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Spring opener

Athletics returned to Housatonic Valley Regional High School the week of April 7. Above, Anthony Foley pitched the home opener for the Mountaineers against Northwestern Regional High School Wednesday, April 9. Full sports coverage on Page B5.

Office of Health Strategy approves merger of Northwell, Nuvance health systems

By Katy Golvala
CT Mirror

Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy approved a merger between Northwell Health, a large New York-based health system, and Nuvance Health, which owns Danbury, Norwalk, Sharon and New Milford hospitals in Connecticut, as well as three hospitals in New York, according to a Tuesday an-

nouncement by the agency.

The two systems now have to complete the step of formally joining the entities together under the Northwell Health banner, a spokesperson for Nuvance Health said.

Northwell isn't directly paying to buy the Nuvance Hospitals, per se, resulting in a technical purchase price of \$0. Instead, the New York-based health system has agreed to invest \$1 billion in Nuvance's Con-

necticut and New York hospitals over the next five years, with annual reporting on the progress of those investments.

Those investments will go toward a number of capital projects and the implementation of a new electronic medical recordkeeping system, according to Boyd Jackson, director of legislation and regula-

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Immigration forum amplifies call to 'stand up for justice'

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — Attorney Glenn Formica put the issue of immigration in haunting human terms.

Speaking at a meeting sponsored by Vecinos Seguros 2 at Trinity Church of Lime Rock Thursday, Formica said "53% of the country is in favor of current immigration laws. I don't know where you go with that. What's missing in your life that you've lost any sense of love or human affection; that you feel good when others are suffering? That's 53% of the population. What we're dealing with is inhumane, dark."

Formica is an immigration attorney who has a practice in New Haven. He is well known for taking pro bono cases for those undocumented persons facing detention or deportation.

In introducing Formica, the Rev. John Carter, the founder of Vecinos Seguros, which translated means "Safe Neighbors," said he heard of the lawyer from New



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Immigration attorney Glenn Formica, left, and the Rev. John Carter, founder of Vecinos Seguros, speak before Formica's presentation at Trinity Church Lime Rock Thursday.

Haven who has "a smart head and warm heart." Carter said while the country is going through crushing times now, "I thank God for people who stand up for justice and compassion."

Formica began his talk with a bit about his personal life, noting that when he was in law school, he

pictured himself as focusing on land use or real estate cases. A graduate of Catholic University, he has a religious background. So, after working in corporate law in Washington, D.C., he saw what he perceived as shallowness in certain aspects of the

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Alice Peck is the manager of Lakeville Books and Stationery at 329 Main St. in Lakeville, which opened on April 3.

Family business starts new chapter in Lakeville

By Robin Roraback

LAKEVILLE — Lakeville Books and Stationery opened its doors April 3 after completing four months of renovations at 329 Main Street.

The Peck family — Darryl, his wife, Ann, and daughter, Alice — are not strangers to running a book store.

"We own a bookstore on St. Simons Island in Georgia that opened about six years ago," Darryl Peck

said. "We had lived down there for a few years but returned home a couple of years ago and missed being in the store. Our youngest daughter also moved home, so this is something the whole family is involved in as she is our store manager."

The Peck family searched for a venue for the store for nine months. "This building needed substantial renovations and originally we decided to pass on it. But after running through several other options, all of which fell through for one reason or another, we decided to just dig in and renovate after purchasing the

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Housing info session held ahead of Perry Street project completion

By Alec Linden

LAKEVILLE — Two new affordable houses on Perry Street are nearly ready.

Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity Director Jocelyn Ayer was joined by representatives of local affordable housing coalitions for an informational session on April 10 to offer an update on the project and several other near-complete projects across the

county.

The Perry Street homes, modular units which were placed atop their foundations on April 2, are part of a regional effort from the LCCHO called the Litchfield County Affordable Homeownership Program.

A total of nine 3-bedroom homes — all modular and Cape-style — across five Northwest Corner towns will be the product of the project, built on land owned and

managed by the Salisbury Housing Trust, Cornwall Housing Corporation, Foundation for Norfolk Living, and Washington Community Housing Trust.

The Perry Street houses are the first to be delivered — and "they look amazing," Ayer said.

The project is expected to be ready for residents in May. The deadline for pre-application was

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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.

9-1-1 hang-up leads to domestic violence arrest

On the evening of April 8, Troopers received a 9-1-1 call in which a woman who identified herself as “Kristy” reported no issues, but before she hung up, dispatch heard someone say help in the background. Troopers were dispatched to the residence on Main Street in Sharon, where they took

Kristy Weber, 29, of Sharon into custody for domestic violence. Weber was processed at Troop B Disorderly Conduct and Interfering with an Emergency Call. She was released on a \$1,500 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on April 9.

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 johnnc@lakevillejournal.com

Fun at Scoville’s egg hunt

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — At 1 p.m. on the dot Kyla DeRisi called the children to order outside the Scoville Memorial Library Sunday, April 13.

DeRisi, the children’s coordinator at the library, explained the Easter Egg Hunt rules.

There were 61 wooden eggs hidden with varying degrees of cunning around the library grounds. Each wooden egg was worth four pieces of candy.

There were pieces of candy scattered around as well.

And the big prize was the “sparkly golden egg.” That was worth 10 pieces of candy.

About 25 youngsters from middle school age down to toddlers surged about the grounds. Cries of triumph abounded as the searchers found their eggs.



Young egg hunters scurried across the lawn at Scoville Memorial Library the afternoon of Sunday, April 13.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Cornwall sets kindergarten registration

CORNWALL — Cornwall Consolidated School kindergarten registration is slated for April 29 and April 30.

Children born in the year 2020 between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31 are eligible for enrollment.

Call the 860-672-6617 to schedule a visit.

Parents will need to bring current immunization records, birth certificates and proof of residency on the day of registration.

Online This Week

Northwest Hills Council of Governments
Regional leaders discussed GIS mapping grants at an April 10 meeting. More at lakevillejournal.com

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• Ocean State Job Lot

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Good Friday, 18 April
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April 20
8:00 AM Eucharist with hymns
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Our Towns



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

22 River Road was built around 1870 on a hamlet-sized 0.42 acres. With 4 bedrooms and 1.5 baths, it was sold for \$326,000.

Cornwall's winter real estate transfers

By Christine Bates

CORNWALL — The Town of Cornwall has a population of only 1,567 people residing in 615 households, which explains the typically less than two sales of homes per month.

Perhaps the scarcity of housing also explains the high median price of over a million dollars from December through February, dropping to \$950,000 in March, and why there was only one single family home listed for sale on the MLS in mid-April.

Transfers between December 2024 and March 2025 included nine single family homes with seven under \$600,000 and three over \$1 million and one parcel of land.

December 2024

187 Warren Hill Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath house on 5.8 acres transferred on Dec. 2, 2024, by Jake Weiss and Ethan Kaminsky to Pamela L. Bain Living Trust for \$1,172,500.

January 2025

301 Kent Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath house transferred on Jan. 23, 2025, by Christopher Hopkins to Franklin I. Pucha Ortega and Karina E. Lalvay-Palta for \$300,000.

20 Everest Hill Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath house on 15.3 acres transferred on Jan. 28, 2025, by William S and Alexa Venturini Calhoun to Sean Maher and Jonathan Homer for \$1,395,000.

March 2025

2 Bell Road Extension — 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch on 5 acres transferred on March 4, 2025, by Deborah Picchione Trustee and Susan Haller Larson Trustee Haller Children Trust to Jordyn-Ashley Black for \$320,000.

36 Pine St. — 5 bedroom/2 bath antique house on 5.2 acres transferred on March 4, 2025, by Michael J. Welch Trustee of Marjorie B. Gracey Revocable Trust to 36 Pine Street LLC for \$140,000.

22 River Road — 4 bedroom/1.5 bath transferred on March 6, 2025, by Stephanie Weaver, Executor for Estate of Robert Andrew Parker to Alexander Kambanis for \$326,000.

17 Pierce Lane — 2 bed-

room/2 bath home transferred on March 17 by Cornwall Housing Corporation to Nicholas and Laura Medeiros for \$240,000.

47 Dark Entry Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 5.9 acres transferred on March 17 by Michael Feder and Povilas Utovka to Ian Craig for \$2.51 million.

45 Popple Swamp Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 7.58 acres transferred on March 19 by Laszlo and Christina Gyorsok to Samuel Neubauer and Alice Gilbert for \$471,000.

Cream Hill Road — 45.7 acres of forest land transferred on March 26, 2025, by Margaret B. Crone Trustee Ruth G. Kahn Revocable Trust to Douglas S. T. and Kathryn R. H. Green for \$550,000.

** Town of Cornwall real estate transfers recorded as transferred between Dec. 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025, provided by the Cornwall Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market data courtesy of Smart MLS and InfoSparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.*

Cornwall considers ways to spur new home construction

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Rising property values in recent years have shifted the housing landscape in Cornwall. Stock of for-sale homes remains low, applications for new development have become infrequent and the grand list is stagnant.

Local leaders discussed the situation at a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday, April 8.

"Things are changing rapidly, and not for the better," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway.

The conversation focused on matters that the town can control. Namely, zoning regulations

Ridgway mentioned the minimum lot size require-

ments to build a new home in Cornwall. He noted that a lot must be at least 5-acres in order to build a new home "in a large part of the town," while other zones have 3- or 1-acre minimums.

"I think there is probably some movement in the 5- and 3-acre zones," said Ridgway. Commissioners talked about potentially implementing overlay zones to alter minimum lot sizes in designated areas.

Changes to "free cuts," or the ability to subdivide a parcel to create a new buildable lot without going through the full subdivision approval process, were considered.

"You still have to comply with all our zoning regulations," said P&Z Chair Anna Timell regarding free cuts. "It just is much less of a hulla-

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The public hearing for a proposed condominium complex in downtown Sharon has been continued and extended after the applicant, Gold Dog LLC, failed to submit updated plans at the April 9 second session of the hearing.

Engineer George Johannesen, representing the applicant, took the floor to kick off the hearing.

He announced that the site plans had been modified following the first round of public hearing on March 12, which saw community members speak out largely against the proposed Hospital Hill Road development.

Johannesen said the sewer and hydrology report in the updated plans was incomplete, and thus the applicant's attorney Joseph Szerejko — who was not present — would be formally requesting a continuation of the hearing.

During the public com-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Amenia Road resident Debora Suby speaks out against the proposed development.

ment portion of the hearing, neighbors of the project site expressed frustration at the continuation request.

Pablo Cisilino, who owns 71 Hospital Hill Road with his wife Silvina Leone, said

that Gold Dog LLC's unpreparedness at the meeting was characteristic of past behaviors demonstrated by the applicant, who had withdrawn an application for a similar project in 2023.

Falls Village arrives at deal with new cafe owners

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — After a public hearing at Town Hall Tuesday, April 8, Liz and Howard Ives sat down with the Board of Selectmen and signed the lease for a new coffee shop at the town-owned 107 Main St. building.

The hearing was run in the context of a town meeting. Moderator Lou Timolat noted at the begin-

ning that it was not a "town meeting" in the legislative sense.

Rather it was to finalize the deal that has been in the works for several weeks.

The new business will be called the "Off the Trail Cafe." It replaces the Falls Village Cafe, which closed in October 2024 after three years.

The terms of the lease are: Rent, \$1,000 per

month, plus 65% of the electricity, 50% of the water, 50% of the heating, and 100% of the propane for the new stove, which was delivered Friday, April 11.

The cafe will share the building with Furnace on Paper Archive, also on the first floor with frontage on Main Street, and the Senior Center on the second floor.

About 24 people attended, not counting the selectmen, Timolat and the Ives.

"Gold Dog's application is always incomplete, out of date and inaccurate," Cisilino said.

Leone offered an extensive testimony, accompanied by large photographs of her and Cisilino's property, emphasizing that runoff impacts, ecological damage and noise and light pollution would seriously depreciate property values in proximity to the development, as well as "fundamentally and forever change the character of the town and Hospital Hill Road."

Other neighbors gave their own testimonials against the development, citing similar concerns regarding drainage, threats to the landscape and wildlife and especially the risk of augmented traffic.

Ultimately, P&Z approved the applicant's request for a 65 day extension.

The public hearing will continue May 14 at 5 p.m.

In the interim, the applicant's traffic study will be forwarded to an engineer for a third-party review. When made available, the hydrology report will similarly be sent out for review.

Land Use Administrator Jamie Casey emphasized that commission members are not allowed to discuss the application outside of the setting of a scheduled P&Z meeting.

The application is available for public review at the Land Use Office during open hours or by appointment.

Correction

In the April 10 issue of The Lakeville Journal, Dr. Sarah Humphreys' name was misspelled.

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Salisbury students discover possibilities at Career Day

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Sixth-grader Cole Lidstone gamely volunteered to be handcuffed and placed in a police car during Career Day at Salisbury Central School Friday, April 11.

Salisbury Resident State Trooper Will Veras explained how troopers transport prisoners one at a time and in the front seat of their vehicles because they don't have a barrier between the rear and front seats.

Veras placed the cuffs behind the back on the volunteer and guided him into the vehicle.

Afterwards Lidstone described the encounter matter-of-factly as "uncomfortable," adding he has no



Classmates look on as Cole Lidstone is handcuffed by Trooper Will Veras at Salisbury Central School Career Day Friday, April 11.

intention of repeating the experience.

Nearby Jason Emberlin of Emberlin Landscaping had lots of equipment on display and Skyler Ohmen got to sit at the controls of an excavator.

Inside Nick Cornell from

National Iron Bank took students through their hypothetical investments in stocks the students picked beforehand, including Meta, Apple and Amazon.

Artist Millree Hughes walked students through his work on an Alexander Mc-

Queen fashion show. He explained how he treated large mirrors to get a "patchy" effect.

And hair stylist Lori Holt told a group that while there are seven basic hair styles, she can't remember which is which "because they blend in." She said often clients bring a photo of how they want their hair to look.

Also on hand to share their expertise and experience: Melissa Moore, a teaching; Taylor Wilfore, nurse practitioner; athletic trainer Jon Rusillo; Kristin Watson, veterinary technician; strength trainer Seth Diters; Loch Johnson, political scientist; author Donna Fazzino; web designers Elizabeth and John Schaufelberger; and architect Pilar Proffitt.



Shoppers search the shelves for books to buy at Scoville Memorial Library's book sale April 12.

Reading between the bargains

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Bibliophiles converged on the Scoville Memorial Library for the Friends of the Library book sale Saturday, April 12.

Dan Dwyer of Lion's Head Books, always alert on the book front, had a few items picked out which cost a whopping \$7.

One woman was on the

prowl for cookbooks and anything involving home design and decor. She had plenty to choose from.

The books were in good shape — or better — and the shelves were well-organized.

And despite the ghastly weather, a steady stream of people trudged through the slush for the sale, all with a certain gleam in the eye peculiar to book people.



Polar plunge into Lakeville Lake

Despite the chilly air and frigid water, a record-breaking 100+ Hotchkiss students — and a few faculty — plunged into Lake Wononscopomuc April 6 to raise money for The Jane Lloyd Fund. The annual event raised over \$2,000 which will help support the fund's mission of providing financial assistance to cancer patients living or working in the Northwest Corner.

North Canaan modifies town, school spending proposals

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The Board of Finance reviewed updated 2025-26 spending plans for the town and the elementary school at a meeting Wednesday, April 9.

At the suggestion of the finance board, the selectmen modified two lines of the town spending plan. The first selectman's salary was set at \$24,000, up from the initial proposal of \$6,500, and the contingency fund was reduced to \$0 — down from \$5,000, initially slated for discretionary spending.

The updated municipal spending proposal shows a bottom line of \$3,239,732, a reduction of \$3,204, or -0.1%

from last year's budget.

For educational expenses, the board asked North Canaan Elementary School Principal Beth Johnson to reduce spending where possible. She returned April 9 with a lowered bottom line.

"We pulled about \$42,000 off the teacher's line," said Johnson, explaining the severances for retired individuals will be paid out of this year's budget instead of next year's.

The updated NCES spending plan totals \$4,767,136.46, an increase of \$231,023.76, or 5.09%, compared to last year.

The Board of Finance will host a public hearing for municipal and education spending plans Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

Region One district spending up 4.49%

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — On Thursday, April 10, after a brief public hearing at which no questions were asked, the Region One Board of Education voted to send the proposed Region One budget plan for 2025-26 to a referendum vote Tuesday, May 6.

The total for Region One is \$18,485,210, an increase of \$794,882 or 4.49%.

The Region One budget has three components: Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Pupil Services and the Regional Schools Services Center.

The budget proposals for each component: HVRHS, \$9,135,577, an increase of \$146,586 or 1.63%; Pupil Services, \$7,522,557, an increase of \$539,128 or 7.72%; RSSC,

\$1,827,075, an increase of \$109,167 or 6.35%.

The referendum is Tuesday, May 6, noon to 8 p.m. at the town halls of the six Region One Schools: Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

If the budget proposal passes, the assessments for the towns will be:

Cornwall: \$2,004,274, a decrease of \$20,611 or 1.12%.

Falls Village: \$1,543,685, an increase of \$126,423 or 9.01%.

Kent: \$2,611,729, an increase of \$84,818 or 3.7%.

North Canaan: \$5,620,587, an increase of \$62,282 or 1.09%.

Salisbury: \$4,781,092, an increase of \$373,081 or 8.93%.

Sharon: \$1,923,842, an increase of \$168,889 or 10.49%.

Board of Ed approves staff changes, sets graduations

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At the regular monthly meeting of the Region One Board of Education April 7 the board approved the hiring of Liam O'Reilly as summer school principal with a stipend of \$7,000.

The Assistant to the Assistant Principal, Katie Wood, has decided to retire. She will be replaced by Theresa Padin, a 13-year veteran of Winchester Public Schools, who will start her position after Memorial Day and will be working alongside Wood to transition into the position

at the end of the school year.

The following graduation dates were announced:

Tuesday, June 10: Cornwall Consolidated School, 6:30 p.m.; Sharon Center School, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11: Lee H. Kellogg School, 6 p.m.; North Canaan Elementary School, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 12: Salisbury Central School, 6:30 p.m.; Kent Center School, 6 p.m.; Housatonic Valley Regional High School Senior Awards, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, June 13: Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 6 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0279 by owners Sievert and Eliza McCabe for vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure at 21 Mount Riga Road, Salisbury, Map 14, Lot 17 per Section 503.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, April 21, 2023 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburycut.us/agendas/. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburycut.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen
Secretary
04-10-25
04-17-25

Legal Notice
TOWN OF SHARON
BOARD OF FINANCE

All Registered Voters and Property Owners in the Town of Sharon are hereby Warned and Notified that a public hearing will be held Friday, April 25, 2025 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing the Board of Selectmen's and the Board of Education's proposed budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Town Hall and on the Town Website. Dated at Sharon, Connecticut this 17th day of April 2025.

Thomas H. Bartram
Chairman
Sharon Board of Finance
04-17-25

Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning
Commission

Notice is hereby given

that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 7, 2025:

Approved Minor Site Plan Modification in accordance with section 811 of the Zoning Regulations - The Planning and Zoning Commission found that the proposed change does not materially alter Special Permit #2024-0244, previously approved on 07/11/2024. Special Permit #2024-0244 was made by The Salisbury Housing Trust, Inc for New Multi-Family Housing Construction in the Multifamily Housing Overlay District in accordance with Section 405 of the Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 56 as Lot 05 and Lot 06 and is known as 26 & 28 Undermountain Road. The owner of the property is Salisbury Housing Trust Inc.

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

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
04-17-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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(25-00112)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated March 27, 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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Priscilla Waterman Pavel

WEST CORNWALL — Priscilla Waterman Pavel of West Cornwall was born on April 19, 1938, in Johnston, Rhode Island, and passed away on April 5, 2025. She was the wife of Asher Pavel, daughter of the late Walter and Annie Waterman, sister of Walter (Brud) Waterman III (Leah), sister of Deborah Riccio (Alfred), stepmother of Lee Pavel (Traci), Jill Pavel, Alan Pavel, and Amy Shanler (Michael), and loving step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Priscilla graduated from Classical High School, the University of Rhode Island, received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee and was a professor at the University of Syracuse.



She taught English in Germany, worked at Concord Fabrics and Wamsutta in New York, co-founded Chapel House Fabrics with her husband, Asher Pavel, and worked in real estate for Bain Real Estate and then E. J. Murphy Realty. She served as a Selectman in Cornwall for three terms and volunteered for countless committees.

Her family will host a celebration of life in the summer.

To honor Priscilla's memory, the family requests donations to The Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall CT 06753 or to The Little Guild Animal Shelter, 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall CT 06796, where her beloved Banjo is now awaiting a new home.

Nancy Bergenty

CANAAN — Nancy (Fraleigh) Bergenty, 97, of 17 Cobble Road, formerly of 85 South Canaan Road, Canaan, died March 14, 2025, at Noble Horizons. Nancy was born July 23, 1927, in North Canaan and was the youngest child of the late Roger Wilson and Edith (Drumm) Fraleigh.

Nancy's early working career started at SNET as a telephone operator and ended as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Nancy loved to knit, feed and watch the birds out her window and collect things such as coins, matches and afghans. Her greatest love was for her family.

Nancy is survived by three of her five children; Richard "Rick" Bergenty of Baltimore, Maryland, Denise Bergenty (Karen) of Torrington, Melody "Mel"

Vaillant (George) of Clarkesville, Georgia. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Nancy was predeceased by her two oldest daughters; Nancy Jean Catlett of Hedgesville, West Virginia, and Cheryl B. Had-don of Torrington.

Graveside services will be held at Mountainview Cemetery on Sand Road in Canaan, Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. Immediately following, the family will greet friends at VFW Post 6851 on Rte. 7.

Due to Nancy's love of birds, the family has requested that memorial donations be made to The National Audubon Society.

Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., Canaan, CT is in charge of arrangements.

Judith B. Burns

MILLERTON — Judith (Judy) B. Burns, 86, of Millerton, passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2025, surrounded by the love and warmth of her family.

Judy was born on Jan. 4, 1939, in Hudson, New York, to the late Parker and Aida (Ogden) Burdick.

Judy was predeceased by her devoted husband, Thomas, of nearly 63 years. Together, they raised their beloved son, Thomas (Donna) Burns of Hudson, New York. Judy leaves behind two grandchildren, Sarah (Chris) Hensel of Castleton, New York, and Jennifer Burns of Hudson, New York, and two great-grandchildren, Addison and Julia Hensel. Judy will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Judy graduated from Taconic Hills Central School District and soon thereafter met the love of her life, Tom, at a softball game. She found her calling in clothing sales at Saperstein's in Millerton, where she and Tom resided for over 50 years.



Judy had a love of flowers, clothes shopping, good food, the New York Mets, and vacationing in Maine — especially going to Billy's Chowder House. She was a voracious reader, with a special interest in biographies. You could count on Judy to have facts about all sorts of historical and pop-culture figures.

Interment will take place at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, New York. Reverend Andrew O'Connor will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Judy to the Community Hospice, 295 Valley View Blvd., Rensselaer, NY 12144. Arrangements have been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Judy's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

OUR TOWNS Sharon history: Remembering Buckley

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — The setting for author Sam Tanenhaus's talk on his book "Buckley: The Life and Revolution that Changed America" was most appropriate.

Speaking Saturday, April 12, at Sharon Town Hall about William F. Buckley Jr., conservative writer and political commentator, Tanenhaus said, "Sharon was the essence of what Buckley did. The origins of the conservative movement are from Sharon."

The program, titled "The Buckleys of Sharon," was sponsored by the Sharon Historical Society, and followed the organization's annual meeting. Investigative journalist Brian Ross served as interviewer. The room was packed with listeners attentive to Tanenhaus' informative and somewhat humorous delivery.

William F. Buckley Sr. purchased Great Elm, the house on South Main Street, in 1923. It was there he and his wife, Aloise, raised their 10 children. An 11th girl who died in infancy is buried in a Sharon cemetery.

"All WFB learned," as Tanenhaus referred to him throughout the presentation, "started at that home in Sharon."

Young Buckley was born in 1925, the middle child of the large family, which also consisted of James Buckley, who went on to become a senator.

While Tanenhaus said delving into long passages about early lives when writing biographies is no longer an accepted practice, he did take some time to read a passage about the senior Buckleys' beginnings, due to the influence it had on their children. WFB's father was raised in southern Texas, and spoke as much Spanish as English. That might have served as the basis for his son's way of speaking, which some



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

A photo of the Buckley family was on display during author Sam Tanenhaus's book talk April 12.

believe was an attempt to sound British. Aloise Buckley, whom Tanenhaus labeled "a culturally southern Catholic," came from New Orleans.

Tanenhaus explained that the book came about because of his previous biography on Whitaker Chambers. Buckley was a source for that work and as they got to know one another, "WFB welcomed me into his life as if I mattered."

Giving some insight into the man, Tanenhaus noted that almost all of Buckley's good friends were liberals, which was part of the largeness he displayed. He had an all-encompassing quality about him and was able to charm everyone.

The founder of the National Review magazine and host of the public affairs television program "Firing Line," "WFB was an orator and debater, going back to his student days. In his first competition, he took the side of defending Charles Lindbergh, who was a Buckley family hero. Another time, around 1939 or '40, he was part of a debate in nearby Amenia, New York, in which the subject was whether the United States should intervene in the European War. Buckley took an isolationist stance.

Later in life, there were two notable debates in which Buckley participated. In one particularly explosive interchange, author Gore Vidal accused Buckley of being a

Nazi and Buckley went wild, losing the match. He also lost in another notable debate with civil rights activist James Baldwin.

A few times during his talk, Tanenhaus made reference to "the Sharon incident." Finally, Ross asked him to explain what that was. Great Elm was located just across the road from Christ Church Episcopal. Its pastor was the Rev. Francis James Meadows Cotter, who happened to be the father of two daughters who went on to become ce-

lebrities: Jayne and Audrey Meadows.

It was the spring of 1944, when World War II was ending, but tensions were still high. One Sunday morning, the Rev. Cotter entered the church to find the cushions and altar defiled. The police were called and the tracks led back to Great Elm. It turned out that three Buckley girls and their friends did it as a prank.

There was a court case and the perpetrators plead guilty, resulting in a lot of negative publicity, lawsuits, and daughter Patricia not being accepted to Smith College, which had been a family tradition. Tanenhaus said the episode took on religious overtones, with some believing the Catholic Buckleys purposefully went after a Protestant church.

"That was another reminder of how key this town is," said the author. "It was a painful event in the life of the Buckley family. But after that, there were signs of atonement."

The book is due in June.

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Spending plan shows 4.47% increase to mill rate

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — A public hearing at the Cornwall Library Friday, April 11, afforded residents the opportunity to weigh in on the town spending proposal for 2025-26.

Cornwall Consolidated School's annual expenses are up to \$3,016,786, an increase of \$269,564 or 9.81% compared to last year.

Region One's assessment for Cornwall is down to \$4,004,274, a reduction of \$20,612 or -1.02% from 2024-25's budget.

Municipal spending increased to \$2,514,497, up by \$105,518 or 4.38% from last year.

Combined, town expenses are up to \$8,417,629 in Cornwall, an increase of \$355,934 or 4.42% compared to 2024-25.

To balance the budget, \$225,000 was transferred from the unassigned general fund.

As presented, the mill rate will increase to 15.98, up by 4.47% from last year.

One resident spoke at the hearing. Park and Recreation Chair Michelle Shipp explained the \$3,819.12 rise in expenses for her commission. "The bulk of our increase actually comes to fund our usage of the UCC Parish House," she said, noting that many town events are held at the Parish House. "\$3,000 of the money that we are asking for is actually to help pay the usage fee."

The referendum for the Region One budget is Tuesday, May 6. A town meeting to vote on Cornwall's 2025-26 budget will be held Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornwall Consolidated School.

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Run up to the Revolution, VIII

The shot heard round the world

Although today we honor the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775 as the commencement of the Revolutionary War, we should recognize that the timing of the war's onset was almost inevitable, as was its location, near Boston, epicenter of American resistance since the Tea Party of December 1773.

As the readers of prior columns know, the British reaction to the Tea Party was a series of Draconian measures, in particular to punish Massachusetts and the port of Boston. These strictures, in turn, gave reason for the First Continental Congress, held in Philadelphia in August-September 1774, which instituted a broad boycott of British goods and began militia preparations in hundreds of towns. When the boycott started to hurt British shipping, King George III and Parliament decreed additional tough measures. General Thomas Gage, head of all British forces in the colonies, pleaded with London for 20,000 soldiers, but the powers that be decided that number couldn't be spared and sent far fewer.

That the "shot heard 'round the world" would be fired in the early spring of 1775 was guaranteed three months earlier by two directives from secretary of state Lord Dartmouth.

The first instructed all provincial governors to prevent Americans from becoming delegates to the Second Continental Congress. The second tasked Gage with arresting and imprisoning all former delegates to the First Congress and likely delegates to the Second, and to seize powder, rifles, etc., that might be used in a rebellion.

By late March, due to bureaucratic and weather delays, these directives still had not arrived in America. Yet hordes of Tory colonists had by then fled the countryside to Boston for the protection of British soldiers from their neighbors' growing animosity. Under their impetus, British troops tarred and feathered a local farmer/patriot, parading him through town in a cart while a band played and soldiers sang, "Yankee Doodle come to town/ For to buy a firelock;/ We will tar and feather him/ and so we will John Hancock."

The wealthiest man in Massachusetts and the head of Boston's safety committee and the colony's provincial congress, Hancock was busy buying medicines and ammunition enough for an army of 15,000. However, his provincial colleagues thought

THE LONG VIEW
TOM SHACHTMAN

him a bit trigger-happy and so passed an edict that Hancock was not to summon the militias unless and until Gage and 500 men "shall march out of the Town of Boston, with Artillery and Baggage."

Hancock and John Adams, understanding that Gage would likely try to arrest them, left early for the Second Continental Congress, and kept moving around in Massachusetts to avoid detection. Ready to leave town, Hancock ordered his safety committee to steal four mounted cannon from the British, which they did.

In early April, Gage's spies reported Hancock and Adams hiding in Lexington, and that the patriot arsenal was hidden in Concord. On April 14, the letters from London to Gage finally arrived and he sprang into action, sending out two forces, one to

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Concord to destroy the armaments and another to Lexington to arrest Adams and Hancock.

But the patriots also had spies and operatives, knowledgeable ones who understood the implication of small boatloads of soldiers debarking from moored men-of-war, and columns of Redcoats marching toward a muster point on Boston Common. Among these operatives was silver-smith Paul Revere.

At ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, April 18th, Dr. Joseph Warren – the leader of the safety committee in Hancock's absence – sent for Revere and asked him to ride to Lexington to warn Hancock and Adams that Gage was coming.

Revere did. Hancock, on receiving the news, sent messages to gather militias to counter Gage's troops. The bell of Lexington's main church pealed all night, and its alarm, and similar ones in nearby towns, alerted militias from as far away as Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, so that on the 19th of April, when the British arrived in Lexington and Concord (and Hancock and Adams hid in the fields to avoid capture) trained and armed Americans were out in force to meet them, and to take casualties, but to win the day and begin the American Revolution.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preserving maternity services at Sharon Hospital

I am writing this letter as a representative of Save Sharon Hospital, a community based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and preserving Sharon Hospital for future generations as a full-service community hospital.

We are thrilled to share exciting news: The proposed affiliation between Nuvance and Northwell Health has been approved by state regulators! Sharon Hospital will now be under leadership that wants not only to improve and expand services

at Sharon Hospital, but also to maintain its current vital services such as maternity!

The Agreed Settlement includes the stipulation that Northwell and Nuvance must follow the signed agreement Northwell made with Save Sharon Hospital along with the agreement reached with the state Attorneys General in Connecticut and New York.

These agreements include key language regarding the preservation and expansion of maternity services at Sharon Hospital. Northwell's agreement with our organi-

zation also requires Sharon Hospital to be maintained as "a full-service community hospital, including 24/7 surgical capability and a full-service emergency department." You can find links to these documents on the homepage of our website, www.savesharonhospital.org.

Thank you to everyone in our community who provided oral and written comment at the public hearing, requesting that our letter be included in the final agreement between Northwell and Nuvance. It worked!

And now our community can feel protected that our vital healthcare services will remain local!

Thank you to the stalwart physicians who testified in public to ensure this positive outcome for our community.

Thank you to all of our federal, state and town elected officials for standing up for what is right for our community. We could not have done this without your long-standing support!

Lydia Moore
Sharon

President Donald Trump — and the fear factor

Of all the steps Donald Trump has taken in less than 100 days, the staging of his recent televised cabinet meeting best summed up his pathetic self-promotion. As each cabinet member chimed in on cue with insincere adulation, the obvious undercurrent was not love but fear.

Do we ever see Donald Trump smile? Well, no. He doesn't seem to want to be liked. I would venture that he doesn't even want to be loved. Just feared.

As others have said, if Donald Trump isn't striking terror in us, in the financial markets, and in those around him, he is not accomplish-

ing what father Fred wanted. And he is certainly not following Vladimir Putin's directives.

At first Roy Cohn coached him through the fear thing. Now the scowl comes naturally. And for the immediate future, a newly installed vengeful version hangs in The White House, replacing the official portrait of our only Black President.

However, there is one series of images that cannot be power-grabbed from millions of us: our "Hands-Off" selfies and signs. They will remind citizens of the power they hold — to rally, refuse, and ultimately restore the

mission of our government.

For the time being, though, we should not mistake Donald Trump's actions as those of one who doesn't care. Trump cares deeply. He wants to go down in history as the... (ultimate emperor?).

Ironically, if Trump has his way, there will be no historians to document and depict the triumph of his devastation.

Molly Fitzmaurice
Sharon

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Salisbury

Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —
April 1900

SALISBURY — The Morse-Keefe Cycle Co. have closed a portion of their works for an indefinite period.

William Conklin has moved his market to the Plummer building. W.F. Juppenlatz will enlarge his store by removing the partition between the barber shop and the room formerly occupied by Mr. Conklin.

Norfolk is to have a woman superintendent of the town farm, Mrs. Thomas Carroll who will take charge of the farm the coming year.

The old Blazing Star Lodge, No. 74, F. & A.M. of Cornwall Bridge is to be resuscitated, and the Grand Lodge officers will reinstitute it April 9th. The old lodge charter was granted in 1825, and was revoked in 1838. Since that time there has been no Masonic organization in the town.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Lockwood's condition is so much improved as to enable her to sit up for a few hours each day.

One of our property owners has blood in his eye. Instead of walking on the sidewalk he says people are determined to walk on his lawn, thus killing the grass. The man is kicking; he has a right to kick and kick hard. The sidewalks are made to use and should be made so that people CAN walk on them. However this man has provided a good dry walk and he thinks that ought to be sufficient.

LAKEVILLE — Capt. William Bartle is having a severe tussle with the grip.

The other night an amusing circumstance occurred at the depot. It seems one of our local Polanders expected a friend from the old country, so he went to the station to meet the last train. The train came and with it the man. Being unable to speak or understand English, he did not start to get out of the train quickly enough and it started up. The man on the platform was frantic, and in his excitement he rushed after the train, yelling "like sixty"; his legs flew; his coat tails stood out straight; his arms waved like a windmill, but the train didn't pay the least attention and the last seen of him he was chasing around the curve and may be running yet for all we know.

100 years ago —
April 1925

Robert Flint of Yale visited his grandfather, W.P. Everts, over Sunday.

SALISBURY — Benedict Carley, 11 years old, son of the late Harry Carley of this place, was drowned in the Blackberry river at East Canaan on Sunday afternoon. The boy was apparently riding his bicycle near the river and was thrown into the water when the bicycle struck some obstruction. He leaves his mother, Catherine Carley, and a brother, George, 14 years old.

State police, assisted by deputy sheriffs and constables, scoured the woods in Kent Tuesday morning seeking William Smith of Hartford, and Alfred Beebe

of Great Barrington, who late Saturday afternoon again escaped from the county jail at Litchfield. The pair are supposed to have broken into the New Haven railroad's freight-house at Cornwall Bridge during the night, where cases of eatables were broken open and a quantity of goods stolen. Smith has escaped from the Litchfield jail twice and Beebe three times, all in a short period. The two men were captured shortly before noon, while they were sleeping in the woods about a mile south of North Kent.

TACONIC — Frederick Hunt broke his collar bone last week while playing at school.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Peck is entertaining an out of town friend this week.

Grandma Lorch returned to Lime Rock from Cornwall, where she has been for several weeks.

TACONIC — Joseph Pickert Jr. had the misfortune to cut his foot with an axe on Friday afternoon, severing the tendon of the great toe. Dr. Peterson repaired the damage with four stitches and Joseph is now about on crutches.

One of our local Boy Scouts, Rexford Baldwin, rode from Hartford Sunday on his bicycle. He left Hartford at 10 a.m. and arrived in Lakeville at 5 p.m.

Mr. H.P. Sharp, formerly of the Pine Plains Register, has assumed the ownership of the Harlem Valley Times of Amenia. He is retaining Editor J.D. O'Brien and the Times force. The Journal extends fraternal good wishes to Mr. Sharp and his able assistants.

Messrs. F.E. Bartholomew, A.E. Bauman and Chester Thurston, representing Lakeville Hose Co., were in New Jersey on Tuesday and Wednesday to witness demonstrations of different chemical trucks possible for use of the local company.

M.G. Fenn and Elester Patchen were down among the clams at New Haven last Sunday and some of the clams were down among Fenn and Patchen before the day was over.

Again there is too much speed being used by auto drivers through our Main Street. Why not give the kiddies and elderly people a little chance even if it takes about two minutes longer to pass through. Mr. State Policeman it is time to be on the job and nip this practice in the bud.

50 years ago —
April 1975

Five years after its inception, the dream of Fred Gevalt III of Lakeville, to build and fly his own airplane, has come true. Mr. Gevalt piloted his single-engine seaplane, a Volmer Sportsman amphibian, on its maiden flight on March 16. To date the young pilot has more than 13 hours in flight time in his seaplane.

Lakeville and Falls Village firemen fought a stubborn brush fire late Saturday afternoon that burned over several hundred acres of forest land on the southern slope of Prospect Mountain in Salisbury before the fire was extinguished. Firemen

had to bushwhack their way into the site from Sugar Hill Road in Amesville carrying 70-pound water tanks on their backs. The flames, which started in the valley, burned all the way to the ridge line at the top of the 1461-foot mountain and destroyed mainly leaves, needles and underbrush.

Three Canaan men were arrested last Wednesday for the theft of emergency radio equipment from the Canaan Fire Department on March 16. The radio equipment was returned two days after the theft, left on the hood of Canaan Fire Chief Allyn Gatti's auto. The men were each charged with third-degree burglary and second-degree larceny.

Ginny Lloyd of Salisbury has purchased The Polka Dot dress shop in Sheffield. Miss Lloyd, who formerly owned Pandora's Box gift shop in Lakeville, has sold that establishment and is moving its stock to the Sheffield location. After three years of selling gifts, she wanted to expand her operations to include ladies' apparel, but had no room for such items in her Lakeville location.

25 years ago —
April 2000

Just when we thought we'd seen the last of Old Man Winter, he delivered a snow storm and anywhere from 4 to 12 inches of white fluff in the region. What on seasonably warm Saturday had been blooming daffodils were unseasonably buried blooms Sunday.

Tibetan monks from the Gaden Jangtse Monastery in Mundgod in south-central India spent a week of activities at the Salisbury School, including creating a Green Tara Sand mandala by dropping grains of colored sand to form patterns. Near the end of the week the mandala was dismantled and the monks led a procession of students, teachers and townspeople to Lake Washinee where the grains of sand were ceremoniously scattered.

SALISBURY — Rita Delgado won't be getting breakfast in bed on Mother's Day. More likely, she'll be eating cold danish and drinking coffee from a styrofoam cup in a charter bus headed for Washington D.C. Mrs. Delgado will be on her way to join the Million Mom March on the nation's capital, hopefully in the company of 45 or more others from the Northwest Corner who want tighter gun control laws. "The [Second Amendment] right to bear arms didn't mean going to school with a semiautomatic or a Saturday night special," she said.

SHARON — As of Tuesday, West Woods #1 joined Modley, Herb, Bowne, Butter and Cole roads as a scenic town road. After weighing the comments from about a dozen and a half residents at a public hearing April 7, the Board of Selectmen voted Tuesday to designate the unpaved the 3.4-mile long portion of West Woods Road #1 as scenic.

Brian O'Hara has brought honor and recognition to Kent. The 13-year-old eighth-grader at Kent Center School came in second in the state Geography Bee April 7, at Central Connecticut State

Hands off Greenland

Growing up in the world of New York real estate, Donald Trump developed early on an appreciation for size and a special fondness for bigness. He would estimate the crowd size at his rallies as twice as large as they actually were. He told everyone that his Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue was many stories taller than it actually was. He had an architectural firm design what would have been the world's tallest building for New York harbor (not built). Surely, some of Trump's fascination with Russia stems from it being by far the world's largest country. Even his proposed Wall along the Mexican border, while shorter than the Great Wall of China, which he greatly admires, would have been a giant.

Greenland, the largest island in the world, has for more than 300 years been a territory of Denmark and since 1979 has enjoyed Home Rule with foreign affairs being the main area of government still controlled by Denmark. The overall population is only 57,000 and its capitol, Nuuk has not quite 10,000 residents. Over 85% of the population is Inuit with the remainder European, mostly Danish. Modern industry is only beginning to dominate employment situation and is still less significant than fishing. Agriculture is but a tiny segment of the economy — it's just too cold, and trees and shrubs are few and far between. The name "Greenland" was bestowed by the Viking explorer Erik the Red to attract residents to this very sparsely vegetated land.

Trump was quick to express his desire to own Greenland. He and his "experts" have been trying to make the case that American control of Greenland would be a vital component of US and world security interests and they have implied that China or Russia will take it over if we don't. But the American military has had an Air Force base on the island since 1949,

Status Report

NORTH CANAAN — Connecticut Department of Transportation installed a new traffic light at the intersection of routes 44 and 7 with a designated turning arrow Thursday, April 10. This green arrow allows traffic to turn left (south) onto Route 7 prior to the eastbound Route 44 lane receiving its green light.

CORNWALL — The children's area of the Cornwall Library will be closed through April 22. The area was initially closed on April 8 to paint the walls, but the closure was extended following a decision to install new carpet once the painting was done.

SALISBURY — At its April 7 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a construction modification to the plan for two affordable homes on Undermountain Road. The change shifted one of the two buildings slightly southwest to preserve a historic oak tree.

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expanding it from time to time as it deemed necessary.

The idea that the US needs to "take" Greenland, as Trump puts it, is without merit, a bogus excuse to cover the actual reasons he wants it. Just as in Ukraine where Trump's

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shakedown of Zelensky to acquire much of the country's subterranean mineral wealth, Trump's advisors have told him that buried beneath Greenland's miles of ice-covered landscape are a treasure trove of precious rare minerals just waiting for America to uncover them. Actually we don't really know since the ice cover is so deep and little subterranean exploration has taken place.

Trump recently sent Vice President Vance and his wife on what was billed as a pleasure trip to Greenland but they were given such a chilly reception with sign-wielding protesters standing in the streets that they had to travel instead to the US-controlled Pituffik military base 110 miles away from the capitol, Nuuk. While he spoke in a friendlier tone of voice than his boss, Vance managed to offend nearly all the Greenlanders who heard him or later read his comments. He also insulted Denmark saying that "Our message to Denmark is very simple, you have not done a good job by the people of Greenland."

However, as former Danish prime minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt recently told CNN's Fareed Zakaria, the US as part of NATO previously had a much greater military presence than it does now "There is nothing", she said "stopping the United States

from ramping up its military presence in Greenland again without needing to take over the whole territory; there is a treaty from 1951 where it is very clear that the Americans have huge access to Greenland," she said to Zakaria, noting that at one point during the height of the Cold War, there were 16 military bases on Greenland. There's nothing stopping the Americans from getting more engaged militarily in Greenland, having more bases, if that's what they want."

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Standing with the coalition leaders of Greenland's government, current Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen reasserted her country's desire to cooperate with the US in strengthening Standing with the coalition leaders of Greenland's government, current Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen reasserted her country's desire to cooperate with the US in strengthening Greenland's defense but she insisted that Greenland was not for sale and that "you cannot annex another country, not even with an argument about international security."

Should Trump feel that his control over the American people is not strong enough to risk war with NATO to get his way, he may try to get his benefactor, Musk to try to buy the citizens of Greenland offering a generous payout to each Greenlander to vote for selling their country. But would the Greenlanders go along? I don't think so. And would Denmark? Doubtful. As for military action (war), would Congress and the Supreme Court go along? And what about the American people? Let's hope good sense prevails.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



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Play time



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IMMIGRATION

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profession.

He moved back to Connecticut, where he'd been raised, and one day was approached by a Catholic monk who showed up at his office with a child from Ethiopia. The youngster could not go back for safety reasons, and Formica was able to allow him to remain in the United States. Then he was sent another child from the Congo, for whom Formica was able to get his first asylum win.

He eventually left the law firm with 30 immigration clients. The next firm didn't appreciate his work in that area either.

"So, I quit and started my own firm with 30 pro bono cases," he related. "I eventually grew enough of a practice that rewarded me. I've never suffered. It's always worked out." He began taking more

complicated immigration cases, and realized if you're doing something to help other people, the universe will balance itself out.

He recounted that he's had many wild cases, but concluded his focus wasn't on him, but about taking care of his clients. Speaking of President Trump, he said, "He's coming for everybody I care about, so I have something to make my life meaningful. I'll help everyone I can and leave nothing on the table."

Formica put a positive spin on the current situation, saying, "We should all be grateful. We're living in a time where we can do something." He believes those in red districts will see in a couple of months that there is no one to work in their hospitals or daycare centers, or landscape their property or put roofs on

their houses and that instead of jobs coming back they'll be leaving.

He urged the audience to provide support for those who are terrified to go to events or ask for assistance with filling out necessary paperwork. "They need to feel you are there for them," he said, recommending helping them get to food pantries or the ICE office. "Use your privilege to stand up for them."

Formica lamented the dearth of immigration lawyers in the state and the need to get those in the profession trained to take on cases.

He spoke about an interfaith group that is starting to come together made up of community members to provide emotional and social support for immigrants in the region.

HOUSING

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April 15.

Two homes on Town Street in Cornwall are next in line, with a pre-application deadline of April 30 and a prospective move-in date this summer.

The LCCHO is also now accepting pre-application forms, which may be received by emailing Lindsay Larson at LindsayL@thehousingcollective.org, for the rest of the properties, although has yet to set deadlines.

Ayer said that the rest of the homes — two more in Salisbury, one more in Cornwall, one in Washington and one in Norfolk — will likely be finished in the fall and winter.

Applicants must be first-time homebuyers and must have an income at or below 100% of the county's Area Median Income, which is approximately \$80,000 for one-person and rises by about \$11,400 per additional household member. Strong preference will be given to households of three or more.

The homes are valued between \$255,000 and \$290,000, but with a down payment assistance loan that will cut \$25,000 from that total.

Ayer explained each housing non-profit that owns the

properties will continue ownership over the actual land parcel, while the homeowner will own just the actual building and its footprint.

When Ayer opened the floor to questions, several audience members in the Zoom room asked about the unique ownership paradigm, which Ayer explained is a "shared-equity" model that is designed to keep costs down.

The cost of constructing and installing each unit is approximately \$500,000 dollars, Ayer said, but the homeowner is only responsible for the taxes of the property directly beneath the house. Karen Sunnarborg, secretary of the Salisbury Housing Trust, maintained that taxes will be based on the purchase price, not construction costs.

Attendees also asked about property improvements and how such projects would fit into the shared equity model, to which Ayer replied that they are possible, but anything substantial, such as a perimeter fence, would have to be reviewed by the non-profit that owns the parcel.

The idea is to keep the property value low enough that the house remains affordable for future buyers — i.e. no pools, she said.

NUVANCE

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tion at OHS.

"No money is being transferred directly within the affiliation deal," Jackson wrote in an emailed statement, explaining that, instead, "Northwell has made promises of capital investment."

Nuvance Health has been struggling financially for some time, posting a \$99 million deficit in fiscal year 2024, which executives chalked up to, among other factors, increasing costs and the aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Murphy, a physician and the chief executive officer of Nuvance Health, said the merger will help improve health care for the system's patients.

"By joining forces with Northwell Health, we can strengthen and enhance our ability to meet the needs of patients across Connecticut and the Hudson Valley for generations to come," Murphy said.

During a public hearing on the merger in November, Murphy said Nuvance's financial challenges had reached a point where the system could no longer survive without the support of a parent company.

"Nuvance Health today finds itself at an inflection point, where continuing its current course threatens the long-term viability of our facilities and programs and the future of health care in Western Connecticut," stated Murphy in pre-filed testimony for the November hearing. "We firmly believe the time has come to join a larger health system."

The combined health system will have 28 hospitals, over 1,000 care sites and a network of 14,500 providers across New York and Connecticut, according to the statement from Nuvance.

The state's approval hinges on certain conditions, laid out in an agreed settlement. These conditions include the \$1 billion investment in Nuvance hospitals. The agreement also prohibits, for five years, any real estate sale-leaseback transactions, the type of deal that many critics say drained the resources from the Prospect Medical Holdings-owned Connecticut hospitals while enriching the health system's private equity backers.

Northwell also reached an agreement in August with Attorney General William Tong to maintain labor and delivery services at Sharon Hospital for the next five years.

Northwell Health is the largest private employer in New York state, according to the company's website, and owns 21 hospitals and 900 ambulatory sites. The health system does not currently own any hospitals outside of New York.

Health care consolidation — the trend of big health systems buying up hospitals — has been shown to lead to cuts in critical services, as well as higher prices. But the proposed merger with Northwell received significant public support.

During a hearing in November, several people from the hospitals' surrounding communities expressed hope that Northwell could help strengthen the Connecticut hospitals. Those testifying included many Nuvance employees, as well as members of Save Sharon Hospital, a community group that has fought against service cuts at Sharon Hospital.

"We have never closed a hospital, and we don't intend to," said Mark Solazzo, COO at Northwell Health.

Katy Golvala is CT Mirror's health reporter.

LAKEVILLE BOOKS

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building."

Each Peck brings a favorite subject to the store. Darryl, who has an interest in cooking, "hand-picked the 600 cookbooks" in the store. Anne Lyndon Peck, with a degree in architecture and having worked as an interior designer, specializes in architecture and home books. Daughter Alice, with a background in design, loves Formula One cars and visiting Lime Rock Park and picks the automotive books for the store.

Darryl has a background of 53 years of retail. "I guess it's safe to say that I have a thing for retail stores. I love the design phase of building a new store and then selecting the merchandise to open with."

The Pecks enjoy welcoming customers. Darryl said, "On an ongoing basis, I love

interacting with our customers, especially in a small-town environment."

Alice added, "As a native of the Northwest Corner, I am thrilled to be seeing friends and neighbors every day as we bring some much-needed retail back to Lakeville. We have received such a warm welcome since our opening in early April and I am looking forward to a very busy summer season."

A grand opening for Lakeville Books and Stationery will be held on May 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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NWCT Arts Council: Spring fundraiser

On Saturday, April 26, the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council will host a special evening, Arts Connected, their spring fundraiser celebrating the power of creativity and community. Held at the Bryan Memorial Town Hall in Washington Depot from 5 to 8 p.m., this event brings together artists, performers, and neighbors for a magical night filled with inspiration, connection and joy.

Award-winning designer and arts advocate Diane von Furstenberg and her granddaughter Antonia Steinberg are honorary co-chairs of the event. Their shared love of the arts informs the spirit of the evening.

“As someone whose life was profoundly shaped by the arts — as a child at Buck’s Rock and now as President of its Board — I’ve seen firsthand the transformative power of the arts; how creative spaces can empower young people, build community, and nurture well-rounded problem solvers. That’s why I’m so honored to co-host the Northwest CT Arts Council Gala. Their work in supporting artists and cultural organizations across Connecticut is essential,” said Steinberg.

Von Furstenberg’s influence in fashion and culture, and Steinberg’s leadership at Buck’s Rock reflect the intergenerational impact of the arts,” said NWCT Arts Council board president Sunday Fisher. “Their participation underscores the power of creative expression as a defining force in our community.” Steinberg is the president of Buck’s Rock Camp, a non-profit performing and creative arts camp in New Milford that she first attended as a 10-year-old camper.

Steph Burr, executive director at NWCT Arts Council, added, “Events like Arts Connected are at the heart of what



Dancers from Pilobolus will perform at the NWCT Arts Council spring fundraiser on April 26 in Washington Depot, Conn.



Antonia Steinberg, left, President of Bucks Rock Camp in New Milford that she first attended as a camper when she was ten years old. Antonia is co-chair, with her grandmother Diane Von Furstenberg, right, of the NWCT Arts Council fundraiser.



we do — bringing people together, lifting up artists, and reminding us of the essential role creativity plays in our lives. The Council works year-round to ensure the arts not only survive but thrive across our region.”

NWCT Arts Council is a nonprofit that serves as advocates for the arts. Through regranteeing efforts, public art support, legislative advocacy, and their regional events calendar, they work to ensure the arts are accessible and celebrated in every corner of their 25-town service area.

Burr continued, “The arts in Northwest Connecticut are vibrant, evolving, and deeply rooted in community. There’s a quiet but powerful creative pulse running through these hills — one that reflects the resilience, diversity, and passion of the people who call this region home. Over the past few

years, artists and cultural organizations have navigated challenges with heart and determination, despite ongoing funding volatility. Through our advocacy and collaborative programming, we ensure the arts remain essential and accessible in our community.”

Highlights of the April 26 fundraiser include performances by Pilobolus, Sherman Chamber Ensemble, Ysanne Marshall & the Lotus Blues, hand pan musician Jeremy Driscoll, and a curated art exhibition, NW25 Gallery, featuring local artists. Sponsors Litchfield Distillery, Kent Falls Brewing Company, and Executive Cuisine catering will provide the food and drink.

Ticket prices are \$125, open to guests 21 and

older, available online at givebutter.com/artsconnected. For more information or to ask about sponsorship opportunities, email Katherine Pelletier at katherine@artsnwct.org or visit givebutter.com/artsconnectedsponsorship.

Arts Connected is made possible thanks to the generous support of sponsors; Antonia Steinberg is sponsoring all the artists for the event and Valiant Energy and Torrington Savings Bank are presenting the event. Additional sponsors include William Raveis Lifestyle Realty, Litchfield Magazine, Housatonic Heritage, Art Bank 7, Harney & Sons Teas, Aquarion Water, The Lost Fox Inn, George Home, NKYV Rituals, and Litchfield Distillery.



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Lily Al-Nemri, founder and owner, and artistic director and painter Rudy Vavra at Tyte medispa and gallery in Millbrook.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Rudy Vavra, Lily Al-Nemri, and the gallery you didn’t know you needed

The painter Rudy Vavra once created floor collages in Texas. You could, in theory, lie on them. Now, years later and much farther north, his work graces the walls of a medispa in Millbrook, New York where he also serves as the artistic director. You can still lie down, just not on the art. Instead, you might be undergoing an EmFace non-surgical facelift while surrounded by twenty-two of Vavra’s paintings.

The space, Tyte Medispa in Millbrook, is equal parts gallery and treatment center,

the brainchild of Lily Al-Nemri, a medical aesthetician and now gallery owner. She also owns the nail salon, Bryte, down the street on Franklin Avenue. A few years ago, feeling she was outgrowing that space, she looked to expand and, just a few blocks away, found this rather sprawling maze of rooms with the gallery that now inhabits the grand central ballroom. “This used to be a gym,” she said. “It was way more than I was looking for, but I went for it.”

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BOOKS: RUTH EPSTEIN

Shoumita Dasgupta on bias, belonging, and the future of science

Bias exists in all facets of life, but Shoumita Dasgupta has focused the behavior on one particular discipline. In her book “Where Biology Ends and Bias Begins: Lessons on Belonging for Our DNA,” she talks about the need for inclusivity in the field of science.

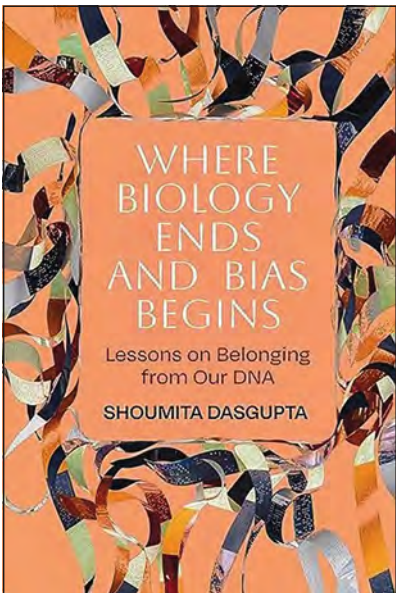
Dasgupta, a geneticist and professor of medicine and assistant dean of diversity and inclusion at Boston University, will be holding a book talk on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at The Colonial Theatre in North Canaan.

The daughter of Bengali parents who came to the United States in the 1970s so her father could pursue an educa-

tion in science and seek “the American dream,” Dasgupta remembers her childhood in central Pennsylvania. As the child of immigrants, she was able to fit in with others like herself, but was viewed as an outsider by others. Those experiences sparked her life-long interest in the area of equality and diversity.

Dasgupta went on to embark on an educational path, earning a bachelor’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and both a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of California.

In discussing the topic of her book, Dasgupta said in science, like any



other type of society, there is some inclusion and some not. That realization has helped her acclimate to being comfortable in her own skin, which in turn, provides her with mentoring tools



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Shoumita Dasgupta, a professor of medicine at Boston University, will speak about her book “Where Biology Ends and Bias Begins: Lessons on Belonging for Our DNA” at The Colonial Theatre in North Canaan on April 17.

flawed, such as a belief that race was the reason for particular medical issues. She said that’s what oppressive science looks like now.

Dasgupta said science is a social structure and there is a need to check individual biases so as not to promote further harm. Using the term “virus of bias,” she said education is needed to overcome this way of thinking. She also fears the potential misuse of technology and the need to ensure its proper use before it’s released into society.

Dasgupta hopes a takeaway from her book is that people see the commonality among populations. She is also hopeful that all people can learn from one other.

To reserve tickets, visit: www.canaancolonial.com

NATURE: ROBIN RORABACK

Dancing with daffodils at Laurel Ridge Farm

“And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.”

Those lines, from the poem, “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud,” by William Wordsworth, are inscribed on a stone marker at Laurel Ridge Farm in the Northfield section of Litchfield.

It rings true to visitors who go to see the more than ten thousand daffodils and narcissus that were planted at Laurel Ridge Farm beginning in the early 1940’s. The bulbs were planted in a field considered too rocky to plant crops. The stone marker that holds the poem by Wordsworth also explains: “These daffodils were planted for all to enjoy by Virginia and Remy Morosani, 1941.”

Since then, the Morosani family has main-



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

The daffodils at Laurel Ridge Farm in Litchfield at their peak in late April 2024. A visit to the farm on April 10 showed that only a few daffodils were in bloom. Peak may be in another week or two.

tained the daffodils and set up a foundation for their care. More bulbs were planted over the years. Maintenance includes digging up and separating bulbs when they become over-crowded.

A visit on April 10 found that only a few daffodils were in bloom. A couple who goes yearly

and had come to check predicted, “Maybe a week or two more until peak.”

From about mid-April to early May, thousands of visitors are welcomed to see the daffodils. There are three rules: No dogs, no picnicking, and no picking or stepping

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MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Old Crow Medicine Show coming to The Mahaiwe

Old Crow Medicine Show has been making merry music since 1998. While students at Ithaca College in upstate New York, the band recorded, toured, and discovered gold in a discarded musical idea.

As legend has it, co-founder Chris Fuqua gave lead singer and fiddle player Ketch Secor a bootleg of a Bob Dylan song sketch. Secor took the chorus and added verses with themes of traveling that reflected his homesickness for the south. The resulting “Wagon Wheel” became the band’s biggest hit, going gold and eventually platinum in 2013.

When asked why the song continues to resonate to this day, mandolin player and multi-instrumentalist Cory Younts said, “It’s simple, easy to learn, and pleasing to the ear. It’s everyone’s favorite campfire song. Ketch



PHOTO BY BROOKE STEVENS

Old Crow Medicine Show will perform their high-energy brand of Americana at The Mahaiwe on April 25.

knew it was gonna be a big hit when he wrote it, and that it was gonna go for miles and miles.”

The band got a big break while busking outside of a pharmacy in Boone, North Carolina in 2000 when they were discovered by legendary

blind bluegrass musician Doc Watson who invited them to perform at his annual Merlefest music festival, changing their lives forever.

As a result of their performance, the band was invited to play Nashville’s Grand Ole

Opry where they were embraced and mentored by Marty Stuart, who invited them to tour and open for country music legends Merle Haggard and Dolly Parton.

In 2004, they recorded their eponymous album “O.C.M.S.” produced by

David Rawlings, musical partner of Gillian Welch. Younts recalls how it was the right time for the band’s brand of music.

“Old Crow was starting to make a name for themselves in Nashville around the time of the Cohen Brothers’ film ‘Oh Brother Where Art Thou?’ I was a fan and would go to as many shows as I could. Gil and Dave would be there too. They’re wonderful people. They have Woodland Studios in Nashville.”

In December 2024, the band celebrated 25 years of the album with a performance on NPR’s Tiny Desk Concert series. Today, they are one of the bigger Americana acts, and on reflection, Younts believes they helped start the genre.

“I remember when ev-

erybody thought we were just making country music. I think we’re one of the first bands to start that whole sound and category (of Americana),” he said.

Old Crow Medicine Show will bring their unique brand of Americana to the Berkshires in late April. Audiences can expect an energetic and highly entertaining show.

“We’re very high energy with a lot of humor. All of us rotate instruments throughout the night; everybody plays probably six instruments. It’s entertaining, comical, good old ruckus busking music,” Younts said.

Come see for yourself at the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington, Massachusetts on Friday, April 25.

...Tyte *Continued from B1*

Vavra, a self-professed “painter’s painter,” has spent decades layering pigment in his barn-turned-studio in Milan, New York. “I find paintings as much as I make them,” he mused. “Some happen quickly, others are slow.” Of this latest collection, he said, “Some people call them busy. I think they’re slow.” His marks accumulate with a kind of devotional persistence, like petals left at a shrine.

“A while ago, I saw a photographic image of a shrine,” Vavra said. “I don’t know if it was a Buddhist shrine or what, but there were colors on the ground all around it, and I realized they were the stains of flowers left in the worship. That’s very similar to the way I paint.”

The collection of paintings on view at Tyte — some as large as a shrine — are meditations on color, inviting the viewer to slow down. Or speed up. Whether viewers are activated or soothed by the images is

neither Vavra’s intention nor within his control. Still, he said that watching people interact with the work has been a real treat. “Now that I have my paintings here, I get to see them all together,” he said. “It’s only when they’re all together that I see how they talk to each other. It’s interesting to see people come in and go to have a treatment and come out. It’s a very interesting connection.”

And what is the connection? What could be a disjointed pairing — aesthetics and aesthetic medicine — has become, improbably, a perfectly logical continuum. “They’re related in a sense,” Vavra said.

Al-Nemri, a former radiologist who taught for over a decade at Westchester Community College, is no stranger to layering, precision, or the quiet rigor of care. Her incredible menu of services — Botox, body contouring, pelvic floor therapies — are the cutting edge of the industry. Of Vavra, Al-Nemri said,

“I fell in love with his work, and we just hit it off.” It’s a kind of kismet that seems to hover over the place. Pilates mat classes take place twice a week in the main gallery space and both Al-Nemri and Vavra have loved watching clients pause, eyes caught by a stripe of cerulean or a vibrating cluster of brushstrokes. “Something will catch their eye,” said Vavra. “They’re looking for something in it.”

So, this gallery-meets-spa (or is it the other way around?) has plans. Vavra will be curating six shows a year. Laurie Adams’s photographs will be hung in June, a group show of local artists will share the space in July and August, and a Fall show will feature twenty women artists, which Vavra is eager to anchor with a piece by Judy Pfaff. “There’s nothing like this on this side of the county,” he said of the light drenched space. “It’s been a bit sleepier here. We want to wake it up.”

He means it kindly; sleep certainly has its place. But here in Millbrook, amid the low drone of machines designed to rejuvenate, something unexpected has emerged. Perhaps that’s what both Al-Nemri and Vavra are really after — not the quick fix or the final image, but the suspended moment, the long look. A face seen anew. A painting revealed slowly, in silence.

As for Vavra’s curatorial process? “I just unpack the paintings, lean them against the wall, and look,” he said. “Eighty percent of the time, they’re already where they’re supposed to be.”

...daffodils *Continued from previous page*



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The daffodils at Laurel Ridge Farm in Litchfield.

on the flowers. They also ask that no one park on the east side of the narrow road so that emergency vehicles gain access if needed.

It is a magical experience to walk the more than ten acres of meandering paths, with woods and ponds, surrounded on all sides by daffodils and narcissus in shades of yellow from pale, almost white to golden yellow.

The Visit Litchfield CT Facebook page (www.facebook.com/VisitLitchfieldCT) posts

updates and will post when the daffodils peak. Laurel Ridge Daffodils Facebook page also posts updates on when the peak is expected.

Laurel Ridge Farm is located at 66 Wigwam Road, 1.3 miles south of the intersection with Route 254. A sign for Laurel Ridge Farm is at the beginning of Wigwam Road. There is no admission fee. It is open from sunrise to sunset while the daffodils bloom. After that, it is closed until the next year.

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APRIL 18

Vintage Cartoon Screening

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

On Friday, April 18, 3 p.m., watch vintage Eric Carle animations based on his Grimm's Fairy Tales book. Enjoy popcorn and a unique look at his artwork.

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.

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

Details: millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project

APRIL 19

Community Earth Day Celebration

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

On Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to noon, meet the Rec Commission at the library for a community wide trash clean up. Help the library prep the community garden for spring and mulch the library gardens. Participate in a recycled craft event at the Center on Main with Canaan Kids Artspace. Everyone is invited to enjoy beverages and snacks at the library.

Traces, Places, and Faces: Works on Paper

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Cornwall Library's new exhibit "Traces, Places, and Faces: Works on Paper" from Sari Goodfriend and Eddie Watkins, runs from April 19 through June 7. Artists' Reception is April 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library, 30 Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn. Registration for the reception is requested at cornwalllibrary.org/events/

Exploring Native Plants, Managing Their Invasive Rivals & Responsible Herbicide Use

Sharon Land Trust Benton Hill Preserve (park at the 40 Benton Hill Road entrance)

10 a.m. to noon (rain or shine), join Tim Hunter, Sharon Land Trust's Stewardship Director, for a field demonstration at Benton Hill Preserve. This session will focus on responsible herbicide application—when and why it may be

appropriate, and the environmental benefits and risks to consider. We'll also discuss alternative management strategies and highlight the positive impacts of using herbicides responsibly. Register at sharon.audubon.org/events

APRIL 24

The Science of Happiness

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

Join Amherst College psychology professor Catherine Sanderson on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. for a free Zoom talk on what really makes us happy, with tips to boost your own well-being. Professor Sanderson has published over 25 journal articles and book chapters in addition to multiple textbooks for learners of all ages. In 2012, she was named one of the country's top 300 professors by the Princeton Review.

Register for the program here: us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/een92V-VRD08TOFcMhd5gA

Paint Cafe at Noble Horizons

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Katsushika Hokusai: "The Great Wave"

On Thursday, April 24 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Hannah Jung, a professional artist and art educator, will guide you with step-by-step instructions to help you learn from Master artists by re-creating their masterpieces along with fun and educational art stories as inspirational resources.

APRIL 26

Holistic Cardiac Wellness Made Easy

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

On Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m., learn simple, effective ways to support heart health in this talk by Mary Yuter, RN, a former cardiac ICU nurse and holistic wellness mentor. Designed for those with a history of cardiac or diabetes conditions.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Souterraine Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., West Cornwall, Conn.

Artist, illustrator and author Ken Krug's new exhibit "Country Roads & City Streets" will open at Souterraine Gallery Saturday, April 26, with an opening reception from 3 to 6 p.m. on April 26.

Sights & Sounds of Spring Evening Walk

West Campus, Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y.

Cary Institute wildlife biologist Mike Fargione and educator Ashley Alred will lead a family-friendly evening hike exploring the sights and sounds of spring on our campus. Discover how resident plants, amphibians, birds, and mammals are adapting to the change from winter to spring. 6 p.m. on April 26.

Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/sights-sounds-of-spring-evening-walk-tickets-1317927479569

Poetry Reading

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Phillis Levin will read from her new book, "An Anthology of Rain," the most recent of her six published collections, on Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m. at Cornwall Library. Registration is required: cornwalllibrary.org/events/.

Earth Day Clean Up

North Canaan Town Hall, 100 Pease St., North Canaan, Conn.

The annual town-wide Earth Day clean up event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26. The time of the event is 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hi-Viz vests, gloves, and heavy-duty waste bags will be supplied to all participants at no charge. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please meet at Town Hall to receive your clean ups items and to select your area(s)/street(s). Rain Date: Sunday, April 27.

Taste Not Waste: Cooking Session

Fairfield Farm at The Hotchkiss School, 400 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Conn.

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

"The Plastic Pollution Crisis and What to Do About It" is the title of a free upcoming informational event at Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake on Saturday, April 26, 3 to 5 p.m.

Kristin Shevis, who has taken Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Training in 2024 completed NYC's Trash Academy. She is an active member of St. Francis Xavier Church's environmental ministry and is part of Beyond Plastics Speakers' Bureau.

Reservations are recommended. To get more information, make a reservation or get a link for virtual viewing, email cac@townofcopake.org.

APRIL 27

Poetry Workshop

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Phillis Levin will give a poetry workshop at Cornwall Library on Sunday, April 27, at noon to complement her poetry reading of the evening before. Phillis is not only an acclaimed poet, but also a writing teacher with many years' experience. Readers and

writers are both welcome, but the class side is limited to 12. Registration required: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

Young Verdi in Love

Saint James Place, Great Barrington, Mass.

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The Northwest Conservation District is selling a variety of native perennial plants at its 43rd annual Earth Day Plant Sale at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

The sale will run Friday through Sunday, April 25 to 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shoppers can pre-order plants online at www.nwcd.org/shop or by mail with a check with the

catalog. Pre-orders close April 16, but there will be over 100 other varieties of plants available to buy at the sale at the Goshen Fairgrounds. Many available plants are beneficial to birds, butterflies, bees, pollinators, and wildlife.

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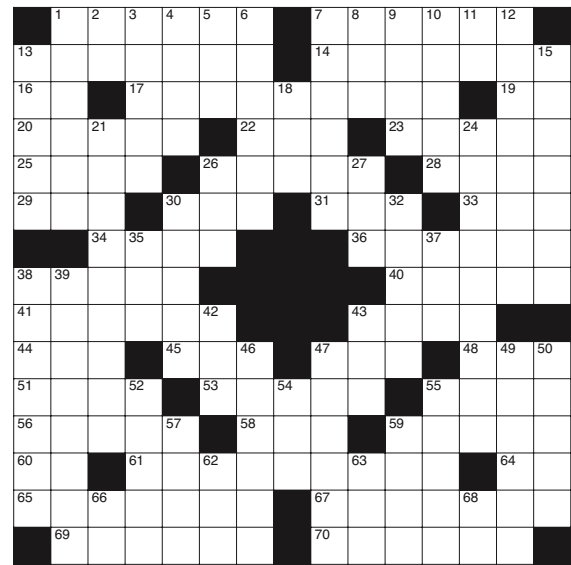
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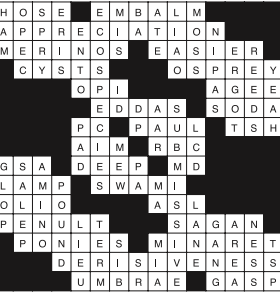
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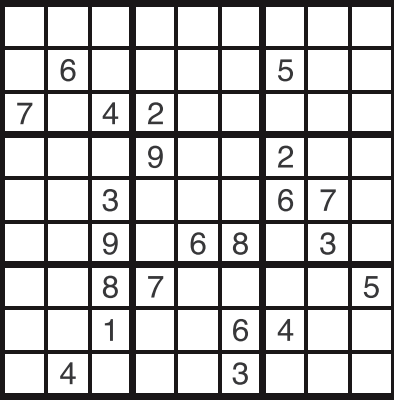
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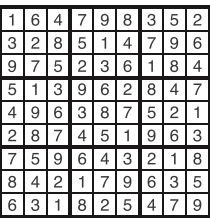
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Sports

Mountaineer spring sports season gets underway

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School athletics returned the week of April 7.

Baseball

Housatonic's new baseball coach Bobby Chatfield opened the season with an 8-5 win at Gilbert School on Monday. Wes Allyn and Owen Riemer pitched for the Mountaineers in the cold, rainy conditions.

The next day the baseball team traveled to play Shepaug Valley High School and lost 10-4. Wyatt Bayer and Chris Race pitched for HVRHS on another gray day.

The Mountaineers' home opener was in the sun against Northwestern Regional High School April 9. Northwestern won 11-1. Anthony Foley and Carson Riva pitched for Housatonic.

Softball

HRVHS softball began its season with a 19-8 win at Gilbert Monday. The next day, Shepaug traveled to Falls Village and defeated the Mountaineers 22-4.

Housatonic coaches Pete Foley and Kaleigh Selino were testing out different seniors at the pitching position in the first two games, including Kylie Leonard and Madison Dewitt.

At home against Northwestern on Wednesday, freshman Payton Wagner pitched. The game was close early with Northwestern leading 7-4 after two innings, but the Highlanders took off later in the game to win 27-7.

Tennis

Boys and girls varsity tennis teams played three matches each in the first week of the season.

The girls began Tuesday, April 8, at home against Lakeview. HVRHS lost 7-0 in the first game on the newly refinished Region One public tennis courts.

Coach Don Drislane commented that Lakeview, which includes athletes who previously attended Wamogo and Litchfield high schools, is "probably the best team" in the Berkshire League.

The girls hosted Shepaug tennis April 9 and the Spar-



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Victoria Brooks, first singles for HVRHS, won her match against Nonnewaug's Olivia Gwiazdoski in the girls tennis meet on Friday, April 11.

tans won 7-0.

The HVRHS boys season opener was at Shepaug the same day. HVRHS lost 5-0.

The Mountaineer boys went on to play Lakeview April 10. Manny Matsudaira and Gustavo Portillo won their matches, but as a team Lakeview won 3-2.

HVRHS girls and boys played Nonnewaug High School April 11. HVRHS's Victoria Brooks won her match against Olivia Gwiazdoski but as a team the Nonnewaug girls won 6-1 and the boys won 5-0.

Lacrosse

HVRHS girls varsity lacrosse began the season Wednesday in Bristol with a 15-3 revenge victory over St. Paul Catholic High School.

Coach Laura Bushey led her team to the decisive win at St. Paul, which narrowly defeated HVRHS last year in the Western Connecticut Lacrosse Conference 2024 championship game.

The lacrosse home opener will be Monday, April 21, at 4 p.m. against Watertown High School.

Track & Field

The first track meet of the season will be at home against Lakeview Tuesday, April 22, beginning at 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

HVRHS first singles player Manny Matsudaira beat Lakeview's Luca D'urso on Thursday, April 10.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Coach Laura Bushey and the HVRHS girls lacrosse team beat St. Paul 15-3 to start the season April 9.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Owen Stimson, left, and Wes Allyn were opponents in baseball April 9, but played together last football season on the Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op team.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Madison Dewitt tags out a runner heading for home.



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Carson Riva, No. 27, came in as relief pitcher against Northwestern, April 9.

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