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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

At the affordable housing forum Feb. 22, Michelle Shipp, left, and Selectman Jennifer Markow present their group's ideas on how to maximize use of the 12-acre property slated for development.

Envisioning more affordable housing in Cornwall Bridge

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — With the homes selling for roughly triple pre-pandemic prices in Cornwall, solutions for attracting young families to town are in high demand.

More than 50 community members gathered at the Cornwall Library Feb. 22 to brainstorm potential uses of a 12-acre plot at 282 Kent Road.

The session was hosted by Cornwall Housing Corporation and Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity (LCCHO), who aim to develop the land with

up to 24 affordable units.

LCCHO Director Jocelyn Ayer described the project as “very early days” and the goal of the forum was to learn “the community vision for this site.”

The property is owned by David Berto, a housing consultant who purchased it at a tax lien sale in 2023. CHC has the option to buy the land from Berto for the purpose of creating housing.

Brownfield testing is underway courtesy of a grant from Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

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Daniela Brennan wins sportsmanship award

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Daniela Brennan is this year's winner of the Berkshire League Edward B. Kolakoski Sportsmanship Award.

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School senior received her trophy along with roaring applause after competing in the semifinal game of the 2025 Berkshire League tournament Feb. 21.

More Berkshire League basketball on Page B4.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Daniela Brennan



Waste not, want not

Towns scramble for trash plan amid contract confusion

By Jennifer Almquist

Municipal contracts with the state for refuse hauling expire in mid 2027. Before then, Northwest Corner towns must find a solution for municipal solid waste.

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG), a coalition of 21 town governments in the region, has for several years been weighing waste options. The prevailing plan as of February 2025 is to identify a central hub and create a regional waste authority to manage the operation.

To achieve this, NHCOG submitted an offer to purchase the existing Torrington Transfer Station, which has been operating since 1988, from the state agency Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority Dissolution Authority (MIRA-DA).

Currently the Torrington facility processes 25,000 tons per year of waste, recyclables, bulky items, and has a capacity to expand that to 60,000 tons. The 4.7-acre Torrington Transfer Station on Vista Drive is operated by a third-party contractor, Enviro Express Inc. in Bridgeport.

The Torrington site has an unused rail spur that could be used

for waste hauling. The projected total cost of operation of the Torrington Transfer Station for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$4,736,907 according to the dissolution authority.

Since the Hartford plant closed in July of 2022, MIRA-DA operates just two transfer stations in the state: one in Essex and one in Torrington.

Waste received at the Torrington Transfer Station is consolidated onto transfer trailers then delivered to the Keystone sanitary landfill in Pennsylvania. Recycling is consolidated onto transfer trailers and delivered to privately operated processing facilities in Willimantic or Berlin, where it is sorted, baled, and sold to be made into new consumer products.

Of the 21 towns in the Northwest Corner, 11 still maintain a contract with MIRA-DA. The remainder of the towns have hired private haulers, such as USA Waste and Recycling.

“It is in the public interest to try to keep some public option for our trash disposal in the Northwest Hills, especially for small towns that generally do not have a lot of staff.”

— Gordon Ridgway, Cornwall First Selectman

NHCOG members have been operating on the understanding that they have until June 30, 2027, to secure new contracts. It was recently learned that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is the successor agency to MIRA-DA effective July 1, 2025. Town representatives were surprised to learn that DAS is not required to honor existing town contracts. The actual contractual expiration date is unclear, which has caused confusion they hope to resolve.

Winchester Mayor and Administrator of the Barkhamsted Transfer Station Todd Arcelaschi said “Forming a regional waste authority is much more complicated than just the NHCOG simply forming one. Once one is formed, it would then be up to all the towns to take

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South Kent School debuts gaming team

By Alec Linden

KENT — A new esports team is set to level up the competitive spirit at South Kent School.

The Cardinals introduced virtual competition to their extracurricular offerings this winter, joining a growing movement among secondary and higher education institutions that embrace the social and cognitive benefits of digital gaming.

“Esports as a whole is an emerging industry,” said South Kent Informational Technologies Technician and newly-appointed esports coach Aron Kowalski.

Kowalski posited that esports — which is the term to describe the expanding world of recreational and professional competitive video games — shares much in common with more traditional team sports, focusing on “communication, leadership and hand-eye coordination” among other skill sets.

Kowalski originally pitched the concept of an esports team to the school.



PHOTO BY GABBY ANDERSON/SOUTH KENT SCHOOL

Video game enthusiasts at South Kent School can now put their skills to the test on the esports team.

“We like to call him a founding member,” said South Kent Director of Communications Sarah Chase in a joint interview with Kowalski and co-coach Joe Barowski, who is a calculus and physics teacher

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A.G. Tong to lead immigration forum at Trinity Lime Rock March 6

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — Following the November election, a group of local residents became very concerned about the new administration's stand on deporting those lacking legal status.

Jill Drew of Sharon said, “We wondered what we could do and the answer emerged; protect the vulnerable.” And so was born Vecinos Seguros 2, which translated is “Safe Neighbors.”

In addition to a host of initiatives, the group is hosting a community immigration forum featuring Connecticut Attorney General William Tong on Thursday, March 6, at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lime Rock Church,

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Online This Week

Salisbury vs. Hotchkiss hockey

The Crimson Knights hosted the Bearcats Feb. 26. 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.

Traveling too fast

On Friday, Feb. 14, at approximately 8:30 a.m. Diane Wingard, 61, of Falls Village was traveling north on North Elm Street in North Canaan in a 2018 Audi SQ5 and applied brakes to stop at the Stop sign at Route 7. Her anti-lock brakes activated and the Audi slid, colliding with a 2012 Toyota Highlander driven by Peter Handlowich, 84, of Ashley Falls. Wingard was issued an infraction for traveling too fast for conditions. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Snowy road conditions

On Friday, Feb. 14, Whitney Thorpe-cole, 37, of Nortolk, was westbound on Route 44 in the area of Ashpohtaug Road in Norfolk in a 2020 Toyota 4runner, losing control due to snowy conditions. The vehicle left the road and sustained disabling damage, requiring a tow. Thorpe-cole received a warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

'Act of nature'

On Saturday, Feb. 15, at approximately midnight, Michael Langendofer, 57, of Norfolk, was northbound on Route 272 near the entrance to Haystack Mountain Park in a 1997 Toyota 4runner when the vehicle

encountered black ice, running off the road and striking a guardrail. The vehicle was towed from the scene. No enforcement was issued to this "act of nature," the trooper concluded.

Icy roads

On Sunday, Feb. 16, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Cora Rydingsword, 22, of Lakeville, was eastbound on Route 44 near Ore Hill Road in Salisbury when icy roads caused the 2011 Honda Pilot to spin and crash into an embankment. Rydingsword was given a verbal warning for violation of a statute requiring tires to be in safe operating condition. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Hits utility pole

On Sunday, Feb. 16 at approximately 3:45 p.m., Keegan Olsen, 19, of Falls Village, was southbound on Sand Road in North Canaan in a 1998 Acura when the back end of the vehicle lost traction due to slushy conditions, resulting in a collision with a utility pole. Olsen was transported to Sharon Hospital for a minor head injury. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and the driver was issued a warning for traveling too fast for 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

Goshen real estate sales in 2025

By Christine Bates

GOSHEN — The year began with strong sales continuing at a median price of \$642,500.

January tends to be a slow month in most of the area's towns and only six real estate transfers were recorded in Goshen with only one property selling for more than \$500,000. By the end of February four homes and eight parcels of land were listed for sale. With the weather lately, the spring selling season doesn't seem likely to start early.

Transactions

113 Torrington Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.86 acres sold by Dina Y. Bernard to James C. and Michelle L. Bernard for \$500,000.

221 North St., Unit 2 — Commercial condo, building with 2 bedrooms/1 full bath, 2 half baths on 1.76 acres sold by Robert P. and Deborah W.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Unit 2 of 221 North St. in Goshen sold for \$375,000.

Valentine to Dustin Mosley for \$375,000.

27 Tyler Lake Heights — 2 bedroom/1 bath home sold by Ronda L. Capitano to Jeffrey W. Hennig for \$420,000.

Hemlock Hill Camp Resort — Unit C sold by Benjamin E. and Kristin Corbin to David C. Nunner and Joseph Barese III for \$11,000.

56 East Hyerdale — 4 bedroom/2 bath home sold by Jill Stayman and Wendy G. Weiner to Wendy G. Weiner for \$516,750.

Canterbury Court, Woodridge Lake Lot 232 — .91 acres sold by Mary, William and Will Osborne to Alan Brennan and Janet Marlow for \$30,000.

*Town of Goshen real estate transfers, provided by the Goshen 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.

BD supports North Canaan families

NORTH CANAAN — Becton, Dickinson and Company has partnered with Community Health & Wellness to provide emergency assistance to approximately 150 families in the North Canaan-area by issuing gift cards and vouchers for food, utilities and other critical household necessities.

CHWC was awarded the

grant from the BD Community Investment Fund, which issued a total of \$2 million across 27 BD communities to support expanded access to preventative care, nutrition, housing and education.

"We are grateful to BD for their generous support," stated Joanne Borduas, CEO of Community Health & Wellness, in a press release Feb. 13. "This funding will make

a significant difference in the lives of families in our community, helping them meet immediate needs while also providing the tools and resources necessary for long-term stability and improved health outcomes."

Sien Avalos, director of Social Investing at BD and vice president of the BD Foundation, stated, "Community Health & Wellness

is empowering a historically underrepresented population to develop skillsets that can lead to higher health outcomes, and we are proud to play a role in supporting their mission."

BD has operated its facility in North Canaan since 1961. It is a major provider of disposable hypodermic syringes and specialty products to the medical field.

Salisbury Family Services sends children to camp

Salisbury Family Services, a local non-profit organization serving residents of the Town of Salisbury, will provide scholarships to summer camp for the children of qualifying families.

Assistance is given for resident and day camps, special needs, arts and sports camps.

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Foundational work

Work began on an affordable housing site on Perry Street in Lakeville last week. The Salisbury Housing Trust plans two homes on the site.

Our Towns

Communal hub seeks support

By Ruth Epstein

CORNWALL — In this town, many civic events are held at the United Church of Christ's parish house. Lacking space elsewhere, many organizations use the building on Bolton Hill Road to bring people together for a variety of offerings.

But, as the Board of Selectmen heard at its meeting on Feb. 18, the historic structure has infrastructure needs, and church officials hope the town can provide some assistance.

Bill Berry, chairman of the church's board of trustees, gave a presentation in which he noted the parish house hosts functions that extend beyond those of the church.

While they are pleased to be able to serve the community, escalating costs to maintain the structure have stretched the church's resources and limited its ability to pay for needed upkeep.

"We are hopeful that the



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Members of the United Church of Christ board of trustees asked the Board of Selectmen if the town would consider placing an appropriation in the budget to help fund the operation of its parish house, which is basically used as a community center.

town, in light of increased civic use of our space, can help with these matters, he said."

Berry spoke of the numerous ways in which the building is used, including the housing of the food pantry and medical equipment program. "Those are im-

portant ways that the UCC touches the lives of Cornwall residents and the Northwest Corner. Our parish house facility is, in many ways, Cornwall's community center."

It contains a kitchen licensed by Torrington Area Health District, allowing such gatherings as the New Year's Day pancake breakfast and monthly senior breakfasts and lunches put on by the Park and Recreation Commission. The hall also is prepared to be a warming and phone-charging center during prolonged electrical outages.

Berry explained that the church does charge some modest fees to help defray operating costs, that include electricity, propane and heating oil, but maintaining a historic building can be costly.

A few groups give a contribution and this year Park and Recreation has put \$3,000 in its proposed budget to pay for its use of the building.

Berry, touching on the

premise of separation of church and state, emphasized that any money coming from the town would be earmarked for maintaining the facility and not put toward any religious function.

When asked to give a figure that the church is thinking about, Berry said perhaps about \$15,000.

In researching its history, Berry said he learned from Jerry Blakey that the building was once part of Rumsey Hall, a private boarding and day school for boys. In 1949, the school moved to Washington, Conn. The school's buildings had been owned by the town for which the school paid rent. Eventually the buildings became privately owned.

"In 1970, the parish house was moved a few hundred feet to its current location and became part of the UCC," he said.

Berry estimates the building to be approximately 90 to 100 years old.

During the comment period, Michelle Shipp, chairman of Park and Recreation, said she and Park and Recreation Director Jennifer Markow (who is also a selectman) have been talking about the need for a town community center and that other residents have told her they believe it is needed.

"But they are clear they don't want to build a new one," she said. "The answer is always the parish house."

First Selectman Gordon M. Ridgway said that while he understands the need to maintain the building, the proposed budget is already tighter than they'd like. He said the board will have to be creative and see how it might be able to give some help.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

The committee that oversees the Salisbury-Sharon transfer station heard a pitch for a new fee schedule.

'Pay as you throw' may replace yearly sticker fee system

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Salisbury-Sharon transfer station manager Brian Bartram brought up replacing the current yearly sticker fee for a unit-based pricing system at the regular meeting of the Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Bartram made it clear that he was bringing it up for discussion in the context of ongoing uncertainty over where Salisbury and Sharon will be able to ship municipal solid waste and single stream recycling in the future.

"This is not a hill I'm going to die on," he said.

Bartram explained that unit-based pricing, also known as "Pay As You Throw," replaces the yearly sticker fee with special garbage bags that residents must buy. Trash must be in one of these bags.

Bartram pointed out that households that generate small amounts of garbage pay the same as households that

generate much more under the current system.

To make sure only Salisbury and Sharon residents — full- and part-time — use the transfer station, Bartram recommended using a camera that records the license plate of the vehicle, which is coordinated with town grand lists.

This eliminates another problem that arises when a household's vehicle with the sticker is unavailable.

Bartram added that some residents dislike having a sticker on their windshield.

Asked if going to unit-based pricing would result in a reduction in overall trash tonnage, Bartram said it probably would, as residents make different choices regarding what they buy and how the items are packaged.

He cautioned any difference would not be enormous, as Salisbury and Sharon residents already "do a fantastic job" on separating solid waste from recycling and getting the overall tonnage down.

Agritourism takes center stage at P&Z meeting

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — A local farmer met with the Planning and Zoning Commission during its regular meeting on Feb. 18 for a pre-application discussion surrounding altering zoning regulations surrounding agritourism.

Robert Taylor, who runs Sleepy Cow Farm in Lakeville, was joined by attorney Daniel Casagrande of Cramer & Anderson LLP to present the proposed amendment to the regulations. Salisbury currently does not have explicit zoning for agritourism businesses, and Casagrande and Taylor urged that the commission consider allowing agritourism on local farms via special permit approval.

Casagrande presented a draft of the proposed regulation to the commission, defining agritourism as an "activity conducted on a farm that is offered to a member of the general public or to invited guests for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation."

The draft offered examples of agritourism activities, including hay rides, produce picking, petting farms, wedding or event hosting and pumpkin patches, among others.

The regulation draft stated that activities categorized as agritourism be allowed in the RR-1 (residential) zone given that it complies with the proposed restrictions, which include specifications and limitations regarding acreage, parking, location and operating hours. The draft is available for public review on P&Z's meeting documents

webpage.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens expressed hesitation to alter zoning regulations in reference to a single applicant, citing public misunderstanding following a 2024 alteration to hotel zoning that allowed for restricted hotel development in the RR-1 zone.

Klemens instead advocated for addressing the lack of agritourism zoning as part of a broader overhaul of Salisbury's zoning regulations that is planned to ramp up over the next year.

Klemens maintained that addressing farms and farm operations — including agritourism — in the zoning review is a top priority: "We have a lot of work to do... if we're going to protect farms and the farm way of life — not just have them be a backdrop to development, but actually to have real farms."

Other commissioners similarly expressed their desire to see the town's farms flourish, but agreed with Klemens that any amendments to zoning regulations must be done carefully and according to process. Klemens said that it may take a year to 18 months to establish new zoning regulations surrounding agritourism.

Attorney Casagrande said he was disappointed that the proposal wasn't well received, but said that the conversation was productive and expressed his desire to continue collaborating with the commission as it moves towards altering the regulations. "There's a lot of good stuff that came out of tonight that I think we can work on, and we can work on it quickly and effectively," he said.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

FFA appreciation

State Representative Maria Horn, D-64, and Housatonic Valley Regional High School Principal Ian Strever read an official proclamation designating last week as "FFA Week" on Thursday, Feb. 20. Horn said to the FFA members, "You are a role model for the rest of us."

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Cornwall reconsiders minimum lot size due to lack of new construction

By Ruth Epstein

CORNWALL — The Board of Selectmen, at its meeting on Feb. 18, approved sending a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission asking for revisions to the regulations.

The board requested the commission address two sections listed in the town plan: allowing people to build on smaller lots and revising buildable area requirements for any new houses, noting that Cornwall's present requirement of three to five-acre minimum lot sizes is the

largest in the region, if not the state.

In making the suggestion, the selectmen speak of the inflation that has caused a housing crisis here and nationally.

"The median price of houses sold in Cornwall last fall was reported to have soared to over a million dollars, up from \$350,000 four years ago," the letter reads. "There are also few houses and properties for sale in town. The impact of this housing shortage is large and immediate in Cornwall. Young people have to leave town or live with parents, young families are prevent-

ed from moving here, school populations go down and elderly residents are moving out after many years in the community."

The selectmen also pointed out the lack of construction is causing the tax base to stagnate at a time when demand for services is increasing. This year saw a decline in the grand list.

"We believe that allowing people to build on smaller lots will help alleviate this housing supply problem," the selectmen wrote. "It should make it easier for people of ordinary means, who the town relies on, to live here."

The letter was also signed by Jill Cutler, chairman of the Affordable Housing Commission.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Salisbury School Jazz Ensemble played "Idle Moments" by Grant Green.

Student musicians perform

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The annual Student Open Recital was held at Salisbury Congregational Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23. It was the 43rd year of the event, which features local student musicians and their teachers.

There were three strong solo piano pieces. Daniel

Leach played Dave Brusin's "On Golden Pond," Michael Spaulding performed Lelio Luttazzi's "Souvenir d'Italie," and Ishaan Tantri negotiated the difficult first movement of Beethoven's "Sonata Pathétique." All three played with confidence and flair.

The Indian Mountain School Advanced Ensemble played two familiar selec-

tions, "Morning Mood" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from Edvard Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite."

The Salisbury School Jazz Ensemble, featuring the rock-solid bass of Max Koh and fluid electric guitar solos by Tate Harblin, played "Idle Moments" by Grant Green and a bossa nova by Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Kent seeks grant for Swift House

By Alec Linden

KENT — The town of Kent has applied for a grant of \$1 million to renovate the Swift House after months of deliberation surrounding the historic structure.

The new plan for the building "brings the majority of the building back into use on a full-time basis," said First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer.

The proposed layout includes a new location for the town food bank, which would be moved from its current location in the basement of the Kent Community House. The space would feature designated rooms for both cold and dry storage and an attached kitchenette. The remainder of the rear portion would consist of a large meeting space and adjoining porch, which Lindenmayer said could serve many purposes, from lectures and workshops to cocktail receptions.

The section of the building which faces Maple Street is the oldest section of the structure — a history of the building is available on the Swift House Task Force webpage — and will remain largely unchanged, reported Lindenmayer. This section will house new offices for Kent Social Services — "a more targeted space for Social Services programs," said Lindenmayer — alongside an additional meeting space.

The funding being sought by the BOS is a reimbursement grant from the state's Small Town Economic Assistance Program, commonly known as a STEAP grant. Lindenmayer said that if the \$1 million were awarded, the

town has enough money in its Capital Plan already allocated toward the Swift House project to cover the remainder of the approximately \$1.47 million estimate.

At the Feb. 18 meeting, Lindenmayer expressed confidence in the town's chances for the funding: "I think we have as good a shot as anybody," he said. "We're doing something a little different."

Awards for this round of STEAP grants are anticipated to be announced on or near April 3.

Town seeking brownfield assessment

Another grant application under review at the Feb. 18 meeting was for an assessment of a brownfield property at 3 Segar Mountain Road. The grant, which has a maximum allowance of \$200,000, would fund an inspection of the site to determine its safety and viability for future use.

Lindenmayer described the assessment process as the first step toward a suite of additional state funding which could "move [the] property towards functional benefit to the town."

The lot spans just over 5 acres near the intersection of South Kent Road and Segar Mountain Road, containing two factory structures totaling 2,200 square feet. It is the former site of the Berkshire Transformer Corporation plant, which dumped contaminating solvents into the earth before it closed in the late 1990s. It is listed as a Superfund Site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The property is currently up for sale, and Lindenmayer said there have been "two or three" interested parties.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Alexandra Peters spoke in Salisbury Feb. 22.

Studying schoolgirl samplers at Scoville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Alexandra Peters of Sharon spoke about the exhibit of samplers from her collection at the Salisbury Association's Academy Building at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, Feb. 22.

The exhibit, titled Birth, Death and Alphabets: The Enduring Legacy of Schoolgirl Needleworks before 1850, is on display through April 30.

Sewing was a standard skill before the Industrial Revolution, Peters said. Every scrap of fabric was used and reused.

"Women love sewing, still do, regardless of social class."

Peters showed slides of paintings of young girls sewing, and took exception to the common perception that the bowed heads of the sewing woman indicates subservience.

"The head tilted down is to see!" she said emphatically. "It's a discipline coming from inside."

Peters has an extensive

collection with over 150 items and counting. Some are astonishingly intricate scenes of mourning. Some provide a genealogy, which Peters then follows up on.

Some demonstrate skills such as different types of darning methods. And there are the familiar alphabets.

Peters said she stays on top of auctions and has built up a network of trustworthy dealers. Even so, sometimes she gets the short end of a transaction.

One item came in and looked very nice from the front, and not so great from the rear.

This was backwards, she realized. If the piece had been on display for decades, the front would be faded and the back in better shape. She concluded the item had been touched up.

Peters noted that the display apparatus at the Academy Building allows her to do something unusual — to display pieces so they can be seen from both sides, the better to appreciate the skill and craft involved.

Selectmen present draft spending plan

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Insurance rates, tree removals and public safety costs are driving a more than 5% increase of municipal expenses in Cornwall next year.

The Board of Selectmen's draft spending proposal for the 2025-26 fiscal year was presented to the Board of Finance Feb. 20.

The bottom line totaled \$2,543,651, an increase of 5.55% compared to the 2024-25 municipal budget of \$2,408,979.

The largest increase to a single line item was insurance, which went up by \$33,027 due to rising rates.

Highway administration increased \$24,793. Part of this went toward a raise for two longstanding personnel and the rest is to cover necessary tree removal.

Public safety costs went up by \$16,900. This increase covers service incentives to active first responders and complete physicals for members.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway noted this increase reflects a robust volunteer force in Cornwall.

"Sort of a good situation to be in because other towns have had to go to a non-volunteer system," Ridgway said.

Ridgway noted the selectmen intend to revisit the proposal to get the increase below 5%.

"We haven't sharpened our pencil yet," Ridgway said.

In capital spending, the total is up by \$55,000, or 7.6%, primarily for repairs to town buildings including the roofs on Town Hall and the Hammond Beach house.

Region One shared preliminary assessment numbers for Cornwall's district contribution earlier in February. Board of Finance Chairman Joe Pryor recalled the total for next year is "almost exactly even" to the current year's assessment.

The Board of Education will present its spending plan at the next regular finance meeting March 6 at 7 p.m.

New date set for housing development public hearing

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The public hearing and site visit for a proposed 24-unit housing development has been postponed to March 12.

The site visit is open to the public and is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at the lower level of the Sharon Medical Arts Building, weather per-

mitting. The public hearing will immediately follow at 5 p.m. at Sharon Town Hall.

The proposal details a 24-unit condominium to be constructed on a newly merged parcel of 8.02 acres that spans the terrain between 67 Hospital Hill Rd. and 82 Amenia Rd. The applicant has dubbed the project "Hospital Hill Village Housing."

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The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 6, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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OBITUARIES

Anna Christina Kardon

NAPLES, Fla. — Anna Christina (“Chris”) Kardon, the cherished wife of Paul Kardon, M.D., for 63 years, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 5, 2025.



Born in the Philippines in 1937, while her father served there with General Douglas MacArthur, she grew up in Northern California. After receiving her B.A. degree from Reed College, she moved east to attend the Columbia University School of Social Work, from which she received an M.S.W. in 1960. During the summer between her two years at Columbia, she worked at a camp in New Jersey for orthopedically handicapped children, where she met her future husband, Paul, then a medical student. Paul’s training career took them to Brooklyn, Chicago, Manhattan, and two years in the Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. At each location, Chris worked as a clinical Psychiatric Social Worker. They settled in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1971, where she continued her practice and worked and taught at the Adelphi University School of Social Work.

Chris and Paul retired to Naples in 2000. Once in Naples, she studied to become a Master Naturalist and worked as a volunteer docent with the Friends of Barefoot Beach Learning Center for 30 years. Chris also volunteered at the Shelter for Abused Women and Children for 15 years.

A voracious reader, she was usually in the middle of reading a book — or two. In the summer, at their cottage

in upstate New York, she could always be found in the tiny kitchen, having just returned home from a local farmers market, and preparing to cook or preserve the day’s bounty. A gifted seamstress, her handiwork produced, among other things, recyclable gift bags made out of old fabric. Her numerous friends can attest to her spirit of adventure, as they were cajoled into going on offbeat local trips with her, including swamp walks. With an agile mind and a positive outlook, she seized every opportunity, every day, and she lived life to the fullest. In the face of tragedy, as with the passing of her son, Craig, one year ago, she was stalwart.

In addition to her husband, survivors include her daughter, Gabrielle Kardon; a granddaughter, Krista (Hunter) Kardon-Thompson; one great-grandson, Bryce Thompson; her sister, Melinda (John) Hall; two nieces, and two nephews; and three great-nieces and two great-nephews.

A memorial will be held at a later date. Contributions in her memory may be sent to Reed College, www.reed.edu/givingtoreed/online-giving; Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-southwest-central-florida; and the League of Women Voters of Collier County, www.lwvcolliercounty.org/, designated for the LWCC Endowment Fund in memory of Chris Kardon.

William Manasse

SHARON — William Jeffrey Manasse, 74, of Sharon, passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 18, surrounded by family and friends, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Born to Edward Lincoln Manasse and Audrey Olsen Manasse Prindle, step-son of Stuart E. Prindle, William (aka “Bill”) was a devoted son, brother, husband, uncle and friend.

Bill was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School (Class of 1968) and the University of Connecticut (Class of 1976), and a graduate of the Western New England School of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree (Class of 1980). He was admitted to the Federal District Court Bar in 1983. He was a highly respected attorney with the Manasse, Slaiby, and Leard Law Firm in Kent and Torrington and member of the Litchfield County Bar Association. Bill had a keen legal mind, especially regarding property matters.

His commitment to public service was evident in his twenty four years of service on Sharon’s Planning and Zoning Committee. He also served as Vice President of Sharon Housing Authority and President of the Ellsworth Burial Ground Association. In all things, Bill dedicated his life to serving others. William was passionate about American history. He was zealous about and devoted to his closely knit family and he also served as the family historian, exploring family genealogies in both Norway and the U.S. He and Debbie loved traveling together, especially to the Amish country of Pennsylvania and to the United Kingdom. Treasured journeys were to Norway, the homeland of his Olsen ances-

tors, and to Outer Mongolia with his brother Edward.

A public servant, and a dedicated family man, William will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and unwavering commitment to those he loved.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah Manasse of Sharon; his brothers, Edward Walter (aka “Butch”) Manasse of Parrish, Florida and Warren Prindle of Sharon; brother and sister-in-law David and Jean Lichtel of Lakeland, Florida, sister-in-law Amy Lichtel of Berkley, Michigan, and brother-in-law Patrick Lichtel of Dalton, Massachusetts, and his cherished nieces and nephews, Christine Manasse, Edward Alvin Manasse, Stuart Prindle, Tahlia Prindle, and Ethan William Prindle.

Calling hours will be held at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, on Friday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. A private burial for the family will take place at the Ellsworth Burial Ground. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Contact Warren at (860)364-0535. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

GREENWICH — On Feb. 17, 2025, the world said goodbye to a man whose laughter was as infectious as his spirit was inspiring. Robert “Bob” E. Battis, born on Sept. 17, 1935, in Amesbury, Massachusetts, to the late, George and Laura “Milly” (Burke) Battis. Bob lived a life filled with humor, dedication, and a love for his family that knew no bounds.

A natural-born storyteller, Bob had a knack for spinning a yarn that could leave you doubled over with laughter one moment and deeply moved the next. His jokes were the highlight of every family gathering, and his passion for UCONN Basketball and local high school sports added an extra layer of excitement to every game season.

Bob served his country proudly in the United States Army as an expert marksman from 1958 to 1960. He

was part of the 1959 rifle team that won the Prix Clerc competition in Germany. He was a man of many talents, and he applied his dedication to everything he did. He was born on a farm and spent most of his life in agriculture. He was a



nutritionist for over 30 years at Blue Seal feeds, becoming a familiar and friendly face to all he encountered. He was a member of the Guernsey Cattle Club and the Holstein Association, and showed dairy cattle in 42 states and in Canada. When he was young, he was part of the Box Car boys, who cared for show herds on trains as they traveled the country.

Even after retiring, he continued to work part-time for NAPA Auto Store in Greenwich, a testament

to his tireless work ethic. But work was not his only passion. A proud member of the Battenkill Country Club, Bob was an avid golfer and recorded two hole-in-ones with his cadre of golf buddies. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and dancing with

his beloved wife, Nancy.

However, what mattered most to Bob was his family. He was the loving husband to his wife, Nancy Battis; a dedicated father to his children, Dave Battis, Leslie (David) Battis and Susan (Robert) Battis; a doting grandfather to Daniel Cronin, Lydia Beers, and Sean Battis; and a proud great-grandfather to Izabella Cronin. He is also survived by his sister, Marie Peckham, and her three children. His love for his family was a beacon that guided him through life.

As Mark Twain once said, “The secret of success is making your vocation your vacation.” Bob embraced this idea, blending his love for work, hobbies, sports, and most importantly, his fam-

ily into a life that was rich, fulfilling, and inspiring. His jokes, stories, and infectious laughter will forever resonate in the hearts of those who knew him.

Family and friends may pay their respects to Bob and his family from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Flynn Bros, Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY, 12834.

His memorial service will be held the following day, Friday, March 21, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment with full military honors will follow his service at 11:30 a.m. at the Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Rd, Schuylerville, NY, 12834.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad, PO Box 84, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

We invite all who knew Bob to share their memories and upload photos to his memorial page at www.flynnbrosinc.com. Let us come together to celebrate a life that was filled with laughter, love, and a dedication that inspired us all.

Donna Lee Peterson

SHARON — Donna Lee (O’Dell) Peterson, age 63, of Sharon Valley, passed away on Feb. 18, 2025.



Donna was born on Feb. 6, 1962, in Sharon, the daughter of Edward and Donna O’Dell.

Donna was a cherished wife, mother, daughter, sister and grandmother. Donna’s heart was as boundless as her passions for nature, animals and literature. Her laugh was infectious, and her spirit, gentle yet strong, was a beacon of light to all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Peter, and three sons; Lance, Chad and Jake,

mother, Donna, sister, Rebecca, and brother, Eric.

She was predeceased by her father, Edward, brothers; Edward and Micheal, and niece Brittany.

Donna is survived by many other family members and friends who will remember her for her warmth, and the way she always made everyone feel special. She will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Calling hours will be held at Kenny Funeral Home on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All other services are private.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Barbara Lynn Turner Miller

MILLERTON — Barbara Lynn Turner Miller, 79, formerly of Brant Lake, New York and Amenia, died peacefully on Friday evening, Feb. 21, 2025, to join her husband, Robert, who is waiting with open arms to welcome her to a life beyond.



Lynn was born Jan. 30, 1946, in Sharon, to the late James C. and Mildred P. (Ahearn) Turner. She was a graduate of Roe-Jan High School and attended Albany Business College.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a grandson, Dustin J. Hotaling.

Lynn is survived by her children; Stacy Hurn and her husband Jesse, Tara Morey and her partner Alex and Ryan Hotaling; her stepchildren, Jamie (James) Dunn and Robert J. Miller; her grandchildren, Kenneth, Cory (Gina), Dillon (Alyssa) Hotaling, Tyler (Aliana) Morey and Trent Morey; step granddaughter, Kylee Miller and step grandson, Luke Robert Dunn; great grandchildren, Hailey, Jordan, Blaze, Sophie and Lucas Hotaling; her brother, James S. Turner and his wife Beverly; her brother-in-law, Glenn

Miller and many nieces and nephews.

Lynn’s employers while living in Dutchess County were Saint Francis Hospital, Aon Corporation, The Culinary Institute of America, Alfa Laval and Wassiac Developmental Center. Following her relocation to Warren County, New York in 2002, she was employed by Lincoln Logs Ltd., until her retirement in 2007.

Lynn enjoyed baking, her annual camping trips with Bob and other occasional trips throughout their marriage. At Lynn’s request there will be no calling hours. A Memorial Mass will take place at a later date and will be announced on the funeral home website. Memorial contributions may be made to Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY or American Cancer Society, 2678 South Road, Suite 103, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Arrangements have been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Lynn’s memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

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Worship Services Week of March 2, 2025	
<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God’s shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd, Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 455-2627</p>	<p>St. John’s Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God’s people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of New CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. WHAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE? For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School “Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors” The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall 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>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 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>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. During Lent, Presanctified Liturgy Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Akathists to the Virgin Mary Fridays at 6:30 PM Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 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>
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Run-up to the Revolution, VII

For the love of freedom

On Jan. 24, 1775, Lord Dartmouth, the British secretary of state, directed all the royal governors in America to prevent the appointment of delegates to the Second Continental Congress, scheduled for early May. Two days later, when American representatives in London, among them Benjamin Franklin, sought to address Parliament to explain the recent American petitions to the King and Parliament, their request was rejected by a vote of 218 to 68.

On the following day, Jan. 27, Dartmouth directed his subordinate, General Thomas Gage, in Boston, then serving both as the governor of Massachusetts and the leader of all the Crown's troops in the colonies, to arrest local former and future delegates to the forthcoming Second Congress, and to seize gunpowder and arms that might be used in any potential rebellion against the Crown. The letter was delayed, first

THE LONG VIEW
TOM SHACHTMAN

"a love of freedom," and pointed out that when their freedoms were threatened, Americans became understandably "suspicious, restive, and intractable." He warned that Americans possessed unusual strengths that the British did not share: they had popularly-elected local governments to which they responded well; they were nurtured in dissent by the multiplicity of religions functioning on their soil; they particularly understood freedom because of slavery in their midst; and their education stressed the law, making them more acutely attentive to individuals' rights. Attempts to curtail Americans' liberty, he prophesied, would only foment greater rebellion. Burke's proposals,

[MP Edmund] Burke painted the "predominating feature" of the American people as "a love of freedom," and pointed out that when their freedoms were threatened, Americans became understandably "suspicious, restive, and intractable."

by the need for bureaucratic tweaks and then by being borne across the Atlantic on a particularly slow boat. Earlier, Dartmouth had rejected Gage's request for more men and munitions as unwarranted — all Gage had to do, Dartmouth believed, was arrest a few key leaders like John Adams and John Hancock, and any incipient rebellion would collapse. Yet others in the British government were alarmed enough by the growing prospect of armed rebellion to dispatch a few boatloads of troops and high-ranking officers to the colonies. After all, Gage had only 3,500 troops, nearly all concentrated in Boston.

By then the American boycott of British goods had begun to bite, with pain being felt by many in the British Isles. And in small and large American communities, alongside governing structures for enforcing the boycott, the stockpiling of weapons, powder, and ammunition, and the training of militias were in process.

It was in this atmosphere that Parliament adopted Lord North's "conciliation plan" (discussed in my previous article), decried as no more than highway robbery by Franklin and such British independent thinkers as MP Edmund Burke.

On March 22, in a speech to Parliament that was remarkable not only in its opposition to the growing push to come down hard on the American colonies but also for its insight into the character of the potential rebels, Burke painted the "predominating feature" of the American people as

based on lowering tensions and a lessening of the colonists' tax burdens, were rejected by a 270 to 78 vote.

Shortly, the recently widowed Benjamin Franklin, after a decade abroad, set sail for home.

In most American colonies, when royal governors dissolved legislatures and otherwise attempted to enforce the Crown's will, the popularly-selected legislators reconvened in other locations and under other banners. On March 23, one such alternate gathering was being held in St. John's Church in Richmond to select delegates to the Second Congress. Some present wanted to be more accommodating to the governor and the king — but not Patrick Henry.

This avowed rebel, after having been shunted aside at the First Continental Congress as being too radical for the moment, dismissed any talk of seeking peace, because "the war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? ... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Next time: the battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775.

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



The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. each Monday. You may email letters to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. Please limit letters to 500 words. Include town and phone number. Letters are subject to condensation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why it's wrong to focus on differences

I recently read Natalia Zuckerman's very moving account about attending the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Some years ago I was part of a week-long, Buddhist-led retreat at these two camps set three miles apart. The retreat was called Bearing Witness, and still takes place annually. About 200 people of different faiths and nationalities spent the days bearing witness to the atrocities committed, reading the names of the dead, saying Kaddish and other prayers, sitting in silence in areas where unbearable suffering took place. A

few attendees were children of survivors, a few children of Nazi soldiers. Our nights were spent in discussion and communion.

If you have spent any time at these concentration camps, your life view is forever changed. Therefore, it is unimaginable to me that VP Vance would visit Dachau in the morning, only to meet with the leader of the far-right German party in the afternoon. Vance's belief in some version of white Christian nationalism "trumped" his ability to understand where such ideology, based on the supremacy of one

group of people over everyone else, led in the past and could lead in the future.

Making one group of people into "the other," as Trump has done with the undocumented, with transpeople, and other groups, is therefore right out of the Nazi playbook in which anti-Semitism was used to bind together and blind the German people. The astonishing fact about the Nazis was that after their extermination of the Jews, dissidents, homosexuals, the Romani, the disabled, they planned to double the size of Birkenau, already 10,000 acres!, to kill all the

slavs, a vast group of people that numbered hundreds of millions. By this means they would gain world domination.

I am not making any direct analogy to the present, only suggesting that using an Us vs. Them mentality as a political tool, and focusing on the differences in people, be it skin color, origin, status, religion, is a tool that can be used to gain domination and bring suffering. We must recognize it as such in order to stand against it.

Barbara Maltby
Lakeville

Venturing out into snow and ice? How about some thoughts on staying put

Of course the huge majority of car crashes are mishaps, unintentional, inadvertent or inattentive, but then the car can't crash itself, most often the drivers look for other conditions or circumstances that contributed. "Not my fault" Unfortunately for them, minor or severe, Isaac Newton, who has been helpful and even fun can be suddenly, 'All of a Sudden!', unforgiving, unsympathetic.

Venturing out into snow and ice conditions? Sometimes the better judgment is to stay put, rather than yielding to the pressures of convenience, expediency and promptness. A building storm is worse than a clearing storm! Driving is an individual enterprise and often requires social interaction, often ignoring the increased risk and hazards of your momentum on

reduced surface-traction handling; longer braking (if any traction is available) and trajectory maneuvering. The weather is inconsiderate of what your car's manufacturer proposed as increased capability, all cars (!) and tires (!) are subject to the very nearly the same skidding, maybe at only a slightly different distance and speed. And if you perceive yourself as a supe-

rior driver (?)...this can be punctuated by the big damaging, crunching noise at the end of a fearful moment! Predictable phenomena, in this case, is not an accident.

I wrote this paragraph for the AAA magazine many years ago, equally as true today.

Robert Green
Lakeville

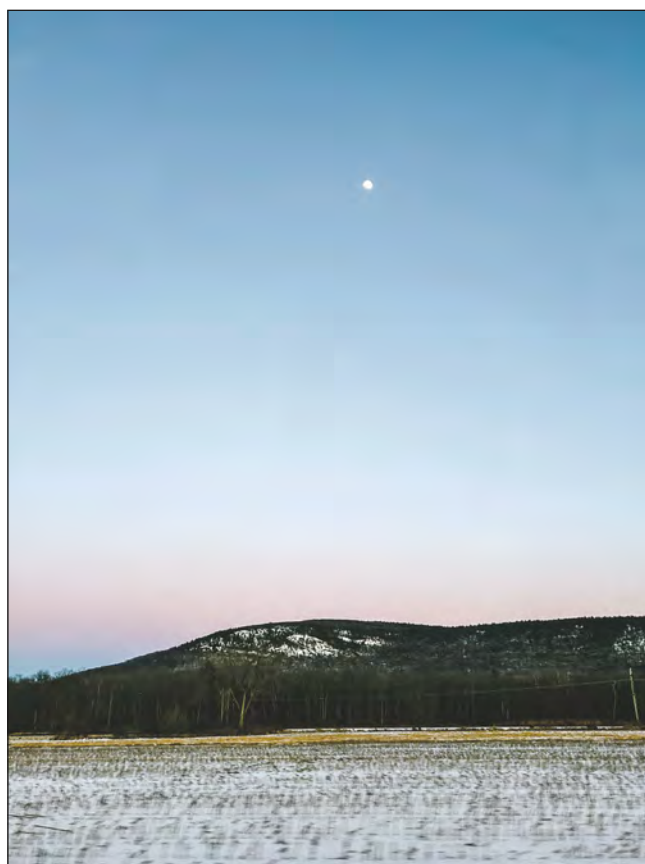


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Sand Road scene

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —
February 1900

Grant Gilson, age 25, a descendant of the Schaghticoke Indians, was found frozen to death on the Skiff mountain road in Kent recently.

SHARON — A daring robbery was committed right in our midst on Wednesday evening of last week. While Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris were at the Eli Perkins lecture their house was broken into, by a back window, and searched. The thieves were evidently after money as they touched nothing but two purses, from one of which the money had been removed by Mr. Harris just before leaving the house, and the other fortunately contained but a small sum.

SHARON — Miss Ree Bierce is having serious trouble with her ears. She has been housed up for several days.

Miss Edith Bliss of Brooklyn is visiting her cousin, Miss Laura Chapin.

A new McPhall piano has been put in the residence of R.D. Jones by Joseph Brinton. The instrument is an upright encased in antique mahogany, and is pronounced by good judges to be remarkably sweet of tone.

100 years ago —
February 1925

Miss Nellie Pectal of Falls Village was seriously injured at Canaan on Monday evening. She had alighted from the railroad gasoline bus and started to cross the track when the bus suddenly backed up, threw her to the ground, her right foot going under the wheels, just above the ankle. She was hurried to Winsted Hospital, where the amputation just below the knee was found to be necessary. She has since been doing as well as can be expected.

Miss Margaret Hall and John Finkle were up from New York to spend the weekend at their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brill took them back to the city on Monday in their auto.

The frost is said to be practically out of the ground, and many of the country roads are almost impassable.

Editor Loope of the Milerton Telegram paid the Journal Office a fraternal visit on Tuesday. Editor Loope is recuperating from an attack of rheumatism which had him down and out last week, but he is out again, showing that you cannot "keep a good man down."

TACONIC — David Holmes is erecting a semi-bungalow on his lot near the chapel, and it is now at the shingling stage.

50 years ago —
February 1975

The jobless rate rose sharply in January for every town in the Northwest Corner, according to the Connecticut State Labor Department. Salisbury again topped the list with 226 persons, or 13.5 percent of the town's 1668 person labor force, without jobs. The statistics include some persons who normally supply a family's principal income. But they also include many who are secondary income earners, youths trying to enter the job market for the first time,

seasonal workers and others.

Becton-Dickinson of Canaan, the Tri-state's region largest manufacturer and biggest single employer, is in the process of laying off approximately 50 full time employees. The word of layoffs at B-D came less than two weeks after General Electric announced it would close its Norfolk plant next month, ending the jobs of more than 30 employees.

George VanSantvoord, legendary headmaster of The Hotchkiss School from 1926 to 1955, died this past week at his winter home in Williamstown, Mass. He was 83 years old. During three decades in Lakeville, Mr. VanSantvoord, popularly known as "the Duke," left a strong imprint on the school, its students and faculty and the community.

The new Connecticut chess champion in the junior high school division is David Janello, 15-year-old son of Sylvia Surdoval of Kent and Kenneth Janello of Bridgeport. David, a ninth-grader at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, outplayed 5 opponents Saturday in 11 hours of tournament activity. He has been playing chess since he was 6 years old, and has been in organized competition for a little more than 2 years.

Thomas Fransioli of Cornwall has been commissioned by the British ambassador to the United States to do a painting of the embassy residence in Washington, D.C. The painting will become part of the permanent collection at the residence. Two paintings by Mr. Fransioli, views of Salisbury and of Pocketknife Square in Lakeville, were recently purchased by the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company. His works are also owned by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Whitney Museum in New York, the Seattle Art Museum, and many corporate and private collections.

25 years ago —
February 2000

The Housatonic River Initiative filed a motion in U.S. District Court in Springfield, Mass., Tuesday to intervene in the proposed consent decree for the cleanup of PCB contamination in Pittsfield and in the Housatonic River. The contamination was caused by the General Electric Company plant in Pittsfield. The group, which is based in Pittsfield and has been at the forefront of the cleanup effort, hopes to intervene in the negotiated settlement for the cleanup of sites contaminated by GE. It wants to ensure that properties in Pittsfield and the length of the Housatonic River are adequately cleaned and that public health and safety and the environment are protected.

Alexis Savage of Sharon will travel to Stamford this weekend to participate in the Connecticut Pride's "Hot Shot" contest. Alexis qualified by winning her local round of competition in Sharon and advancing to the county finals in Kent, where she won her age group, 11- and 12-year-olds, by one point to advance to this weekend's state finals. Alexis is a sixth-grade student at Sharon Center School and the daughter of Andy and Kim Savage.



PHOTO BY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

Kevin Cantele

Our Home, Our Future

Voices from our Salisbury community about the housing we need for a healthy, economically vibrant future

If you grew up in Salisbury or sought a mortgage from NBT Bank to buy a home, you may know Kevin Cantele. Kevin grew up in Salisbury and, after leaving for college, returned home to the town he loves. He lives here with his wife Lauren, a nurse practitioner at Salisbury School, and their 2-year-old daughter. Kevin's love of our town and concern for its future have motivated him to volunteer for the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission.

As a residential lender, he has first-hand experience with people hoping to buy a home in our town. He says, "I understand the financial difficulties many families face every day. I see first-hand just how hard it can be to not only buy a house but also afford the cost of living in this town."

In January, the 12-month median, single-family residential price reached an all-time high of \$945,000. He says "most homes selling at a price point that is affordable need work which, again, makes them unaffordable when you look at the all-in cost." Many first-time homebuyers struggle to save enough money for the standard 20% down payment, which does not include real estate taxes, homeowners insurance, and other closing costs. As a result, many people are priced out of home ownership.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

Kevin says, "I think anyone feeling the stresses associated with the cost of buying a home would embrace the opportunity to live in affordable housing. Affordable rentals are a highly desired housing option for people of all ages, particularly for people who work in town. I'm also sure many people would be happy to live in affordable housing while they save money to buy a house. We need younger families and people across all demographics, to be able to live, work, shop, and dine in this town, supporting the local businesses as patrons, and in many instances, as employees. This cannot happen without affordable housing being an option.

When the people who spend five days a week or more working in Salisbury, or a younger couple looking to live and start a family in Salisbury, are priced out of living here, it hurts the local economy and the town as a whole. It is imperative to maintain and expand affordable housing in Salisbury so we can continue to thrive as a community."

OBITUARIES

Donna Aakjar

CANAAN — Donna Aakjar passed away peacefully on Feb. 20, 2025 at Noble Horizons. Born on Dec. 14, 1941, at Geer Hospital in Canaan to Maybelle Voorhees and Louis Peder Aakjar, Donna's life was a testament to education, service and a deep love of the arts.

She attended North Canaan Elementary School and the Housatonic Valley Regional high before graduating from Southern Connecticut State College. Donna began her career teaching fifth grade at Sharon Center School. While teaching, she earned a master's degree in Library Science and became the first librarian in the newly renovated basement library. Later, the library was relocated upstairs and, several years thereafter, was completely redesigned under her guidance.

After retirement, Donna continued to nurture her passion for reading by working in the children's department at Oblong Books. Throughout her career, she touched countless lives, and in her later years, many came

forward to express their gratitude and admiration for her contributions. She also served on the board of NCCC and was president of a chapter of the NEA. An avid lover of the arts, Donna's legacy is further enriched by the joy she shared with others—so much so that for her epitaph she requested the words of a former student: "She read to us with such joy."

Later in life, Donna became a devoted animal lover, cherishing her poodle Honey Bun and her cats Gracie and Rosie. She is survived by her sisters; Nancy Perry, Sheffield Massachusetts and Maryann Aakjar of Boston; her nieces, Donna Perry of San Antonio, Texas and Linda Snyder of Hiram, Georgia, and her grandniece, Madison Snyder of Powder Spring, Georgia.

A beloved sister and aunt, Donna was cherished by all her knew her. Our heartfelt thanks go to the staff at Geer Lodge—especially those on the Hillside Unit for their compassionate care. Memorial services will be held in the spring.

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A fluttering of the heart

It seems quite common, atrial fibrillation, that is. Or A Fib as it's jocularly known. A fluttering of the heart, et cetera. So what do you do? It saps your energy, plays hockey puck with your thyroid, wearing no helmet or pads. Wait until it sits in the penalty box? Sometimes that works. The penalty is paid and your chest-thumper returns to normal, awaiting its next highsticking or skate-slashing and other such hockey horrors.

But often it doesn't work. The first step in the procedure, leading up to a pacemaker, is called a "cardiac version." The docs put you out, then pound on your rib cage as many as three times to see if the pounding can restore the proper thump THUMP thump THUMP. The docs do not go beyond three.

I am happy to report that this writer needed but one and now he is no longer an A-Fibber. Does that make him an — A Liar?

There are those who say the writer has no heart. Does this prove them wrong?

There's also this little thing about the thyroid, whatever it does, I'm sure I don't know.

It seems the pill leading up to the cardiac version, may lower the thyroid's level and jack up the cholesterol to boot. The writer has never had a cholesterol problem, slathers everything with Hellmann's, egg salad this a.m., devours eggs (what's the price these days, O Dear Beloved Chairman?), and now takes a daily pill to salve the thyroid, bringing it back up to its healthy level, while smashing the cholesterol into the plastic wall behind the goalie.

The writer has two lunch buddies, the three of us, besides other maladies, have thyroidism. An ex-wife joshes us three old white dudes sitting around comparing thyroids.

A friend tells at lunch yesterday for the first fifteen minutes all four talked about their aches and pains. I said Only for the first fifteen!

I was looking for my kaignan — Tagalog for brother-friend — recently. Instead found his husband Jimmy who told me that Rodney had an aneurysm, but was recovering. What I know about aneurysms is that they don't recover well, if at all. My great love Sarah had one and she was rushed Medevaced to Hartford Hospital. The doctor emerged and said her brain was "unrecoverable." I said, Dr. I know what the word means, but what do you



PHOTO PROVIDED

Carter next to the MumBet, later Elizabeth Freeman, statue, in Sheffield Mass. His play, with Linda Rossi of Canaan, is "1781," the year MumBet gained her freedom.

SOVEREIGN STATE
LONNIE CARTER

mean? He said that her brain shows no activity.

A word about Rodney who can't be 50. A Chicagoan, Marquette-Jesuit-trained as are we all, he headed to New York to pursue an acting career. We lured him back to Chicago to play the lead in my play THE ROMANCE OF MAGNO RUBIO, which is all Filipino, as is Rod. His family had never seen him act before.

At the curtain call he came out weeping. He had given a magnificent performance and there was his grandmother sitting in the front row, weeping as well. The audience went nuts. I don't know if they knew the backstory, but appreciated what they saw.

I had hoped to find Rod, hale and hearty, thinking to enlist him in directing an all-female MAGNO, in which he had expressed previous interest.

Now he is "recovering," Praise the Lord. As the Filipinos put it, "Sus, Maria, 'Sef.

May we all recover. And what about repentance? Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, with Lent on its way. I need the ashes. Thump THUMP!

Lonnie Carter is a playwright, Obie winner and his signature play is "The Sovereign State of Boogedy Boogedy."

Status Report

Read Across Connecticut week started on Monday, Feb. 24 to promote literacy in the state. Read Across America Day is celebrated each year on March 2, recognizing the birthday of beloved children's author Theodor Geisel, commonly known as Dr. Seuss.



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In addition to the threat of Hydrilla to our lakes, a new concern may be the increasing presence of wake boats. These boats are designed to create large waves to ride on, but the environmental cost is high. The large waves erode the shoreline and disturb wildlife nesting. The increased downward pressure of the props stir up the sediment and destroys aquatic plant life. The now suspended sediment helps to warm the water and unlocks the phosphorus in the lake bottom which will encourage algae blooms. In addition, the water pumped in and out of the boats to create the weight needed for a deeper draw can spread invasive aquatic plants, like the Hydrilla that we are currently fighting. For more info on the subject, please see the reports and recommendations for Lake Waramaug at: www.lakewaramaug.org/wake-boat-information. It may be smart to get ahead of this issue to help preserve the quality of our lakes here in the NW Corner.



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HOUSING

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Ideas abounded at the affordable housing forum in Cornwall Feb. 22.

Previous testing conducted in 2004 and 2005 found heavy metals in the land and hydrocarbons in the groundwater.

Berto said at that time the owners “basically removed all of the surface contamination, so we don’t think there’s much left now but we don’t know yet.”

After a brief breakdown of the lay of the land, attendees split into five groups to design their vision for the site. Topographical maps were distributed to each team with paper cutouts to place residential units on the property.

Ideas flourished and each group presented to the forum.

The consensus was to maximize the number of residential units, which was determined to be 24. Rental units were preferred by most groups due to space-saving qualities and the expressed

need by individuals on the housing waitlist.

Most designs consolidated the structures to preserve as much open space as possible.

Some popular ideas were solar panels, either on the roofs or in an open field, bear-proof trash receptacles, rural aesthetic for the structures, a nature trail and courtyards for residents.

Consideration was given to creating community spaces for the greater public to utilize. These included a park and playground, community gardens along the road, and a community center.

Ayer thanked everyone for contributing to the forum and encouraged residents to stay involved in the process.

Environmental testing of the property will go through the fall of 2025. Ayer said another forum will be scheduled when the evaluation produces results.

WASTE

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steps to join the RWA, it isn’t automatic.” He went on, “The Torrington Transfer Station has four or five tractor trailers that ship the municipal waste to Pennsylvania, and the Recycling to Automated in Berlin. The NHCOG would likely be operating the same way, hiring a company to run the transfer station. That company would be responsible for the trucking, so the COG would not have to purchase trucks.”

The dissolution authority had agreed to keep the tipping fee — a fee paid by those who dispose of waste in a landfill, based on the weight of the disposed waste — at \$131 per ton until 2027. Connecticut residents produce 3.5 million tons of municipal solid waste annually, yet the state only has capacity for 2.7 million tons.

Members of the NHCOG spoke at the Jan. 15, 2025, meeting of MIRA-DA in Hartford, who made their minutes public online.

Curtis Rand, Salisbury First Selectman, described the good work done by Sharon and Salisbury in the areas of recycling and composting. He stated that he thought the town had until June 2027 and was stunned when he learned that the contract could end as early as mid 2025. He asked for the dissolution authority’s help in maintaining the Torrington Transfer Station as a public option for the towns.

Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway stated his belief that “it is in the public interest to try to keep some public option for our trash disposal in the Northwest Hills, especially for small



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Torrington Transfer Station’s entrance.

towns that generally do not have a lot of staff.” He echoed Rand’s comments that the towns thought they had two years to work out a solution. He asked for some time and cooperation to work out an equitable solution that ideally is in the public interest.

New Hartford First Selectman Dan Jerram, chairman of NHCOG, noted that “all 21 towns in our council voted in favor of pursuing the Torrington Transfer Station to maintain it as a public option because they thought it was important for the long-term future.”

Goshen First Selectman Todd Carusillo stated, “the towns have been working on transitioning the transfer station to the towns for the last few months, after learning the time frame had been shortened from 2027 to 2025. I am concerned about the potential for one company coming in and creating a monopoly by buying all the transfer stations in the region. This would result in the towns losing control over solid waste tip fees.”

David Barger, first selectman of Falls Village, added, “Transitioning the Tor-

ington Transfer Station to the towns is keeping in line with Governor Lamont’s plan to regionalize services across the state.”

Winsted/Winchester is among the NHCOG towns that has opted to sign with a private hauler rather than wait for a public solution.

Paul Harrington, town manager of Winchester, explained, “While we’re making progress in developing regional waste solutions, we must ensure that any long-term arrangement is both financially sustainable and operationally efficient. Waste collection is an essential weekly service that must continue uninterrupted, but it needs to be delivered in the most cost-effective manner possible, especially given the constraints of municipal budgets.”

Jennifer Heaton Jones, executive director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, a solid waste/recycling authority in Western Connecticut, weighed in, “It is hard to form a regional waste authority. The Northwest Hills geographically are difficult transportation wise; your

resources are very different than other parts of the state. So, to create a regional authority to leverage contracts is very different than other regions in Connecticut.”

Heaton-Jones added, “We as a state need to really reconsider how we look at the MSW. We could reduce the amount of waste that we are producing and going to out-of-state landfills. We can consider how we are taking food waste out of the waste stream. Through programs, through better education.”

Food waste represents 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions and 58% of methane emissions from landfills come from food waste.

In summation, Rand said, “You know, I think there is a hope that we can get the Torrington Transfer Station and work together at least for the next couple of years to fulfill our contract with MIRA till July 2027. There’s a common theme: we would like to preserve some public type of entity to manage our garbage, and that’s pretty simple. We also need to be aware of the amount of waste we are creating, and we need to find ways to make less of it. That’s just a very simple statement. Whether it’s buying less, producing less, recycling more, composting; we’ve got to get this volume of garbage down.”

All recent deliberations by MIRA-DA and by NHCOG have been done in executive session. Selectman Rand predicts definitive results in the next few weeks as to the status of the Torrington Transfer Station and the formation of a regional waste authority.

The shuttered former waste-to-energy plant in Hartford was responsible for processing approximately one-third of the state’s solid waste by burning it to generate electricity.

GAMING

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at the school.

Kowalski was a longtime gamer himself and saw how bringing competitive esports to South Kent School could perform a unique role amongst the more traditional athletics at the school.

“We’re getting kids from basketball, from hockey, from soccer, even traditional academics — they all sit down and play the same game,” he said. “It’s cool having that sense of unity.”

And the world of esports is exploding, Kowalski affirmed: League of Legends, a popular game that is the focus of Joe Barowski’s Tuesday evening practices, has had championship events hosted at venues as large as Madison Square Garden with prize pools in the millions of dollars.

Chase, who helped launch the team, certified that the esports industry is robust and rapidly growing, having been valued at a global market revenue of \$1.8 billion in 2023 and expected to multiply in the next decade.

The success of the market has enabled the creation of scholarships and highly lucrative prize possibilities within the industry, as well as inspired colleges and universities to offer their own funding opportunities for esports athletes. South Kent reports more than \$15 million in esports scholarship money available from higher education institutions.

Chase emphasized that the benefit of esports extends beyond the industry itself: “There is a growing demand for people with — what I would call — abilities, skills and knowledge” gained from virtual games within the military and intelligence sectors, Chase said, citing South Kent alumni who have pursued careers in those fields. Chase added that the physical dexterity of gaming prepares

players well for careers in things like military or rescue drone operation, while Kowalski maintained that it also cultivates a more general digital literacy.

Having just kicked off in January, the team is still under development. “We’re in the testing stages right now,” said Kowalski. But while it remains a club for now, it is anticipated to be a fully-fledged team sport in the next year. The gaming space is currently equipped with five gaming desktops and all the associated hardware, and Kowalski and Barowski are planning to expand with gaming chairs, additional computers, large screens to review plays — as you would in “football or basketball,” Kowalski said — and a lounge space.

Kowalski reported that the team has about 15 full-time members, but that interest has been high. A recent tournament of the popular game Fortnite drew 64 sign ups out of a total student body of approximately 180, said Barowski. Some students even scheduled their tour-

nament games around other sports commitments just to get a chance to play.

And for parents, there’s no need to worry, Chase attested: “Not to be the nanny in the room, but for the parents’ consideration these games are all age appropriate.”

“No grand theft auto, no,” Kowalski assured.

Chase maintained that though the program is brand new, it has already made an impact in the school and beyond. She said that the admissions office has been receiving inquiries about the team from prospective students for next year.

Kent residents and businesses have also taken an interest in the program since the School announced the launch, Chase added. Community members and local restaurants have offered to sponsor the team through various means, from creating merch to hosting pizza nights.

“You know, it’s kind of captured everybody’s attention and imagination,” she said.

IMMIGRATION

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484 Lime Rock Road. He will discuss the state’s response to federal immigration enforcement changes and answer questions about how the state’s Trust Act works.

The first iteration of Vecinos Seguros was formed during the pandemic when the Rev. John Carter sought ways to communicate with local immigrants. He held church services in Spanish to bring them together and give support. Eventually the program disbanded during President Biden’s term.

Drew said she was aware that advocacy groups were forming in cities and knowing of the immigrant population in the Northwest Corner, as well as in towns across the border in New York state and Massachusetts, she started to explore what could be done. She was introduced to Carter and the group was

created to ensure that those who might be affected know their rights.

Drew is director of the group’s steering committee. Others serving are Sophia and Lee DeBoer, Amy Lake and Carter.

Among Vecinos Seguros’ activities is the distribution of wallet-sized red cards printed in English and Spanish which anyone targeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) can refer to in order to invoke their Constitutional rights to remain silent and refuse a search. The group also has

flyers that detail what should be done in specific situations, including list of legal resources and emergency response cards in Spanish with two phone numbers so someone targeted by ICE can call to report an ICE encounter and request assistance from the group’s rapid response team.

Those wishing to be involved with the group, or would like further information can reach out to vecinosseguros2@gmail.com.

“We’re trying to create a community in which people know their neighbors care about them,” Drew said.

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MUSIC: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

'Choose Your Own Opera Adventure': A free family concert at new venue, The Indigo Room

Berkshire Opera Festival (BOF) invites families to an exciting afternoon of interactive music and storytelling with "Choose Your Own Opera Adventure" on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. This free family concert will be held at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center's new venue, The Indigo Room, at 20 Castle Street in Great Barrington.

Designed for audiences aged 8 to 14 and their caregivers, this performance puts the audience in charge of the story. Inspired by the classic pasticcio opera—a historical precursor to the modern jukebox musical—this event blends arias from Mozart, Puccini, Bizet, and Donizetti into an original adventure. Through live voting, audience members will



Geoffrey Laron, host of last year's family concert, signs autographs for some of the kids after the performance.

determine how the story unfolds, making each performance unique.

"We want the audi-

ence to be part of the adventure," said BOF's chorus master and assistant conductor, Luca

Antonucci. "This isn't just a concert—it's a musical journey shaped by the audience's choices, complete with costumes, props, and plenty of surprises."

This second annual free family concert marks one of the first public performances at The Indigo Room, an exciting new performance space in the old firehouse adjacent to the Mahaiwe. With flexible seating for 80 to 200 guests, a casual atmosphere, and a fully stocked concessions area, The Indigo Room aims to bring a fresh, dynamic energy to the local arts scene.

Mahaiwe executive director Janis Martinson said, "We are delighted to offer a sneak peek at

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PHOTO BY LEE EVERETT

Singer and board member Wanda Houston is one of the performers in the lineup for the benefit.

NONPROFITS: MIKE COBB

Warm Up the Winter campaign concert at The Guthrie Center

Local organization Construct is holding its 18th annual campaign to raise funds for wintertime emergency assistance for fuel, utilities and short-term accommodations for unhoused residents in extreme cold conditions. This year, the Southern Berkshire nonprofit aims to raise \$150,000.

"The winter months pose serious challenges for many Berkshire households," said Jane Ralph, Construct's executive director. "We've already experienced a colder and snowier winter than in recent years. We know people will have to choose between heat and prescription medicines or food—choices no one should make."

The campaign will culminate with a benefit concert on March 6 at The Guthrie Center in Great Barrington. Musical guests include Wanda Houston and Jeff Gonzales in Big and Bigger, Made in Memphis, a youth Elvis tribute band, Wild and Orson Handel, Luke and George Fran-

co, Abe & Annie Guthrie, Jackson Whalan's improvisational rap, and special guest Doug Mishkin.

Long-time participant and board member Wanda Houston said, "I was invited as a guest to a Construct community fundraiser almost 20 years ago. It was festive, loud, and bright. I was hooked. I have participated almost every year since. In 2020, Construct invited me to join their board. I am so honored to be involved. It is a beautiful organization composed of incredible humans doing incredible things for hard working people."

Houston's parents were community organizers in Chicago, where she grew up. She now lives in the Berkshires, and Construct has made her aware of the needs of the community, despite the seemingly idyllic setting.

Organizer and promoter Beth Carlson explained the choice of this year's venue. "Com-

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MUSIC: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Crescendo brings forgotten Renaissance voices to life

Crescendo, the award-winning music ensemble based in Lakeville, will presents two concerts featuring rarely performed works by minority composers of the Renaissance. The program, led by founding artistic director Christine Gevert, highlights compositions by six pioneering female Italian composers and the Afro-Portuguese Renaissance composer Vicente Lusitano, whose contributions to music have been largely overlooked.

The concerts will take place Saturday, March 1, at 4 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lakeville, and Sunday, March 2, at 4 p.m. at Saint James Place in Great Barrington. The repertoire includes vocal and instrumental works by women who defied societal norms to compose and publish music, including Isabella de' Medici, Maddalena Casulana, Paola Massarenghi, Lucia Quinciani, Raffaella Aleotti, and Claudia Francesca Rusca. These composers, often dismissed or forgotten, were among the first women in Western history to have their music published and performed. Their works showcase a range of musical forms,

from sacred motets to madrigals and instrumental pieces.

The program will also feature compositions by Vicente Lusitano, the first known published composer of African descent in 16th century Europe. Lusitano's intricate vocal works, which have only recently gained wider recognition, demonstrate his mastery of counterpoint and polyphony. His eight-voice motet, influenced by the great Josquin des Prez, is a highlight of the program.

Crescendo's 25-member vocal ensemble will be joined by soloists Jennifer Tyo and Sarah Fay, sopranos; Laura Evans, alto; and Igor Ferreira,

tenor, along with Christa Patton on harp and recorder, and Juan Mesa on organ.

To provide further insight into these composers and their historical significance, Crescendo also hosted a virtual talk with Laurie Stras, professor emerita of music at University of Southampton, UK, and Karen Cook, associate professor of music history at the Hartt School on Sunday, Feb. 23, where attendees had an opportunity to learn more about the music, the composers and the cultural context of this unique program.

Tickets and more information are available at www.crescendomusic.org.

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ART: NATHAN MILLER

Bending the bird curve at Firefly's first student art exhibit

A modest group of artists and bird lovers got together at the Millbrook School Friday, Feb. 21, for the first ever Firefly student artist showcase.

The exhibition featured art from student artists from private and public high schools in New York and Connecticut including Millbrook School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Hotchkiss School, Kent School and South Kent School.

The art covered a wide range of media and subject matter, but all works focused on an appreciation of nature and the environment. Photographs of landscapes and wildlife covered the walls, surrounded by paintings, pottery and sculpture.

The Friday night exhibition opening started out with presentations on bird populations from Marvelwood School students Jonah Maeras-Garcia and Irine Dumitrascu



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Perscis Sackey of South Kent School posed next to his and his classmates' photography.

and their avian ambassador program faculty advisor Laurie Doss.

They talked about Marvelwood's purple martin restoration project.

The purple martin was at one time numerous across the midwest and eastern U.S., but the loss of hollow trees to nest in has reduced the birds' numbers significantly in

the past century.

In 2006 when Marvelwood started the avian ambassador program, student bird researchers counted only a few dozen Martins in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Today, after nearly ten years of building and improving martin housing, the Northwest Corner is home to over a thousand purple martins.

Following the presentation from Marvelwood School was the keynote

address from Sharon Audubon director Eileen Fielding.

The talk, titled "Bending the Bird Curve," focused on the threat climate change poses to bird habitat in the U.S. and necessary strategies for preserving bird populations.

Fielding said the bird population has decreased by 2.8 billion since 1970 due to pollution and habitat loss.

Continued warming will further shrink bird habitats nationwide, Fielding said. To illustrate this, Fielding showed a model of wood thrush habitat in North America.

The wood thrush, Fielding said, spends winters in South America and migrates to the deciduous forests of the eastern U.S. every summer.

However, deciduous forests are sensitive to rising average temperatures, and much of the habitat for the wood thrush faces serious threats from just a three degree Celsius jump

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PHOTO BY SKYHUNTERS IN FLIGHT

Brian Bradley holds a Gyrfalcon named Dare Devil.

Saturday morning family series returns

The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck has announced the return of its Saturday morning family series, a beloved tradition offering live, family-friendly entertainment every Saturday at 11 a.m. Designed for young audiences, these interactive shows provide the perfect introduction to theater in a fun, relaxed environment.

Originally created by the late education director William Fisceletti, the series has been a cherished part of the community for over 25 years. Current director of education Victoria Howland said, "We are looking forward to getting through winter and to the spring with our community on some fun

Saturday mornings."

This season's lineup, running from Feb. 22 through April 5, features a mix of classic fairy tales, interactive storytelling, live science experiments, and cultural performances. Highlights include an immersive Wizard of Oz adventure, Kit's Interactive Theatre's Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, the high-energy Celtic Heels Irish Dance, and a live falconry demonstration with birds of prey.

Tickets are just \$10, making this an accessible way for families to experience the magic of live theater.

For show details and tickets, visit centerforperformingarts.org/saturday-morning-family-series.

...opera *Continued from previous page*



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BEUTH

The Indigo Room

both this thrilling opera adventure and our new performance venue. We hope audiences will return again and again for future events."

Gabe Napoleon, marketing and communications manager for The Indigo Room, added, "We are racing towards the finish line of getting this new venue open and ready to go. We're 75-80% there, but we're still wrapping up some final details before we're really ready to hit the ground running." He continued, "We've got the name, The Indigo Room, and we're just quietly rolling things out as things get finalized. The space allows for flexible programming, from seated performances to standing-room-only events, which means more opportunities for diverse and intimate performances."

Napoleon emphasized the importance of the venue's versatility. "The Mahaiwe is a grand space, but The Indigo Room offers a more casual and intimate atmosphere. Depending on the nature of the show,

we can adjust seating arrangements to suit different performances. This flexibility opens doors for emerging artists and regional talent to showcase their work."

Besides the Choose Your Own Opera Adventure, The Indigo Room will also host R&B singer Bobby Rush on March 14. A date for the official opening of the space will be announced soon.

For more information on The Indigo Room and upcoming events, mahaiwe.org/events/category/indigo-room/

...Warm Up the Winter

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mittee members chose the Guthrie Center for its history in the community (and for community fostering) and the size and convenience for serving food, etc. In addition, we are excited to have Abe and Annie Guthrie performing and Doug Mishkin leading the audience in a rendition of his original song, "We are all Woody's Children" written in honor of Woody Guthrie."

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Tickets & Info: www.crescendomusic.org

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY 27

Jon Kopita: Read Between the Lines

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

The exhibit dates for Jon Kopita: Read Between the Lines will be from Feb. 14 to March 21. There will be an art talk on Thursday, Feb. 27, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The exhibition features Jon Kopita's framed drawings, exploring language, syntax, meaning, and identity. Includes "Untitled: Pandemic," marking the 5-year anniversary of the COVID lockdown.

Contact: 860-824-7424 / huntlibrary.org

Dine Out for History Adds a Night

Millerton, N.Y.

Millerton's Dine Out for History adds an extra night at Taró's Pizzeria (18 Main St. on Thurs. March 27, 5 to 9 p.m., after bad weather affected its original date. Participating restaurants donate 10% of proceeds to the North East Historical Society.

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 27 – Willa (52 Main St.) Reservations requested

March 10 – Round III (5523 Route 22)

March 19 – Golden Wok (2 Main St.) Takeout only

March 27 – Taró's Pizzeria

Mention "Dine Out for History" when dining!

FEBRUARY 28

Lunch & Learn: Mindfulness & Stress Reduction

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

Friday, February 28, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Learn simple mindfulness and stress reduction techniques with Marion Williams. Includes lunch from JAM. Preference given to Sharon residents. Registration required: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com.

Info: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org, (860) 364-5041.

History Talk

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

North Canaan Town Historian Kathryn Boughton will speak at the Douglas Library on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. She will take listeners back to the first settlement in 1740 when one of the earliest dwellings was a hole dug into a hillside and faced with roughhewn boards. Boughton will introduce some of the most important early residents and tell of a religious schism that separated families and sent nearly 100 parishioners off into the wilderness to establish a new church in New York. This event is free. Call the library at (860) 824-7863 for further info.

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.

MARCH 1

Kid's Clay - Free play

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.shop-bes.com

March 1, 1-2:30 p.m. Open play session for children.

All ages, though we ask that if they are under 5 they are accompanied by an adult.

One hour of unstructured but supervised ceramic playtime.

Participants will be able to create one item to be glazed and picked up after 4 weeks' time.

All tools and materials will be provided.

Gilded Age Cocktails & History

Stissing House, 7801 South Main Street Pine Plains, N.Y.

Explore the stories behind classic cocktails like the Martini and Old Fashioned, revealing insights into technology, scandals, and social change. Presented by Zachary Veith of Staatsburgh State Historic Site.

When: 4-5 p.m. talk, followed by snacks and themed punch bowls (cash bar available)

Eventbrite link: gildedageinaglass.eventbrite.co

Tickets: \$30

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

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.

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ART: LANS CHRISTENSEN

Kent Art Association Annual Student Show

The student show, which opened on Feb. 9, was plagued with weather delays and problems.

The awards, originally scheduled for the opening, were postponed and became the closing ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Six schools: Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Forman, Marvelwood, Frederick Gunn, South Kent and Millbrook exhibited work by their students. There was art from several students of each school done in a wide variety of artistic styles and mediums. Painting, sculpture, graphic art, and pottery were among the varieties shown.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Cathy Yang, Frederick Gunn School, Best In Show with her pottery.

At the closing award ceremony, Michael Spross, an exhibit co-chairman, said "The criteria for selecting the exhibit was originality, execution, artistic decision, body of work, and serendipity." One winner from

each school was chosen as well as a "best in show" award. Cathy Yang of the Frederick Gunn School won that award with her delicate and charming pottery. School award winners were:

- Owen Brown, from Marvelwood
- Llewelyn Davis, from Forman
- Alex Wilbur, from HVRHS
- Selah Witt, Millbrook HS
- Thomas Puhalla, South Kent
- Rebecca TU, Frederick Gunn

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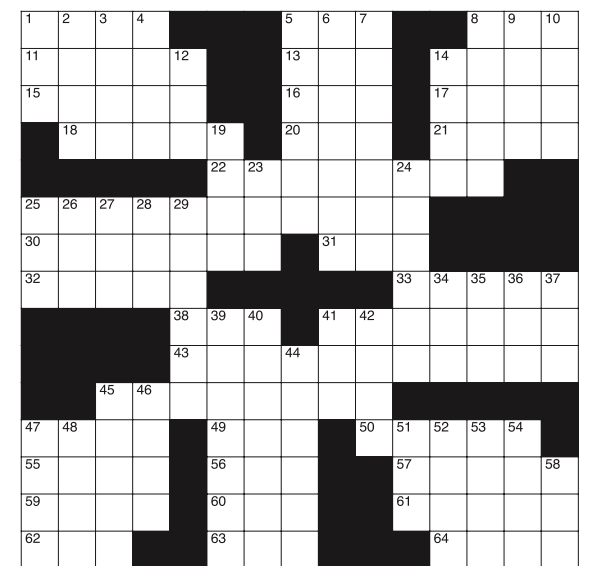
After the talk, the group of students and naturalists walked through the cold, dark night across Millbrook's

campus to the exhibit hall where the art was on display. Student artists ate cheese, strawberries and spoke with the visitors about their art projects.

Brain Teasers

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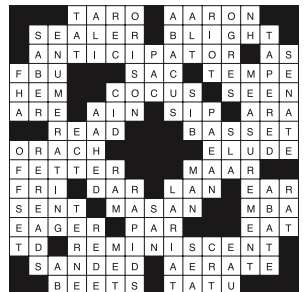
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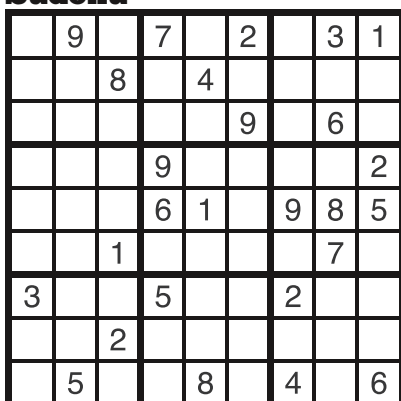
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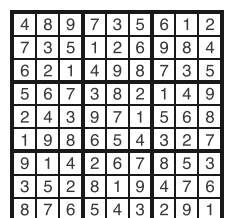
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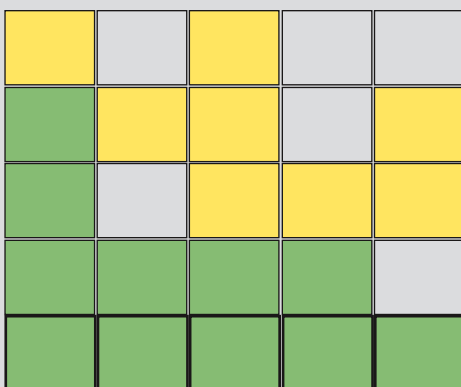
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Word of the Week

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



- Joint used for bending the arm
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- Shiny, round eyes
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Sports

Northwestern to face Gilbert for Berkshire title

By Riley Klein

WOODBURY — The two leading scorers in Berkshire League history will face off in the 2025 championship game.

Emily Arel and Gilbert School will play Maddie Topa and Northwestern Regional High School for the BL title Feb. 26.

Arel and Topa are the only two girls players ever to score more than 2,000 varsity points in the Berkshire League. Arel, the league leader for both boys and girls, upped her career total to 2,328 after the semis.

The semifinal games were played as a double-header at Nonnewaug High School Friday, Feb. 21.

Northwestern got the action started with a 54-34 win over Housatonic Valley Regional High School. HVRHS looked to repeat the defensive dominance that helped them beat Northwestern earlier in the season, but the



Maddie Topa



Emily Arel



Tessa Dekker drives against Emma Maltby in the semifinal game.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Housatonic senior captain Kylie Leonard leads a fast break.

Highlanders could not be stopped in the semis.

Topa scored a game-high 19 points for Northwestern,

15 of which came in the second half. HVRHS was led offensively by Kylie Leonard, Daniela Brennan and

Maddie Johnson, who each scored seven points.

Gilbert played Thomaston High School for the second semifinal game.

Gilbert built a comfortable lead but Thomaston started to claw back late. Arel took over in the fourth quarter and iced the 58-48 win, securing a spot for Gilbert in the title game.

Gilbert will look to deny Northwestern from going back-to-back in the championship game Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Nonnewaug at 7 p.m.

The last time these two teams met was on Feb. 7, when Gilbert won in overtime and Arel and Topa combined for 91 points in a thriller.

For results, visit Instagram @lakevillejournal or online at lakevillejournal.com



Olivia Brooks, right, played point guard for Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the Berkshire League semifinal game against Northwestern Regional High School Feb. 21.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Berkshire's best

The Berkshire League girls basketball first team was announced Feb. 21. From left, Shea Higgins, Addyson Lillie, Allie Pape, Tessa Dekker, Mackenzie Janco, Maddie Topa and Emily Arel.

Nonnewaug knocks Housy boys out of BL postseason

By Riley Klein

WOODBURY — Housatonic Valley Regional High School boys basketball was eliminated from the Berkshire League tournament Feb. 18 after a 76-62 loss to reigning champion Nonnewaug High School.

Nonnewaug's triple-threat offense found success both in the paint and on the perimeter against Housatonic. Lincoln Nichols, Brady Herman and Matt Shupenis combined for 64 of the Chiefs' points in the quarterfinal game.

After falling behind early, the Mountaineers refused to go down without a fight. HVRHS cut a double-digit lead to seven points in the third quarter before foul trouble stalled offensive momentum.

HVRHS juniors Anthony Foley and Wesley Allyn each had season-high scoring nights with 21 and 16 points respectively. Defensively, Owen Riemer forced repeated turnovers through steals and swatted shots.

After the game, Housatonic coach Kurt Johnson reflected on the season, calling it an "improvement but we didn't hit our ceiling." He described graduating seniors Jesse Bonhotel, Mason O'Neil, Sam and Jacob Marcus as "the toughness of the team, so that's the challenge that the young guys will have to figure out" next year.

Nonnewaug advanced to the semifinal round Feb. 20 against Thomaston High School. On the other side of the Berkshire League bracket, undefeated Shepaug Valley High School got matched against Lakeview



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Nonnewaug's Derek Chung drives into Housatonic's Sam Marcus in the Berkshire League quarterfinal.



Owen Riemer elevates for a jump shot.

High School. Both games were played at Northwestern Regional High School.

Nonnewaug defeated Thomaston 60-58. Shepaug Valley won 52-51 over Lakeview, teeing up a rematch of last year's Berkshire League final in which Nonnewaug beat Shepaug 73-69.

Undefeated Shepaug intends to dethrone Nonnewaug in the championship game Feb. 25, played on neutral ground at Northwestern Regional High school.

Final results were not available at the time of print for this issue of The Lakeville Journal.

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Sports



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Competitors charge up the inclined finish of the Polar Bear Run Feb. 23.

Polar Bear Run marks 40th year

By Lans Christensen

WARREN — Connecticut's oldest winter run, The Polar Bear, was held Sunday, Feb. 23.

The 7.8 mile course circles Lake Waramaug and the start/finish was at Hopkins Vineyard.

Cloudless skies and a balmy 45 degrees were a welcome change, and lured a big field of more than 700 runners and walkers. The main beneficiary of this event is Guiding Eyes for the Blind and there were many wagging tails in attendance.

The 0.2 mile uphill finish to Hopkins provides a challenge to the participants. Barely 41 minutes after the start and William Sanders of Marlborough, Connecticut, crossed the finish line. No surprise, Sanders has won every time he's entered — six times or more.

Brittany Telke finished in 50:36 to be the top female runner and 16th overall. All results can be found at Fast Track Timing.



Winner William Sanders crosses the finish line.



Guiding Eyes for the Blind was the main beneficiary of the Polar Bear Run.

Skiers race to victory and pizza at varsity league championship

By Alec Linden

CORNWALL — Temperatures in the twenties and bright winter sunshine made for great racing conditions for the Berkshire Hills Ski League varsity championship Feb. 19.

Nearly 60 skiers — some even clad in tutus and penguin costumes — carved their way down a perfect course, courtesy of Mohawk Mountain's impeccable grooming.

"Mohawk always does the best job of keeping the slope in good shape," said Housatonic Valley Regional High School Coach Bill Gold. While the snow in the woods was brittle and icy from the recent freezing rain, the course was smooth and grippy.

The race marked the culmination of the inter-conference league's season, following six races held either at Mohawk, Butternut or Cataumet. The league standings amongst the six participating schools had already been decided prior to the Feb. 19 event, with Dutchess Day School claiming the title, followed by Washington Montessori School and Rumsey Hall School in second and third, respectively.

HVRHS narrowly missed



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

A skier weaves poles on Mohawk Mountain Feb. 19.

the podium in fourth, with Harvey School just behind and Marvelwood School rounding out the ranks.

The day began with a giant slalom race in the morning, after which the skiers enjoyed a brief break before returning to the starting gates at 2 for the slalom competition. The skiers raced twice, with both scores combining for a total time.

An awards ceremony took over the lodge deck where winners in three categories were announced, divided by girls and boys: slalom, giant slalom, and best overall — the fastest times from both races.

Addie Bergin of Washington Montessori took the win for the slalom race, with a total time of 38.05 seconds. She also held the fastest time

on the course for the day of 18.79, beating the winner of the boys' slalom, Addy Garcia of Dutchess Day, by 0.01 seconds.

Ethan Viola of Dutchess Day reigned on the GS course with a total time of 1:18.08. His 38.43 second run also was the quickest of that event for the day, but again narrowly: Anna Chas, also of Dutchess Day, put down a 38.45 second run, taking the victory for the girls side with a total of 1:18.75.

Chas returned to the podium to claim the girls' combined score win, joining her teammate Addy Garcia as the overall winners of the day.

After the cheers died down, pizza was delivered and the focus quickly moved away from skiing and toward the steaming pies.

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