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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

## Lime Rock neighbors mull offer to park cars on property for NASCAR trucks event

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Robert Jacopino, vice president of operations at Lime Rock Park, was visiting the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts, last fall when a “lightbulb moment” struck.

“I saw cars parked on people’s lawns throughout the neighborhoods and thought, we can have that at Lime Rock Park,” he recalled during a meeting with about a dozen neighboring property owners at the Lakeville venue’s infield chalet on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The hour long forum’s purpose was to gauge neighbors’ interests in hosting, and profiting from, patron parking on private property when the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series rolls into town the weekend of June 27, drawing what park officials have described as “the biggest event in Lime Rock Park’s history,” with expected attendance between 12,000 and 15,000 guests.

The event, said Jacopino, will be nationally televised on the FOX network.



PHOTO PROVIDED

The NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series will make its debut at Lime Rock Park this summer.

“We are looking to share the prosperity with our neighbors,” said Jacopino, who in late January sent out a notice to Lime Rock Park neighbors inviting them to profit by parking cars on their property and inviting them to the Feb. 27 informational meeting.

Not only is the plan mutually

beneficial to the park and to residents, he said, but “this will be a great economic opportunity for the immediate area, the Northwest Corner and beyond,” including restaurants, hotels and shopkeepers.

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PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Some legal and conforming foods served at the “Chili Cook-off.”

## Chili Cook-off raises alarm with Torrington Area Health District

By Sava Marinkovic

CORNWALL — In a last-minute intervention, Torrington Area Health District put a lid on last weekend’s Chili Cook-off, extinguishing any would-be-fierce competition.

Fast-acting Park and Recreation volunteers pivoted and salvaged the evening that was hailed as “one of the best nights out” by an attendee.

Just days prior to the March 1 event, Cook-off organizers were alerted by TAHD representatives that, according to TAHD’s Food Code (which was made to conform

to federal standards in 2023), the service of homecooked meals at public events is simply disallowed. But those involved, many of whom have scheduled and overseen similar events in the past, have found navigating this code to be anything but simple.

“The rules haven’t always been consistent or easy to understand,” said Cornwall Park and Rec Commission Chair Michelle Shipp, identifying the dense, 700-page Food Code as the primary resource that TAHD makes available for the quick and easy clarification of reg-

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## ‘Pay it forward’ next weekend to support area families, farms

By Sava Marinkovic

On the weekend of March 14 to 16, Tri Corner FEED is inviting members of the community to share a meal with their neighbors. Fourteen local restaurants — spanning both Connecticut and New York — will be participating in the Nourish Neighbors initiative, encouraging visitors to “dine out and pay it for-

ward” for the benefit of local farmers, food pantries and Tri Corner FEED’s Food Sovereignty Fund.

Participating restaurants include Panacea in Amenia, New York; Falls Village Inn in Falls Village, Connecticut; Deano’s, Mizza’s, On the Run, Black Rabbit, and the Woodland in Lakeville, Connecticut; Harney’s Tea Room, Oakhurst Diner, and Willa in Millerton, New York;

Champetre in Pine Plains, New York; Sweet William’s and The White Hart in Salisbury, Connecticut; and Le Gamin in Sharon, Connecticut.

At these eateries, diners will have the option to “donate a meal” by way of a fixed or proportional monetary donation made at the time of their regular order, 100% of which will

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## Nostalgia reigns at Sharon reunion

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — Memories filled the air of the Sharon Center School cafeteria Saturday, March 1, as alumni from the 1970s to 2000s gathered at the invitation from beloved teachers Irv Robbins and Jack Comporesi.

Shrieks of recognition from those who hadn’t seen each other in decades were constant. So was the laughter as reminiscences were shared. The two teachers looked on

with delight, watching as the more than 100 came together.

Looking back on their years with great fondness, the pair decided to host the reunion in hopes of reconnecting with the students they so enjoyed. Robbins taught social studies and math, while also coaching and Comporesi, affectionately known as “Compo,” was the physical education teacher and coach.

“It’s a blast to be in a place with friends,” said Robbins, who was at the school from 1969 to 1998.

“This is just great,” said Comporesi, decked out in his signa-

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PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Jack Comporesi is hugged by former student Janette Ireland of Kent during the Sharon Center School reunion Saturday.

## Revitalizing Housatonic's foreign exchange program

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Students from other countries are a common sight at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, students from abroad continued to come to Region One, stay with local families and attend HVRHS for — usually — a full school year.

But HVRHS hasn’t sent anyone overseas since 2019.

Jennie Bate is trying to do some-

thing about that.

The HVRHS library media specialist is also the faculty advisor to the AFS Club.

AFS stands for American Field Services, founded in 1911 to promote intercultural learning. The organization, now known as AFS Intercultural Programs, facilitates student exchange programs.

The local chapter is known as the Falls Village chapter, and includes

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**Girls basketball state tournament**

HVRHS hosted Old Saybrook High School March 5 in the CIAC Class S girls basketball tournament. 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.

**Unsafe passing**

On Saturday, March 1, at approximately 6 p.m., Bruce Hayden, 65, of Lakeville, was traveling northbound on Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury in a 2004 Chevy Astro Van. As he was in the process of taking a left turn onto Farnum Road Steven Goldberg, 84, of Sharon, driving a 2018 Volkswagen Golf Sportswag-

on, attempted to overtake the Astro Van and collided with the left side of the vehicle. Both vehicles sustained damage. There were no injuries and no tow was required. Goldberg was issued an infraction for unsafe passing.

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

**Salisbury ambulance service reboots pancake breakfasts**

SALISBURY — After a nearly 10-year hiatus, the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service Pancake Breakfast is making a return on Saturday, March 22.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the town Grove Senior Center, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville.

Breakfast includes: A choice of buttermilk or blueberry pancakes, country sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs,

OJ, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. Adults \$15, children under 10 and seniors \$10. Cash or Check only.

All proceeds benefit the volunteer ambulance service.

The ambulance service has been providing EMS services to the community for 54 years and is completely staffed by volunteers.

The community's support is vital to continuing this tradition.

**Lee H. Kellogg kindergarten registration begins May 6**

FALLS VILLAGE — Kindergarten Registration for the school year 2025-2026 will take place on Tuesday, May 6, with 45 minute appointments starting at 9:30 a.m. Call the office at 860-824-7791 to confirm your appointment time.

Children who reside in the Town of Canaan, Falls Village Connecticut — zip code 06031 — and who will be five years old by Sept. 1,

2025 are eligible to be registered for the 2025-2026 school year at Lee H. Kellogg School. LHK will also accept tuition students who meet the age and screening requirements. Registration will take place on Tuesday, May 6, with 45 minute appointments starting at 9:30 a.m.

Call the office at (860) 824-7791 to set up an appointment.

**Citywide Automotive is up and running on all cylinders**

By Leila Hawken  
The Millerton News

AMENIA — A well-appointed automotive service establishment with accommodating staff is ready to serve the area's automotive repair needs. Citywide Automotive North, located at 3387 Route 343, has been open for business since Feb. 1, following a few months of building renovation.

"I grew up around the automotive industry," said owner and chief mechanic Toby Kiernan during a conversation on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Getting the building ready to open included "a ton of cleaning," Kiernan said, along with painting the interior, carpeting the offices and applying epoxy to the shop floor.

Services offered to the community include 24-hour towing service, all automotive mechanicals, body repair and auto sales, Kiernan said. Services also include oil changes, brake service and tires. The tow services offer a flatbed tow truck and a standard wrecker tow.

Citywide Automotive is equipped and experienced with all makes and models of vehicles, including high end luxury and classic cars. Electric vehicles, however, are not a specialty.

Kiernan's uncle, Peter



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**Citywide Automotive North of Amenia has opened its doors wide to serve the community's service needs. Owner Toby Kiernan has brought his lifetime of experience to his new business conveniently situated on Route 343.**

Kiernan, brings 45 years of auto repair experience to the business, delighting in serving as a personable volunteer assistant in the shop.

"We love it here," Peter Kiernan said of the town. He divides his time between Amenia and his home in Florida.

Completing work on a car

belonging to a veteran, Peter Kiernan set about giving the car a washing, a small, and yet appreciated, reward for that customer's military service.

"It's the least I could do," he said.

While customers wait for their vehicles, there will be time to admire the classic cars Pete Kiernan has lovingly restored to their original glory.

"The cars are most certainly his pride and joy," Toby Kiernan said of his uncle's cars.

"My uncle Pete is my mentor in the automotive industry and business. What I am doing here I could not do without his knowledge and support," Toby said.

Veterans and senior citizens receive a 10% discount on service.

"We come from a long

line of veterans who served. We support our troops and first responders as much as possible in appreciation for their service," Toby Kiernan said.

"My uncle loves to BBQ," Kiernan said, and there is plenty of room. Once the weather gets warm, on Fridays at lunch time Citywide Automotive expects to have the grill going, welcoming all comers for a festive free lunch.

Toby Kiernan recognized the challenges in finding qualified shop workers today. He said that as the shop gets busier, they expect to contact the local BOCES training program to find help and to explore ways that they might help to mentor the next generation of expert mechanics.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The business is closed on Sundays. Towing services are open 24 hours. To contact Citywide Automotive, phone 845-789-1300.

"We appreciate the people we've met from Amenia and surrounding towns. They have been kind, helpful and courteous. We are happy to be in business here," Toby Kiernan said.

**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.

Contact Patrice McGrath at (860) 435-5187 to apply.

**Kellogg 8th grade gears up for lasagna dinner**

FALLS VILLAGE — The Lee H. Kellogg School eighth grade class is selling Lasagna Dinner tickets.

All proceeds will fund their trip to Washington, D.C. in May.

Adult tickets are \$15. Tickets for children five to 10 years old are \$10 and children under age four are free.

The dinner includes a choice of meat or vegetarian lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. Continuous serve from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Falls Village Emergency Center located at 188 Route 7 South, Falls Village, Connecticut.

Eat in or takeout — diners may bring their own takeout

containers or there will be some available for use.

Raffle items on sale the night of the dinner. Cash or checks made payable to "LHK Class of 2025" for all purchases will be accepted.

Pre-purchase recommended from a student, or call (860) 824-7791.

**SPORTS**



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

**Northwestern wins 13th consecutive BL swim title**

Berkshire League swim teams met at The Hotchkiss School's swimming pool for league championships Saturday, March 1. Northwestern Regional High School secured its 13th straight title with a dominant performance in the lanes. Shepaug Valley High School swimming earned the Ted Alex Award, which recognizes athletic success and sportsmanship in the Berkshire League. Housatonic Valley Regional High School was represented in several events: the 200-meter medley relay team, consisting of Lola Moerschell, Katie Crane, Anna Gillette and Addie Diorio, took third place; Anna Gillette placed second in the 100-meter breaststroke and sixth in the 100-meter butterfly; Lola Moerschell placed third in the 50-meter freestyle and fifth in the 100-meter freestyle.

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# Our Towns

## Icy February eats into road salt, sand stockpiles

By Robin Roraback

After several consistently mild winters in recent years, deep cold returned to the Northwest Corner in 2025.

The polar vortex, which kept temperatures below freezing for most of February, left persistent patches of ice in the area. Efforts to melt the ice depleted salt supplies, leading some to rely on sand to create a textured surface where needed.

Customers looking to re-supply on salt and sand at local hardware stores may have found that when they went to pick it up during this very icy winter, stores were out.

Bob Riva at CA Lindell ACE Hardware in Canaan explained that in the last few winters they were selling one or two truckloads of salt with about fourteen pallets of salt per truck. He went on to say, "The last four winters we had no snow, and the warehouses reduced the stock. We got caught because of this with this winter's snow and ice."

Riva said that Lindell's expected a shipment of sand and salt by Feb. 28.

As the cold spell hit most of the United States, some of the winter supply was relocated based on demand.

Representatives of Aubuchon Hardware in Great Barrington commented: "There is a sand and rock salt shortage. It was shipped south because they were hit first."

At town garages, stockpiles of sand remain plentiful while the salt stock runs low.

Dave Barger, first selectman in Falls Village, reported, "Sand has not been in short supply, but the salt that we mix with the sand has. In our Town of Canaan — Falls Village — there has been more ice than there has been in past years."

"We have experienced issues due to the periods of wet weather followed by extreme cold," Cornwall Department of Public Works Supervisor Jim Vanicky said. "In the case of this winter it caused the sand to freeze deep into

the pile, which is unusable because it's very solid. In Cornwall we lost about one third to frozen sand. We do store it in a large pile facing the west to take advantage of the warmth."

Emily Egan, administrative assistant to the selectmen at Salisbury Town Hall said, "The shortage is on road salt, not sand which has affected the entire northeast." She added that "The town stocked up prior to the shortage, so we have not been affected."

In Sharon, Casey Flanagan, First Selectman, said

"We have not had any issues getting sand. I did hear that other towns and hardware stores were running out of salt. Knock on wood, we have had the material we needed to keep the roads passable this winter without interruption."

Over the border in North East, New York, Robert Stevens, Superintendent of Highways said, "The Town of North East is not having any problems getting sand and salt."

By the time March arrived, a wave of warm weather melted away the ice.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Agway on Route 22 in the village of Millerton still had a few pallets of rock salt for sale at the end of February, despite increased demand from years prior.

## Additional lawsuit brought against Kent School over data breach

By Riley Klein

KENT — Following the introduction of a class action case by former students earlier in February, an employee of the Kent School filed suit against the school for allowing private personal data to be obtained by a member of the IT department.

Kristen Ford, assistant director of studies at Kent School's Studies Department, filed the case with Torrington Superior Court Monday, Feb. 24. Ford is a resident of Falls Village and has been employed with the school since 2015.

Her complaint was brought for "damages as a result of Kent School's negligence; invasion of her privacy interests; computer privacy violations; recklessness; and negligent infliction of emotional distress," per the

filing.

Ford alleges that Daniel Clery, a senior information technology officer who worked at Kent School for 23 years, accessed and retained the content of her computer and cell phone without her knowledge or permission. Photos, videos and communications were obtained, "including photographs of a sexual or intimate nature," the complaint states.

Ford's complaint was filed within two weeks of a class action suit was brought on behalf of 70 current and former students of the Kent School. The Feb. 11 class action case alleges the same violations, stating "highly private and personal photographs (including photographs of a sexual and intimate nature), videos and communications" were accessed by Clery without their

consent.

In both cases, the plaintiffs claim monetary damages in excess of \$15,000.

The misconduct in question was first alleged in 2022 when a school employee discovered her private files were accessed after the accused worked on her computer. A private cybersecurity firm hired by Kent School reportedly found that Clery copied 81 persons' personal files,

both of students and former employees of the school. Of these, 79 were female.

Clery was terminated from the Kent School in February 2023.

Clery was arrested in June 2024 on two counts of first-degree computer crime, per the filing. His case is statutorily sealed and he is scheduled to appear at Waterbury Superior Court March 20.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The four bedroom home at 70 Colebrook Road was built in 1976 and has 2,000 square feet of space. The home sold for \$575,000 in November.

## Norfolk real estate market still warm

By Christine Bates

NORFOLK — Despite Norfolk's reputation as the ice box of Connecticut, real estate transfers continued into the coldest months of the year. The titles to seven single family residences all sold for under \$600,000, a multi-family building and one large piece of vacant land were recorded during the three months of November to January. Only two of these sales were to be found on listing sites while seven were negotiated privately.

At the end of February only three single family homes were listed for sale on Smart MLS in Norfolk including a stately 1780 colonial on over one hundred acres for \$4,995,000.

### January

443 Greenwoods Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath raised ranch sold by Kaitlin J. Sokolow to Caliann L. Wood for \$299,000.

68 Sunset Ridge Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 1.8-acre lot sold by Estate of Joan Williams Farr to Elizabeth Kuhse and Lucy Farr Revocable Trust for \$550,000.

### December

366 Doolittle Drive — 1 bedroom/1 bath home on five acres sold by Olivia T. and Carleton T. Goodnow co-trustees Edward B. Goodnow Revocable Trust and Michael Corrie Estate to Peter and Amy Bernstein Family LLC for \$539,000.

179 Sandisfield Road — 1920's cabin with 2-bedroom addition on 16 acres sold by George Sumner Case Jr. to Jane H. Humpstone and Lee Courtney Ward for \$200,000.

110 Loon Meadow Drive — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold by William C. and Lisa Mangan to Eric Antanas and Kaitlin Jo Sokolow for \$389,000.

### November

47-49 Blackberry St. — 3 bedroom/3 bath multifamily building sold by Daryl O. Byrne to Dziekan & Co. Real Estate LLC for \$192,470.

70 Colebrook Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 9.16 acres sold by Sarah A. Brusco to Megan E. Tashash and Baxter M. Poe for \$575,000.

Loon Meadow Drive — 27.01 acres of forest land sold by Estate of James Curtiss to John Philip and Elizabeth R. Chickos for \$220,000.

580 Litchfield Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1997 on 3.42 acres sold by Joseph W. Green to Angela and Alfred Bollard III for \$465,000.

*\*Town of Norfolk real estate transfers recorded as sold between Nov. 1, 2024, and Jan. 31, 2025, provided by the Norfolk 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.*



PHOTO PROVIDED

Preparing pizza for the community Friday, Feb. 28.

## Students make 50 pizzas to feed local families

LAKEVILLE — Students at The Hotchkiss School host a monthly Big Sister Little Sister program with Salisbury Central School students in grades 3 through 6. On Friday, Feb. 28, the 6th grade BSLS made 50 pizzas to be distributed to local families in need.

With the guidance of Mike Webster, Hotchkiss' Dining Director (and Little Sister parent) the girls got a lesson in pizza history: Pizza first appeared in Naples during the Renaissance.

The group enjoyed the rewards of preparing a meal

for those facing food security challenges in our community.

## Pathways committee considers sidewalk to Hotchkiss

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Pathways Committee heard an initial proposal for a sidewalk to connect Lakeville with The Hotchkiss School along Sharon Road (Route 41) at the committee's regular meeting Monday, Feb. 24.

Michael Virzi, Director of Facilities at the school, brought the committee plans for a sidewalk that would create a sidewalk along the road from the school campus north to where the existing sidewalk ends by the intersection of Sharon Road and Wells Hill Road.

The sidewalk would be on the west (or lake) side of the busy state highway.

Currently Hotchkiss students walk into Lakeville on the road's shoulder, which is irregular and often narrow.

Virzi emphasized that the plan he showed the committee is conceptual.

The next step for Hotchkiss is to provide a more detailed engineering review, which the school will pay for.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said the town will apply for a state grant. Rand also said he would get in touch with the property owners along the way to keep them informed.

Virzi said he will be appearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission soon to get feedback on the sidewalk idea.

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## Ambulance crew seeks funds hike for more hours

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — As the Board of Selectmen crafts its 2025-26 spending plan, members are looking at one important request.

The Sharon Fire Department's Ambulance squad is asking for an appropriation of \$195,000, an increase of \$65,000. Ambulance Captain Thalia MacMillan explained the bulk of that money would be put toward extending the days of paid personnel manning the calls from five to seven weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers would continue to oversee coverage nights and weekends.

"We've been paying

half the cost of this service out of our savings since July," MacMillan explained. "We quickly realized this was not sustainable."

In another effort to seek revenue, members just approved billing for ambulance services.

The crew is made up of 13 active members and recruitment is always underway, "but we realize it is a huge commitment," MacMillan said, pointing out the extensive certification process that volunteers must undergo, as well as the on-call duties.

The squad also spends time on fundraising. Its monthly pancake breakfast, which is held on the second Sunday, will resume this month.

## State to study 'dwindling' gray fox population in Connecticut

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Ginny Apple, a master wildlife conservationist with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, told a capacity crowd all about Connecticut's foxes at the David M. Hunt Library on Saturday, March 1.

Apple focused on the red and gray fox, the two species most likely encountered in the state.

She said the gray fox population is "dwindling" and that DEEP is about to start a study using electronic collars that track the animals in an effort to find out why their numbers are down.

Apple had a pretty good guess, though: rodenticides.

Mice and other rodents are significant food sources for foxes of all kinds. The bait that homeowners use to kill house mice often results in the poisoned mice stumbling outside and being eaten by



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Ginny Apple's recent fox lesson at David M. Hunt Library included audio effects.

foxes.

Apple conceded using snap traps or live traps is cumbersome and likely less effective.

She suggested that live mice could be trapped and then relocated some miles away, in a spot that provides some cover "so they have some chance" at survival.

Mice do have a homing instinct so it doesn't do much good to just shake them out of the live trap in the back

yard, she said.

Lead shot in deer carcasses is another problem. Foxes come across a deer that was shot by hunters and expired but never collected. The foxes eat the meat, and with it the lead shot.

Northwest Corner residents are most likely to see a red fox. Red foxes are bigger than their gray fox cousins, but rarely exceed 12 pounds.

They are adaptable animals, and are not put off by

human habitation.

In fact, one very common place to find a den of red fox mothers and kits is under an outbuilding.

If that happens, Apple says the best thing to do is leave them alone, as they will move on once the youngsters are ready.

If it is not possible to host a fox family under the woodshed, the best way to get them to leave is to be noisy.

Apple is an advocate of the Bear Scare Can treatment for scaring off unwanted wildlife.

"That's a coffee can with coins in it," she said. "It makes an unnatural sound."

She said air horns sound too much like car horns, which foxes are often accustomed to.

Both gray and red foxes enjoy excellent eyesight, hearing and sense of smell.

"They can hear a small animal burrowing at 150 yards."

She played a sample of fox sounds — a collection of howls, barks, whines and one yowl that Apple says provokes a lot of calls to 911.

One woman in the audience said it sounded like someone being murdered off in the woods.

## Kellogg kindergartners explore artistic passions

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Anna Pattison waited patiently as children filtered in the all-purpose room at the Lee H. Kellogg School Friday afternoon, Feb. 28.

There were three long cafeteria tables set up with acrylic paints laid out on paper plates, sets of three brushes — thin, medium and thick — and a smallish blank canvas at each place.

Eventually 13 children and five adults got their marching orders from Pattison.

The goal was to do a version of a fox in a wintry landscape.

Pattison said the template



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The template that guided kindergarten artwork at Kellogg School Feb. 28.

is ideal for a group activity because it can be done in just a few basic steps.

Step one was to use the teal paint to make the sky

background. Depending on the artist, this took up about two-thirds of the canvas.

Background accomplished, the artists took a break for popcorn while the paint dried.

Pattison suggested waving the canvases back and forth to facilitate drying, while cautioning against getting stray bits of popcorn in the mix.

A couple of enterprising students decided that running in circles around the room, holding their canvases, would be even better.

And soon the room was filled with small children charging back and forth brandishing teal-colored canvases.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

### Canaan history lesson

North Canaan Historian Kathryn Boughton spoke to a packed audience on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Douglas Library, providing an overview of the settling of the new townships in the Northwest Corner in the 18th century. Boughton described the harsh conditions facing early settlers to grow food, build shelters and navigate early poor roads.

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## Hunt art exhibit asks viewers to 'Read Between the Lines'

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — "Read Between the Lines," the art exhibit at the David M. Hunt Library, is among other things a record of how artist Jon Kopita dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The show consists of some 70 pieces, including a group done between March 14, 2020, and Aug. 10, 2020, when much of ordinary life was curtailed due to pandemic lockdowns.

The medium is pencil on the dotted midline paper used to teach handwriting. Words are repeated over and over, just like handwriting exercises.

Some examples: Day 1's entry is "I will wash my hands thoroughly."

Day 41: "I will remember it's allergies, not COVID."

Day 85: "To mask or not to mask?"

At a talk at the library Thursday, Feb. 27, Kopita said the idea stemmed from a visit to the Vitra Design Museum in Switzerland in 2007.

"I hated it," he said. "Mass-produced furniture is not meant to be worshipped."

In response he found some of the dotted midline paper and wrote "I hate Vitra" 100 times. That got it out of his system, and he had forgotten about the episode when the pandemic hit.

Kopita offered a list of terms to describe the work.

Under "obsessive," he said "things stick with me, in a really good way."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jon Kopita's new show was inspired by Vitra Design Museum, the pandemic and schoolhouse work.

He also described the pieces as resonant, meditative, and cathartic.

As the process unfolded, he found graphic patterns "that randomly appeared" in the repeating lines on the paper.

He said he did each piece

three or four times before settling on a final version.

An educator by trade, Kopita said "I wanted it to look like it came from a schoolhouse."

"Read Between the Lines" is on display through March 21.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF BARBARA B. VICTORIEN**

Late of West Cornwall (25-00028)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 18, 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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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ANTHONY J. STEWART**

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# OBITUARIES

## In Appreciation

### Maureen Brady

Maureen Brady, the first woman to be elected first selectman of Kent, died on Feb. 23 at her home after a long illness.

Brady, who served from 1985 to 1992, devoted much of her life to serving the community she loved.

Moving here with her young family from Queens, New York, when her husband, Thomas, became resident state trooper in Sherman, she quickly got involved in municipal activities by becoming secretary to then First Selectman Eugene O'Meara in 1973, and later to Robert Ward. Ward stepped down after two terms, and with his deep encouragement, she ran and won the town's top spot.

It was a time of transition when she took office, since the Town Hall was being relocated from its old cramped offices on South Main Street to a brand-new structure at Kent Green. Brady was in charge of arranging the details of the new building, as well as coordinating the move.

Former assessor Patricia Braislin, who was named to the position shortly after Brady was elected, recalled the move. "It was extremely smooth under her leadership," Braislin, of Sharon, said. "It was mind-numbing how well it went."

Braislin also spoke of Brady's approach to being first selectman. "She was very fair and wonderful to work with. She understood how the pieces went together based on her experience of working with other top officials."

Current tax collector Deborah Devaux was both a colleague and friend of Brady's. "She was a woman of such high morality and one who maintained her sense of humor and humanity. She was tough, but not authoritarian. Bob Ward taught her well."

Brady passed down the importance of public service to family members. Her son-in-law Martin Lindenmayer is current first selectman. When asked, he said Brady was definitely an inspiration for him seeking the seat. "She was a model of community spirit and had great vision for the town." Up until the last few weeks, he would visit

with her and seek her guidance on issues.



Lindenmayer said she transcended any politics while in office, working with all townspeople in a convivial and helpful manner.

Darlene Brady, the longtime town clerk, is her daughter-in-law. She credits Brady with alerting her to the position when it was about to be vacated. She smiled as she spoke about what a beautiful office Brady had designed for the town clerk, not realizing it would someday be her daughter-in-law's workplace.

Darlene Brady said she marveled at how her husband, Kevin, and his two siblings, Kathleen Lindenmayer and Maureen Goldman, had a special bond when it came to the love and respect they had for their mother. "I'm so proud to be a part of that," she said.

Maureen Brady later went on to serve on the Board of Finance and as assistant registrar of voters.

Noting her dedication to the town, a ceremony was held last March in which the large room at the southern end of the second floor that once housed Brady's office was dedicated in her honor. A huge crowd turned out as a plaque was placed over the doorway that reads "This room is dedicated to Maureen A. Brady in honor and recognition of her outstanding commitment and distinguished service to the town of Kent, 1973-2023."

Soon after she was elected, an article appeared in a local newspaper, noting Brady breaking into what had been a male-dominated office in town. There were also a large number of women in other governmental positions. The National Enquirer picked up on the story and wrote a piece, dubbing Kent "Petticoat Junction."

Brady was also a woman of strong faith, and after serving in the public realm, she worked as secretary for several Roman Catholic churches, including those in Sherman, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent. A funeral was held in Kent on Friday, Feb. 28.

Ruth Epstein  
Kent

### Shirley Mae MacCallum

EAST CANAAN — With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Shirley Mae MacCallum, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, who passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at her home in East Canaan. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Toby MacCallum, with whom she shared many years of love and companionship.



Shirley was born on Aug. 27, 1930, in Irving, Massachusetts, to the late Edgar and Henrietta (Jodway) Daigneault. A proud graduate of Agawam High School in 1947, she went on to lead a life filled with hard work, love, and a spirit that touched everyone who knew her. Over the years, Shirley worked at Kaman Aircraft Corporation, where she built a solid foundation for her family, and later pursued her passion for antiques as the proud owner of Toby's Antiques in East Canaan. She was known for her eye for unique treasures and her warm, welcoming nature that made all who entered feel like family.

Shirley's family and friends will remember her for her deep love, her unwavering support, and her ability to bring laughter and joy into any room. She had a special gift for making people feel valued, and her kindness and generosity knew no bounds. Her love extended not only to her family but also to animals, showing compassion and care for them. She took great pride in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always finding ways to be present in their lives, no matter the distance.

She is survived by her beloved sister, RoseMarie Galloway, and her husband, Richard, of Soldotna, Arkansas; her loving daughter, Lynn Pike, and her partner, Michael Sammon, of Scottsdale, Arizona; and her son-in-law, John Shepard, of Enfield, Connecticut. Shirley was preceded in death by her son, Ralph McEwan of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, and her daughter, Kathleen Shepard.

Shirley's legacy will live on through her grandchildren; Beth McEwan-Pajak and husband Jason of South-

wick, Massachusetts, Krystal Ouellette of San Manuel, Arizona, Bryan McEwan and wife Tara of Westfield, Massachusetts, Kylene Perras and husband Jim of South Windsor, Connecticut, Jonathan Shepard and wife Hannah of Enfield, Connecticut, Wendy Bannish and husband William of Suffield, Connecticut, and Candice Smith and husband Curtis of Massillon, Ohio. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Katrina, Kaelyn, Madison, Chase, Lisette, Jasmine, Max, Ellie, Nathan, Austin, Clayton and Brianna who were the light of her life, as well as a cherished aunt to her nephew, Jeffrey Bunch and wife Gina, along with many other nieces and nephews.

Shirley was a woman of grace, strength, and resilience. She faced every challenge with courage, and her compassion for others was boundless. Whether as a mother, grandmother, or friend, she offered unwavering love and was a true source of comfort and wisdom. She will be missed more than words can express, but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

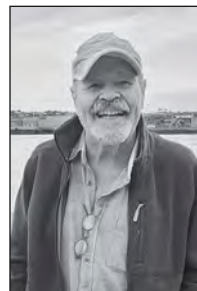
Visiting hours for Shirley will be held on Wednesday March 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, located at 985 Main Street in Agawam, Massachusetts. Visiting hours will continue on Thursday March 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home followed by a funeral home service at 11 a.m.

Interment will proceed at the Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Additional arrangements will be shared with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the MacCallum Family Fund for Animal Welfare, c/o Northwest CT Community Foundation, 33 East Main Street, PO Box 1144, Torrington, CT 06790, 860-626-1245, in Shirley's memory. Shirley's life was one of love, service, and joy. While she may no longer be with us, the impact she made on our lives will never fade. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. For online condolences please visit [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com).

### Arthur Frigault

SHARON — Arthur Joseph Frigault, 79, passed away Feb. 26, 2025, at Baystate Medical Center after a brave attempt to live with multiple myeloma cancer. He was surrounded by his devoted wife, loving family and friends.



Arthur was born July 7, 1945, in Waltham, Massachusetts, the son of the late Arthur and Delina Frigault. His parents migrated from New Brunswick, Canada to Waltham in 1945. Arthur attended french-speaking St. Joseph Church's elementary school in Waltham, Waltham High School and Northeastern University in Boston for engineering. He served in the US Army.

Arthur worked as engineer inspector in the aerospace industry at Itek Measurement Systems in Newton, Massachusetts and in the medical quality industry at Johnson and Johnson in Raynham, Massachusetts. His colorful life included work as a freelance photographer, picture framer, soap maker

and restaurateur. Arthur was owner of Beebo's Restaurant in New Orleans, Louisiana with his wife, Karen.

Arthur is survived by his wife and soulmate, Karen Heacox; his brother and sister-in-law, Max and Jean Frigault of Pismo Beach, California; his nephew, Eric Frigault of Fountain Hills, Arizona; and several cousins in Canada and the United States. He will be dearly missed by the entire Heacox family. This loss will go out in concentric circles and be felt in the world, Arthur touched many peoples' lives that they always felt better having spent time with him.

A memorial service will be held at the Sharon Congregational Church on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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### Jane Caron McGarry

SALISBURY — Jane Caron McGarry, of Salisbury, died Feb. 26, 2025, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Canaan. She was born in Sharon on Nov. 16, 1947, daughter of the late Augustine (Roy) and George Caron.

Ms. McGarry was employed as a secretary in Lakeville and Salisbury businesses and as a secretary to the late James B. Conlisk, Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in the 1960s. She worked for Shagroy Market and LaBonne's Epicure as bookkeeper and cashier for many years. She was the first selectman's secretary when the new town hall opened after being rebuilt following the fire. She was the receptionist at the Lakeville Journal and Noble Horizons. She also served as recording secretary for various boards and commissions for the Town of Salisbury.

Ms. McGarry served 8 years as President of the Salisbury Central School PTO, President of the Lakeville

Mother's Club, and as a Cub Scout den mother. She was an avid reader, writer, pet lover, cross stitcher, knitter, gardener, devoted mother, sister and grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husband, James McGarry, in 2002. She is survived by two sons; John and his wife, Tina, of Canaan, and Jason and his wife, Rebecca, of Troutman, North Carolina; a sister, Yvonne Robertson of Sharon; two grandsons Dylan of Idaho, and James of Troutman, North Carolina,

and two granddaughters Hayley and Merida both of Troutman, North Carolina.

Arrangements will be private. Memorial donations may be sent to the Scoville

Memorial Library 38 Main St. Salisbury, CT 06068. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

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# Lent: Time to consider social gospel movement

We are entering the annual Christian season of Lent this week. With its 40 days of contemplation and “little Easter” Sundays, it is a time to remember the healing ministry and the sacrifice of Jesus. During this season, we are invited to think deeply about our role as agents of grace and love in our hurting world.

There is a long history of making sacrifices and commitments for Lent, modeling our discipleship and hopes for a more heavenly world. It is through this lens that I invite you to join us in considering what gifts and services the community needs that we can commit to bringing forth in the weeks leading up to Easter. While many lean into solitary introspection during Lent, it may be particularly advantageous to use our meditations and sacrifices for the greater good this year.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, advised his followers centuries ago that “The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness. Faith working by love is the length and depth and breadth and height of Christian perfection.” These words are connected to the firm belief of Wesley that a Methodist was fundamentally one who loved God with all their heart, mind, strength, and soul, along with loving one’s neighbor as oneself. He believed that being in love with God naturally also required loving other people, as every person was a beloved soul coming from the same source of life that we are.

Consequently, Wesley stood against slavery long before it was a popular view, prioritized caring for those who were poor and imprisoned, and made a point to do good to as many as he could for as long as he was physically able.

Indeed, the Methodists are not the only Christians who believe such things. These thoughts are primary messages of the Christian faith. In more recent history, we can note that during the time of the Golden Age, at the end of the late 19th century, the Christians mobilized to counteract the abject poverty, child labor, dangerous working conditions, and lack of education of the time. Famous theologians such as Washington Gladden, Walter Rauschenbusch, and W.E.B. DuBois began the Social Gospel movement, enacting with new verve the passion of Christ that empowers the community toward building

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the Kingdom of God. As Christians, they believed in uplifting the downtrodden and creating a community where all had a chance to thrive. Child labor laws were enacted, better working conditions were secured, Sunday School helped provide education, settlement houses were created, and the Salvation Army was born.

The social gospel movement continued in another wave of reforms and empowerment through the Civil Rights era. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his intellect, energy, and life to help secure the reforms that enabled persons of color to vote, go to non-segregated schools, and have the right to share public spaces without discrimination. Like Christ, he paid the ultimate price for his prophetic vision. However, his impact on our society was formidable, lasting far beyond his short lifetime.

As Christians, it is very clear what to do in times of hardship, crisis, or challenge. Throughout the centuries, our call has been to help heal the world, doing whatever we can to uplift and transform loneliness into community, reminding each one how precious they are and how important it is to unite for the sake of the whole. Individually, the challenges can be overwhelming, even too much to bear. Collectively, we can do all things through the One who strengthens us. As they say, “We have the receipts!” We can do it again.

This Lent, let us give up our pessimism and fear, replacing it with a commitment to community and hope. Yes, things can seem dreadful, but our souls are not served by allowing ourselves to descend into the dark. We are keepers of the light. Let us do all within our power to create brightness so that its warmth may strengthen all as we live into the Social Gospel movement for our time. Chin up, friends, we can do this. We simply must be willing to get serious about doing it together.

*Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse is Pastor of Canaan, Lakeville, Millerton, and Sharon United Methodist Churches; Lead Pastor of the Northwestern Hills Cooperative Parish UMC.*



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Winsted Friends of Main Street fundraising

On Feb. 7, Friends of Main Street from Winsted held the 17th year Bubbles & Truffles wine and chocolate tasting event. I am writing to extend my thanks to the participants and stakeholders who made the event possible, and also to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism that seems to have fallen out of vogue in our culture.

The event was held at Crystal Peak; John Roller as always, did a phenomenal job with the facility atmosphere as was the consummate professionalism of his personnel. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with him and his staff.

There was a myriad of

wine, beer and spirits by an assortment of providers; I would be most surprised if any of our guests were unable to find a beverage to their liking. Equally, there were numerous complimentary chocolates, as well as other epicurean delights to partake of.

While this is a significant fund raising event for Friends of Main Street, our organization would not exist without our corporate sponsors, Best Friends, Good Friends and Friends, Northwest Community Bank, West State Mechanical Inc., Howd, Lavieri & Finch and Ash Family Heating & Cooling. We also want to recognize

the event sponsors, John’s Package Store, Northwest Community Bank, West State Mechanical Inc. and Webster Bank who actively participated to support the event.

Most importantly I want to thank our volunteers who put in countless hours to make the event a success and for performing the arduous drudgework not seen in the finished product and presentation. These people show up for many meetings, come up with the creativity and design and put in the time to make the event happen. My thanks go beyond words to Andy Jones, Candace Bouchard, Sandy Griswold, Pam Dean, Ryan Wheeler, Mark

Lampognana, Beth Hamilton, Steve Gruber, Rhonda Detlefsen and Jen Perga. In a world where we have seen monumental changes in recent years and seemingly a loss of community spirit and volunteerism, it is wonderful to know that there are people who care so much and are willing to make the time, effort and selfless work to make an event like this such a success. I am humbled to know such wonderful people and extend my thanks from the bottom of my heart

**Francis “Fran” Delaney**  
President  
Friends of Main Street  
Winsted

### Postcard sent from Scotland

I’m writing this from a castle in Scotland, on a work residency funded by the Hawthornden Foundation. The castle, built in the 15th century, was bought in the 1980s by the arts patron Drue Heinz who turned it into a retreat for writers. She’d married into the ketchup empire and spent her life using her fortune to support the making of literature.

In 2018, the last time I was here, Mrs. Heinz passed away, at age 103, in a room upstairs from the one where I’m staying.

I share what must have once been the service wing, with three other writers. Our bedrooms are narrow, with modest furnishings: a twin-sized bed, a pine desk, a small bookshelf, armchair, nightstand. But in mine there’s also an exquisite antique chest of drawers, mahogany inlaid with yellow-wood marquetry. It was from the bedroom of Mrs. Heinz said the site director, bringing my luggage into the room.

How can they trust writers not to ruin the veneer, I think each morning as I set a cup of coffee on a folded piece of paper — no coasters around.

Each drawer has a keyhole. The pulls are antique designs featuring bronze ribbons and cornucopia. The inlays are flowers and feathers and what look like the wings of angels. But this is what kills me. The inside of the drawers are glued with denim-blue

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Hawthornden Castle after a sunshower.

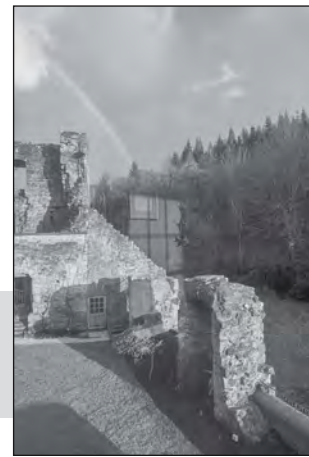


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floral paper. The paper isn’t just on the bottom, it’s up the sides — as used to be the custom with wood drawers when I was a girl. To line the inside with paper so clothes wouldn’t snag.

I imagine Mrs. Heinz papering the drawers herself — the edges don’t match, it’s an amateur’s job. And the thought of her hands, through which so much good came (Paris Review magazine, Ecco Press), taking time to push glued paper against the wood, smoothing it, perhaps lighting a cigarette as she stood back to admire her work — momentarily lessens my despair upon reading the news from home.

Such a small act, she’d have thought nothing of. Yet all these years later, her caring to do it says something to me — and perhaps, now, to you, too. We never know which of our endeavors will carry into the future.

*Helen Klein Ross lives in Lakeville.*

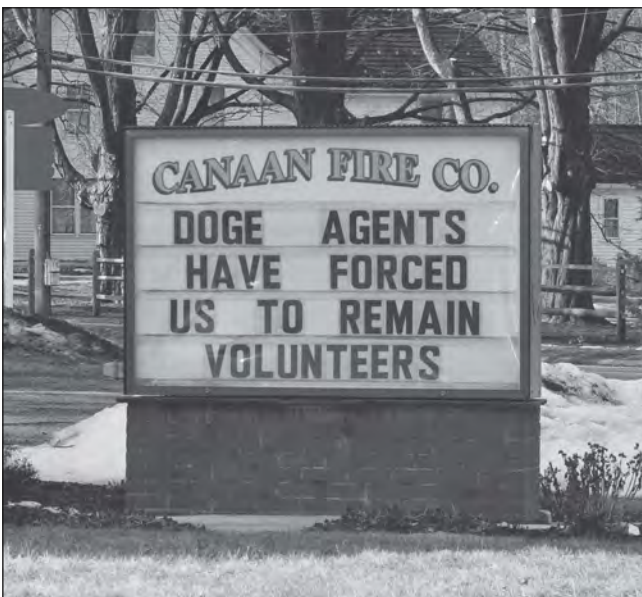


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Seen around town

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## Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —  
March 1900

SALISBURY — Dr. Beebe has sold his place to Dr. Sellew.

The Hotchkiss Library in Sharon recently purchased the Charles Dudley Warner Library, consisting of thirty-one volumes of standard literature.

SHARON — Mr. Louis Benson is taking a vacation which he is enjoying in Waterbury.

On account of the severe cold there was no service at the M.E. Church on Sunday evening.

Dr. Will Bissell is treating 16 cases of measles, 14 of which are at Dr. Knight's Institution.

N.L. Daniels saw an unusual sight last Monday for this time of the year. He had occasion to go to the spring near Fred Burton's place and there he saw a big green bullfrog hopping around as lively as you please. The frog evidently did not like the climate for he hopped back in the spring and disappeared. Next!

Mrs. Moses Lyman met with a serious accident on Tuesday last. Coming down the front stairs about 10 o'clock, with her hands filled, she somehow slipped and fell, striking the right side on the edge of a stair and breaking the bone just below the hip joint. The two Dr. Bissells were summoned and the limb set as soon as it was possible. Mr. Lyman was in western New York at the time and was called home by wire the next morning. Mrs. Lyman has an excellent trained nurse from New York and her many friends will be glad to know that though suffering much pain most of the time, she is as comfortable as such a fracture will allow her to be at present.

100 years ago —  
March 1925

Charles H. Wiesing, who died at his home in Salisbury March 2nd, was born in Lime Rock January 11th, 1858. He was the oldest son of George F. Wiesing, a skilled pattern-maker in the employ of the Barnum Richardson Co. Mr. Wiesing was educated at the Lime Rock public school, and at the Rocky Dell Institute, a private school situated in Lime Rock, well known in its day. At the age of sixteen he began to work for the Barnum, Richardson Co., entering his father's shop, and learning the pattern-makers trade. He was in the employ of that Company, holding the position of Superintendent as the successor of James H. Barnum, till he resigned in 1915, a period of 41 years. In 1884 he was married to Miss Lillie Winchell, and for years they occupied the cottage on Lime Rock Main Street, that is still associated with their name.

H. Roscoe Brinton has sold his garage at Salisbury to A.S. Martin. The price for the building and equipment is said to have been \$20,000, and the stock and supplies were a separate deal. Mr. Brinton informs the Journal man that he is not yet prepared to announce any definite plans, he expects to be here at least until next winter. Mr. Martin will continue to conduct the business as formerly and will endeavor to

give the very best of service to the old and any new patrons.

Quite a number of our citizens reported experiences during the earth quake which visited the eastern part of the country last Saturday evening. Walls trembled, pictures swung and dishes rattled in different places. At the Men's Club a number of members watched the pool balls roll around on the tables and didn't understand the cause till later. The greater number of the people however were totally unaware that anything unusual had happened till they read their papers or heard it over their radio sets.

A.S. Martin has sold his building known as the Jigger Shop to Mrs. Floyd Hamm, who will continue to conduct business there.

E.L. Peabody has been laid up with an injured foot, which he had the misfortune to cut with an axe, but the injured member is now improving and Mr. Peabody is able to get about.

FOR SALE — Family cow, \$40. J.R. Taylor, Phone 62.

Alfred Beebe who recently escaped from Litchfield jail and was recaptured, again broke jail last Sunday, but was again recaptured, and returned to that institution on Tuesday. George Bowen, a fellow prisoner who escaped at the same time, was also recaptured. The prisoners were occupying a house on the estate of John M. Wadhams at Goshen, when the officers gathered them in.

Miss Katherine Farley had the misfortune to fall on the ice last Sunday and received quite a severe sprain of the left wrist.

50 years ago —  
March 1975

Elementary classes are smaller now in the Northwest Corner than they were eight years ago. School Superintendent Frank Samuelson says this reflects the statewide trend revealed in a survey issued this week. Mr. Samuelson said that if overall enrollment declines continue, new groupings would probably be tried, in part as an effort to keep teacher costs per child "within reason."

Auto dealers in the Tri-State region had been urging their customers to take advantage of the auto manufacturers' rebate program during February. A survey this week found the effort had paid off for many. Dealers said that used car sales have been particularly strong, since many prospective buyers unable to afford a new auto are able to purchase a good used car.

Fire gutted the new offices of the Cornwall Insurance Agency Inc. and DeVoe Realty in Cornwall Bridge early Wednesday morning. Cornwall Fire Chief Richard Dakin termed the blaze "extremely suspicious" in origin and said the state and town fire marshals will investigate.

Salisbury selectmen heard an urgent plea from John Fallon Tuesday night for relief from the problem created by runoff drainage from U.S. 44 spilling across his lawn on Library Street. Under a drainage easement dating from 1935, water collected from catch basins along Main Street is discharged along a

10-foot-wide strip across his yard. The trouble, he said, is that it is not only water but also anything else that enters the catch basins including beer and soda cans and even a topcoat. His neighbor Frank Bogue also suffers from a similar accumulation of silt and debris after every storm. First Selectman Charlotte Reid expressed great sympathy but said the selectmen are also frustrated because the State, which creates much of the problem, refuses to accept responsibility for a solution. She described feeble state efforts to clean out the drains.

William H. Geer D.M.D. has opened an office for the practice of general dentistry on Main Street in Lakeville, having purchased the general practice of Dr. Richard M. Wright. A native of Stratford, Dr. Geer is married to the former Elizabeth Glad. They have three daughters, Julia, 5, Susannah, 3, and Laura, 1 — and live on Main Street next to the dental office.

Plans for the use of the former Lawrence Playground were laid Monday night when First Selectman Leo Segalla met with the Canaan Recreation Commission. Recreation Commission Chairman Norman Tatsapaugh said that his group will seek to establish two softball fields on the property and to repair the tennis courts. He said that if two ball fields prove to be impossible this year, the town will settle for one.

25 years ago —  
March 2000

Caitlin Grusauskas of Falls Village has been named valedictorian for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School class of 2000; Daniel Kruger of Lakeville has been named salutatorian.

SHARON — West Woods Road No. 1 may be the next in town to earn a scenic road designation. Earlier this year resident Steve Malley submitted a petition to the town requesting the unpaved 3.4-mile-long section of the road be designated as scenic. First Selectman Robert Moller said most likely a public hearing date will be set at the Board of Selectmen's next meeting. The portion of the road up for scenic designation begins at its southern end, where it intersects with West Woods Road No. 2 and Keeler Road, and continues along until the road becomes paved about a mile from its intersection with Route 41.

WEST CORNWALL — The covered bridge on Route 128 over the Housatonic River is tentatively scheduled to close the week of March 13. During that week, Mohawk Northeast Inc. of Newington will straighten the bridge, which is leaning to the south. Braces will also be added at the top corners of the bridge and some of the tresses supporting it will be replaced. Once that is completed, the span will be reopened to traffic and the roof and siding will be replaced and the windows relocated.

KENT — The ice on the Housatonic River just south of the village is out, making both an individual and the Kent Volunteer Fire Department a bit richer. The ice broke at 9:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28. Charles Davis submitted the winning ticket with a guess of 10:15 p.m. Feb. 28. He and the department will each get \$1,164.

## Growth scare adds worry to the mix

Tariff fears, inflation worries, and now, an economic growth scare, have conspired to sour moods in the markets. The Trump trade has all but disappeared and in its place, investors are looking for defensive areas to protect capital.

Uncertainty is the bane of any market's existence and right now that element is in abundance. Last week we have seen concerns over inflation take a back seat to an even greater worry—a slowing economy. It began with a recent retail sales number. The data was weaker than many expected as consumers pulled back on their discretionary spending.

That could have been explained away as simply a bout of buying fatigue after the strong holiday season, which is normal. However, the flash Services Purchasing Managers Index, which tracks business activity in the service sector, also showed slower growth.

Coupled with those signs, as I mentioned recently, Walmart issued a cautious outlook for the rest of the year based on fears of a fall in purchasing power among lower-income consumers. Data released on Friday Feb. 28, showed that consumers slashed their spending by the most since 2021 even as their income rose.

In addition, we have seen consumer confidence numbers and inflation expectations rise in the most recent consumer surveys. On Thursday, Feb. 27, the government announced that the real Gross Domestic Product slowed to 2.5% in the final quarter of the year versus a 2.7% growth rate in the third quarter of 2024. It also showed weaker real spending growth relative to the third quarter.

Weekly initial jobless claims at the end of February, on jumped to 242,000, above expectations of 221,000 and up from the previous week's 220,000. Just think what will happen to jobless claims when the firing among federal workers starts to show up in the data. Pending U.S. home sales also slid to an all-

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time low in January as high mortgage rates, record-high home prices, and terrible weather kept home buyers away.

The Personal Consumer Expenditures Price Index (PCE), the Fed's leading inflation marker, came in as expected at 2.6% in January and was a 0.3% increase over December. That was no surprise to me.

I have been writing for months that we would see a back-up in inflation. I also warned that the economy would begin to experience a slowdown about now. The two together would create a somewhat mild stagflation-type environment. So now that we have achieved that state of affairs, what's next?

I expect the economy to continue to weaken and unemployment to rise somewhat in the coming quarter thanks to expected government actions on the spending, employment, immigration, and tariff fronts. There may even be a recession by the end of the second quarter or the beginning of the third quarter.

That potential outcome will depend on how deeply the Trump administration pursues its present policies. However, I also see inflation falling simultaneously for the same reasons. As a result, chatter of a rate cut or two by the Fed will be back on the table for this year, which could support markets.

On tariffs, the president insists that the 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico are on track to begin on March 4. An additional 10% tax on Chinese imports (bringing the total to 20%) will also be imposed. He also stated that the April 2 launch of reciprocal tariffs will remain in "full force and effect." None of those statements improved

investor sentiment as we closed out February.

To add insult to injury, Nvidia, the AI semiconductor leader's fourth-quarter earnings results did not help either. While earnings, sales, and guidance were all good, the company's stock still fell as many investors believe that 'the bloom is off the rose' at least temporarily in the AI trade. At the same time, another of Wall Street's darlings, Tesla, the EV maker, has given up almost all of its Trump election gains. The slowdown in sales and Elon Musk's political involvement has driven the stock down 40%.

The risk-off mood has seeped into most other areas of the market. Gold and precious metals as well as bitcoin and other cryptos have fallen along with stocks. Technology shares continue to decline, and more and more analysts are expressing caution overall when it comes to the market.

Investor sentiment is negative wherever you look. The CNN Fear & Greed Index is registering "extreme fear." The American Association of Individual Investors survey (AAII) had its lowest reading of bulls since March of 2023, while bearish sentiment is up over 60%. "In the entire history of the AAII sentiment survey, there have only been six other weeks when bearish sentiment was higher," according to Bespoke Investment Group.

My view is that the S&P 500 Index to date, is off by just a few percent from the all-time highs made less than two weeks ago. March is a traditionally tough month in the markets and while I see this pullback as a much-needed pause, the jury is out on how much lower we can go. Could we see further declines, say 8-10% overall in the month ahead? That determination is in the hands of one single individual, Donald Trump.

*Bill Schmick is the founding partner of Onota Partners, Inc., in the Berkshires.*

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LAKEVILLE — Lime Rock Park has partnered with Country Carpenters to bring a new beer garden to the racing venue. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new structure took place on Tuesday, Feb. 25, with an official ribbon-cutting celebration planned for Memorial Day weekend during the Trans Am Memorial Day Classic (May 23-26).

KENT — Dugan Road, from No. 60 to the dead end, was closed on Tuesday, March 4, for tree removal work.

Litchfield County Opiate Task Force reported a concerning increase in both fatal and nonfatal overdoses in February with 24 suspected cases in the county. Those in need of naloxone, fentanyl test strips, harm reduction supplies or support are encouraged to visit an outreach site, which can be found online at [www.lcotf.org/map](http://www.lcotf.org/map). The SafeSpot hotline number is 1-800-972-0590.



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Winter aconites on their first day of bloom on Saturday, March 1 in North Canaan.



## Realtor® at Large

The CT DEEP Boating Guide is out filled with information on how to register your boat and to get your boating certificate, which is required to operate a boat in CT inland waters. Also important is an excellent section on the threat of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) such as Hydrilla, Eurasian Milfoil and Zebra Mussels, as well as what we can do to help prevent their spread to our lakes and rivers. What is new this year is the required AIS stamp to help fund both the research and management of AIS. For more information, please visit: [portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/connecticut-boaters-guide](http://portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/connecticut-boaters-guide)



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## AFS

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all six Region One towns.

In an interview Sunday, March 2, Bate said the club has six student members, including a student from Colombia.

The immediate task is to come up with a plan to promote AFS programs. The group has taken the initial steps to establish a social media presence, Bate said.

Jenny Law, a Falls Village chapter board member and former host, said in an interview Saturday, March 1, that the dearth of Region One students going abroad under the aegis of AFS can be partially attributed to the pandemic.

She also wondered if the commitment of a semester or year abroad is daunting for students, especially given the success of the HVRHS Travel Club, which sends groups of students overseas on trips of

much shorter duration.

Another problem is the expense of going overseas for a year.

Law said the local AFS chapter has money available for scholarships.

"We've got a strong fund."

AFS needs more host families too. In a letter sent to Region One families last year, Law urged families to consider hosting "an exchange student from another country, in your home, for a semester or a year. It is not necessary that you have a high school aged child of your own at the time of hosting. Many host families have younger children at home, or no children at all.

"The only requirements are that you can provide a safe and loving home, and that you are interested in having a cultural exchange of ideas, values and traditions."

## REUNION

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ture shorts which he wore throughout his tenure. "It's bringing back a lot of memories. I'm surprised at the turnout. I guess that shows how much they thought about their time here." He taught at the school from 1968 to 2002, noting a highlight was his being able to introduce cross-country skiing into the program. It was the only school in the state at that time that offered the sport and he praised the Board of Education for providing the funds.

As they arrived, the guests first headed over to the teachers for hugs and handshakes. Adam King of Westborough, Massachusetts, came bearing his eighth-grade yearbook, poring over the photos with some of his classmates. "As fast as I wanted to leave this town, I've kept it in my heart." He and several others



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Among those attending Saturday's Sharon Center School reunion are, from left, Meng Kry, Maggie Laverty, Julie Prindle, Barbie Ellis and Andrea Kennedy.

made reference to Comporese's shorts, noting he always wore them, even in sub-zero-degree weather. "His gym classes were the bright spot

in my day."

King remembered that Robbins had them read Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" and that he invited students to his home for sledding.

King, and others, recalled the wooden hand Comporese kept in his office as a deterrent to poor behavior. Jesse Loucks of Salisbury also had vivid memories of that spoon that had one smashed finger. When he thought about it, he went over to question Comporese to ask if that finger was a result of his using it to punish someone. He came back with the answer. "He said that broken finger was just for effect," reported Loucks.

For Nam Kry of New York City, Sharon Center School played a pivotal role in his life. He and his family were from Cambodia and were sponsored to come to town by the Sharon Congregational Church. Knowing no English, he said sports was the way he broke through the language barrier and he credited the two teachers for providing those experiences. He and his siblings were the only Asian students at the school at that time, but they were embraced by the school and community.

Kry went off to Salisbury School, Yale for an undergraduate degree and Harvard for a master's. He works in the area of technology. "My American dream started here," he said. Robbins noted he was one of the brightest students he ever taught.

As she embraced Comporese, Janette Ireland of Kent said, "He was tough. He didn't let us get away with anything." Ed Duntz of Sharon said his main remembrance about Robbins was telling the students they all needed to know about football, because the boys would play it and the girls would date players. Douglas Cahill, current chairman of the Sharon Center School Board of Education, said his greatest pleasure is giving out the Comporese Sports Award for sportsmanship at each graduation and Brian Wil-

cox beamed to relate that his daughter Morgan received that award.

Several women from the classes of 1986 and 1987 attended, pleased to see the teachers and each other. Andrea Kennedy said the two "set expectations because they loved the kids that went here" and Maggie Laverty said they inspired her to become a teacher.

Jamie Hall Casey of Sharon said when her father died, Comporese was the first to arrive for his calling hours. Linda Amerighi of Sharon remembers students having to take part in the Presidential Fitness program under Comporese's supervision, which gave students needed exercise. "I still have my badges and certificates," she said, proudly.

Jonathan Costa, who is director of EdAdvance, said his father, Tony Costa, a former principal at the school, hired Comporese. "Jack inspired me in sports and Irv inspired me in education," said Costa.

Ellie Lowell of Sharon came to show her appreciation to them both, but said Robbins made her seventh- and eighth-grade years enjoyable after having a difficult sixth-grade experience. "You don't forget teachers like that," she said.

Wanda Moeller of Sharon was the school secretary from 1977 to 2006. "They were a lot of fun," she said of the pair. "They cared deeply about their students." "I knew I'd enjoy it and I did," said Robbins, looking around the room toward the end of the event. "It's a dream come true. I loved the kids, most of whom I haven't seen since they graduated. To see them as adults is a joy."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## An appeal to please slow down, Kent

Elizabeth Street is the kind of place where neighbors wave to one another, children play and ride their bikes, and families from all over town walk their dogs after dinner. The south side is also home to Kent Center School, where children excitedly walk in and out of its doors each day. Elderly residents at Morning Star Residential Care rely on the peace and safety of this special neighborhood. But Elizabeth Street has unfortunately become something else far less desirable: a racetrack.

We write today out of concern for the well-being of our community. The reality is that too many drivers treat our street as a speedway rather than a school and thickly settled residential zone — disregarding the 15 mph speed limit and stop signs that exist for student and resident safety. This problem has worsened over time, with increased traffic and a minimal ability to control those who flaunt the law.

Elizabeth Street was never designed to handle high-speed traffic. As neighbors whose small yards face both each other and the street, we see this every day: most cars blowing significantly past 15 mph and stop signs as if they're optional, delivery trucks rolling through at highway speeds, and, worst of all, distracted drivers oblivious to the fact that a child, elderly resident, or pet could step into their path at any moment.

This issue is quantifiable. Studies on urban street design and traffic control show that a pedestrian struck by a car at 30 mph is over four times more likely to die than one hit at 15 mph — and many cars on Elizabeth Street often exceed even that. We have already seen our pets hit by drivers that are oblivious to the hazard.

Other Connecticut towns are taking concrete steps to address dangerous driving. Last month, Fairfield became the latest municipality to adopt automated traffic enforcement safety devices — speed and red-light cameras — to improve school zone safety and deter reckless speeding. The Fairfield Representative Town Meeting voted 32-6 to approve a plan to install seven to 10 cameras at six school zones, citing an increase in dangerous and anti-social driving behaviors. As one representative noted, "A child was hit in a school zone not that long ago. We want to make sure our children can walk to and from school safely."

While speed cameras may be off the table for now, that does not mean we are out of options. Other towns have successfully reduced speeding through a combination of enforcement, education and infrastructure improvements, and it is time the residents and officials of Kent take action to do the same.

We therefore urge residents, schoolteachers and parents, delivery and service drivers, and others to immediately slow down to posted speeds when driving on Elizabeth Street. Safety and security require everyone to travel at or below 15 mph — no exceptions. If driving at this speed feels "odd," please take the time to get used to it.

We additionally request town and official support for more effective enforcement measures, including:

1. Community Engagement & Public Awareness

Many drivers simply do not realize how fast they are going or how dangerous their speed can be in a dense living area. A community-led awareness campaign will remind drivers to slow down.

In Fairfield, officials pri-

oritized data transparency by requiring annual reports on violations issued, locations with the most offenses, and repeat offenders. We need similar accountability here in Kent. A report on speeding violations would guide future enforcement and infrastructure decisions.

2. Regular and Visible Enforcement Presence — At All Hours of the Day

Because most drivers on Elizabeth Street do not comply with Kent's posted speed limit, occasional ticketing is not enough. We greatly appreciate the recent ticketing efforts of Trooper Donohoe, but we need more official presence on Elizabeth Street for deterrence.

Importantly, this is not just a school-hour problem. Many residents have witnessed dangerous speeding well into the evening and late at night, when reckless drivers seem to take advantage of the lack of enforcement. Traffic safety efforts must be consistent and all-day, not just when children are going to and from school.

Fairfield's ordinance outlines clear fines for first and repeat offenses — \$50 for the first violation, \$75 thereafter. While our town does not currently have speed cameras, consistent enforcement through patrols and targeted stops at various times of day would deter reckless driving.

3. Traffic Calming Measures — Including Flashing Signs

Speed bumps — temporary or permanent — raised crosswalks, and flashing speed signs are proven methods to physically slow down drivers. These relatively affordable and effective solutions will enhance direct enforcement.

Flashing speed signs, in particular, could serve as a strong deterrent — visually reminding drivers of their

speed and reinforcing the importance of slowing down. We recognize that the Town will need to justify the cost of such an investment, so exploring funding options or grant opportunities could help make this a reality.

Washington, Connecticut, the first town to implement speed cameras, has already begun seeing positive changes in driver behavior, and Fairfield officials expect a similar improvement in pedestrian safety once their cameras are in place. While Kent has yet to explore this option, we should not wait until a tragedy occurs before implementing traffic calming measures.

The question is not if reckless speeding on Elizabeth Street will lead to further concern and tragedy — it's when. Our children are already hesitant to play in their own front yards due to excessive speed. We refuse to wait until a child, an elderly resident, or a pet is again injured — or worse — before responsible action is taken.

We are not here to assign blame, nor do we seek a heavy-handed response. Instead, we hope this letter serves as a reasonable call to action — for our neighbors, our school and town officials, and our law enforcement officers — to work together on a solution.

Slowing down, using your common sense, and being courteous to others is a small price to pay for the safety, security, and well-being of our community.

Kathleen Lindenmayer  
Sarah Chase

Kent

More letters  
on A6.

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## Returning Ukraine's children

Wars are horrible. So many people get hurt, but the war in Ukraine is a bit unique. In every Ukrainian village the Russians have invaded, the soldiers have arrested the parents and removed the children and babies from their families. The young children have been sent off to orphanages in Russia and then put up for adoption to families all over Russia. The older children have been sent to military academies, technical schools, and "summer camps" to turn them into Russian citizens.

As the Russian population is declining rapidly and reached a low in 2024, this is the method they have found to add new citizens. More than 19,000 Ukrainian children have been taken and are still missing. The Ukrainian families do not know where their children are. This program was conceived by a woman working in the Kremlin who is close to Putin. In the Russian families the children will only speak Russian not their native tongue Ukrainian. They want them to forget where they came

from and become Russian.

As a mother of two, I cannot imagine the anguish for those Ukrainian families since they do not even know where their children are living or if they are even alive. This horrific war crime the Russians are perpetrating is real ethnic cleansing.

Returning the kidnapped children of Ukraine to their proper families must be a part of any peace settlement to end this immoral war.

Lizbeth Piel

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## COOK-OFF

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ulations.

"We have displayed approved signs or received exclusions from TAHD for previous events with home-cooked food," said Shipp, believing that adherence to prior guidance would ensure the compliance of the Chili Cook-off. But, when asked for comment, representatives from the TAHD asserted that "there has never been an avenue within the code for home-cooked meals to be served to the public."

Further confounding the issue were unclear distinctions between public and private; sharing and serving; cooking and warming. However, what has become especially concerning for community event planners is the less ambiguous distinction between home and commercial kitchens.

Even with rules around home kitchen usage now more clearly delineated, Shipp claimed that their adoption by the community would mean taking on an impracticable burden.

"We only have one publicly available commercial kitchen in Cornwall," said Shipp, insisting that it would not be logistically possible for the Chili Cookoff to materialize if all participating cooks were forced to share this limited space. "We're now clear on the rules," said Shipp, "but this is not an acceptable policy for a community like ours."

Cornwall, like the various rural towns that surround it, runs on tight budgets and enthusiastic volunteerism. A beloved and long-standing tradition of community potlucks forms the backbone of its yearly event calendar.

With limited municipal resources to expend on items like prepared food, the future of these events now seems uncertain. But Shipp has called on the community to advocate for its way of life.

Speaking from the stage at the Cornwall Town Hall on the evening of the quashed Cook-off, Shipp implored attendees, among them residents of other towns; members of other organizations and committees; to "think about what kind of events you hold, how often you have events with food," and to reflect on how essential these events may be.

"This is going to affect all our towns," Shipp continued, proposing that the greater community come to the State with a request for its particular needs and capabilities to be addressed.

There has been precedent, according to Shipp, for a coalition of towns to effect divergence from state regulations in areas like early voting, housing development, and waste management.

"The next step is to reach out to our representatives and ask them to do something about this issue, to adapt these regulations," Shipp announced.

All the while, guests plated store-prepared food from a compliant buffet of sandwiches and sides; the hometown-fronted Glori Wilder Band tuning up over the murmurs of a growing crowd.

"They can change the rules," called out Shipp, in closing, "but they can't diminish our community spirit."

Sealing this affirmation, the dancing began.

**"They can change the rules, but they can't diminish our community spirit,"**

**Cornwall Park and Recreation Chair  
Michelle Shipp**

## NASCAR

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**Some signed up, others undecided**

Jacopino was joined by Tom Burke, director of track operations, as they answered questions, addressed concerns and handed out a generic parking plan with suggestions on how to delineate spaces, travel lanes, entrances and exits.

As of last week's meeting, about a half dozen neighbors indicated interest in hosting off-site parking, and a handful of others said they had not yet decided but were weighing the option and had additional questions.

Jacopino estimated that 120 cars can fit on an average acre of land, and that the parking fee will range from \$20 per car within a half mile of the track to \$10 per car outside of a half mile.

"It's going to be totally your revenue. We don't want any part of it," said Jacopino.

Lime Rock Park plans to supply each off-site location with a 2-foot by 2-foot official NASCAR parking sign and provide shuttle service for sites not within walking distance to the event, said Jacopino. "And we checked with the town, nobody needs a special permit to park cars in their yards," he noted in response to a question from the group.

The park's use of off-site parking is nothing new, as the nearby Trinity Church and other large-acreage fields have offered supplemental parking during large events, said park officials.

In addition to several private property owners, representatives from local businesses including the park's neighbor, Heather Bloom Farm on White Hollow Road, and Housatonic Valley Regional High School, offered to park cars at their sites.

In addition, said Jacopino,



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**Robert Jacopino, vice president of operations at Lime Rock Park, met with about a dozen neighbors last week at the venue's infield chalet to explain how they could benefit financially by parking cars on their property during the upcoming 2025 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series/ARCA event on June 27 and 28.**

local Boy Scouts have offered to assist with parking as a public service.

**HVRHS to offer paved parking option**

Among attendees at the meeting were Melissa and Randy Dean, who said they were representing the owner of nearby While Hollow Farm and Vineyard and seeking details on the parking plan.

Jeffrey Tripp, class advisor at HVRHS, and Jeff Lloyd, facility manager, noted that the school's parking lot would be an ideal alternative for patrons who arrive in "really nice cars" and prefer to park on a paved surface instead of fields.

They further noted that students have volunteered to assist with the parking flow.

Lloyd asked if they should plan on opening the parking area for both Friday and Saturday of the weekend event, or just Saturday.

Burke explained that Friday is traditionally the slower day for weekend events and that Saturday will lure the biggest crowds.

"Saturday is definitely the full monty," Jacopino said.

In response to questions about parking and safety issues, Burke said State Police will provide full security, and that Lifestar "will be on the

ground" both at the park and at the high school's athletic fields in the event of a mass casualty incident.

Park officials noted that "No Parking" signs will be posted along Route 112, and along roads where off-site paid parking is being offered, and that all of the private parking areas are set back from the main roads.

"Tom has made leaps and bounds over the past two years getting the State Police involved so that there will be fewer parking jams," said Jacopino.

**Concerns about dogs, rain and litter**

Dugway Road residents Linda and Thomas Walko were are "on the fence" as to whether they plan to offer their 11 acre property with an expansive, open meadow as an off-site parking location.

Linda Walko asked how to handle a situation where a patron arrives with a dog in their car, to which Lime Rock Park officials suggested they be turned away, as dogs are not allowed in the park or to remain in parked cars.

Thomas Walko, who races at Lime Rock, expressed concern that inclement weather could become an issue. "I can park a couple hundred of cars there, but if it rains,

it will rip my place up."

He also raised concerns about his fields being littered with beer cans and other trash, to which Jacopino suggested placing several visibly marked, large trash cans throughout the parking area.

The Lime Rock vice president said he has received a few calls from residents concerned about noise and traffic, but most of the feedback to the parking plan have been positive. He explained that all of the sites on private property will be "away from other people's homes," and on large parcels of land tucked back from main roads.

One meeting attendee asked: "Do the patrons coming aware that this is a small, New England town where there is not a lot of infrastructure?"

The Cooper family on Lime Rock Road is counting the days to the big NASCAR event, when parking will become a family affair.

Erica and Ryan Cooper said they plan to park about 200 cars on their two-and-a-half acre property. "Our three boys are pretty excited" about helping out, said Ryan.

**'Biggest event in Lime Rock Park's history'**

Lime Rock has a long history of hosting NASCAR events, having held 20 races over a 19-year span from 1993 to 2011.

After a 14-year hiatus, NASCAR will once again race at Lime Rock Park as the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series makes its debut at the Lakeville venue the last weekend in June.

In preparation for the event, the historic park is undergoing several updates during the off-season, including an extension to pit lane and additional safety features.

"To say that we are excited about this announcement is a major understatement, as this will surely be the biggest event in Lime Rock Park's history," said Dicky Riegel, the racetrack's CEO.

"The combination of the NASCAR fan base in New England with the spectacular beauty of Lime Rock will create motorsports magic in Connecticut."

## NOURISH

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be passed along to Tri Corner FEED.

The fundraiser, conceived by Tri Corner FEED's Community Advocates for Food Security, will advance the organization's ability to address food insecurity by purchasing food at a fair price from local farmers and distributing it to those in need, according to Director of Food Programs Blake Myers.

"The food that's grown in our communities should be accessible to those who live in them," said Myers, continuing to note that even farmers themselves are often food insecure. "Their margins are so slim, and it is so expensive to produce things in a way that is good for the environment and for people," Myers explained.

Although the bucolic junction between Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York is widely recognized for its relative wealth and affluence, Myers points out that up to 40% of people in the area make difficult decisions when it comes to food purchases, according to recent studies.

Exacerbating this issue is post-pandemic inflation, which has seen St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Food of Life pantry in Amenia serving five times the number of weekly visitors compared to pre-pandemic numbers overall, including double the number of retirees.

While there is no shortage of energy or enthusiasm among pantry volunteers, funding remains an issue for small, charity-driven organizations. "Our numbers are still growing," said fourth-generation farmer

and pantry manager Charlie Paley, packing donation bags before a column of idling cars that stretched beyond sight; "what we really need are more donors."

To this end, St. Thomas' Priest-in-Charge AJ Stack describes Nourish Neighbors as "an innovative strategy" for raising both funds and awareness. Identifying a trend toward the positive perception of integrated, community-driven philanthropy, Stack believes that pulling local businesses, like restaurants, into such efforts is an effective way to reinforce that idea that "what we do stays within our community."

"There is a huge need here, one that is only growing," said Brigitte Harney, Manager and Buyer for Harney & Sons Fine Teas, who is hopeful that a novel fundraising initiative will help generate awareness. Alanna Broesler, owner of Millerton's Willa, reported that there is excitement around the initiative, calling it "a great sign that so many restaurants are participating."

"It's almost like doubling the money that goes back to the community," said Myers. By both encouraging patronage of local eateries and generating funds to make purchases from regional farmers, Myers said that this initiative "helps to build a stronger food system" on multiple levels. "We support businesses and farms, and we donate food to pantries," said Myers, "so everything goes to the community."

The rolling hills, quaint towns, and peaceful forests of the tri-corner area have been

— and remain — an attractive place to live for a diverse range of people. From deeply-rooted multigenerational farmers to well-travelled artists, Myers believes that "everyone here sees something special about this area," as evidenced by the "power behind our community-organized and supported initiatives."

In line with the mission of Tri Corner FEED, Myer's insists that it is critical to maintaining the region's allure and diversity that all residents be ensured the food security that leads to abundant, healthy lives. And others can contribute as easily as pulling up their neighbors a seat at the dinner table.



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**Black Rabbit, in Lakeville, Conn., will participate in Nourish Neighbors March 14 to 16.**

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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Adam Lang's THRIVE: a new space for learning and growth

“What does community mean?” asked Adam Lang, who is exploring that question with THRIVE, his new space for workshops, classes and events designed to foster personal and professional growth. A longtime educator and lifelong learner, Lang is cultivating just that — a community where the simple act of sitting together without digital distractions becomes a catalyst for clarity, connection and transformation.

THRIVE is built on the belief that wisdom already exists within us and between us. Facilitators aren't just teachers; they are guides, drawing out the knowledge, insights and creativity that each participant carries. The space at 96 Main St. in North Canaan is an open invitation for individuals, teams and leaders seeking alignment, mastery and a renewed sense of purpose.

“I've always wanted to do my own thing,” Lang said. “I wanted to take the ethos of growth and development and learning in a new direction and try to create something new.” His years teaching economics, public policy and human-centered design at The Hotchkiss School has shaped his approach. Over time, his classroom evolved from content-heavy instruction to a relational, inquiry-driven space — desks pushed aside, conversations unfolding in a circle, technology put away. Now, with THRIVE, he's extending that model beyond the classroom.

At the core of THRIVE is a response to a modern paradox: the more connected we seem digitally, the more isolated many of us feel. “I think people are feeling overwhelmed, scattered and disconnected,” Lang observed. “I believe we have the solutions within us and THRIVE is here to help activate that.”

The offerings range



Adam Lang at THRIVE in North Canaan.

PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

widely — active listening workshops, parenting in a tech-driven world, communication strategies for work teams and sessions on intercultural dialogue. The facilitators are friends, colleagues and trusted experts — educators, therapists, artists and storytellers — all committed to meaningful learning. Since its start in September, events have been free, testing demand and interest. The spring and summer sessions, however, will be immersive experiences, some requiring applications. Lang emphasized that fees will never be a barrier to entry. “I could have gone the nonprofit route,” said Lang. “That's what I originally thought this was going to be because I think the mission and vision could be supported by foundations, grant money and government money. But with growing instability in that sector and limited

personal bandwidth, I would have spent all my energy chasing funding — and then I still would need to find the people to come.” Instead, Lang is taking a leap, trusting that the offerings at THRIVE will speak to people and fill a great need.

Lang is clear that THRIVE is not therapy. “This is about growth,” Lang clarified. “We're creating spaces where people can step into new conversations, new perspectives and new possibilities.” And as he builds this venture — without the scaffolding of social media or external funding — his approach is organic and personal. Handwritten notes have replaced digital outreach. Word-of-mouth has fueled momentum. “When people sit in the space and connect, they want to come back,” he stated simply.

THRIVE is, in many ways, Lang's own exper-

iment in human-centered design. His guiding question: What happens when we create intentional, well-facilitated spaces for learning and connection? The early responses — parents returning for a second workshop, work teams finding new alignment, individuals stepping into growth — suggest something powerful is taking root.

“I gave up everything. Stability. But I believe in myself,” said Lang. “And I believe in the power of people coming together to learn, to listen, to grow. That's what THRIVE is all about.”

To find out more and register for events, visit: [aspacetothrive.org](http://aspacetothrive.org)



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Last year's first-place winner, violinist Connor McMillen accompanied by bassist Conway Campbell Jr. and pianist Zaccai Curtis.

EDUCATION: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Litchfield Jazz Camp talent search finals set for March 8

On March 8 at the Litchfield Community Center, seventeen semi-finalists, chosen from audition tapes, will compete for scholarships to the 2025 sessions of Litchfield Jazz Camp at the Frederick Gunn School in July. The event, free and open to the public, begins at 2 p.m.

“These kids are so incredibly talented,” said Vita Muir, executive and artistic director of Litchfield Performing Arts. “They're not just competing; they're experiencing what it's like to perform with top-tier musicians in a real performance setting.”

Players, ages 13 to 17, will be accompanied by a professional trio featuring bassist Conway Campbell Jr. and drummer Ian Carroll. The pianist, Zaccai Curtis, was a camper himself when he was 13. Now 43, he recently won a Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Album. The panel of adjudicators includes Albert Rivera, Don Braden, Muir, and the trio members.

“We wanted to create a competition that wasn't about pressure,” Muir explained. “The idea was to provide an opportunity for young musicians to perform in a supportive environment. And what we found was that they naturally started encouraging each other. It's a beautiful thing.”

Muir, who has led the Litchfield Jazz Festival and Camp since their inception, initially resisted the idea of a competition. “I always believed competition had no place in music,” she said. A partnership with radio station WDNA in Miami led to a different way of thinking. “They called us and said, ‘Hey, we'll give you airtime if you give us a scholarship,’” explained Muir. “So that's what we did. After going down and seeing it and being an adjudicator, I had this feeling that this was run in a very human, non-threatening way and that's what we strive for here.”

Muir also realized that

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"Plein Air," the new exhibit at Cornwall Library, features ten watercolors by artist Dorothy Spears. The show will be on display through April 12.

ART: SAVA MARINKOVIC

## Dorothy Spears makes gallery debut with 'Plein Air' at Cornwall Library

On March 1, the Cornwall Library held an opening reception for the work of artist Dorothy Spears. The collection, titled "Plein Air," is a

series of watercolors on paper, depicting scenes from nature in delicate, gauzy forms evocative of an ephemerality that Spears has found artistically invigorating.

"Being up here and watching the seasons change made me want to make art," said Spears, whose career in art began as a gallery curator and art writer

for publications such as the New York Times and Art in America. Having dreamt of exhibiting her own watercolors since she was first gripped, as a high schooler, by

the works of Georgia O'Keefe, this gallery is the first realization of Spears's lifelong aspiration.

The ten watercolors that Plein Air comprises are steeped in the essence of the Northwest Corner. Though few are located explicitly — on

Warren Town Beach, or in the skies over Lake Waramaug — each is charged with the spirit of the region that so inspired Spears.

"Plein Air" will be on display through April 12 at the Cornwall Library, and all works are available for purchase.

RECIPES: MAC GORDON

## Winter comfort stir fry

This winter is so cold. It gets dark by mid-afternoon, everything's gotten so expensive, and the news is depressing ... isn't there anything positive, uplifting? Well, what about a good meal?

Unlike the one referred to in the classic Alka-Seltzer ad, here's an idea for a tasty, healthy, economical home-cooked meal, suitable for an individual or a dinner party. And a more than ample serving will cost less than a greasy burger and fries at a fast food restaurant!

I try to buy all the ingredients from my favorite food market: meat, vegetables, rice and a special Asian black pepper sauce.

The end result is a stir-fry dish that combines meat, vegetables, and rice, creating a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

Here is a meal with ingredients for eight people.

While this dish could be made with another meat, I prefer beef. Any high-quality steak will do, but I usually use about a pound and a half of filet mignon. It sounds expensive, but it's delicious, and you can usually use every bit, unlike most cuts.

I slice the filet mignon

up into tiny pieces so that every bite of the finished product has some of the beef in it. And with about 3/16 of a pound of beef per serving, one gets more meat than in a commercial hamburger.

In a wok, I brown the cut meat for a minute or so in a couple of tablespoons of vegetable oil making sure not to overcook it. Then I set it aside until the vegetables are nearly cooked and then stir it into the mixture.

I like to use a variety of vegetables. I start with two or three good-sized onions which I slice and then further chop up into small bits. I cook them over high heat until they start to brown, then remove them, adding them back to the wok when the vegetables are nearly done.

I try to get the best vegetables I can find, in season if possible. I typically use four or five different vegetables, all cut into small pieces.

I try to find a happy medium between tiny, indistinguishable bits and huge hunks. Some reliable favorites are asparagus, string beans, sweet orange and yellow peppers, carrots and red cabbage. I even check my refrigerator for leftovers that might be good in

the mix and I always try to have something colorful such as carrots or peppers.

Some folks like the stir fry vegetables al dente, some prefer more fully cooked; but it usually works best if all are cooked about the same amount. I cook the vegetables fast over high heat but stand over them to avoid overcooking and take frequent test bites. It's better to undercook rather than overcook, especially if some of it is to be reheated and eaten the next day.

Rice inevitably makes the dish tastier and a more balanced meal. Most any high quality variety will do, but I prefer — when I can find it — wild rice for its greater flavor. And although some might find it decadent, I add a moderate amount of butter. The rice, of course, is cooked separately according to manufacturer's directions and added to the overall mix only when

served.

A final ingredient which helps bind the whole dish together and is tasty is a small amount of a specially prepared Asian black pepper sauce. It can be applied in small doses to individual portions and should be stirred in well.

I cook everything but the rice in a standard wok with a top that speeds and evens out the cooking, but a good size fry pan will do fine. The final stir fry tastes best served hot.

One more thing. How about a compatible dessert? Try homemade applesauce. Cut up several apples, discarding the cores but keeping the skins. Cook the pieces until soft and squeeze through a food mill made for the purpose and voilà, fresh apple sauce.

Enjoy!

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville



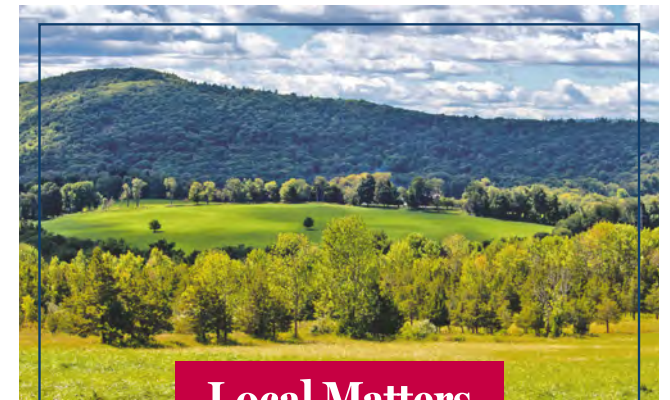
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MUSIC: MIKE COBB

## GA-20 bring the blues to Infinity Hall

Blues band GA-20 rocked Infinity Hall Norfolk on Friday, Feb. 21. Named after a Gibson guitar amp, the band specializes in authentic, high energy, and sometimes obscure blues, country, garage and even indie rock.

The band's founding member, Matt Stubbs has curated a vintage sound, eschewing the typical hard blues rock sound of Stevie Ray Vaughn, and instead selecting deep cuts from all the Kings — BB, Albert, and Freddy — John Lee Hooker, Hound Dog Taylor, and more.

"I started GA-20 to play around Boston bars. I just really wanted to play the stuff I like.

We used small amps to play quiet with a focus on trying to emulate those old records. As we played bigger venues we got louder. We started to get our own sound. Most modern blues bands are a platform for soloing, which we do too, but our focus is on melody, creating a mood and telling a story," Stubbs explained.

Though his influences are many, he credits his dad for getting him



PHOTO BY MIKE COBB

GA-20 performed at Infinity Hall in Norfolk, Conn. on Friday, Feb. 21.

started in music.

"My father was a musician. I grew up hearing his bands rehearse. I picked up the guitar around age 13 or 14, soon joined his band, and he started taking me around on weekends to see live blues. I was bitten by that bug. I took some lessons, went to Berklee College of Music, dropped out and have been gigging ever since," he said.

Stubbs's understated

playing set the scene, while drummer Josh Kiggans laid down solid grooves and shuffles at Infinity Hall. The newest member, lead singer and guitarist Cody Nilsen, is a wicked slide player, soulful singer, and an engaging showman. At times Nilsen ventured offstage, out into the audience to stir up the crowd.

GA-20 has no bass player, but the dueling guitarists handle the

lower register with the flick of a tone switch with one playing bass and rhythm while the other plays lead. Together they achieved a fat, grooving sound.

"We are going for that vintage 50s Chicago sound. There are many albums with two guitars and drums and no bass. But one of us plays a bass line or low part on

guitar. It's become part of our sound. We've had bass players sit in, but it sounds more typical. So, we've been doing the no bass thing for the last six years," Stubbs explained.

An enthusiastic crowd mobbed the group's merch booth after the show where vinyl records, tapes, CDs, and velvet black posters with a 70s aesthetic sold

well. The band released a new single on Feb. 4 on Coalmine Records. Their music can be purchased on their website: ga20band.com

GA-20 breathes new life into classic blues rock with deep cuts and stellar playing. They are touring the US and Europe through September. Catch them while you can!

## ...jazz camp *Continued from B1*

many students go on to audition for conservatories and had a bit of a revelation. "What's an audition? It's a competition," she said. Realizing that for kids who are serious about music, and for some who even thrive on competition, the scholarship competition was a way to help their progress.

The first-place winner will receive a full scholarship to the Litchfield Jazz Camp. The second-place winner earns a half scholarship, while three honorable mentions will receive \$250 scholarships. However, Muir emphasizes that financial need is never a barrier.

"We tell families, 'if you make under \$50,000 a year, call us. We'll waive the application fee,'" she said. "And even if a student doesn't win, they

can still apply for need-based scholarships. It's important that everyone has a chance."

This year's event received about 30 submissions, which were narrowed down to 17 finalists from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Texas. Past winners have gone on to significant opportunities, including opening performances at the Litchfield Jazz Festival.

"Our first winner was a 16-year-old violinist, Connor McMillen," Muir shared. "He came to us when he was 14, and now he's 17, playing professionally. He'll be presenting the award to this year's winner, which adds a special full-circle moment."

The talent search is supported by The Northwest Connecticut

Community Foundation, Northwest Community Bank, and friends of Litchfield Performing Arts.

"It's a lot of work to give money away," Muir said. "Last year, we awarded between \$70,000 and \$75,000 in scholarships, and we'll keep doing it because this music changes lives."

With a packed house expected, audience members are encouraged to arrive early for the best seats. "Music is a two-way street," Muir said. "These young musicians need an audience. We hope the community will come out to support them."

Enrollment is open for summer 2025. Dates are up to 4 single-week sessions from June 29 through July 25. More information can be found at litchfieldjazzcamp.com



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### *Crescendo in concert*

Top, Christine Gevert, center, conducted Crescendo during the "Revolutionary Renaissance" concert at Trinity Lime Rock Episcopal Church Saturday, March 1. Above, The featured singers were, from left, Jennifer Tyo Oberto, soprano; Laura Evans, alto; Igor Ferreira, tenor; and Sarah Fay, soprano.

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### MARCH 6

#### Warm Up the Winter

The Guthrie Center, 2 Van Deusenville Rd, Great Barrington, Mass.

On Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a musical tribute to working families benefiting Construct's winter assistance campaign.

Tickets: \$100 (includes dinner and beverages)

Featuring The Wanda Houston Band, Luke & George Franco, Wild & Orson Handel, Made in Memphis, Annie Guthrie & Co., and Doug Mishkin.

#### Nativars: Mixing A New Palette

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

On March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Chris Koppel will discuss "nativars" and their role in blending beauty with ecological balance.

#### Screening & Panel Discussion: The Art of Joy Brown Documentary Excerpts

Walker Auditorium, The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.

On March 6, from 7 to 8 p.m., join Joy Brown, filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley, and Hotchkiss instructors Christine Owen and Ann Villano for excerpts from the upcoming documentary The Art of Joy Brown, followed by a panel discussion. Free and open to the public.

### MARCH 7

#### First Friday Music

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music on Friday, March 7 at 12 p.m. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. This month's program, David Baranowski will play a varied program of piano works, including Mozart's "Sonata in F K.332," Beethoven's Egmont Overture arranged for piano, and selections to Bach's "Italian Concerto." Free to the public, Music Director David Baranowski's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.

#### Dan Howe Art Exhibit

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS, 246 Warren Turnpike Rd, Falls Village, Conn.

On view from March 3 through April, 2025. Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Painter Dan Howe presents portraits, landscapes, and illustrative scenes. Howe, an accomplished artist and educator, has taught workshops at HVRHS and beyond. More info: www.danhowe.com.

#### Banned Book Club

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

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

#### Housatonic Camera Club Photography Exhibition

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

Visit this stunning show of photos by the Housatonic Camera Club. For nearly 75 years, HCC has been bringing photographers together in our community to learn, share knowledge, show, and compete. Under the theme LOCAL, these photos capture local beauty, spirit, and character.

The show runs March 7 through April 18 during library hours.

For more information, visit: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14202615

### MARCH 8

#### Make Art Like Eric Carle

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

Canaan Kids Artspace and the David M. Hunt Library will host a "Make Art Like Eric Carle" workshop at the library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited to explore Carle's books and art process and create their own tissue paper collage animals. An exhibition of Eric Carle-inspired artwork will take place in April at the library, and workshop participants will have the opportunity to show their work alongside local professional artists in the show.

#### Litchfield Jazz Camp Talent Search Finals

Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield, Conn.

On March 8 at 2 p.m., seventeen young jazz musicians compete for scholarships, performing with a world-class trio featuring GRAMMY-winning pianist Zaccai Curtis. Free and open to the public. Arrive early!

#### Garden Planning with Mark Stonehill of Full Circus Farm

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

March 8, 10:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Join Mark Stonehill, organic nursery grower, vegetable farmer and co-owner of Full Circus Farm in Pine Plains, for a garden planning workshop. Learn how to start plants for your garden, design beds and orchard plantings, and save seeds. Bring all your gardening questions!

Coffee and tea will be served and vegetable and flower seeds will be available for you to take back to your garden!

#### Book Design and Production Workshop with May Castleberry and Lilly Rand Barnett

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

Join us on Sunday, March 8, 1:30-4:30 p.m., for an introduction to contemporary book design and a hands-on workshop exploring book design and structure. Create your own basic book prototype and experiment with accordion-fold books.

Registration is required. Visit: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14185738

#### Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

Join Claudia Cayne on Saturday, March 8, 4-5 p.m., for an informal discussion of Stealing, a gripping novel by Pulitzer Prize finalist Margaret Verbe about a Cherokee child removed from her family and sent to a Christian boarding school in the 1950s.

Last week's WotW

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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.


- Crumbly, British baked pastry
- Known to ride brooms
- A seat for one
- Star of "The French Chef"
- Cornwall cook-off culprit

To learn more, visit: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13147868

#### Backpack Embroidery

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

Sat, Mar 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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#### AMP Family Days - Monthly Series

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.

AMP Family Days are free for kids under 18. Pre-registration encouraged.

Who Works with Rocks? A Geologist!

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Explore Connecticut's ancient geological past.

Who Works with Pollinators? A Biologist!

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discover how native plants support bees, butterflies, and birds.

Who Works with Plants? A Botanist!

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about plant communication and help plant raised beds.

Includes mural tours, scavenger hunts, teen art studio (ages 13-18), hands-on crafts, and expert-led presentations.

More info: americanmuralproject.org/family-days

### MARCH 9

#### Total Beginner Screenprinting

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

This two-session workshop will arm you with the knowledge and materials you need to begin your own printmaking journey. Whether you want to make abstract prints on paper or print text onto t-shirts, you'll go home knowing how to do it. Participants will create their own stencil on a reusable screen and use water-based inks to explore fundamental printmaking techniques. Workshop fee includes your own screen, squeegee, and stencil medium. We will provide both paper and fabric substrates for printing, but you are also welcome to bring anything you would like to print on.

Two Sundays: March 9 and March 16, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### Women and Aging Series: "Naturopathic Strategies"

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

Sunday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Wing shares naturopathic approaches to healthy aging, self-care, and well-being. Part of the Women and Aging Series. Free event, registration required.

Info & registration: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

#### Evening in the Palace of Reason

Lenox Town Hall, 6 Walker St., Lenox, Mass.

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 3 p.m. Berkshire Bach Society presents a discussion and performance exploring Bach's The Musical Offering. Author James R. Gaines joins Artistic Director Eugene Drucker and the Berkshire Bach Ensemble. Tickets: \$45 Nonmembers, \$40 Members, \$10 Card to Culture, Free for students/children. More info: www.berkshirebach.org/events.

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## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Cut a little bit off
- State with confidence
- River in NE Scotland
- Not narrow
- Lacking social polish
- Amount of time
- Frame
- Automobile
- Toadstools
- High school dances
- Utilize
- Challenged
- One-sided
- Showing extreme greed
- Potted plants
- Everyone has one
- Lake in Botswana
- E.T. rode in one
- Juniors' parents
- Small amount
- Mother of Perseus
- Ornamental box
- Gov't investigators
- Uncertain
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- The vast grassy plains in S. America
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Noted consumer advocate
- Spanish sports club
- Body part
- Tractability
- Woman (French)
- Ready and willing to be taught

### CLUES DOWN

- Brushed aside
- Water sprite
- Ones to look up to
- Monetary units
- A number everyone has
- Marine invertebrate
- One who takes you to court
- Indicates outer
- Parallelograms
- Strains
- Cross
- A way to remove
- Some pages are dog-
- Ukraine city
- A citizen of Denmark
- Summer month (abbr.)
- Hindu queens
- Jewelry brand

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- Fictional rider of Rohan
- Wet dirt
- Russian city
- Observed
- Furious
- Drivers' licenses
- Musical composition
- Auction
- They —
- Women
- Inspire with love
- Japanese ankle sock
- Appears
- Old World lizard
- The leading performer
- Type of protein
- Pennsylvania town
- Art \_\_\_ : around 1920
- \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
- Abnormal breathing
- A place to sleep
- Muslim ruler title
- Depressed
- Gradually gave way
- Clear-thinking

### Feb. 27 Solution

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### Sudoku

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### Feb. 27 Solution

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