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

Freund's Farm CowPots to appear before the 'Sharks'

By Ruth Epstein

EAST CANAAN — Fans of the television show "Shark Tank," stay tuned. On Friday, April 4, Amanda Freund of East Canaan will be facing the panel, imploring members to invest in her unique product: cow poop.

Freund and her father Matthew Freund produce and market CowPots, which are made from the abundance of manure found on their dairy farm. Matthew Freund, realizing cows were producing more manure — 100 pounds per cow per day — than was needed for fertilizing fields for crops, came up with the concept of the pots. Years of trial-and-error experimentation finally resulted in success. In 2006 he began selling the biodegradable pots using 100% composted manure to local stores. Now the pots can be found in outlets across the country, as well as internationally.

Amanda Freund — after graduating from Cornell University's School of Agriculture, doing a stint working as a legislative aide and spending two years in Zambia as part of the Peace Corps — returned to the farm and now heads up the marketing part of the business.

Freund recently spoke about the USDA Rural Development Value



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Amanda Freund of East Canaan will appear on the television show 'Shark Tank' on April 4 to pitch CowPots.

Added Producer Grant they received. As part of that, the business is supported through Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, which helps get grants for investing in marketing. One of the consultants they deal with sent in a submission for appearing on "Shark Tank."

"I guess they were intrigued enough to take it to the next step," Freund said.

The program is an American reality business series dating back to 2009. Contestants seek invest-

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Legislators axe bear hunting season

By Alec Linden

HARTFORD — A bill called "An Act Concerning Bear Hunting" made it through a vote of the Connecticut General Assembly's Environment Commission on March 28, but with a catch: there will be no general bear hunting.

Senate Bill 1523 was originally

raised to promote the establishment of a bear hunting season to control the exploding black bear population in the state, which has led to more home entries and conflicts with farmers than ever before.

A contentious public hearing on March 24 saw residents across the state and on both sides of the issue deliver testimony on the bill with

highly split opinion.

"The bill we passed today is no longer a bear hunt, despite the title," said State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, shortly after the vote was taken.

Horn said the bill was passed with substitute language, which is applied when a bill is amended af-

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Housatonic Valley FFA student speakers contend at district-wide competition

By Hannah Johnson

FALLS VILLAGE — On Thursday, March 27, the Housatonic Valley FFA hosted the Connecticut FFA District 1 Public Speaking Competition.

Students from five area FFA chapters — Shepaug, Northwestern, Wamogo, Woodbury and Housatonic Valley — participated

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Housatonic Valley FFA's Riley Mahaffey placed second in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking event March 27.



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The group — minus Garrick Dinneen, who's taking the photo — stops for a mid-run rest.

From Mohawk to Revelstoke

Cornwall ski crew embarks on multi-generational, 20-day journey

By Alec Linden

CORNWALL — This past winter, an intergenerational group of Mohawk Mountain skiers took their hard-earned East Coast skills to the towering peaks of interior British Columbia for a ski trip that went beyond just pursuing the steep and deep.

"As fun as the skiing was, the lift rides and even just going home and cooking dinner together and talking was a pretty cool part of it," said 24-year-old Cornwall native Dean Saccardi of the nearly 20-day

voyage. "To have that age range of people who had grown up in Cornwall, went to [Cornwall Consolidated School], and had all their stories about the school, about the ski program, about the community ... it definitely made the trip."

Jim Terrall, who runs a building company in Cornwall, grew up skiing at Mohawk about 50 years before Saccardi got his start through the after-school CCS ski program, which lets students out at noon on Fridays to go skiing during a stretch of the

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Neighbors pull woman from burning car with seconds to spare

By Kathryn Boughton
Kent Dispatch

CORNWALL — Cornwall residents living near the scene of a roll-over car accident Saturday afternoon pulled a driver from a burning vehicle with only seconds to spare.

"Due to the heroic efforts — and I do mean heroic efforts — of the neighbors, the woman was pulled from the car with, by my estimate, 90 seconds to spare before the flames would have reached her," said Kent Volunteer Fire Department Chief Alan Gawel. "I was the first to arrive on the scene from the fire side and when I got there, the vehicle was rolled over on its side and on fire. The driver was still

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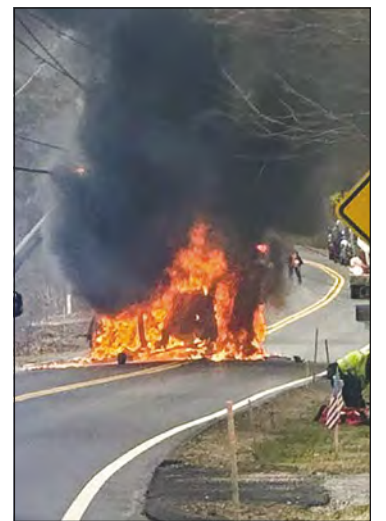


PHOTO BY ALAN GAWEL, KVFD FIRE CHIEF

A one-car accident on Route 7 near Kugeman Village in Cornwall sent a motorist to Danbury Hospital Saturday, March 29.



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Online This Week

Opening day baseball, softball

HVRHS plays Shepaug Valley in baseball and softball Saturday, April 5. Results on Instagram @lakevillejournal

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Car theft arrest

On March 24, Richard Andre Castaldi, 19, of Torrington was arrested for the theft of a vehicle that occurred on Feb. 10 on West Greenwoods Road in Norfolk. Castaldi was processed and charged with Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. Castaldi was released on \$1,500 non-surety bond, and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on April 7.

Stop sign fender-bender

Abdul Moro Buri, 32, of Salisbury was driving with Samuel Graham, 80, of Louisville, Kentucky, when he approached the intersection of Route 41 with Route 361 in Sharon. Moro Buri came to a complete stop, then initiated a left turn onto Main Street in a Honda CRV. Shirley Yohalem, 78, of Mill River, Massachusetts, was traveling northbound on Route 41 and failed to come to a complete stop at the intersection, causing her Lexus NX200 to collide with the front bumper of the CRV.

Both vehicles sustained minor damage, but were able to be driven from the scene. There were no injuries reported. Yohalem was issued a written warning for Failure to Obey Stop Sign.

Car strikes tree, flips

Just before 4 p.m. on March 29, John Casadei, 54, of Litchfield was driving his Volvo XC60 westbound on Route 44 in Salisbury when he exited the roadway and struck a tree. The vehicle rolled to a stop in the westbound lane of Route 44, sustaining significant damage in the accident. Casadei was uninjured, but an inspection of the vehicle yielded that it was meant to be installed with an ignition interlock device, but that it was not. Casadei was issued a misdemeanor summons for Avoidance of, Tampering with, or Failure to Install Ignition Interlock Device, as well as Failure to Drive in Proper Lane.

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

Dr. Sarah Humphreys named chief medical officer of CHWC

TORRINGTON — Community Health & Wellness Center has appointed Sarah Humphreys MD, MPH, as its new chief medical officer.

"I feel deeply connected to this community, and it was that connection that drew me to work at the Community Health and Wellness Center," stated Dr. Humphreys in a March 26 press release.

Dr. Humphreys is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.

She earned her BA from Brown University before completing a Master of Public Health at Yale University. She then obtained her medical degree from Ben Gurion University in Israel, followed by residency in Internal Medicine at New York Uni-

versity and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai in New York City.

Prior to joining CHWC, Dr. Humphreys served as an Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where she provided outpatient and inpatient Infectious Disease consultations, HIV primary care and conducted clinical trials research.

Dr. Humphreys has spent time in the Northwest Corner since she was born. She is excited to be moving back to the area full-time to further strengthen her roots in the community.

Passionate about public health, patient care and medical education, she is

committed to expanding the reach and impact of CHWC.

Outside of work, Dr. Humphreys enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, daughter, and their two beloved dogs, Oliver and Romeo.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Dr. Sarah Humphreys became chief medical officer in March.

February real estate sales in Kent, Goshen

By Christine Bates

February was a slow month for real estate most everywhere in the Northwest Corner with no transfers reported in Falls Village or Cornwall.

Together, Kent and Goshen reported only four modest sales, each under \$500,000, between them.

There are signs that the spring selling season is beginning. In Goshen, of the 20 properties of all types, five were new listings. Eight residences are available with six under \$1 million. In Kent, 28 properties were listed for sale with eight new listings.

Kent transfers

196 Kent Cornwall Road — 4 bedroom/4 bath home on 2.77 acres sold by Jean C. and Kurt T. Speck Jr. to Dylan Balfore for \$440,000.

16 Elizabeth St. — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath remodeled condo with garage sold by Carole Ann Godfrey to John and Tracey Suess and Lawrence Reinhardt for \$285,500.

Goshen transfers

Beach Street, Lot 10 — Five acres of vacant land sold by Terry L. Smith Trustee to Shady Lawn Farm LLC for \$172,750.

354 Sharon Turnpike — 3 bedroom/2 bath Cape Cod built in 1869 sold by Mary R. Grimes to Rebecca A. Hajosy for \$185,250.

*Town of Kent and Goshen real estate transfers recorded as sold between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28, 2025, provided by the Kent and Goshen Town Clerks. 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 CT and NY.



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Car strikes tree, flips

A Volvo sits upside-down after colliding with a tree alongside Route 44 in Salisbury on Saturday, March 29. See Police Blotter: Troop B entry at left for details.

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Our Towns

Safeguarding Sharon's forests from bittersweet takeover

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — As a young boy, Tom Zetterstrom remembers his father stopping by the side of the road to pick bittersweet to hang as a decoration at their home. He even crafted a lamp out of the bark of the plant. Sixty years later that son, a conservation expert, is crusading for the extinction of the oriental vine that is wreaking havoc with trees.

Zetterstrom gave a talk to a packed house at Sharon Town Hall Saturday, March 29, on "Defeating Invasive Bittersweet and Reversing Forest Collapse." This is part of an ongoing series on managing invasives put on by Sharon Land Trust, Sharon Energy and Environment Commission, Sharon Audubon and Sharon Conservation Commission.

The presentation was basically focused on the work that's been done on Sharon Land Trust's Hamlin Preserve at 19 Stone House Road. Later that day, there was a guided tree walk and invasive control demonstration at the preserve.

The 180-acre preserve is rich in diversity and aesthetically appealing, said Zetterstrom, who described how he and Roger Liddell of Sharon Land Trust tried to walk the area in September 2022, only to find they were almost immediately engulfed in a sea of invasive bittersweet. "With trees down from the effects

of invasives, we were seeing a collapsed forest. This, unfortunately, is a sign of our times."

With a determination to help clear the area of the harmful perpetrators, a legion of volunteers invaded the property the next spring. One area was not very approachable, so a group of Hotchkiss School students were recruited. Zetterstrom described how the teens cut the vines down to the stubs so that the remainder of the offenders could be treated later. "We made a dent in the problem and declared the site the 'Hotchkiss Grove.'"

The bottoms of the vines were treated with the chemical glyphosate, which Zetterstrom acknowledged has a controversial reputation. "We're a little less apprehensive of that chemical than others," he said. "It bonds to soil particles and doesn't migrate to water. When put on a cut stem, a year later the vine is gone."

He then demonstrated using what he called a "blaster" to squeeze the chemical onto a stem. One audience member asked what a blaster is, never having heard the term. "It's a bingo dauber," Zetterstrom explained, much to the amusement of those gathered.

Photos of the preserve, from both the ground and Brian Wilcox's drone shots, showed the audience how it looked when it was first approached and the clear lush meadow now visible.

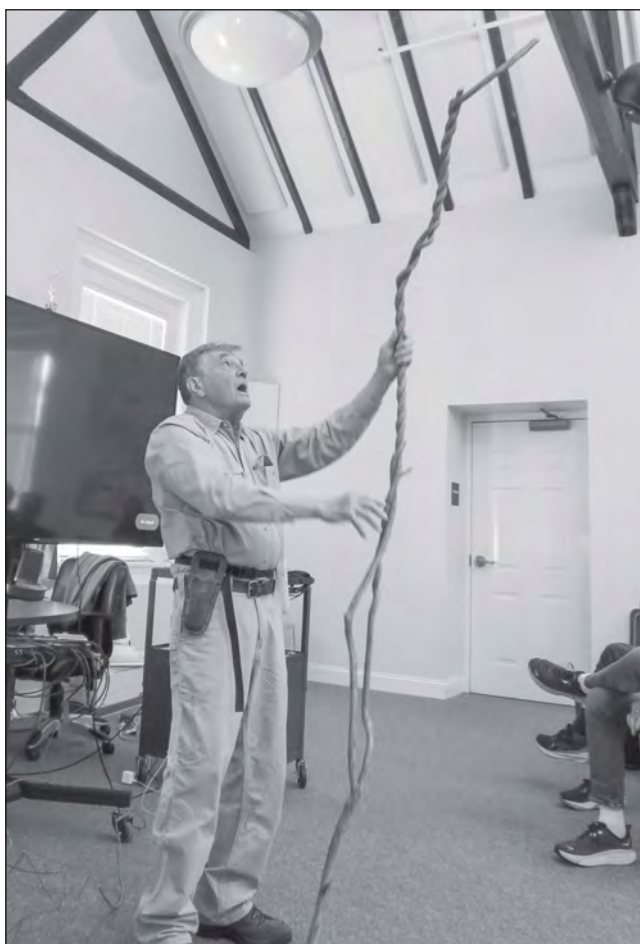


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Tom Zetterstrom shows the height to which a bittersweet vine can grow during a talk on the invasive at Sharon Town Hall March 29.

Early detection is key to eradicating invasives, with the aim of zero growth in order to have a resilient forest. "We're looking at prevention," he said. "We want to get it out before it seeds. Seeds can be viable for 12 years."

While advances in eradication have been made, Zetterstrom was realistic, saying, "We won the battle, but haven't won the war." There

are aspects of invasives that some people find appealing, such as bittersweet's red berries. He stressed the need for vigilance, prevention, timing and mapping when dealing with their encroachment. Management plans are highly recommended.

Zetterstrom praised Sharon Land Trust members for their stewardship of the preserve.

The next session is on Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at Sharon Town Hall, when Bethany Sheffer of Sharon Audubon and Mike Nadeau, native landscape expert, will present a talk on invasives and answer questions on plant identification and control.

Tariffs cause 'uptick in demand' for BD syringes

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — Following recently implemented international tariffs, Becton, Dickinson & Company's Connecticut plant has reported an increase in demand for its domestically made syringes and needle products.

"Since we manufacture these products in the U.S., the 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada that went into effect on March 4th do not apply to the products we manufacture at the Canaan facility," BD spokesperson Fallon McLoughlin said.

"Given prior FDA actions and quality concerns along with tariffs put on certain Chinese imports, we saw an uptick in demand for domestically made syringes and needle products that continues."

BD, the largest manufacturer of medical devices in the United States, based in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey,

employs about 500 workers at its North Canaan facility.

The North Canaan operation "plays a critical role in providing essential needles and syringes for the U.S. health care system," according to company officials.

It recently added three additional manufacturing lines and hired approximately 140 people in the last year to keep up with increased demand, "while driving operational efficiencies to help increase capacity, adding hundreds of millions of units annually."

Given these dynamics, "we don't anticipate any additional significant impact to our Canaan facility from the more recent tariffs implemented by the Trump administration," McLoughlin reported.

The Connecticut plant manufactures small-size syringes and syringe and needle combination products. Operations take place around the clock and are sold in every region worldwide.

Public hearing set for Salisbury budget

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Finance will hold a public hearing on the 2025-26 budget proposals from the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

At the finance board's March 27 meeting, Salisbury Central School principal Stephanie Magyar said the proposal had been trimmed a bit thanks to some savings on health insurance costs, and that a

couple of teacher-requested items had been added back in, for a total reduction of \$3,893.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said there were no changes in the selectmen's budget proposal. "I think we can bring this to the public."

The Board of Education's proposal is for \$6,897,148, a 5.53% increase of \$361,209.

The Board of Selectmen's proposal is for \$9,205,120, an increase of \$585,530, or 6.7%.

Shaping history: students step up as documentarians

By Patrick L. Sullivan

MILLERTON, N.Y. — High school history teachers Rhonan Mokriski and Peter Vermilyea demonstrated how they "let students lead" in studying history at The Moviehouse in Millerton Thursday, March 27.

The demonstration took the form of two documentary films made by students at Salisbury School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School, plus one from Yale University's Beinecke Library.

"Coloring Our Past" from Salisbury School follows the story of the Cesar family, Black residents of Salisbury and Sharon. It also shows how the students conducted research, including field trips to the places the family lived and worked, and an interview with a descendant.

"Faces of Adversity" from HVRHS deals with the story of how two Black girls came to the high school for the 1958-59 school year.

The girls were from Little Rock, Arkansas, which was the epicenter of the fight over school desegregation.

The documentary uses a mix of archival footage and a contemporary interview with one of the Little Rock students.

From Yale came Michael Morand's "What Could Have Been," about an 1831 proposal to establish what would today be called an Historically Black College or University, or HBCU, in New Haven.

Supported by abolitionists and prominent citizens, the proposal was nonetheless soundly defeated at a town meeting. Many of the opponents were also prominent citizens.

Morand was scheduled to attend the screening but was



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

HVRHS seniors Ellie Wolgemuth, left, and Tess Marks were panelists for "Students as Historians: A Community-based Approach to History."

unable to make it. Salisbury School's Mokriski and Vermilyea from HVRHS spoke after the films were shown, highlighting how the tactic of letting students take control of such projects yields considerable results.

"This is students getting their hands dirty as historians," said Vermilyea.

The teachers noted how the students took advantage of modern technology to get access to source material.

"It's a game-changer," Vermilyea said.

Mokriski added "We can use this as a template."

HVRHS students Tess Marks and Elinor Wolgemuth, both seniors from Salisbury, presented at the America 250 conference "Shaping a Commemoration Rooted in Belonging," held at the University of Connecticut on March 21. Marks and

Wolgemuth were members of a panel discussion entitled "Students as Historians: A Community-based Approach to History," along with Mokriski, Vermilyea, and Charlie Champalimaud, owner and operator of Troutbeck in Amenia. The students spoke about how student projects presented at last year's Troutbeck Symposium could serve as a model for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of American independence.

This year's Troutbeck Symposium runs from April 30 to May 2. The student-led forum includes students from 14 regional and independent schools who will "listen, present, and discuss findings of their research projects uncovering little-known local histories that tie to our national fabric," according to the Troutbeck website.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF HERNAN SANHUEZA Late of Cornwall (25-00107)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated March 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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TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the fourth installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 is due and payable on April 1, 2025. Payments must be received or postmarked by May 1, 2025. If said

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before May 1, 2025, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Pursuant to Section 12-173 of the Connecticut State Statutes, unpaid Real Estate tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 will be LIENED on JUNE 6, 2025. Payment must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 6, 2025 to avoid a Lien. Tax Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am- 4pm. Closed 12:30pm- 1 :30 pm.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068, There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday as well as a 24-hour drop slot at the rear of the building adjacent to the parking area. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card or E-Check. Please see the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury, CT this 15TH day of March 2025.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC Tax Collector Salisbury CT 06068 03-20-25 04-03-25 04-24-25

Holistic approach to landscaping Kent reviews capital spending

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Beth Romaker described how to use sound ecological practices and a certain amount of common sense when landscaping your property at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, March 29.

Romaker works for Matt's Landscaping in Falls Village and studied forest ecology at the University of Vermont.

Using a project she is currently working on in Hudson, New York, as a template, she outlined how to go about landscaping with a "holistic perspective."

She discouraged tearing discrete elements, such as a garden, separately from the property and ecosystem as a whole.

The Hudson property has been in use since the mid-18th century. It includes a manmade pond, dug in



Beth Romaker works for Matt's Landscaping in Falls Village. She led a talk at Hunt Library March 29.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

the 1970s or 1980s, which is completely choked with algae.

The property as a whole

is very wet. It has secondary growth first, some serious inclines, and a lot of lawn.

"It's a lawn and it's a mess."

Romaker said the approach starts with extensive site analysis, including the "disturbance history."

This will tell the landscape team about soil quality, which in turn leads to choices for plants.

Native plants are generally preferred, although Romaker is willing to use plants that are native to adjacent areas such as warmer parts of New York or Pennsylvania, in recognition of climate change.

Site analysis also includes water and how it moves within the system. Questions such as where does the run-off go, or how much erosion is present need to be answered before remedies can be designed and deployed.

Romaker discussed invasive plants and their treatment. She said some invasives can be removed by hand effectively. Others require herbicides, which she said can be used responsibly.

What property owners should avoid is leaving areas cleared without a plan to replace the vegetation.

"Nature abhors a vacuum," she said. "Something will replace it."

Kent reviews capital spending

By Alec Linden

KENT — Residents and town officials convened at Town Hall Friday, March 28, to hear a presentation on the five-year capital plan.

The Board of Selectmen presented its proposed capital plan, which is scheduled to go to public hearing on May 2 and a town vote on May 16 in conjunction with a vote on the yearly operational budget.

The capital proposal calls for a total of \$10,384,475 to be allocated toward town projects through 2030.

Areas of expenditure detailed in the plan span improvements to Kent Central School's infrastructure, public works projects such as roads and bridges upkeep, the Volunteer Fire Department, parks and recreation costs, and town building repairs.

The plan also introduces a

section for emergency management, new to this year's update.

The bulk of the budget is allocated toward public works for a total of \$5,141,234, which First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer said reflects the town's dedication to improving its infrastructure in the near future.

Lindenmayer explained the five-year plan, which is updated annually, is a financial protective measure to ensure the town has the capacity to be self-reliant in accomplishing its goals.

"We have to, as a town, be prepared," Lindenmayer said, reasoning that the town can't always rely on federal and state funding.

He continued, "We have to be fiscally observant on what's going on around us, and project out" by incorporating those observations into the plan.

"Let's start with what we know we can afford, and go from there."

The draft is available to view on the town's website.

Park and Rec ordinance

Residents in attendance March 28 voted on an amended draft of Chapter 10 of the town's ordinances, which pertains to parks and recreation.

Lindenmayer noted that the amended ordinance, approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 13, addresses a former stipulation that obligated a selectman to sit on the board of the Park and Recreation Commission, the only town commission with such a requirement.

The new ordinance language eliminates that component of the chapter, and also codifies that the town-employed parks and recreation director has the ability to make recommendations for the hiring and termination of department staff. Final hiring and firings are conducted by the town.

The new ordinance passed the town vote, with 17 in favor and one against. The ordinance will take effect on April 14.

Falls Village sets hearing date for new coffee shop

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall to approve a lease between the town and Liz Ives to open a coffee shop at the town-owned 107 Main St. The hearing is in-person only.

The Planning and Zoning commission voted to approve a special permit for the coffee shop after a public hearing Thursday, Jan. 23.

At the January P&Z hearing, Ives said the plan is to start with breakfast and lunch, and with coffee and tea. The hours will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sweet slogan trivia stumps Scholarship Association event

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Trivia for Education fundraising event from the Falls Village Scholarship Association attracted about 42 players to the Emergency Services Center Sunday evening, March 30.

Quizmaster Peter Vermilyea went over the ground rules. He said spelling mistakes wouldn't matter "with-in reason."

"One time we had someone who tried to say that 'Belize' was a misspelling of 'Brazil.'"

The categories included Women's History Month, television theme songs, Region One trivia, and the opening category, Sweet Slogans.

These were ad slogans for candies, starting with "Melts in your mouth, not in your hand."

The third item, "The



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Quizmaster Peter Vermilyea led trivia night March 30.

Freshmaker," had people looking quizzically at each other.

Number nine was tricky. It required two answers. "No partial credit" said Vermilyea, sternly.

The clue was "Sometimes

you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't."

And the answers: M&Ms melt in your mouth, not in your hand. The Freshmaker is Mentos, and the two-parter answer was Almond Joy and Mounds.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Zarifa Adiba is a violist, composer and conductor from Afghanistan who now lives in Flushing, Queens.

Hunt Library hears stories, sounds from Afghanistan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Zarifa Adiba, a musician from Kabul, Afghanistan, and the author of "Playing for Freedom: The Journey of a Young Afghan Girl" described her journey from the dangerous streets of Kabul to Flushing, New York, at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, March 22.

After being fortified with a bowl of homemade corn chowder, which she was very enthusiastic about, Adiba read a short story she wrote about a 2022 bomb blast at a college.

As she read, music that she and three of her musician friends created played in the background.

"I have lost three of my close friends in explosions" she said after the reading.

Adiba is a violist, composer and conductor, and currently works on Broadway. She and her family live in Flushing.

After the reading and music, Adiba took questions.

Asked about her background, Adiba said her family moved back and forth between Afghanistan and Pakistan when she was a child.

She said her family is part of the Hazara ethnic minori-

ty group, which has been targeted by Islamist groups such as Islamic State and the Taliban.

Asked about how she stays positive against a background of negativity, Adiba, who has been in the United States for two years and eight months, said "The first year was difficult."

She didn't realize she had "survivor's guilt."

"I didn't know about depression and anxiety. I had panic attacks."

She was able to get help and things have improved considerably.

One person commented on her excellent English.

Adiba smiled and told a story of how, as a little girl, she saw a woman on television speaking in English and talking about Harvard.

This made a lasting impression.

"I have to go there to learn to speak like this lady."

Adiba said she is determined to promote the positive side of Afghanistan in the West. To that end, she is setting up a foundation to bring exiled Afghan artists together.

"There is so much endurance and bravery," she said. "Here only the ugly is shown."

Sharon P&Z considers expanding agribusiness options for farm owners

By Alec Linden

SHARON — At its March 26 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed options for changing regulations pertaining to auxiliary uses of agricultural land.

Potential uses included year-round farm stands, farm-to-table dining ex-

periences and agribusiness like wineries and breweries.

P&Z Vice Chair Betsy Hall, who drafted the proposed regulations, said she took inspiration from Cornwall's regulations, which leave the scope of uses broad so that applications may be examined on a case-by-case basis.

Last year, Cornwall P&Z granted a

special permit for a cidery and tasting room at Ridgway Farm.

"I don't want to ever be the office that just tells people no," said Land Use Administrator Jamie Casey, agreeing that broad regulations allow applicants a degree of creativity.

An edited draft will be discussed at the next P&Z meeting April 9.

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OUR TOWNS

IWWC sends new regulations to state for review

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission voted unanimously in favor of adopting a long-awaited update to its regulations at its March 24 regular meeting.

Following approval from the IWWC, the document will now undergo review by Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. "If all goes well," a public hearing with the town regarding the regulations will follow on May 12, IWWC Chair Vivian Garfein said.

In the draft sent to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the lakes are given a 75-foot upland review area, but each of the four major lakes — Wononscopomuc, Wononkapook, Washining, and Washinee — is given its own line, allowing for future discussion of the lakes as separate entities. The upland review area has seen disagreement between the IWWC and lakeshore property owners, with several commission members wishing to broaden upland review areas around the lakes but receiving pushback from residents.

Garfein said that any lake

association that would push for changes to the upland review area of a lake will present their testimony at the public hearing, where the Commission may discuss, and potentially vote, on any alterations to the regulations.

The new draft updates the previous regulations, which were established in 2006.

First Selectman Curtis Rand, speaking in the public comment section of the meeting, commended the IWWC's work in finalizing the regulations. "I really appreciate all the work you've put into these regulations," he said. "It's been a long time coming and thank you."

The commission also discussed in detail the "Allowed Activities Not Requiring a Permit" document, which is intended to be an advisory guide for residents on what types of activities they may conduct in or near waterways that don't necessitate an application to the IWWC.

After a lengthy discourse on the specific language of the document, the Commission decided to table the issue until the next meeting.

When completed, the document will be publicly available on the IWWC's website.

OBITUARIES

Michael Tyler

ASHLEY FALLS, Mass. — It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Tyler, 67, at his home in Ashley Falls, on March 6, 2025. Michael sadly lost his battle with severe depression and anxiety. We will remember him with love and compassion, hoping to raise awareness for mental health support.



Michael was born on March 5, 1958, to Douglas William Tyler and Mary Colli Tyler of Canaan, where he grew up and attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He graduated in 1976 and briefly worked in the family business, Tyler Carpet, before going on to become a highly skilled carpenter and tile setter who was always known for his perfectionism, integrity, and the high quality of his work.

In his earlier years he built up quite a reputation for being one the best pool players in many circles and was an avid NASCAR fan. He passionately shared many hobbies with his son, Josh, including archery, ping pong, model rockets and remote control airplanes among others. Always a motorcycle enthusiast, Mike was especially proud of his Honda V65 Magna which he bought off the showroom floor in 1983 and lovingly maintained ever since; the fastest motorcycle in production at the time. His first long road trip, among many, was riding it across the country to California and back to the East coast making many friends along the way.

Michael met Ellen Morando in 1996, and the two were married in 1999, sharing many wonderful years together. With him, Michael brought into her life an extraordinary son, Joshua Tyler, his younger sister, Courtney Schutz, who Mike lovingly embraced as his daughter, and their mother, Tina Schutz, who has always been and remains part of this loving family.

Mike and Ellen built a life together in Ashley Falls full of love and support from their family and friends. Their most enjoyable times were spent relaxing on the deck with their beloved dogs and enjoying the beauty of their surroundings, namely the perennial gardens Ellen created over many years.

Michael was predeceased by his parents, Douglas and Mary Tyler, and his brothers, Anthony Tyler and Larry Tyler.

Michael is survived by his wife, Ellen, his son, Joshua and his wife, Amanda, and their beautiful baby girl, Amelia Rose, who will have many pictures and stories of how dearly her grandpa loved her; his daughter Courtney Parker and her husband Shane, a brother Stephen Tyler, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

He also leaves behind his very dear friend of over 50 years, Walter Allen, who has been with Mike throughout all of his good times and bad times over the years with his love and support. Also Cynthia, Walter's wife, who came into Mike and Ellen's lives with the same love and support which continues to this day and beyond.

The family will have a private service in the future.

In lieu of flowers, his wife Ellen, has asked that any memorial donations be made to Mike's granddaughter, Amelia Rose Tyler's 529 college savings plan. He can no longer be part of her present but in this way he can be part of her future. To donate please go to ugift529.com, enter code W39-X1Y, where 100% of any donation will go directly to the account or make checks payable to Joshua Tyler to be deposited into the plan, care of Kenny Funeral Home, PO BOX 12, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

'Playing with art' exhibit comes to Hunt

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — There will be a reception for the new art show at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, April 5, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The show, "Playing with Art," is a group show with work from adults and children, including quilts and new work from local artists including Danielle Mailer, Ken Musselman, Erika Crofut and Robert Cronin — among others.

Children's artwork from a tissue paper collage workshop conducted by Breetel Graves will also be part of the show.

Also part of the show is restored vintage 1970s film animation based on a book of Grimm's Fairy Tales by Eric Carle. One of the films, The



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A variety of artwork by children and adults will be on display at Hunt Library beginning April 5.

Fisherman and His Wife, was an Academy Award finalist for best animated short in 1979. These animated cartoons will be shown on Friday, April 18 at 3 p.m.

North Canaan receives \$5,000 grant from United Way's Rapid Response Fund

NORTH CANAAN — The United Way of Northwest Connecticut awarded the first grant from its newly launched Rapid Response Fund to the Town of North Canaan.

The \$5,000 grant is to assist residents facing urgent and unforeseen financial challenges.

On March 27, United Way Executive Director Lisa Ferris and board members James Hutchison and Robert Teittinen presented the check to Sharon Kelly-Levesque, social services director for the Town of North Canaan, and North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler.

Established earlier this year, the Rapid Response Fund was created to offer immediate financial assistance to individuals and families in Northwest Connecticut who are experiencing sud-

den hardships — whether due to medical emergencies, loss of income, utility shutoffs, or other critical circumstances.

For more information about the United Way of Northwest Connecticut Rapid Response Fund, visit www.northwestunitedway.org

Phillip R. Larkin

SHARON — Phillip R. Larkin, 72, of 84 Upper Main Street, passed away on March 21, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Phil was born July 20, 1952, in Sharon, the son of the late Herbert Nelson Larkin and Alice Lilian O'Neill Larkin.

Phil graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972 to 1974. Once returning he was a skilled carpenter, working on many of the homes in Sharon and the surrounding towns.

He is survived by two sisters; Linda Larkin of Clinton, Connecticut, Laurie Hard-

ing of Center Sandwich, New Hampshire, and brother, David Larkin of Cheltenham, England, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Michael Larkin, and sisters, Elaine Angele Larkin and Kathleen Ann Larkin.

Calling hours will be held at Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon, on April, 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with reception to follow at Sharon Firehouse. All other services are private.

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

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Send obituaries to editor@lakevillejournal.com

Judith Luella Green

EAST CANAAN — Judith Luella "Judy" (Blass) Green, 85, of 7 Locust Hill Road, died Tuesday morning, March 25, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Green. Judy was born in North Canaan, on Nov. 20, 1939, a daughter of the late William Smith and Luella Frances (Cudney) Blass.

She is survived by her son, Joseph W. Green of Colebrook, and her daughter Lisa Allyn of Norfolk; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren with a third on the way, along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her six siblings; William Blass, Larry Blass,

Robert Blass, Eleanor Day, Priscilla Stanton, and John Blass.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday April 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Immaculate Conception Church 4 North St. Norfolk, CT 06058. A collation will be held immediately following the mass in Klauer Hall located in the rear of the church. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Barkhamsted Senior Center 109 W River Road, Pleasant Valley, CT 06063.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

Celebration of Life

Ella Clark

CORNWALL — Please join us to celebrate the life of Ella Clark Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the United Church of Christ located at 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, Connecticut.

Reception on Town Street to follow.

All are welcome.



Worship Services Week of April 6, 2025	
<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. Can Chaos Have a Silver Lining? For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. During Lent, Presanctified Liturgy Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Akathist to the Virgin Mary Fridays at 6:30 PM Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:00 P.M. 518-789-3138</p>

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Why Connecticut's community health centers had to act

Every year, Connecticut's community health centers provide medical, dental and behavioral care to 440,000 Connecticut residents including over 270,000 who are on HUSKY, the state's Medicaid program. For most of our patients, we are their only source of care. Unfortunately, for decades, Connecticut state government has failed to provide reimbursement rates at levels that allow health centers to provide care for all in need. This failure is intentional.

Connecticut's refusal to provide adequate funding for community health centers breaks federal Medicaid law, period. By law, states must adhere to all aspects of the Medicaid program including how rates are set for health centers. It cannot pick and choose.

Meanwhile, Connecticut residents are losing access to the health care they need and are required to receive under the Medicaid program. To be clear, one of the wealthiest states in the nation has chosen to underpay its health care providers, causing people across our great state to suffer unnecessarily.

The Department of Social Services is the state agency responsible for setting reimbursement rates for community health centers. A study commissioned last year by the department itself found that Connecticut funds community health centers at a rate that is 20% below the average of peer state funding. That is, Social Services knows and has publicly acknowledged that it is underpaying Connecticut's health centers.

The Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHC/ACT) negotiated in good faith with the Department of Social Services to increase reimbursement rates and the rate setting process for more than a year and a half. These efforts have unfortunately failed. As a result, member health centers have made the difficult decision to begin reducing staff and services. More will follow.

This reduction of health care services threatens an increasingly fragile health care system and will make people sicker. Our communities will be worse off — all because the state will not meet its legal requirement to fund health centers appropriately. After years of unsuccessful negotiation, we have decided to take legal action to attempt to force corrective action.

This month CHC/ACT filed legal action against the department to try to force compliance with federal laws

GUEST COMMENTARY JOANNE BORDUAS

that govern Medicaid reimbursements. If we are successful, Connecticut will be required to fund community health centers at rates that reflect the actual cost of health care services provided, rather than at rates that balance the state budget on the backs of those most in need. That is what is really at stake here.

Community health centers are successful because they provide quality care close to the patient, in the communities where patients live, usually providing the convenience of multiple types of health care services in one building. On every level, this is public health policy that makes sense. Health centers provide care to all people, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. As a result, they are a large provider in the Medicaid program, serving almost 30% of Connecticut's one million Medicaid patients.

But our state government seems to think of Medicaid as a cost-driver, instead of a critical health care program, and has specifically short-changed community health centers in a misguided effort to save money in the system. Your government is gambling on your health to balance the state budget.

Taking legal action to resolve this issue is something we have tried to avoid for years, but we now have no choice. Although the state legislature has consistently supported community health centers, the administration has opposed their efforts. We've tried utilizing the legislative branch and the executive branch. The health care of our patients now depends on our success with the judicial branch.

We are hopeful that once our argument is heard, a judicial ruling will force the legislative and executive branches of our state government to build a system that provides adequate funding and complies with the federal Medicaid program. We need a rate system that makes sense and follows the law — to ensure that you, your family, your friends, and all Connecticut residents can continue to access the health care they need.

Joanne Borduas is Board Chair of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut and CEO of the Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect the rule of law and law firms and lawyers

As Trump attacks lawyers and law firms, the news reports are numerous and confusing.

An Incomplete Chronology:

- **March 6** — Trump issues an Executive Order "Addressing Risks from Perkins Coie LLP"

- **March 11** — Perkins Coie files a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeking a declaration that the executive order is unconstitutional and an injunction against implementation of the order.

- **March 12** — Twenty-one states file an amicus brief supporting Perkins Coie.

- **March 12** — The District Court issues a temporary restraining order against implementation of the order.

- **March 14** — Trump issues an Executive Order "Addressing Risks from Paul Weiss."

- **March 20** — Trump and

Paul Weiss reach an agreement, and Trump rescinds the order against Paul Weiss. The agreement includes the provision by Paul Weiss of \$40 million of free legal work for causes endorsed by Trump.

- **March 21** — Rachel Cohen, an attorney at Skadden Arps, submits her resignation in protest against the failure of Skadden to condemn the threat of Trump against lawyers and law firms.

- **March 21** — Stacy Zaretsky, editor at Above the Law, writes "Shout from the rooftops that what is happening will lead to the death of the rule of law in America. It is crucial that you make your voices heard. Speak publicly about the way that Trump is misusing the justice system in order to seek retribution against those he deems to be his enemies. Protect the profession, and rise up to protect the rule of law."

- **March 22** — Trump issues to the Attorney Gen-

eral and the Secretary of Homeland Security a Memorandum titled "Preventing Abuses of the Legal System and the Federal Court."

Trump's weapons against lawyers and law firms include termination of security clearances, government contracts, and access to federal buildings — all powerful economic weapons.

Points from the amicus brief filed by 21 States

"... the principle that every person deserves competent legal representation is non-partisan, longstanding and fundamental to the rule of law. And it applies just as strongly when the clients and interests represented are unpopular, controversial, or opposed to the government."

"... the states, the courts, and the public all benefit when all sides to a dispute are effectively represented. We know from experience that when a government's positions are challenged in court, the best response is a

vigorous legal defense — not to attack or punish the law firms willing to mount the challenge."

"... strong advocacy reinforces public trust in the legal system and helps prevent injustice by ensuring fair and informed legal decisions. Threats to lawyers, law firms, or the judiciary undermine these values and constitute assaults on the rule of law itself."

"While government officials may dislike being the subject of criticism by lawyers in court, they may not use their power to punish or deter such speech. The right to verbally oppose government action without reprisal 'is one important characteristic by which we distinguish ourselves from a police state.'"

We must protect the rule of law, law firms, and lawyers.

G. A. Mudge

Sharon

Thanks to sponsors of EMT training day

On March 15, the EMS Institute ran a symposium for Emergency Medical Services providers, the great majority of whom were volunteer EMTs from our region.

With the help of an excellent faculty and volunteers, we were able to provide a full day of over 25 course offerings to 114 attendees.

We wish to express thanks to our sponsors The Hotchkiss School and Emergency

Resource Management, and supporters Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health.

In addition to the critical service our first responders provide, continuing education is an additional behind the scene effort they make to provide excellent care to our communities.

Jared Zelman, MD, EMT, Board President EMS Institute
Lakeville

April 5 protest planned

If the massive power-grab by the President and his minions concerns you, join us for a Hands Off! protest in Cornwall Bridge on Saturday, April 5, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

This will be one of thousands of peaceful actions to protest the President's threat to our healthcare, personal data, jobs, services, schools while abusing veterans, the

poor, elderly, children and migrants.

Bring Hands Off signs to stage a peaceful witness at the Route 4 & 7 triangle in Cornwall Bridge.

Stand up to the bullies in Washington and say "Hands Off!"

Richard Sears and Brenda Singer
Cornwall Bridge



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Spring lambs



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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — 1900

A large motor-omnibus will be run next summer between Torrington, Litchfield and Bantam Lake. The 'bus is to be propelled by a Yale improved two cycle gasoline engine of twelve horse power which is specially constructed for automobiles. It will carry nine passengers and four large trunks. The vehicle is being built for Geo. D. Jones, a livery man of Torrington by the Denison Electrical Engineering Co. of New Haven who guarantee that it will be able to mount hills of sixteen per cent grade.

The roads are getting settled rapidly and have not been as bad this season as usual, owing to good work by our roadmen and the absence of snow and cold weather this winter. The graveling of Main street has been a good object lesson, for this road has been in excellent condition all winter.

SALISBURY — W.W. Hortie, who burned his arm a few days ago, has taken cold in the wound, and now has a very painful arm.

This week a wealthy New York man came to this office to ascertain if there were any summer cottages in the market which he could rent this coming summer. We did the best we could for him but we fear he did not succeed in finding a place, for there seems to be none. This is only another instance that more houses are needed. How long will it be thus. The village is trying hard to grow and it should be helped. If more houses are needed they should be forthcoming. It would be a good investment all around, for more families bring more business and prosperity.

SHARON — Fred Morehouse moved this week into part of A.M. Card's house. Mr. Morehouse intends on enlarging his livery business, we understand.

Master James Ellis is now the new boy at the Journal office.

For the benefit of our fishermen we would state that it is a violation of the law to take more than 30 trout in one day.

Edward Beebe, who has been employed as driver at the Wells Hill Farm, goes to-day to take a position as conductor on the trolley road between Winsted and Torrington.

Brother S.C. Beckley of the Canaan News has completed his 17th year as editor of that up to date paper. Mr. Beckley has labored well and as a result the News is prosperous and newsy. Make it continue thus.

100 years ago — 1925

Twin sons were born to Rev. and Mrs. Frank Lambert of Salisbury at the Hartford Hospital, on Monday morning, March 30th. Mrs. Lambert and children are doing very well.

The Act authorizing the Salisbury Savings Society to merge with The Robbins Burrall Trust Company was accepted by more than 2-3 of the corporators of the Savings Society at the meeting held March 30th, and by more than 2-3 of the stock

of the Trust Company at the meeting held April 1st, and the merger is now an accomplished fact, and the assets of the Savings Society held in the Savings Department of the Trust Company.

Mrs. Rose Mitchell wishes to say that her cottage on Water Street occupied by Millard Kipp is not for sale or rental at the present time. This statement is made to put an end to rumors and to save needless time and trouble to rent hunters.

Howard Doty has finished his duties at Benjamin's Store and will help his father in the ice business this summer. Vincent Walsh of Ore Hill takes Howard's place at Benjamin's.

50 years ago — 1975

Regional high school teachers offered Tuesday to forego any general salary increase for 1975-76 if 4.4 teaching positions now threatened are retained. The teachers also seek written safeguards and limits on any future staff cutbacks. The next move apparently belongs to the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Board of Education, which meets next Tuesday.

Legal papers calling for a new trial for 20-year-old Peter A. Reilly were filed Wednesday in Litchfield County Superior Court. The papers were submitted by defense attorneys seeking a reversal of Reilly's 1974 first-degree manslaughter conviction.

Salisbury has the highest percentage of residents over 60 and over 65 of any town in Connecticut, Rev. Frank O. Reed, municipal agent for the aging, reported Tuesday night. He said that 27 per cent of the town's approximately 3,700 residents are over 60 and 20 per cent are over 65, thus placing Salisbury "at the top of the ratio list."

The new post office on Kent Green will open its doors to patrons for the first time April 7. Business at the present post office on Main Street will close at noon, Saturday April 5, marking the end of 42 years in the old building.

25 years ago — 2000

Cable modem? DSL? No matter how one frames the question, the answer remains the same: high-speed Internet access at an affordable price won't be coming to the Northwest Corner any time soon, according to spokesmen for the local phone and cable service providers.

Lou Bucceri was honored March 19 as the Outstanding Lion of the Year by the Salisbury Lions Club at the Cornucopia Restaurant in Torrington.

After 27 years, the Kent Market has changed hands. As of Tuesday, residents Caralee and David Rochovansky took over ownership of the former A&P on Main Street. Last month, former owners Peter and Florence Jordhamo of Fairfield decided to retire, just as the Rochovanskys decided to leave their position as caretakers of the Preston Mountain Club after 19 years. The Rochovanskys will be at the market full time.

The tariff war begins: 'extensive, explicit, enforced'

On April 2, Donald Trump threatened to levy tariffs on several nations. This is in addition to the tariffs he has already imposed on China, Mexico, Canada and now global auto producers. The question is whether the "if" in tariffs is still possible.

No, it isn't. The president is making good on his campaign promises to create an even playing field between the U.S. and our trading partners. Steel, aluminum and the global auto tariffs he recently announced are only the beginning.

Unlike his first term, this time around his tariff initiatives will be "extensive, explicit and enforced," as one hedge fund manager told me. That will be bad news for the financial markets but there may be a silver lining.

I have often said that markets can absorb and adjust to both good news and bad. If the trends are negative, investors and traders can hedge their portfolios, or move to the sidelines. Good news, as we all know, is much easier. Buy what you can and as much as you can. What the markets cannot deal with is uncertainty.

My readers are old enough to remember the presidential elections. The narrative among financial markets was that the country under Trump's presidency would mean four years of higher corporate profits, rising stock markets, the end of our debt crisis, and the Ukraine conflict.

Sadly, many investors, traders and company managers focused on the positives but ignored the negatives.

Beware an unfettered presidency

When America's Founders wrote the Constitution in 1787, the world had no democracies. Countries across the meridians were led by all-powerful kings and other dictators. An example was George III, the British monarch, who treated the American colonists as mere vassals who could be wantonly taxed despite their lack of representation, in whose homes British troops could be quartered at whim, and who constantly harassed colonial shipping in international waters — among other arbitrary activities backed by military force. This King, as is characteristic of dictators, eventually overplayed his hand and the thirteen colonies rose up in revolt.

The great genius of James Madison and his colleagues was to create the first true democracy in history, going far beyond the semi-democratic practices of ancient Greek cities and Swiss canons. They insisted on the sharing of power across three "departments" of government: the executive, legislative and judicial.

Their novel Constitutional endeavors had an overriding objective: to guard against the dangers of tyranny. Above all else, the Founders were imbued with anti-power values. No more autocratic leaders like King George.

The core philosophy guiding the Founders was to distribute power across three "branches" of government, as a means for limiting its potential abuse by any one branch. As Lord Acton would state in his famous aphorism

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The financial markets and many voters bought into the campaign promises of the winning candidate lock, stock and barrel. It is understandable. In populist times like this, hope

...since the inauguration, investors as well as corporations and small businesses have been dealing with a mountain of uncertainty. However, since the inauguration, investors as well as corporations and small businesses have been dealing with a mountain of uncertainty. Radical and sudden change will do that to you. Few had done the math on what tariffs or downsizing the government would do to the economy and inflation. How exactly would the president reduce the nation's debt or end the Ukraine/Russian war, and what would the downside be?

Those issues were dismissed as negotiating tactics or, as part of America's long tradition of campaign promises, were never meant to be kept. Instead, we discovered that Donald Trump was deadly serious in his intentions to radically transform the nation and its

political and economic system quickly. "Burn it all down," was not just a stump speech.

The changes taking place in downsizing government and reducing the workforce are ongoing. No one, not even the Fed, knows how this will turn out. Uncertainty has become a popular word. Fed Chair Jerome Powell used the word 'uncertain' 22 times during his March 19 Federal Open Market Committee meeting remarks.

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If you throw in the daily threat of tariffs, you have a perfect storm of uncertainty. Donald Trump's on-again, off-again, tariffs have left investors uncertain and stressed out with their finger on the buy or sell trigger hourly. That is why the S&P 500 Index is off by more than 10% while markets overall are experiencing 1-2% swings in the averages almost every day.

The announcement of tariffs will remove at least one level of uncertainty from the markets. Of course, that won't resolve the issue in its entirety, but it might help to calm the markets for a little while — until the next shoe falls.

We do not know what our trading partners will do, or what the U.S. response will be to their reactions. They may retaliate or they may negotiate. In addition, we still need to grapple with the rest of Trump's initiatives and their impact on the economy, inflation and employment. That

can take another 3-6 months.

Unfortunately, after two-plus years of great returns, investors are paying for those gains this year. On June 27, 2024, in my column, "What can investors expect from the coming era of populism?" I warned readers that in the last populist era between 1964 and 1982, stocks went nowhere — except in election years.

As for the short-term, I expect more of the same in markets. I predicted a dead cat bounce last week and we got that for two days. However, the auto tariff announcement ended those gains. We could see the market test the March lows before another move-up sometime in April, although once again it would be temporary. Alas, we are Trump-dependent, and he is no friend of the stock market nor are many of his voters. Why would that be the case?

Many of his following have little if any savings and none in the stock market.

In the last election, Trump captured the vote of lower-income household voters who earned \$50,000 or less, while those making \$100,000 or more voted for Harris.

It seems a safe bet that the stock market is meaningless to many of his supporters, although not all. I would hazard a guess that the stock market rout to them is simply another example of how the deep state works to undermine the president's initiatives, at least according to the comments I have read from far-right media figures.

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GUEST COLUMN
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a hundred years later, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Long before Acton, the colonists understood this principle. By establishing separate institutions — executive, legislative and judicial — "ambition would be made to counteract ambition," as Madison stated the case in Federalist Paper 51. In this manner, no branch would grow so mighty as to dwarf the others or dictate to the American people.

Justice Louis Brandeis eloquently expressed the spirit of the Founders in a case that came before the Supreme Court in 1926 (Myers v. United States). "The doctrine of the separation of powers was adopted by the [Constitutional] Convention of 1787," he wrote, "not to promote efficiency but to preclude the exercise of arbitrary power. The purpose was not to avoid friction, but by means of the inevitable friction incident to the distribution of governmental powers among three departments, to save the people from autocracy" [emphasis added].

In contrast to this wise approach to governance, a

more recent school of thought has embraced the concept of a "unitary" presidency. What becomes all-important in this approach is a powerful engine to move the nation forward — an unfettered president free to shape a nation's destiny as the White House sees fit, without the interference of "checks-and-balances" from lawmakers on Capitol Hill or members of the Supreme Court. In this model, now in

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place in the United States, the legislative and judicial branches are largely supine to the will of the Oval Office and the president's minions spread across the agencies of the executive branch.

The greatest achievement of the Founders — their establishment of safeguards against the use of absolute power by a single individual or branch of government — is currently being erased. It is a troubling

time in the nation's history, with liberty hanging in the balance. A starting place to restore our form of democratic restraints on arbitrary power is to support those members of Congress and the judiciary who understand the Constitution. Our fate depends heavily on America's representatives and judges as independent guardrails in this struggle to continue our long and admirable history of shielding freedom against the forces of tyranny.

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CRASH

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trapped, and the citizens were using every ounce of energy to get her out.”

He explained that he had been on Carter Road in Kent, not far from the scene of the 3 p.m. accident at 257 Kent Road South (Route 7), near Kugeman Village in Cornwall Bridge. “The Cornwall assistant chief arrived seconds after I did.”

He said the car struck a utility pole and was surrounded by live wires. He reiterated the bravery of the citizen rescuers.

“There were live wires in the area, there was the car with gas and fluids around it and the fire itself. They used rocks to try to smash the glass to get in to her. One [rescuer] got a sledgehammer and was able to smash the back window and one went inside and had to break the seat to get her into the back and out through the window. As I got closer to the vehicle, they were able to carry her out from rear of the car.”

Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, who is also a firefighter, said rescuers came from all directions. “There was very little time to spare in what could have been a real tragedy,” he said. “What is remarkable is that the rescuers all were civilians and were making quick decisions as they worked to-



PHOTO BY ALAN GAWEL, KVFD FIRE CHIEF

Little was left of the vehicle Saturday afternoon after it struck a utility pole, turned over and burst into flames. Neighbors rescued the driver at peril to themselves.

gether. It was a remarkable rescue. We’ve had other situations where things didn’t work out so well, but it was one those things where stars aligned just right.”

Once they had the woman out of the car, the rescuers carried her farther away from the burning vehicle. “They were moving her under my direction to minimize any further injuries but to get her to a safe location,” said

Gawel. “I am so proud of the Cornwall community for their heroic efforts. This is where small towns can be so proud of their citizens, not only the volunteers for ambulance services, but neighbors helping neighbors.”

Ridgway said emergency responders were on the scene within minutes “but the neighbors were faster.” He said he wants to honor the rescuers, all of whose

names he did not know as of Saturday night, at the upcoming selectmen’s meeting on Tuesday, April 1. “We will find out who they are and honor them,” he said. “I’ve never done that before, but this is extraordinary.”

The victim was transported by Kent ambulance and Northern Dutchess Paramedic to Danbury Hospital. She had non-life-threatening injuries. LifeStar was summoned, with the plan to land at Kent Falls State Park, but was cancelled after the victim was evaluated.

Some of the citizen rescuers suffered minor injuries and one was transported to the hospital.

Cornwall, Kent, Warren and Goshen responded to the scene as well as officers from Troop B in Canaan. Gawel said Litchfield County Dispatch was extremely helpful in providing information on the call.

Emergency responders were on the scene for about four hours. Once Eversource made sure the power was shut down, the fire was extinguished. The scene was handed over to Connecticut Department of Transportation around 7 p.m. for continued traffic control and cleanup efforts.

Kathryn Boughton is the editor of Kent Dispatch.

COWPOTS

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ments and in return give up equity in their enterprises. They may receive offers for the amount being requested, multiple offers, an amount too low or nothing at all.

Freund had a phone introduction with the show’s representatives last June and had meetings with producer teams almost every week after that. Upon submitting reams of documents, including business analyses and digital content, she flew out to SONY Studios in Los Angeles in September to tape the program. “I was told I wouldn’t know if the segment would air until three weeks before,” she said, “and to the day, that’s when I heard.”

Freund smiled, remembering how she was trying to figure out ways to “make a splash about poop” on the show and thought about bringing a live cow onto the stage. But that endeavor proved to be “utterly expensive,” so she opted for an inflatable one. She said she watched a lot of previous broadcasts to get a sense of what the panelists, known

as “sharks,” were looking for and determined they each seemed to have a particular interest. She decided to focus her presentation on environmental sustainability, promoting the idea of providing an alternative to plastic and peat.

“It felt very grass roots being able to get that exposure on a national stage,” she said. “I felt solid in my conviction of being able to share our product with millions.”

Freund said the show also gave her an opportunity to showcase the packaging aspect of the business which they are seeking to increase, since CowPots have a limited seasonal demand. She showed an example of the product that can be used to ship wine bottles.

“Shark Tank” isn’t the first time CowPots were featured on a syndicated television show. In 2007, Matthew Freund appeared on an episode of “Dirty Jobs” with Mike Rowe, which was well received.

“Shark Tank” airs on ABC at 8 p.m.

BEARS

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PHOTO BY THEODORE O'NEILL

In Lakeville this week, a bear opened the door to Theodore O’Neill’s truck and messed with a box of Kleenex.

ter having been heard by the state legislature.

Horn explained that the new SB 1523 essentially updates legislation from 2023 that was similarly raised with the prospect of a bear hunt. By the time it was adopted, though, it only allowed self-defense killings to protect oneself, family or pets. It also established a program for farmers suffering depredation to their livestock or crop damage to apply for a permit to enable them to kill the bear.

Horn, whose Northwest Corner constituency sits in the heart of Connecticut bear country, said she had been told by area farmers that the permitting process under the 2023 law was laden with “unrealistic hurdles.”

The new bill allows farmers to take immediate action to protect their livestock, when before the law extended only to pets. It also enables farmers, with proof of bear damage to their crops or livestock, to preemptively obtain a permit for the next season if the bear were to return to the farm.

Connecticut, alongside Rhode Island, is the only state in the Northeast without a public bear hunting season. Horn said she was satisfied that farmers’ voices were being heard in this legislation, but expressed concern that since Connecticut lacks a hunt, the new legislation may push farmers “to the front lines in addressing these challenges.”

SB 1523 is not the only bear-focused bill with legs during this legislative session. House Bill 7051, which calls for a black bear management plan, has passed a Public Safety and Security Committee vote.

Presenting a broader scope than SB 1523, HB 7051 proposes a multifaceted and inter-organizational approach to “ensure public safety and the protection of property and maintain a sustainable black bear population in the state,” according to its statement of purpose.

With both bills having passed committee votes, they will now “be part of the conversation of what makes it to the floor,” Horn said.

SKIING

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winter. Terrall grew up going to Mohawk the same way, and estimated that the group on the trip spanned 1960-2017 of the CCS ski program.

“My winters were spent at Mohawk” said Terrall, “as were my kids’ winters.”

He said Mohawk Mountain and the CCS ski program have had an outsized impact on building a unique love for downhill snow sports in the town: “A lot of Cornwall kids are skiers because of the program,” which continues to this day — minus the included season pass of years past.

After graduating from Colorado College, Terrall moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, with the intention of working a ski season or two, and ended up staying for 15 years.

Terrall’s son Keaton, who also joined the trip, is now a student at Montana State University in Bozeman and is as passionate about skiing as his father.

While a veteran of Western skiing, the elder Terrall said part of the fun of the trip was introducing Saccardi and his brother-in-law Garrick Dinneen, who had never skied outside of the Northeast, to bigger and steeper terrain.

Saccardi said the difference

was immediately apparent. At the group’s first stop at Schweitzer Mountain in northern Idaho, “you could barely see the tips of your skis, it was so foggy,” Saccardi recalled. Even then, though, “you quickly appreciate how steep it is.”

Saccardi said that despite the initial adjustments, he and Dinneen were able to keep up well with the seasoned and skilled group. “It’s a testament to Mohawk Mountain and that program ... Despite it being a little mountain, it does prepare you with the basics and everything you need to know.”

Josh Tyson, from the CCS class of 1981, who now runs a Cornwall excavating company, said that watching Saccardi and Dinneen get to experience Western skiing was a highlight of the trip for him.

“They became such better skiers in like a day,” he said. “Just the exposure to really steep and mogully trees — it’s not eastern skiing, you know, and they just figured it out right away and were great.”

Tyson’s son Ian joined too and the final member of the cohort was Andy Peterson, who grew up skiing with Terrall at Mohawk in the 1960s and now lives in Colorado, but still spends a few months

in Cornwall every summer. As a group of seven, the skiers resort-hopped across southern British Columbia on an itinerary that would make even the most seasoned skier rage in jealousy.

Flying round trip to Missoula, Montana, the group hopped in a few cars and first stopped at Schweitzer in Idaho for a day of foggy skiing, before bouncing to Red Mountain just across the border, where they spent three full days, including the sole powder day of the trip — which was a blast, Tyson said. After that, the crew visited Whitewater, Kimberly, Panorama, and finally, famed powder-mecca Revelstoke, which was unfortunately mostly powder-free during their stay.

Their visit, which spanned the final week of February and first week of March, was uncharacteristically warm for the Canadian mountains.

“We skied in all types of weather, from dense fog to 18 inches of fresh snow to spring skiing,” said Tyson. Despite the variable conditions, “I didn’t hear one complaint the whole time,” said Terrall, reflecting fondly on the group’s positive attitude.

The Terralls and Peter-

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in three different events.

The first of the three events is creed speaking, a competition where freshmen memorize and recite the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany in 1928.

Prepared public speaking is the second competition, in which participants write and deliver a six to eight minute speech about the agricultural topic of their choice.

Those competing in extemporaneous public speaking have 30 minutes to draw a topic, research, prepare and deliver a three to five minute speech.

Housatonic’s Riley Mahaffey finished second and Byron Bell took third place in extemporaneous public speaking. Zayre Traill was

the runner-up in FFA Creed, and Madison Gulatta took first place in prepared public speaking.

Mahaffey, a junior, is a two-time national public speaker, winning creed speaking at the state FFA convention her freshman year and prepared public speaking at the state level her sophomore year.

Her second-place finish in extemporaneous public speaking at the district level last week secured her spot in this year’s state competition, and she plans to compete at the national level again next fall.

Hannah Johnson is Housatonic Valley FFA’s reporter.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH • 10 am – noon

Sharon Land Trust Hamlin Preserve on route 341
Tom Zetterstrom will discuss invasive plant management, exhibit the work done at the preserve, and demonstrate the use synthetic herbicide with a Buckthorn Blaster applicator.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH • 10 am – noon

Sharon Land Trust, Benton Hill Preserve
Tim Hunter, of the Sharon Land Trust, will conduct a discussion about land restoration and the plans for bringing the Benton Hill property into ecological balance by planting native plants; if time allows, he will provide a demonstration.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH • 10 am – noon

Sharon Town Hall
Bethany Sheffer of Audubon and Mike Nadeau, native landscape expert, will present a PowerPoint on invasives and answer questions on plant identification and control. (Rain date April 6th)

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH • 10 am – noon

Meristem, 169 Bowne Road in Sharon
Bethany Sheffer and Mike Nadeau will demonstrate invasive plant control without herbicides and show how to foster the growth of native plants to create habitat and beauty. (Rain date May 18th)

These workshops are sponsored by The Sharon Energy and Environment Commission, Sharon Audubon, The Sharon Conservation Commission, and the Sharon Land Trust

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COMMUNITY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

All are welcome at The Mahaiwe

Natalia Bernal is the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center's education and community engagement manager and is, in her own words, "the one who makes sure that Mahaiwe events are accessible to all."

The Mahaiwe's community engagement program is rooted in the belief that the performing arts should be for everyone. "We are committed to establishing and growing partnerships with neighboring community and arts organizations to develop pathways for overcoming social and practical barriers," Bernal explained. "Immigrants, people of color, communities with low income, those who have traditionally been underserved in the performing arts, should feel welcomed at the Mahaiwe."

Partnerships with organizations like Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires (VIM), the W.E.B. Du Bois Legacy Committee, and Community Access to the Arts (CATA) have helped bridge that gap. But for the Latinx community, there's an even more targeted effort: the Spanish-language Community Advisory Network (SCAN).

"Six years ago, we started an advisory group of Spanish speakers in the community," Bernal said. "They tell us what the community wants to see, how they'd like their culture represented. Today, SCAN has 12 members. We meet four times a year and are in constant communication. It's because of them that we've hosted free Spanish-language film screenings and live performances."

For Bernal, this work is personal. "When I first moved to the U.S. in 2003, it was because I got a Latin American scholarship to study at Berklee College of Music. That first year, I went home to Uruguay for Christmas and saw Paquito D'Rivera perform at a jazz festival. I was determined to meet him, and I did. Later that year, Paquito came to Berklee and invited me on stage."

Now, two decades and 16 Grammys later, Paquito D'Rivera is coming to the Mahaiwe on April 5, and there's a chance history might repeat itself. "He saw a post we made about his



PHOTO BY GEANDY PAVON

Paquito D'Rivera performs at the Mahaiwe in Great Barrington on April 5.

concert and commented, 'Ay, chica, que maravilla, are you gonna sing a song with us?' I almost died," Bernal laughed. "I don't know if it will happen, but it would be a dream."

About the possibility of a guest appearance by Bernal, D'Rivera said, "Natalia is a very dear, valuable colleague, and jazz is about improvisation, so the surprise factor is always part of the fun here."

D'Rivera's concert is just one example of how the Mahaiwe is making world-class performances accessible. "My whole day has been about offering 'pay what you can' tickets for this show," Bernal says. "We also issued a 50% discount to our partners. We work with ESL teachers, public libraries, literacy agencies, anyone who can help us get the word out."

That kind of grassroots effort has been transformative. "Last year, we screened 'Florencia en el Amazonas,' the first opera written in Spanish ever performed at the Met," Bernal said. "I sat in the Mahaiwe in tears. As someone who loves opera, it was the first time I heard one written in my own language. It was so powerful."

For Bernal, it all comes back to representation, on stage and in the audience. "My son is eight. I bring him to everything I can. Spanish shouldn't just be something that happens at the dinner table. It should be in the world, in all these shapes and forms."

And that's what SCAN is helping build: a future where Latinx voices aren't just included, they are central. "Our SCAN



PHOTO BY MARTIN COHEN

Natalia Bernal, Mahaiwe's education and community engagement manager

advisors are volunteers, cultural ambassadors," Bernal said. "They help us distribute surveys, talk to the audience, and strengthen the community. Nobody should feel alone. Everybody should feel like they belong here."

Education and outreach are central to D'Rivera's work as well. He said, "It is an important part of our mission to plant and nurture the seed of quality music in our communities." He continued to say, "Using our visibility and influence in favor of justice is always a very effective vehicle in denouncing violations of human rights around the world."

This shared mission

of education and social justice extends beyond the Mahaiwe. "We are one of the few arts organizations in a monthly meeting with BASIC (Berkshire Alliance for Immigrant Services). We have direct ties to the Berkshire Immigrant Center, VIM, and others so that we are well-informed and ready to serve," said Bernal.

That commitment to community, culture, and access is why Bernal's dream panel—Women in the Music Business—would feature Paquito's wife and longtime manager, Brenda Feliciano. "She's a tower of power. She's been managing his career for at least 45 years. If I could organize an event one day, she would be the cherry on the cake."

Until then, Bernal will keep doing what she does best: making sure the Mahaiwe is a place where everyone, regardless of language, income, or background, feels at home. And maybe, just maybe, she'll find herself back on stage with Paquito D'Rivera, just like that first time, all those years ago.

For more info and tickets to Paquito D'Rivera, visit mahaiwe.org

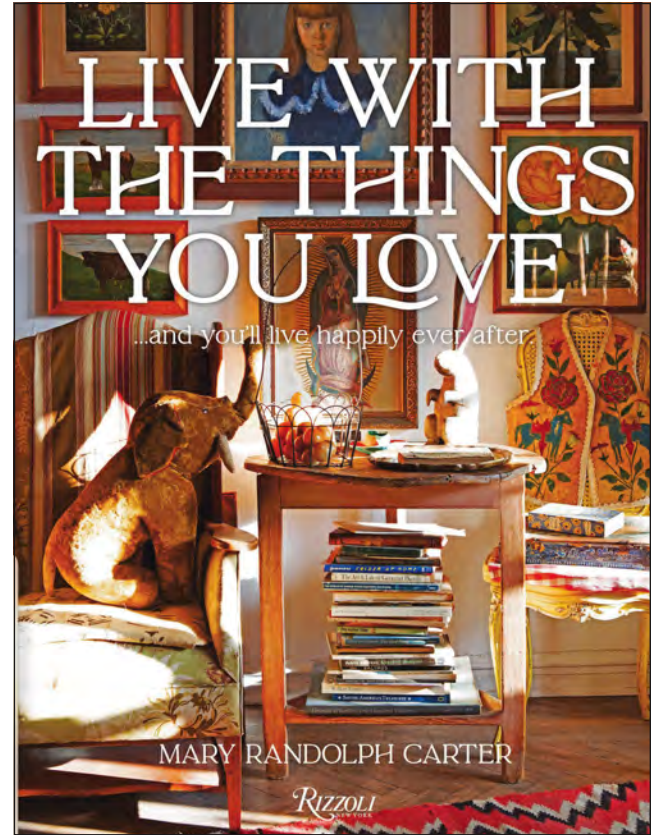


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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Living with the things you love: a conversation with Mary Randolph Carter

There is magic in a home filled with the things we love, and Mary Randolph Carter, affectionately known as "Carter," has spent a lifetime embracing that magic. Her latest book, "Live with the Things You Love ... and You'll Live Happily Ever After," is about storytelling, joy, and honoring life's poetry through the objects we keep.

"This is my tenth book," Carter said. "At the root of each is my love of collecting, the thrill of the hunt, and living surrounded by things that conjure up family, friends, and memories."

The creative director at Ralph Lauren for almost four decades, Carter began writing this book during the pandemic, a time of rediscovering comfort. "I found more time to appreciate those special things that give our homes warmth and connection." Working with Ralph Lauren, she learned that the best spaces tell a personal

story. "His desk was filled with toy cars, miniature shoes, superheroes, English dandies, cowboys on horseback. The walls? A gallery of his children's paintings, iconic photos of Frank Sinatra and Gary Cooper. Everything told a story."

Carter acknowledges how homes can become overwhelmed with stuff but sees a difference between clutter and collection. "To live happily, create environments that inspire and comfort rather than encumber you! Look around and ask, 'What is truly meaningful? What makes you smile? What recalls the people and places you cherish?'" Then, she added, "weed out the rest with discipline and

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Mary Randolph Carter teaches us to surround ourselves with what matters to live happily ever after.

courage!”

Each home in Carter's book reflects its inhabitant's spirit. “The first time I walked into Bethann Hardison's apartment, I knew right away how authentic it was to who she is.” Hardison's walls are lined with artwork from friends Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Haitian paintings, testaments to a life well lived. “Though her mantra is, ‘the lighter the load, the freer the journey,’ she also admits some things ‘delight your environment’ and can't be parted with. Amen to that!”

Having survived two childhood fires, Carter deeply understands what truly matters. “It's not the things, but the people and memories they evoke.” She loves her collections, but they don't possess her. “They make me happy, but they do not define me.”

She delights in how people showcase treasures. Paula Grief, for instance, lives in a ten-foot-wide house and had to part with many books. “She tucks the ones she can't live without through the rungs of her staircase. I love that ingenuity!”

When asked about her most cherished possession, Carter tells a story of loss and serendipity. A childhood portrait of her in a blue velvet dress was lost in a fire. “Years later, the artist's daughter found another version. Now, it hangs in our apartment, surrounded by flea market art and one of my favorite saints, Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

Adding to the cozy feeling of this book, Carter's son, Carter Berg, took the photographs,

and her sister, Cary, contributed the illustrations. “Cary once stayed in our apartment and painted a dozen objects from our cluttered kitchen. I hung them immediately. When I started this book, I knew she had to capture my favorite objects.”

Four of the featured homes are local to the Northwest Corner, including Carter's in Millerton, Joan Osofsky's in Lakeville, Robin Bell's in Salisbury, and Paula Grief's in Hudson. They all gathered at the White Hart/Oblong Speaker Series on March 27.

After perusing the richly colored pages of this book, you may feel tempted to shop. “You don't need money to create a meaningful home,” Carter insisted. “Some of my favorite paintings cost no more than \$10 or \$25. Value is personal. It's not about provenance but the story an object tells you or the one you make up.”

Carter's advice? “Fall in love with the wackiest thing. Surround yourself with what matters, and you'll live happily ever after.”

FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Beloved classic film ‘The Red Shoes’ comes to the big screen for Triplex benefit

On Saturday, April 5, at 3 p.m., The Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington and Jacob's Pillow, the dance festival in Becket, Massachusetts, are presenting a special benefit screening of the cinematic masterpiece, “The Red Shoes,” followed by a discussion and Q&A. Featuring guest speakers Norton Owen, director of preservation at Jacob's Pillow, and dance historian Lynn Garafola, the event is a fundraiser for The Triplex.

“We're pitching in, as it were, because we like to help our neighbors,” said Norton. “They (The Triplex) approached us with the idea, wanting some input if they were going to do a dance film. I thought of Lynn as the perfect person also to include in this because of her knowledge of The Ballets Russes and the book that she wrote about Diaghilev. There is so much in this film, even though it's fictional, that derives from the Ballets Russes.” Garafola, the leading expert on the Ballets Russes under Serge Diaghilev, 1909–1929, the most influential company in twentieth-century theatrical dance, said, “We see glimpses of that Russian émigré tradition, performances we don't see much of today. The film captures the artifice of ballet, from the behind-the-scenes world of dressers and conductors to the sheer passion of the audience.”

Hailed as one of the greatest films about ballet, “The Red Shoes,” 1948, is a dazzling fusion of dance and cinema, featuring a mesmerizing 17-minute ballet sequence performed by Scottish ballet dancer and actress, Moira Shearer. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, the film's breathtaking use of Technicolor and evocative storytelling continues to captivate audiences, including

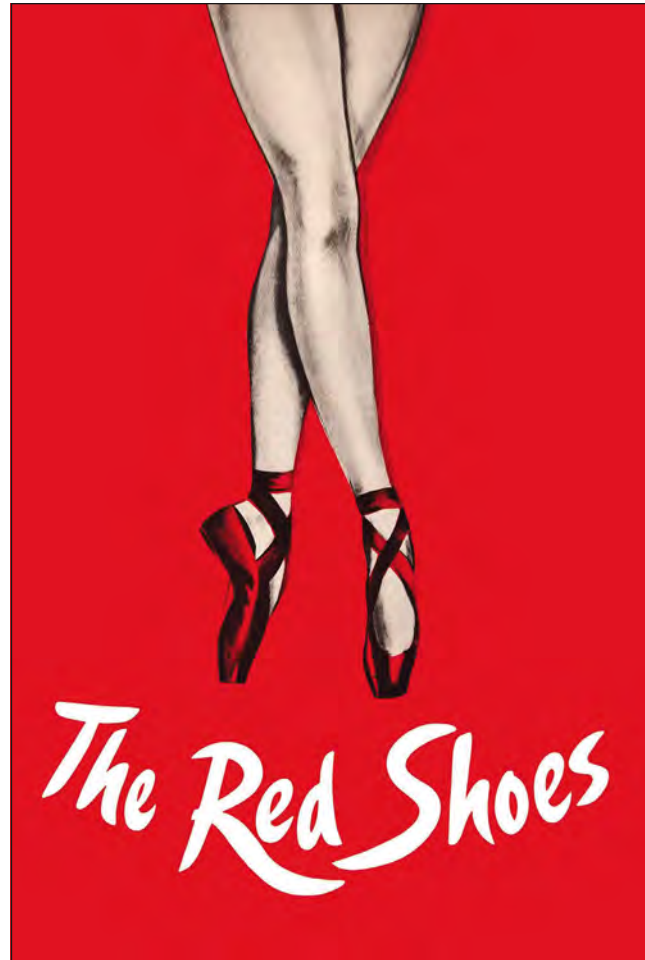


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legendary filmmakers like Martin Scorsese, Brian De Palma, and Steven Spielberg all of whom have cited the film as an influence on their work.

Garafola recalled seeing the film as a young dancer. “I remember being more taken with the plot then, but seeing it again recently, it was the color, the fantasy,

and the glamour that struck me. Given how gray England was after the war, the film's vibrant costumes and settings create an almost dream-like escape.”

Owen echoed Garafola's sentiment. “It's magical. Color was their thing, and this latest restoration makes it even more breathtaking.”

NATURE: FRITZ MUELLER

A botanical spring puzzle


Why are there no native super early flowering plants in our area? By “super early” I mean flowering some five weeks before forsythia. All the ones I know are alien. Most are “bulbiferous” and go dormant in summer. Snowdrops, *Galanthus nivalis*, and Snowbells, *Leucojum vernum*, are both in the amaryllis family; crocus species, in the iris family; and scilla,

in the asparagus family belong to this category. Others, like *cyclamen coum*, primrose family; winter-aconite, *eranthis hyemalis*; and *adonis amurensis*, buttercup family; grow from tubers, thickened roots. None of them is a native plant. Although all mentioned families exist in the New World as well, none have produced super early flowering species similar to what exists in Eurasia, nor have other plant

families.

We wait for our beautiful native spring wildflowers — Virginia bluebells, Dutchman's breeches, Trilliums, Trout lily, etc. In our garden, the earliest native will be Bloodroot, by mid-April. By then, a large cohort of alien plants are already in full flower for several weeks, in some cases for over a month.

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Theropods spotted in Falls Village

The Falls Village Children's Theater's production of "Dinosaurs Before Dark" played to packed houses March 28-30. Directed by Michael Siktberg, with choreography from Amber Cameron and Darcy Boynton, the lively show featured shadow puppets, tree houses, lots of dancing and singing, and of course dinosaurs, including a splendid Tyrannosaurus Rex.



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Helen Sung's lyrical and virtuosic playing filled The Tall Barn at Troutbeck in Amenia.

MUSIC: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Helen Sung mesmerizes at Music Mountain's rescheduled winter concert

Renowned pianist and composer Helen Sung took the stage for a rescheduled performance of Music Mountain's Winter Concert Series at Troutbeck in Amenia on Sunday, March 30. Sung led the audience through a thrilling solo program that traced her journey from classical to jazz. Performing works by Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, Chick Corea, and one of her own original compositions, Sung's artistry and distinctive touch captivated listeners. She brought her dynamic interpretations and deep musical storytelling to each piece, seamlessly blending technical

mastery with emotional depth. From the rich harmonies of Ellington to the angular brilliance of Monk, Sung's performance showcased both reverence for jazz tradition and her own inventive spirit. The intimate setting of Troutbeck's Tall Barn provided the perfect backdrop for an afternoon of inspired musicianship, leaving the audience mesmerized and eager for more.

Music Mountain's 96th season opens on June 1 with a benefit concert and reception of Benjamin Hochman & Friends from the Met Opera playing Beethoven and Brahms.

More info at music-mountain.org

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Why is this roughly four to five week temporal niche in the annual cycle unoccupied? It's a niche of very low productivity for sure, but nature, famously, abhors any vacuum. Could it be that the physical habitat niche is too small here? What I found, doing some research, suggests it is possible — larger areas are correlated with more speciation according to p. 1149 in *Science* from March 15, 2025. Eurasia, broadly oriented from west to east, has a very long, uninterrupted temperate and mountainous zone, stretching from Spain to western China. With its many grassland habitats, it provides a huge playing field for evolution. America, by comparison, geographically laid out north to south, contains much less continuous temperate environments suited for crocus.

Until now. Our small, short-cropped lawn at winter's end mimics aspects of Eurasian alpine meadows. There, before any green grass is visible, crocuses break through the edges of the melting snow cover on the late winter lawn. Species crocuses have conquered that new habitat, first in European gardens, and



PHOTO BY FRITZ MUELLER

Honeybees have developed interdependencies with early spring flowers.

now here too. Before the grass grows too tall, they benefit from abundant sunshine to nourish their bulbs for next year. That's another reason to delay mowing as long as possible. A lawn may not be a natural habitat, but if free of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers, it is after all just another meadow.

Perhaps another reason for missing March flowers is a lack of early pollinators. On one of these rare sunny, warm days in early March, I wrote in my diary: "03/09/23 - many honeybees on winter aconite, also a fly ..." and some honeybees on crocus as well. Like winter-aconite

and crocus, honeybees are not native in America and I have never seen them again that early, ever since a nearby beekeeper gave up. Looking at the amounts of pollen in these crocus flowers, they must be an abundant food source for all kinds of bees and bumblebees. However, only honeybees — whose colonies survive the winter in hives — can quickly deploy a large number of pollen collectors. Flowers and insects co-evolved a myriad of interdependencies, so super early flowering plants, cold adapted, depend on enough pollinating insects to make flowering through

the snow worthwhile. On high alpine meadows there may be other early up-and-about insect species, but here it is honeybees which profit most.

Snowdrops, snowbells, crocuses — they don't compete with any natives, but fill a manmade, unoccupied niche. The very earliest to flower through the snow, *adonis amurensis* and *cyclamen coum*, grow in light shade and slowly form stay-in-place clumps. Unless in a controllable setting, I would stay away from squill — *Scilla siberica* — which is a very aggressive naturalizer and easily escapes.

As we wait for our many native beautiful spring flowers, how nice to have these aliens, such benign aliens for a change, to cheer up a March-brown lawn.

Fritz Mueller lives in Sharon.

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APRIL 3

LGBTQIA+ Game Night

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

The David M. Hunt Library will partner with Out in the Corner to host a LGBTQIA+ game night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your own game, play one of the games provided, or just come to hang out. This program will be held monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Out in the Corner is an LGBTQIA+ coalition based in Litchfield County with a mission to provide a safe and inclusive space for the LGBTQIA+ community.

APRIL 4

First Friday Music

Salisbury UCC, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, April 4 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. For this month's program, Litchfield County trusts and estates attorney Donna Vincenti shares her segue into music with an all-Chopin program of piano works. Free to the public.

Millbrook Arts Project: BIO-BASED

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y.

BIO-BASED by Loren Eiferman & Henry Klimowicz will be on view from March 31 to April 26, with a reception on Friday, April 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be an Artist Talk: Friday, April 18, 4 p.m.

Details: millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project

Celebration of Poetry

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

On Friday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host a Celebration of Poetry in honor of National Poetry Month!

Participants are invited to read their own poems or pieces by their favorite poets. Each reader will have 5 to 10 minutes

Last week's WotW

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to share. All ages are welcome to participate.

Drinks and snacks will be served.

Sharon Volunteer Recognition and Recruitment Event

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

April is National Volunteer Month, and Sharon wants YOU! Join us at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon to discover volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits, town boards, and commissions.

If you already volunteer in Sharon, come be recognized for your invaluable contribution.

Light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Sharon Historical Society, Audubon Sharon, and the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

For more information, call the Library at 860-364-5041.

APRIL 5

The Future of Ukraine's Children

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

A special event to show support and raise awareness of the humanitarian impact of the continuing war in Ukraine on Saturday, April 5, at 4 p.m.

Once Upon a Time in Ukraine: Directors: Betsy West, Richard Blanshard, Tetiana Khodakivska

Sunflower Field: Director: Polina Buchak. Followed by a talkback and Q&A with Sunflower Field director Polina Buchak, and Anastasia Rab, Chief Advancement Officer, RAZOM for Ukraine.

For tickets & more detailed information visit:

bit.ly/TMH-hope-in-every-story-ukraine

How to Improve Memory and Other Cognitive Problems

1 John St., Suite 104, Millerton, N.Y.

A presentation will teach basic skills that have been demonstrated to improve memory and cognitive problems using specific breathing and movement practices.

Heart rate variability and cognitive functions will be discussed. Harvard University has research showing the effectiveness of this ancient traditional Chinese art and practice in improving

mental functions such as memory. Tai Chi movements will be demonstrated. Participants will be able to learn some of these skills and use them at home. Reservations are required for this Free Program. Participation in a free pilot study will be offered.

Please call 518-592-1023 or email drgunser@hushmail.com.

Why Native Plants? Topic Introduction + Q&A

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

What's the big deal about native plants? Join Mike Nadeau from the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission and Bethany Sheffer from the Sharon Conservation Commission from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for an introduction to what they are, why they're essential to our environment, and how they connect to invasive species management. Register at sharon.audubon.org/events

Saturday Morning Family Series at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck

The CENTER for Performing Arts, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. www.centerforperformingarts.org

Saturdays at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$10

Skyhunters in Flight

An indoor falconry presentation followed by an outdoor flight demonstration — weather permitting.

Info & Tickets: www.centerforperformingarts.org

The Mural as Muse Poetry Workshop

American Mural Project, Winsted, Conn.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Mural Project, Winsted, Connecticut, Poet Laureate Ed Lent leads this poetry workshop inspired by AMP's five-story Art of Work mural. Writers of all levels will explore free verse and haiku in an immersive creative setting. Tickets are \$30. Ages 16+. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/art-inspired-poetry-workshop-the-mural-as-muse-with-poet-ed-lent-registration-1258454955649

Downstream from Culture: Crowns, Keys and Power

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 5 & 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn.

Margaret Lanzetta, an artist known for her significant involvement with culturally inspired

patterns, will discuss the crown series within the trajectory of her practice and the history of imperial crowns and keys. April 5 at 4 p.m.

Playing with Art: Art & Animation for Children of All Ages

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

A vibrant group exhibition featuring colorful works by local artists, including quilts by the Hunt Library Quilters and children's tissue paper collages by Breetel Graves.

The exhibition also includes works from Katie Atkinson, Megan Berk, Erika Crofut, Robert Cronin, and more. Free and open to the public. The exhibition will be on view from April 2 to 25. Reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

For more info, visit huntlibrary.org/art-wall or call 860-824-7424.

Twelve Moons Coffee House

Center On Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

Live music, poetry and storytelling every first Saturday. Doors 6 p.m., open mic 6:30 p.m., featured artists 8 to 9 p.m. Coffee, tea and baked goods available; bring your own dinner if desired.

This month, the featured act is George Potts & Gordon Titcomb. Potts has played with The Joint Chiefs and Wanda Houston. Titcomb has toured with Arlo Guthrie and more.

Make a Vase

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

Pottery hand building workshop 1 to 3 p.m. — make a vase and personalize it with handles, a spout, a face — anything you like!

Pieces will be fired and glazed off site by instructor and ready in 4 week's time.

Class will be led by Erica Recto, owner of Bes. Her ceramics are on display in-store and she has 10+ years of experience with clay.

APRIL 6

To Welcome Spring: A Show of Kinetic, Textile and Graphic Arts

Parish House of the United Church of Christ, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall Village, Conn.

Works by artists Susan Hellmann, Richard Griggs, and Ellen Moon through May 15. The Opening Reception will be on April 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. For further information, please call the church office, 860 672-6840.

APRIL 10

Immigration Law Forum with Glenn Formica

Trinity Lime Rock Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Salisbury, Conn.

Learn what you can do to protect the rights of your neighbors and employees who may be undocumented immigrants. Glenn Formica has 25 years of practice as an immigration attorney and is the lead partner at the law firm Formica, PC in New Haven. Glenn will answer questions after his talk. Light refreshments will be served at this free event. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

If you can't attend in person, register to participate on Zoom at: us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WebsuXC-SC6fszcgks6TkW#/registration

APRIL 12

Egg Hunt

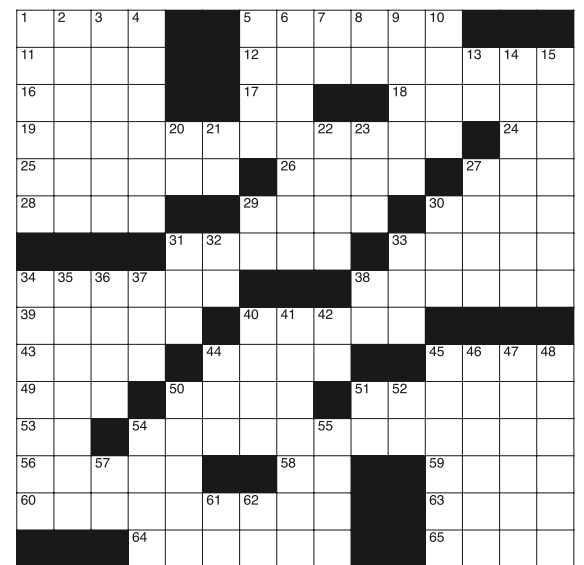
Lawrence Field, Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

North Canaan Recreation Commission hosts the annual egg hunt at 12 p.m. at Lawrence Field. Children aged 10 and under are invited to take part. Eggs can be redeemed for goodie bags. Find the silver and gold eggs for a prize basket. Free event. No rain date.

Brain Teasers

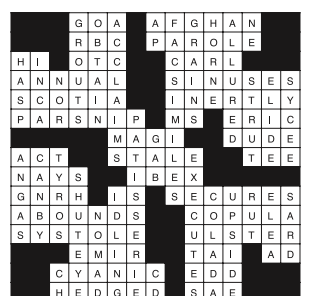
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- Narrow piece of wood
- African desert
- Waxy covering on birds' beaks
- Sour
- Infrequent
- Former AL MVP Vaughn
- Policemen wear one
- Out of the question
- Used to chop
- Symptoms
- Not moving
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Comedian Armisen
- Quantitative fact
- Incline from vertical
- Scottish musician
- Rooney and Kate are two
- Positioned
- A very short time
- Tropical American shrubs
- Yemen capital
- Spanish municipality
- Medical professionals
- Fibrous material
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Without covering
- "Mad Men" honcho Don
- Hockey position
- Taste property
- Fertile spots in a desert
- They precede C
- "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
- Try a criminal case
- Liberal rights organization
- Spoke
- Insect repellent



- Global investment bank (abbr.)
- Jewish calendar month
- Popular sandwich
- Swiss river
- Incorrect letters
- Popular entree
- Foot (Latin)
- A driver's license is one form
- Extinct flightless bird
- Appetizer
- After battles
- It neutralizes alkalis
- Beverage container
- Partner to "Pa"
- Gray American rail
- Salt of acetic acid
- Canadian province
- Dish made with lentils
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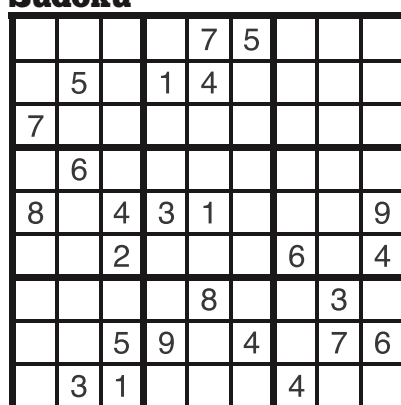
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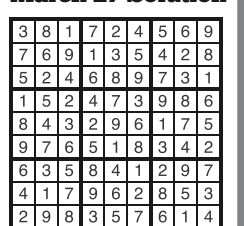
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- More thin
- Show up
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- Ancient Greek city
- Poisonous plant
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- College sports official
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- A citizen of Uganda
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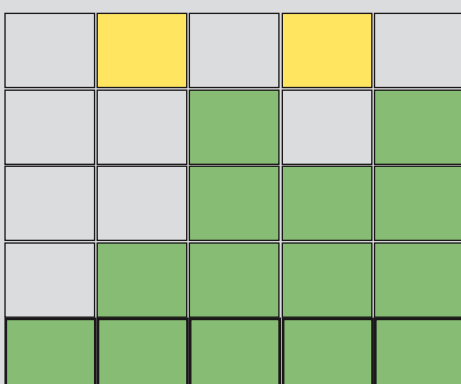
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Sports

Hoggers take down Lions

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The Northfield Mount Hermon School Hoggers defeated the Kent School Lions 22-6 in the first boys varsity lacrosse game of the season Saturday, March 29.

NMH, located in Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, traveled to Kent for the game. The Hoggers displayed offensive strength immediately by scoring twice in the first two minutes. Kent attackman Tripp Christman managed an early goal, but the Lions trailed 8-1 by the end of the first period.

NMH dominated possession and put pressure on the Kent defenders. The second period showed no change in dominance: Kent scored again but NMH increased its lead to 18-2 at halftime.

Kent goalie Trey Lalonde was injured in the second pe-



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Aidano Armilio plays midfield for Kent School lacrosse.

riod. His replacement, Varen Aggarwal, subbed in for the remainder of the game.

Kent kept battling in the second half and cut into the lead with more goals by Tripp Christman and Hayden Santry, but NMH maintained an insurmountable advantage.

The final score of the game was 22-6 for NMH. Kent's next three games are on the road before hosting Trinity-Pawling School on April 11.



Tripp Christman scored three for Kent March 29.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Hotchkiss lax wins big

Allison Wick, left, and Kailyn Willa celebrate as The Hotchkiss School girls lacrosse wins 19-0 against Kingswood Oxford School in the first game of the season March 26. Full story online at lakevillejournal.com

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