Selectmen. There is currently no mention of watercraft regulation on any posted BOS agenda in the three towns, though Brinton indicated that Warren and Kent may hold similar informational meetings to report the Terra Vigilis findings.

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