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Cornwall Consolidated School seventh graders Skylar Brown, Izabella Coppola, Halley Villa, Willow Berry, Claire Barbosa, Willa Lesch, Vivianne DiRocco and Franco Aburto presented a group research project on the life of Naomi Freeman Wednesday, April 23. In attendance were U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, D-Conn., John Mills, president of Alex Breanne Corporation, Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Cornwall Selectman Jennifer Markow and CCS social studies teacher Will Vincent.

From research to recognition

Student project honors pioneering Black landowner

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — “In Cornwall you have made the decision that everyone here matters and everyone’s story is important,” said U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, D-Conn., to the seventh grade class at Cornwall Consolidated School April 23.

Hayes was in attendance to celebrate history on Wednesday as the CCS students presented their group research project on the life of Naomi

Cain Freeman, the first Black female landowner in Cornwall.

To memorialize Freeman, the seventh graders petitioned the town selectmen to rename Great Hollow Road where the Freemans once lived. New street signs for “Naomi Freeman Historic Road” were created with some help from the town highway department.

“No one in this community, or the state for that matter, will ever forget that this happened here,” said

Hayes.

Per Cornwall Historical Society records, Freeman’s story began in 1794 when she was born in Vermont. John Sedgwick and his wife Abigail, of Cornwall, adopted her in 1801: an act that protected her from slavery, which was still legal in Connecticut at the time.

Sedgwick included Naomi in his will and she received a dowry after

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National accreditation renewal lauds HVA’s conservation practices

By Debra A. Aleksinas

CORNWALL — For the third time in a row, the nonprofit Housatonic Valley Association has earned a five-year accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, a national distinction which recognizes the organization’s conservation work throughout the Housatonic Valley region.

Founded in 1941, the Cornwall Bridge-based association is the only regional watershed organization dedicated to protecting the natural character and environmental health of the entire tri-state region from the Berkshires to Long Island Sound.

It has been accredited since 2014 and is one of 479 accredited land trusts in 46 states and territories, including 27 organizations in Connecticut, 12 in Massachusetts and 44 in New York.

In making the renewal announcement on April 25, longtime Executive Director Lynn Werner said the Land Trust Accreditation program drives excellence throughout HVA’s operations and builds trust and good faith with its donors and conservation partners.



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Documentary filmmaker James O’Connor, left, Housatonic Valley Association Conservation Director Tim Abbott, center, and Senior Land Protection Manager Julia Rogers (right), assess a forest canopy.

“We’re proud to be a part of an incredibly strong network of accredited organizations working together to protect precious woodlands, wildlife, water and open spaces where we can connect with nature across generations.”

Werner, who joined HVA in 1983 and was appointed executive

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PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Guests of Salisbury’s EXTRAS fundraiser gala at the White Hart Inn Friday, April 25, got a ballroom salsa dance lesson.

Going the extra mile to support youth programs

By Sava Marinkovic

SALISBURY — Supporters and alumni of Salisbury’s EXTRAS program gathered at the White Hart Inn to raise funds and awareness at the organization’s inaugural gala on Friday, April 25.

Founded in 1988, Extended Time for Recreational Activities in Salisbury, known as EXTRAS, is a state-licensed nonprofit childcare program that strives to “provide an affordable, safe, and educational environment for school-age chil-

dren” through after-school programs and summer camps.

Since its inception, EXTRAS has relied heavily on small-scale fundraising to deliver local working families reasonably-priced, accessible, and edifying childcare. But this year — following the struggles the organization faced during the heights of the COVID-19 pandemic — board member Rachel Lockton reasoned that it was time to scale up efforts. Thus, the grand

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Little Guild’s new facility takes shape

By Jennifer Almquist

WEST CORNWALL — Construction is well underway for the Little Guild’s new 7,000-square-foot animal shelter at 285 Sharon-Goshen Tpke. (Route 128).

The new facility will help the Little Guild continue to rescue homeless cats and dogs by adding quarantining capabilities, modern air ventilation, soundproofing, a community room for free vaccination clinics, and spacious play areas for the animals.

For Executive Director Jenny Langendoerfer, who lives in Norfolk, this is the fruition of a long-

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Justin Giampaolo, President and Project Executive for Torrington-based Burlington Construction Company oversees the building of the new Little Guild animal shelter project on Sharon-Goshen Turnpike in West Cornwall.



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Budget proposal updates

Kent and Sharon reviewed changes to town spending plans last week. Town meetings to vote on 2025-26 budgets will be in May. More at lakevillejournal.com

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.

Disturbance arrest at post office

Around midday on April 18, troopers responded to a report of a suspected active assault at the Sharon Post Office. After investigating, troopers determined that Michael Redmond, 77, of Falls Village was in violation of disorderly conduct and issued him a misdemeanor summons. He was released on a \$500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on May 2.

Car hits boulder, flips

At about 5 p.m. on April 18, Dermot Woods, 76, of Cornwall Bridge was traveling southbound on Route 7 north of the intersection with Burlwood Lane when he veered off the road and struck a boulder, causing his vehicle to flip over onto its roof. Woods was uninjured in the accident, but his Volvo V60 Premier had to be towed from the scene. Woods was issued an infraction for failure to maintain proper lane.

Disturbance leads to dual arrest

Near 5 p.m. on April 20, troopers were dispatched to Ashley Falls Road in response to a report of an active disturbance. After investigating, troopers arrested both Taleaya Miles, 29, of East Greenbush, New York and Taevon Walker, 29, of Hamden. Miles was charged with breach of peace 2nd degree and issued a mis-

demeanor summons. Walker was charged for disorderly conduct and was released on a \$1,500 non-surety bond. Both were scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on April 21.

Truck strikes power lines, flees

At about 1:30 p.m. on April 22, troopers received a call reporting a tractor trailer stuck on Surdan Mountain Road in Sharon after striking and damaging power lines. By the time troopers arrived, the vehicle had fled the scene. Troop B requests that anyone with information surrounding the incident contact Trooper Howell at 860-626-1820. If found, the driver will be given a misdemeanor summons for evading responsibility when causing property damage.

Tree falls, strikes vehicle

On the evening of April 26, Connor Rankin, 20, of South Windsor was driving with Eric Rankin, 62, also of South Windsor, eastbound on Route 44 in Norfolk near the intersection with Old Colony Road when a tree suddenly fell. It struck utility wires overhead, breaking apart and causing a piece of the tree to strike their vehicle, a Toyota Tacoma, in several places including the windshield. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle was towed from the scene.

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 editor@lakevillejournal.com

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CTDOT agrees to enhance Railroad Street crosswalk

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, accessible crosswalk landings and flashing beacons are coming to Railroad Street (Route 7).

Connecticut Department of Transportation Engineering Administrator Mark Carlino informed North Canaan Town Hall of the plans April 22.

In a letter to First Selectman Brian Ohler, Carlino stated a project is being initiated to install two rectangular rapid flashing beacons and ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at the mid-block crosswalk on Railroad

Street.

The crosswalk in question is between Olde School Deli and Industry Kitchen & Bar. At present, the crosswalk abuts a tall curb.

Improvements were initially proposed when Ohler, Carlino, CTDOT Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto and State Senator Stephen Harding, R-30, toured the location April 4.

Beginning in the next two months, North Canaan will coordinate with state traffic engineering staff to plan the project.

CTDOT will be completing the work "and providing the funding themselves," Ohler explained.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

From left, Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto, Transportation Engineering Administrator Mark Carlino, State Senator Stephen Harding, R-30, and North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler discussed improvements to Railroad Street on April 4.

Norfolk winter real estate transactions

By Christine Bates

NORFOLK — The median price of homes sold in Norfolk has remained between \$350,000 and \$400,000 since December of 2020.

In the first quarter of 2025, seven properties were transferred including one parcel of land, three residences for under \$300,000, two homes for \$500,000 and \$550,000 and one home for \$875,000.

Over the last ten years the number of homes listed for sale during March has steadily declined from 39 homes for sale in March of 2015 to 12 in 2020 to only four in March of this year.

Recent Transactions

443 Greenwoods Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath ranch sold by Kaitlin J. Sokolow to Caliann L Wood for \$299,000 recorded on Jan. 13, 2025.

68 Sunset Ridge Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 1.8 acres sold by Estate of Joan Williams Farr to Elizabeth Kuhse and Lucy Farr 2023 Revocable Trust for \$550,000 recorded on Jan. 27, 2025.

8 Ashpohtag Road — 13.5 acres sold by Robert E. Leibrock to Joseph S. Dusvitch for \$35,000 recorded on Feb. 5, 2025.

181 Greenwoods Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 0.56 acres sold by Garden-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Located on gracious Maple Avenue in Norfolk, 50 Maple Ave. sold privately for \$500,000.

maker LLC to Sara and Kyle Acuna for \$292,000 recorded on Feb. 20, 2025.

92 Goshen St. — 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1765 on 5.5 acres sold by Marybeth Y. McNamee to Nancy Lorenz and Douglas J. Schwalbe for \$875,000 re-

corded on March 4, 2025.

3 Greenwoods Road East, Unit 2B — 1 bedroom/1 bath

condo sold by Estate of Susan B. Pratt to Kelly M. Phillips for \$126,000 on March 17, 2025.

50 Maple Ave. — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 0.35 acres sold by Michael S. Cobb and Mary Lou Cobb to Martina Gago Ageitos and Michael Sherman Cobb Jr. for \$500,000 recorded on March 26, 2025.

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



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Our Towns

Sharon misses out on broadband reimbursement grant, again

By Alec Linden

SHARON — Sharon has once again been largely left out of a sizable pool of state funding meant to further develop Connecticut's internet infrastructure.

The office of Governor Ned Lamont announced on Tuesday, April 22, that the second round of funding — totaling \$10 million — from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ConneCTed Commu-

nities Grant Program had been allocated. Internet service providers Comcast and Frontier Communications will use the funds to bolster broadband connection at 3,802 residences and businesses across 44 municipalities.

The following day, the Sharon Connect Task Force issued a release stating that the town's application to reimburse \$1.2 million of the \$1.6 million it spent on a 2023-24 campaign to bring

broadband to every underserved residents in town had again been denied.

Jill Drew, who serves as co-chair of the all-volunteer Task Force, said that this denial was largely due to a technicality that wasn't apparent when the town applied for the grant.

DEEP upheld that the town failed to adequately document that the service it built out in contract with Comcast in the 2023-24 project meets the minimum 100 mbps download/100 mbps upload speed that the state requires to qualify for funding.

"The state just felt that we didn't provide enough proof," Drew said that the Task Force has filed a Freedom of Information Act request to see how Comcast is building out elsewhere with state funding. She also contacted the ISP directly but has yet to receive a response.

Drew said that while the work has already been done, the lack of reimbursement means funds that could have been allocated towards other important capital projects will not be coming back to the town. While the news is discouraging, she said, she is grateful that the town "ponied up for its residents" when it did to get everyone connected.

"We and Sharon did this for our neighbors," While the town is out of luck with Comcast for the time being, Sharon did end up on the receiving end of another ConneCTed Communities Grant allocated to Frontier to lay fiber optic in town. The ISP was assigned \$5,076,560 to install cables in Sharon and several other Northwest Corner towns, including Cornwall, Warren and Litchfield.

While Drew was frustrated that Frontier received funds to essentially build over the connections laid by Comcast in 2023 and 2024, she welcomed the benefit that competition would bring to Sharon residents.

Frontier, though, can pick and choose certain houses and neighborhoods to service, which was never the Task Force's plan for Sharon, Drew said.

"That wasn't how we set up our project. We were doing it so everybody would have access."



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Ian Ridgway kneels in the nursery to show how a young tree that he grafted is growing.

All about apples at Ridgway Farm

By Robin Roraback

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Garden Club hosted an apple tree workshop at Ridgway Farm on Town Street Saturday, April 26.

More than twenty attendees gathered in the farm's newly built barn, which when finished will house a store, tasting room, cold storage for fruits and vegetables and someday, a cidery.

After a welcome to the farm, Gordon Ridgway said he hoped the future store would offer "really good local food and a place for people to come and enjoy what we have here." He expects the farm store to open this year to begin selling homegrown maple syrup and organic produce.

He introduced Peter Del Tredici, formerly of Harvard Arboretum, who is a fellow Cornwall apple enthusiast.

Ridgway's son, Ian, explained that when he graduated from college in 2019, he searched for something to do to "not just follow in the old man's footsteps." He discovered a book called "Uncultivated," by Andy Brennan, which inspired him to learn cider-making.

Nowadays, he explained, there are basically seven basic varieties of apples in stores. "Older varieties go by the wayside and are lost to history," said Ian.

He set out to find the older varieties, also known as heritage apples, in historical Cornwall orchards to use them in his grafting. Heritage apples are known for being more flavorful.

Ian began grafting apple trees in 2023 and demonstrated the process. He uses semi-dwarf apple trees for his

root stock, which determines the size of the tree. He likes the resulting height. "About 12 feet high."

The first step in grafting is to select a scion and root stock of similar diameters. Then both pieces get inch-long cuts on a slant to expose wood. These are lined up again and notches are cut in both pieces. "You cut the notch in both so they can hook into each other," explained Ian.

Next a wound dressing is applied, and a piece of plastic tape is added around the wound for stability. Both keep water and other substances out.

Ian led the group out to the nursery where the newly grafted trees are kept for about two years. He pointed out some with green leaves, saying, "Green means happy."

Once ready to leave the nursery, the young trees are moved to the orchard and are planted about 12 feet apart.

Ian placed a young tree in a hole big enough to give the roots plenty of room to spread. He made sure that "the graft union is a couple of inches above the soil line." The young tree was then watered, and soil was added around the roots.

"Certain varieties of apples make better cider," Ian commented, "generally, those with higher sugar content." Ridgway Farm has more than 500 trees and 30 varieties of apples growing now.

One variety, Redfield, is known for having red flesh and red skin. It gives the cider a reddish color. Another, Wickson, he said, has "an insane explosion of flavor."

Ian expects to make cider from his own apples in about five years.

TLR invites vendors to tag sale

LAKEVILLE — Trinity Episcopal Church at 484 Lime Rock Road in Lakeville is hosting a tag, vendor and art sale Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$40 for a 10-foot space in the field

if pre-booked, or \$50 on the day of the sale. Set-up is at 8 a.m. on the day of the sale. Please email Theresa Kenney at theresakenney1961@gmail.com or Linda Lloyd at lajlloyd@gmail.com



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Abeth Slotnick carefully refreshed a faded blaze on a trailside tree in the Salisbury Land Trust's Yoakum Preserve Sunday, April 27.

Volunteers clear trails at Lakeville's Yoakum Preserve

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — A hardy group of 13 volunteers gathered at the end of Reservoir Road in Lakeville on a chilly Sunday morning, April 27, and marched up into the Salisbury Land Trust's Yoakum Preserve to do some trail work.

The land trust acquired the roughly 250 acres of undeveloped forest on the southwestern slope of Mount Riga from Alice Yoakum of Lakeville in 2020.

The boundaries are the Lakeville reservoir to the west, Mount Riga to the north and private land to the south.

The Yoakum Preserve was one of six land trust properties totaling 682 acres safeguarded as "forever-wild" through the Northeast Wilderness Trust's Wildlands Partnership program in 2023.

The group set off on foot from the designated parking

area at the end of Reservoir Road. Land Trust head John Landon drove up ahead because he had heavier equipment such as a chain saw in his car.

Landon had also been to the preserve a few days earlier to drop off additional equipment.

It's a quick albeit uphill walk to the trailhead, and then a somewhat longer walk of 15 or 20 minutes to where the Yoakum Preserve starts. The trail is clearly marked, as are the boundaries of the reservoir land, which is mostly off-limits.

Landon divided the group in two. Group A stayed behind to rake the trail and remove any obvious obstacles, and to add or refresh blazes on trees.

Group B soldiered on another few hundred yards to where the trail starts to climb and where some heavier work was needed. This is where the chain saw came in.

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Celebrating World Migratory Bird Day at Audubon

By Mia Barnes

SHARON — Around 14,981,000 birds passed through Litchfield County during the 2024 Spring migration season between March 1 and June 15. Traveling up from the southern states and Central America, hundreds of species are beginning to embark on their long journey north.

To honor this remarkable voyage, World Migratory Bird Day has been set for May 10.

The initiative, which began in 1993 and is a global collaborative partnership, aims to raise awareness for migratory birds and issues related to their conservation. The campaign highlights the importance of international cooperation and encourages national and local actions to protect migratory birds and their habitats.

The Audubon event will run on May 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Two bird walks will be offered earlier in the morning from 8 to 9 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m. Pre-registration for these walks are available online at sharon.audubon.org.

Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., community members will have the opportunity to view a birds of prey demonstration and engage in various hands-on activities. Arts and crafts stations including bird mask making and linoleum card

printing will be held, as well as a scavenger hunt.

During an insect discovery activity led by an on-site naturalist, participants will learn how to collect, observe, and identify various insects. Following the demonstration, they will be sent out to find and collect their own species and end in a group show and tell.

A bird migration game will also be run, allowing players to take on the identity of a migrating bird and navigate associated challenges, with the end goal of making it to the wintering ground.

Live music by Bela Selendy will accompany informational booths and local vendors selling art and native plants. The event is free for all ages.

This year's theme is "Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities."

The theme encourages conservation in and around urban areas through efforts such as habitat restoration, policy advocacy, and sustainable practices. Installation of bird-friendly glass and tape on windows severely decreases the frequency of window strikes, a leading cause of death for Peregrine Falcons in metropolitan areas.

Dimming lights, reduction of herbicides and insecticides, as well as keeping cats indoors, all work to protect the avian community.

Lake association plans to tackle invasive plants in Mudge Pond

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The newly re-formed Mudge Pond Association has received its first grant in its efforts to combat invasive species and water quality issues in the lake.

Andrew Cahill, chair of the Association, met with First Selectman Casey Flanagan and Tim Waldron, a community outreach specialist with Eversource Energy, at the town beach on Tuesday afternoon for the official conferral of a \$2,000 Community Grant from the utility company to aid in water chestnut elimination efforts.

"We are that much closer," Cahill said a few days after the ceremony, remarking the funds are a big step toward realizing the Association's first action against invasives in the lake.

Cahill said he received a quote for about \$10,000 from a reputable environmental consultant, New England Aquatic Services, who would begin the work early this summer.

Newly established colonies of water chestnut are hand-pulled in June and early



PHOTO PROVIDED

From left, Mudge Pond Association Chair Andrew Cahill, Eversource Energy Community Relations & Economic Development Specialist Tim Waldron and Sharon First Selectman Casey Flanagan.

July before seeds are able to mature and drop, where they may lie dormant in the lakebed for years.

Cahill said that the Association is choosing to start with water chestnut because its extent in the lake is limited, and that removal methods for such small populations are uncontroversial.

"We have five different invasives, but the easiest one is water chestnut," he said. "The idea is if we can at least address that, that'll be one less."

The Association re-formed earlier this year in response to a lake health study conducted by local aquatic ecology consultant group Northeast Aquatic Research LLC, which found the lake is at risk of deteriorating quality alongside the proliferation of invasives.

Substantial populations of Eurasian milfoil, fanwort and curly-leaf pondweed were already detected in the lake, and while the water chestnut numbers were found to be low, it can be very hard to eradicate if it takes hold in the lakebed.

The report stated that controlling the more established species will require aggressive treatments, such as herbicides. For now, though, Cahill said the plan is to start with a "non-controversial win" against water chestnut that will hopefully show residents the Association means business against invasives but

Rotarians seek volunteers for Day of Service

On Saturday, May 17, more than 1,000 Rotary clubs and 30,000 Rotarians across six countries will volunteer in their communities for an unprecedented Rotary Day of Service.

This year, the Salisbury Rotary Club, which encompasses North Canaan, Falls Village, Lakeville, Salisbury,

also is committed to cooperating with the interests and desires of the townspeople.

Cahill mentioned some more lighthearted summer plans for the lake. He has fond memories of a "fool's regatta" from his childhood in Jamestown, Rhode Island, where competitors would race across Narragansett Bay in boats made out of anything besides boat materials.

While the idea may not translate directly to Mudge Pond's semi-private waters and shorelines, Cahill said the Association is dedicated to protecting resident's enjoyment of the lake in both its ecology and its capacity for summertime fun.

Sharon and Cornwall, will focus on a food drive to fill the shelves at our local food pantries.

Food pantries are currently experiencing a significant reduction in funding from both the Federal government and the State of Connecticut.

Volunteers are needed between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

**Legal Notice**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing to consider comprehensive amendments to the Inland Wetland & Watercourses' Commission Regulations of the Town of Salisbury. The hearing will be held on Monday May 12, 2025 at 6:35 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 proposed amendments have been posted, and agenda and meeting instructions for participation will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting at [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us). 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@salisburyct.us](mailto:landuse@salisburyct.us). Paper copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office in the Salisbury Town Hall during regular business hours (9:00AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:00 PM) Monday through Friday.

Salisbury Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission  
Sally Spillane  
Secretary  
05-01-25  
05-08-25

**Legal Notice**

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0280 by owner Richard Cantele for Structures Located less than Fifty (50) feet from a

Waterbody or Watercourse at 204 Between the Lakes Road, Salisbury, Map 58, Lot 03 per Section 404 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 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.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.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@salisburyct.us](mailto:landuse@salisburyct.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  
04-24-25  
05-01-25

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
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**WEDNESDAY,**  
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**HYBRID MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M.**

The electors and others entitled to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, are hereby warned that the Annual Budget meeting of said Town will be held in person and via Zoom on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut for the following purposes:

1. To act upon the budget

and any supplements thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, which budget has been prepared and recommended by the Board of Finance; said budget is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office immediately.

2. To act upon the following items, which are customarily considered at the Annual Budget meeting for approval:

a. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow any sums of money they deem necessary to meet the Town's indebtedness and current or authorized expenditures, and to execute and deliver the Town's obligations therefore;

b. To see if the First Selectman will deliver on behalf of the Town all documents that may be necessary for carrying out any of the items in the budget;

c. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any funds allocated to the Town of Salisbury by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and extending to June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Board of Finance; and

d. To authorize the Board of Finance to transfer funds from surplus to cover shortages in various line items in the 2024-2025 budget.

3. To consider and act upon a resolution to set Wednesday, February 4, 2026, as the date for the Annual Town Meeting.

4. To consider and act

upon a resolution to set Wednesday, May 13, 2026 as the date for the Annual Budget Meeting.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 22nd day of April, 2025.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**ESTATE OF**  
**WILLIAM J. SCHRENK,**  
**JR.,**  
**Late of Washington, D.C.,**  
**AKA William Schrenk, Jr.**  
**(25-00026)**

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 15, 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.

The fiduciaries are:

Marguerite Carr and David S. Finklestein  
c/o Patrick D Coughlin  
Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC, 107 Elm Street, Four Stamford Plz, Flr 11, Stamford, CT 06902  
Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
05-01-25

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**ESTATE OF CARL DUDASH**  
**AKA Carl S. Dudash**  
**Late of Norfolk**  
**(25-00070)**

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 15, 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.

The fiduciary is:  
Marliee Dudash  
44 Maple Avenue  
Norfolk, CT 06058  
Beth L. McGuire  
Chief Clerk  
05-01-25

**TOWN OF CORNWALL**  
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Electors and citizens qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Cornwall are hereby notified and warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Friday, May 16th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at Cornwall Consolidated School, 5 Cream Hill Rd, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

1.) To adopt the budget for the Town of Cornwall for fiscal year 2025/2026 as

approved by the Board of Finance

2.) To appropriate \$10,000 from the Gates Bequest fund to be used in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

05-01-25

**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 21, 2025:

Approved - Site Plan Application #2025-0282 by Engineer Pat Hackett, for a septic system in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 59 as Lot 09 and is located at 36 South Shore Road. The owner of the property is Noelle G Becker, Tr.

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  
05-01-25



OBITUARIES

Eleanor Anne Sternlof

LIME ROCK — Eleanor Anne Sternlof (née de Guise) of White Hollow Road, passed away on April 25, 2025 at Geer Village in Canaan. She was 94 and the loving wife of the late Paul William Sternlof, who died on Aug. 12, 2005.

Eleanor was born July 14, 1930, in Lowell, Massachusetts as the eldest child of the late George and Vera (née Gale) de Guise. Eleanor graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1948 and from Clark University in 1954. She met Paul as a fellow student at Clark and they married in May 1954.

Eleanor worked for Mohawk Airlines while Paul earned his MBA in Hospital Administration at Yale University. In 1958 they moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and started a family while Paul worked as Assistant Administrator at Baltimore General Hospital.

Their first two children, Karl and Kurt, were born in Baltimore. They moved to Sharon in 1962 when Paul became President of Sharon Hospital. Two more children followed, and the family settled on White Hollow Road in 1965.

Eleanor and Paul were together avid beekeepers, vegetable gardeners, brewers of mead and motorcycle enthusiasts. She was a skilled seamstress, doll maker, canner and general DIYer who learned carpentry taking

adult-ed classes at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In 1977, while her two middle boys were students there, Eleanor took a job in the Superintendent's Office and quickly became notorious for riding her motorcycle to work. She retired in 1992.

In 1995, Eleanor and Paul bought a winter home on Fripp Island, South Carolina, and made many new friends. She volunteered for years there as a teaching aide at the public school and sang alto in the island choir. After Paul passed, she spent a decade plus traveling the world with a close-knit band of fellow adventurers. Eleanor moved back to White Hollow full-time in June 2020 and finally to Geer Village in Oct. 2021.

Eleanor is survived by her children; Karl Sternlof (Kerin Woods) of New London, Connecticut, Kurt Sternlof of Newton, Massachusetts, Mark Sternlof of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Erika Sternlof of Bath, Maine; her grandchildren, Emma Sternlof (Michael Conlin) of Durham, North Carolina, Nora Sternlof of Chicago, Illinois and Erik Sternlof of Newton, Massachusetts; her great grandchild Brian Conlin and her sister Evelyn Webber of Rochester, New York.

Memorial activities will be announced at a later date. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of all arrangements.

Frederick Wright Hosterman

KENT — Frederick Wright Hosterman passed away peacefully in his home in Kent on April 16, 2025.



Born in 1929 in Auburn, Nebraska, he was the son of farmers. He attended a one-room schoolhouse just outside of Brownville, Nebraska, adjacent to his family's farm. The little brick schoolhouse is still standing! After graduating from high school, Fred attended the University of Nebraska (Lincoln), eventually earning a master's degree in agronomy. He took a job with Monsanto in Buffalo, New York, where the company was a pioneer in applying biotechnology to agricultural sciences. In Buffalo, Fred met his future wife, Dorothy. Fred and Dorothy moved to New York City for several years in the early 1960s, before settling down in Norwalk. In Norwalk, Fred and Dorothy had three children. The family later moved to Kent. In 1980, Fred and Dorothy divorced, and Fred bought a large tract of land on Carter Road in Kent. He built a house there, largely by himself, which he maintained until his death at age 95. After taking early retirement, he spent the following decades working on his property, adding various buildings, woodcrafting, landscaping, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Fred had a jovial and close relationship with many of his neighbors, who he saw daily, all willing to share a cup

of coffee or receive various bits of wisdom from Fred on any number of projects.

Fred was predeceased by his parents; Helen and Arch Hosterman, step-mother Cassie Hosterman, sisters Ruth and Esther Marie, brother Richard, and former wife Dorothy.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses; John and his husband Eric of Northfield, Minnesota, Tracy and her partner, Sam, of Amenia, New York, and Catherine and her husband, Josh, of Cornwall. He is also survived by his five grandchildren; Nicky, Dan, Ian, Zachary, and Eliza, and several nieces and nephews.

Fred loved to flirt with the ladies, even in his 90s, doing a little "dance" for almost anyone he met. Another of Fred's favorite hobbies was chopping down trees on his land. Initially, this started out as a necessity for fueling his wood stoves. Later, tree-clearing projects were aimed at enhancing the magnificent view from his house high atop Carter Road. Even at age 95, Fred was frequently on his excavator moving boulders or building a retaining wall, as he was strong, healthy and witty until his final weeks.

Nancy (Case) Brenner

CANAAN — Nancy (Case) Brenner, 81, of Canaan, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, following a long illness on Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

Nancy was born on April 10, 1944, to the late Ray Sargeant Case Sr. and Beatrice Southey Case.

She was the second youngest of five children, predeceased by her three brothers, Ray S. Case Jr., David E. Case and Douglas C. Case, and her sister Linda (Case) Olson. She grew up in New Hartford and Winsted, where she graduated from Northwestern Regional 7 High School.

Nancy is predeceased by her husband and the love of her life, Thomas E. Brenner. Often nicknamed "the love birds," they were true soulmates and shared many wonderful years together filled with love, laughter, travel and family. Nancy is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly—Lori, Richard, Kathleen,

Kevin, Debbie, Karen, Carrie, Jennifer, Tom, Scott and Kimberlee. She was a special aunt leaving behind so many happy and joyful memories. She never missed attending her nieces' and nephews' special events.

Nancy worked for over 20 years at Raynard and Pierce in Canaan. There she made many friendships and brightened the day of everyone who went through the door greeted by her smile and jovial spirit. Nancy was a loving wife, daughter, aunt and friend and will be missed by all who's lives she touched.

A graveside service will be held at Collinsville Cemetery on Huckleberry Hill Road in Canton on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception at 5 Cherry Brook Road, Canton. Memorial donations may be made in Nancy's name to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 012011, where Nancy adopted her loving cat and faithful companion, Dusty.



David William Matheson

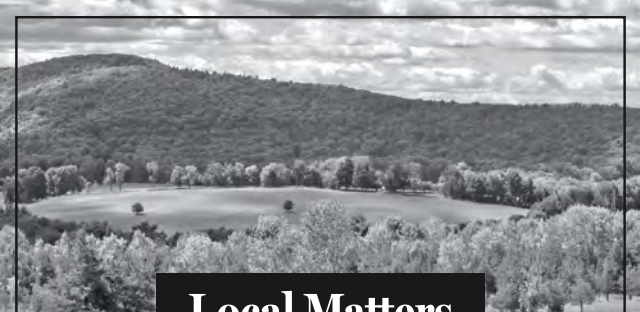
FALLS VILLAGE — David William Matheson, 81, of East Hartford, formerly of Falls Village, died April 23, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. David was the husband of Margaret (Kirkpatrick) Matheson. David and Margaret celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in May of 2024. David was born Jan. 10, 1944, at Sharon Hospital, son of the late Walter and Mary (Murphy) Matheson.

David graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. He worked for 32 years for the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation and retired as a General Supervisor.

He was very involved in youth sports and coached his son, David, in little league baseball, basketball (CYB) and the HVRHS golf team. He also coached his daughter, Erin, in basketball (CYB) as well. David's greatest joy was his family, including nightly wiffle ball games.

In addition to his wife, David is survived by his son, David, his wife Nicole, and grandson, Nicholas, of Southington, Connecticut, and his daughter, Erin, of Peabody, Massachusetts. David is also survived by his brother, Sandy Matheson and his wife Diana; his sister Ann Matheson; his nephew John Matheson, his wife Judy and children, Paige and Jack; his sister-in-law Hazel McGuire; and his niece Michelle Hansen, and her husband Matt. David was predeceased by his in-laws Ralph and Sara Kirkpatrick; brother-in-law John Kirkpatrick; brother-in-law Edward McGuire; and Uncle Jack.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be sent to The East Hartford Fire Department, Attention: The Medical Division, 31 School Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.



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Adam Rand

SHEFFIELD — Adam Rand, 59, of Sheffield, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully in his home on April 22, 2025, after a long battle with ALS.

Adam was born on April 6, 1966, to Lee and Charles Rand II of Boston, Massachusetts. Adam spent his early childhood in Nantucket, where his love of fishing and water was born before moving to Sharon. It was here where he made many lifelong friends and later graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1984. He attended Hiram College in Ohio before settling in Connecticut.

Adam was a master of all trades, a seasoned contractor and practiced carpenter. He was always eager to learn and became a skilled woodwork-

er in his later years of life. His work ethic was undeniable.

Adam was passionate about his family, his work and anything with an engine.

Adam leaves behind his loving wife, Annie Rand, his children, Samantha Rand (Nantucket) and Jack Rand (Canaan), his brother and sister in-law, Greg and Cindy Rand (Nantucket), and their children, Olivia, Maxwell and Samuel Rand (Boston), as well as the mother of his children and former wife, Nancy Rand (Collinsville)

Services will be held for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Compassionate Care ALS, PO Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574. Or Online at ccals.org



Celebration of Life

Linda L. Dodge

LAKEVILLE — A Celebration of Life for Linda L. Dodge will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Lakeville Town Grove at 10 a.m. in Lakeville.

 Worship Services Week of May 4, 2025	
<b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	<b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
<b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290
<b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232 <b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b> Is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	<b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. <b>HOW TO MAINTAIN SANITY IN AN INSANE WORLD</b> For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome
<b>Congregation Beth David</b> A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org	<b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church <b>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</b> Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
<b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	<b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
<b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b> 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194	<b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
<b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	<b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality
<b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building	<b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org
<b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org	<b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!
<b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   allsaintsofamerica.us	
<b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b> 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138	

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## Trump’s mandate on ‘Classical architecture’

As an architectural student in Philadelphia in the 1960’s, I used to come frequently to New York, arriving by train at the magnificent Pennsylvania Station, designed by the country’s most famous architects, McKim, Mead and White to recall the Baths of Caracalla in Rome. My architectural schooling happened to coincide with the planned destruction of Penn Station; every time I passed through this Beaux Arts masterpiece it was a little smaller as it suffered a ruthless demolition. The sad scene made even Jackie Kennedy, who went on to help establish the New York City Landmark Preservation Commission, cry.

I am totally in favor of historic preservation. But it is one thing to greatly admire outstanding architecture from the distant past but something totally different to try to recreate it. The world today is so very different from that of 1800 years ago in Rome that comparisons are difficult. Most everything was different then. And today a modern train station bears little similarity to an ancient public bath.

Like nearly all architects today, I was trained to avoid thinking about style until the project I was working on was well along. Instead I was taught to gather all the significant information that might influence the final design: available construction materials and methods, site characteristics and surroundings, functional elements and their optimal arrangements, access, circulation considerations, etc. Integrating these aspects and many others usually gets one well along towards a design. But starting with a style, a picture of the end result, shortchanges all the other very important considerations and leads to a weak end result lacking authenticity.

Near the end of his first term, Trump issued an executive order mandating that “classical” architecture be the official “style” for Federal government buildings. Shortly after his inauguration a few months later President Biden rescinded Trump’s E.O. In 2022, Congressional bills by Republican Sen. Marco Rubio and Rep. Jim Banks, now a Senator, reiterated the substance of Trump’s Executive Order.

A competing measure was introduced by Rep. Dina Titus based on guidelines carefully drawn up in 1962 by Patrick Moynihan that eschewed partisan sentiments. She noted that “Federal design guidelines should not confine all architecture to one point in history.” All three bills have languished in committees.

But a day after being sworn in for his second term, President Trump issued the following Executive Order:

“I hereby direct the Administrator of the General

### OCCASIONAL OBSERVER

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Services Administration in consultation with the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and the heads of departments and agencies and the United States where necessary to submit to me within 60 days recommendations to advance the policy that Federal public buildings should be visually identifiable as civic buildings and respect regional, traditional, and classical architectural heritage in order to uplift and beautify public spaces and and ennoble the United States and our system of self-government...”

Trump’s past attempts at being a “master builder” have not been well received by architectural critics. Ada Louise Huxtable’s review of the Trump Tower in Manhattan was withering: “Even with all of its pricey superglitz, it is an uncomfortable proportioned in its narrow verticality, unredeemed by the posh ladies’ powder-room decor that totally lacks the cosmopolitan style to which it so

aggressively aspires.” One might wonder if such comments might have helped trigger Trump’s Executive Order.

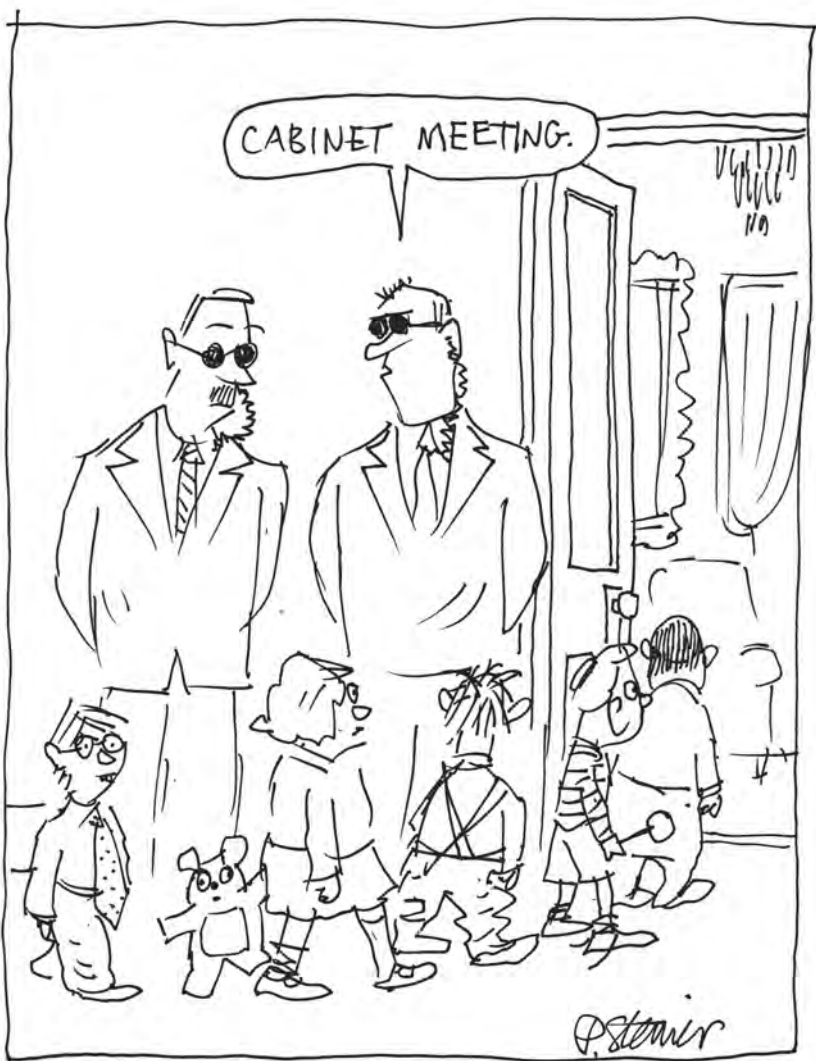
Both of Trump’s executive orders have been roundly criticized with harsh, albeit polite denunciations from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Institute of Planners and the American Institute of Architects, not to mention thousands of letters from individual architects, nearly all of whom reiterated the idea expressed in the Moynihan document: “Design must flow from the architect to the government, not the other way around.”

Despite attempts to portray ancient Greek and Roman societies as democratic, they were far from it and their architecture expresses an autocratic society, not the more democratic sort we pride ourselves on.

In view of the momentous actions taken by the Trump administration in just its first few months, many readers may consider an Executive Order mandating a particular style of architectural design too trivial a matter for serious concern. But this mandate represents part of a larger, darker campaign to undo 250 years of democracy and shift nearly all power to the executive branch and the self-serving people now controlling it. If a dictator can determine the “style” of government buildings, where will it stop?

*Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.*

## Opinion



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Local food access: How to speak up, make your voice heard, on behalf of neighbors in need

Widespread hunger and food insecurity continue to be hidden problems throughout the region. A whopping \$1 billion in funding cuts, announced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in mid-March, have resulted in swift, direct, and devastating local impact. At St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia, our Community of Radical Hospitality hinges on food distribution to neighbors in need—921 of whom visited the Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry on the last Friday in February. These individuals live in our neighborhoods and work at local businesses; they are the parents of our children’s classmates and contribute to the local community; and, amidst rising inflation and ongoing political uncertainty, they turn to us for assistance because they can’t afford to buy groceries.

As members of the New York Regional Food Bank, the USDA has been our

primary source of reliable low- to no-cost protein—including pork, chicken, beef, fish, eggs, nuts and peanut butter—for the last 15 years. In the wake of drastic and unexpected cuts, the once abundant selection of quality protein is growing smaller and more costly. While we have been spared any weeks without protein for distribution (a blessing due to careful advance planning by our pantry manager), we anticipate availability will continue to plummet. The end of two pandemic-era programs (including the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program, which enabled states to buy fresh food direct from farmers and distribute it to local organizations helping communities in need) has revealed a stark truth: the vast chasm between the haves and the have-nots in Dutchess County is growing, and the impending crisis demands immediate attention from the community at large.

Donations of shelf-stable food are not the answer. In an effort to provide well-rounded pantry staples for all, we need to raise dollars and awareness in equal amounts. Money means we are able to expand our relationships with local farmers, through partnerships with Tri Corner FEED (Food Equity, Education, and Distribution) and the Tenmile Farm Foundation, to keep our neighbors nourished. Advocacy equates to contacting your state and federal representatives; voicing concern about barriers to local food access; and letting them know you are a constituent

who is asking for action!

Food is a basic human right. While eradicating the myriad barriers to access in our region may not be imminent, it is our collective responsibility to ensure dignity for all. Together, many hands will surely make light work of bringing this issue into the spotlight where—with increased visibility—it can be seen and solved.

**The Rev. AJ Stack**  
**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Executive Director, Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry**

Amenia

## Time to save democracy

My father, my grandfather, and probably my great grandfathers, were Republicans in the tradition of Lincoln, Eisenhower, and Reagan, and I am proud of their accomplishments for our country. But they would be truly appalled by how much of what they supported, at home and abroad, is now being destroyed by Trump and his MAGA Republicans.

It is time for traditional Republicans, together with Democrats, independents, progressives, and conserva-

tives, to support our democracy and our Constitution.

We all should rally—with speeches, votes, letters, lawsuits—to Lincoln’s famous words at Gettysburg: ...It is for us, the living...that we here highly resolve...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom...that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

**Alice Yoakum**  
Lakeville

## For the sake of libraries

I am horrified by the cuts to our Connecticut library system.

As the town with the country’s oldest lending library, let us step forward and fundraise to reinstitute the statewide interlibrary loan system. If each library in Connecticut could raise money it may be possible. We

have to try.

I hope that those at Scoville, and the savvy fundraisers among us, can generate some ideas that the community will support. I know that I am not alone in my desperation for action.

**Jill Esterson**

Salisbury



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# Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**125 years ago — 1900**  
There is talk among the business men of Canaan about organizing a national bank.

Improvements to the Wells Hill race track are being made and the coming summer promises to develop some good racing.

The Connecticut Western News says there are several persons in the villages of Salisbury, Canaan, Falls Village and Cornwall who are distant relatives of John Brown the abolitionist, whose centennial will be celebrated at Torrington May 9th.

W.B. Perry's family horse "Dick" has been very sick this week but owing to heroic treatment is now much better. Mr. Perry has owned the horse for the past nineteen years and regards him as almost one of the family, and he has always been a good faithful servant.

Lime Rock has organized a base ball team. W.W. Norton will be manager and Charles Meyer captain.

W.E. Cornell has engaged an experienced steam fitter from Springfield to do the work of equipping the new addition of the Scoville Memorial Library.

James Wright of Hotchkissville will move to this village in the near future. Some years ago Mr. Wright resided in Lakeville, and now he returns to take his old position as forger in the Knife factory. He commences his duties next Monday, and will move his family here later.

**100 years ago — 1925**  
Last Saturday morning was Lakeville's turn to suffer a disastrous fire loss, when the Interlaken Inn was almost completely ruined. Around nine o'clock in the morning the proprietor, Mr. John S. Percy, who was working in the rear of the Inn noticed a spark from the fireplace chimney fell on the shingle roof which at once ignited. A call was put in for the hose company which was answered at once by the chemical truck. It seemed for a short time that the firemen had mastered the blaze, but the tank was soon exhausted and the fire again forged ahead. Calls were made for the Sharon, Millerton and Canaan companies, but of course it took some time for them to reach the spot and in the meantime the blaze had spread throughout practically all the upper story, which by this time had become a seething inferno. A call for help was sent to Hotchkiss School and the 300 students rushed to the Inn in a body. They at once began a systematic removal of the furniture and furnishings of the building and they certainly did wonderful work, in fact so effective was their work that practically all the contents of the building were removed to a point of safety and with very little breakage or destruction. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Percy as they had expended thousands of dollars in repairing and improving the Inn in preparation for the coming season, and already the Inn was well "booked" up for the season.

Ralph Hunter of Lime Rock caught a live little fox, and it is getting real tame.

**FOUND** — A chair on Friday morning. Inquire at Journal Office.

The question of oiling the side streets and places not oiled by the state is being agitated. Such places as the roadway around the depot up past the Knife Shop and on the various side streets it becomes very dusty during the summer, and some effort should be made to oil them both for comfort and the appearance of the village.

**50 years ago — 1975**  
State Police radio dispatching will return to Troop B in Canaan as one of the first moves by new State Police Commissioner Edward P. Leonard, who officially took over the office today. Last year, Canaan's police dispatching was centralized at Troop L in Litchfield, which created an immediate furor from area residents and town, ambulance and fire officials. The return of police dispatching may take place as early as next week, according to the public information officer.

The new program to utilize community residents as enrichment "resources" at Salisbury Central School, is off to a lively start, with journalism as one of the first topics. Miss Peppe's fifth grade class was conducted on a tour of The Lakeville Journal last week by Publisher Robert Estabrook. This week, on Friday, syndicated columnist Robert Yoakum of Lakeville will discuss "How We Get Our News" with the students. Loretta Driscoll of Lakeville, one of the organizers of the resource program, will work with the children on using newspapers in the classroom. Each child will have a copy of The Journal, which will be utilized in connection with different classroom topics.

A flag and a certificate were presented in ceremonies Tuesday afternoon at Salisbury Central School. George Cyr of the State Bicentennial Commission made the presentation to First Selectman Charlotte Reid while the Rev. Gerard Pollock and a marine color guard stood by. The ceremony was somewhat hampered by the late arrival of Mr. Cyr and the marines, and the lack of ropes on the school flag pole.

Torie Sommers, professional cosmetician and former executive in the cosmetics industry, has joined the staff of Sharon Pharmacy. Edward Heacox, owner of the pharmacy, announced this week that Miss Sommers will provide consulting services for women on a regular basis in the establishment's renovated and expanded cosmetics section.

The A&P Liquor Store at the shopping center in Sharon is in the process of a changeover in ownership from the Atlantic and Pacific food store chain to Raymond and Roberta Donovan of Sharon. Along with the ownership the Donovans will be changing the name of the liquor store to "The Spirit Shoppe." John O'Brien of Canaan will continue to manage the store and he is the liquor store permittee.

Braving the cold and wind, the Housatonic Valley Cairn Terrier Association held its first "Fun Frolic" on Sunday at "Wolfpit" the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor

Coleman on the Ellsworth Road in Sharon. There were 95 cairns entered, ranging in age from two months old to veterans more than 10 years old. The judge was Helen Hunt of Washington, Conn., a cairn authority who has bred or owned more than 30 champions. A ring set up on the Colemans' lawn was in constant use for three hours as the dogs were put through their paces under the watchful and experienced eye of Miss Hunt.

Doris Longaven of Amesville will officially take over as librarian at the D.M. Hunt Library today. Mrs. Longaven replaces Karen Shaffer in that position. Mrs. Longaven grew up in the area as Doris Petersen. During most of her own family-rearing years she lived in Florida where she gained her library experience. She returned to Northwest Connecticut five years ago, and will resume her interest in library work as she takes over at D.M. Hunt.

**25 years ago — 2000**  
A mile-long handicapped accessible trail will be completed in early May, in Falls Village, south of the hydroelectric plant on the Housatonic River. Half of the trail overlaps the Appalachian Trail. The accessible hike will begin near the Northeast Utilities hydroelectric plant and continue south toward the high school, for about half a mile along the river, and then loop back along the former race track.

**LAKEVILLE** — An idea from local volunteer firefighter Darin Reid is on its way to becoming state law. Mr. Reid suggested to state Rep. Andrew Roraback (R-64) of Goshen that fines be doubled for motorists who speed or drive unreasonably fast when within sight of a roadside emergency where police, fire, ambulance and other rescue vehicles are displaying their flashing lights. Mr. Roraback took the idea to Hartford, where it was incorporated into an amendment that won the approval of the House of Representatives by a vote of 144-3.

The "Fish Lady" is back! Beginning Saturday you can purchase Joan's (the fish lady) vacuum sealed, preweighed fish at Paley's Market in Sharon. Fresh fish will be delivered to Paley's Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings. The "Fish Lady" has not yet decided if the fish truck will return to Millerton this spring.

The maintenance building at the former Geer Memorial Hospital was demolished this week to make room for Geer Village, a \$2.8 million, 24-apartment senior-housing facility, and Geer Woods, a \$14.2 million complex to include senior housing, community facilities and a swimming pool and fitness center.

## Status Report

**WEST CORNWALL** — Cornwall's Economic Development Commission has arranged for a public port-a-potty to be installed at the Lower River Road boat launch area. It will be serviced weekly and available for use through October 2025.



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## Salisbury — wet and wild

### A quarterly letter from the Salisbury Conservation Commission

Welcome to the Salisbury Conservation Commission's quarterly missive. Our mission is education — educating ourselves as well as fellow Salisburyans on the important natural habitats specific to our beautiful and fascinating town, and how to preserve them.



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In this article we summarize "Water – Wetlands and Watercourses," a chapter from the Town's Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). You can find the whole NRI at [www.salisburyct.us/town-documents/](http://www.salisburyct.us/town-documents/).

We like to think holistically about our natural resources and how they all work in concert to support the nature we love and steward. As we consider the lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, bogs, swamps, fens, and vernal pools of Salisbury, we are also thinking about what drains into them and how we can help to keep them clean, productive and viable habitats during our time here in Salisbury.

### Salisbury is Wet and Wild — Summary of the NRI's Water Section

Salisbury's rich assemblage of wetlands and watercourses are the lifeblood of our landscape. We are fortunate to have many large bodies of water and riparian areas in town, all of which support and provide a multitude of habitats making up our unique and precious ecosystem.

For instance, Salisbury is home to two high elevation lakes that sit atop the Riga Plateau, also known as the Taconic Uplift: Riga Lake and South Pond. These lakes, sitting at a high elevation have colder water than any other water source in town, which flows down to swamps, wetlands and streams, supporting important native plants and animals such as brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) and slimy sculpin (*Cottus cognatus*) (DEEP website) as well as the threatened spring salamander (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*). (Klemens et al. 2021, Salisbury POCD, 2024).

Salisbury's northwestern location within the state of Connecticut, its elevation gradient of close to 2,000 feet, and its relatively unfragmented landscape, have resulted in the town being a reservoir for biodiversity of statewide and regional significance. (Klemens et al, 2021) Using climate change modeling, it is predicted that Salisbury will be the only area in the state where certain cold-water species will be able to continue to flourish despite climate change.

On the valley floor we have four large hardwater

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lakes, (lakes rich in calcium and magnesium): Lake Wononscopomuc (Lakeville Lake), Lake Wonopakook (Long Pond), Lake Washinee (West Twin Lake) and Lake Washining (East Twin Lake). These lakes are stewarded by numerous lake associations where dedicated volunteers work to preserve and enhance their ecology.

At the town's eastern border is the Housatonic River, whose flood plain is made up of rich soils, perfect for agricultural uses but which also provides important wildlife habitat in the oxbows. In 2023, 41 miles of the Housatonic, including the stretch in Salisbury, were designated by the National Park Service's Partnership to be in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program. Smaller rivers that flow through Salisbury include the Salmon Kill River seen from Main Street, Ball Brook running at the north end of town, and Moore Brook running between the Housatonic and Salmon Kill.



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Hidden from view are extensive sand and gravel deposits known as till, which were deposited by the last glaciation some 12,000 years ago. Driving north on Undermountain Road these glacial terraces are clearly visible as gently undulating agricultural fields. Water percolates through these terraces and feeds the subterranean aquifer. This gives rise to many unusual habitats, such as fens, that contain endangered and rare species.



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Salisbury's rich assemblage of wetlands and watercourses are the lifeblood of our landscape. They add to our lives in obvious ways for recreation such as fishing, boating, and for drinking, but they also support productive and exceptional ecosystems that are not readily apparent.

It is imperative to protect Salisbury's waters as we protect our way of life in our town. Increased flooding from climate change along with development, especially around the lakes, is increasing runoff and pollutants into our water system. This toxic runoff threatens many wetland-dependent species of plants and animals that are at the core of our ecosystem.

The Conservation Commission wants to encourage landowners to not use fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides on their properties. The quality of our water resources is directly dependent on the choices we residents make in caring for our properties. Applied fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides eventually reach our waters with detrimental effects. For more science on this topic, please read: [www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2405844024051594](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2405844024051594).

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Chinkapin oak selected  
for 35th Arbor Day  
planting at NCES

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — The home of an enviable arboretum, thanks to the ongoing efforts headed by Tom Zetterstrom, North Canaan Elementary School has a lush array of perfectly chosen trees.

A new tree is planted each year, and this year, the school’s 35th anniversary of celebrating Arbor Day, along with the 55th year of Earth Day, a chinkapin oak became the latest addition.

On Friday, April 25, the entire school, along with a large contingent from the community, gathered in an area next to the school for a ceremony. Principal Beth Johnson, in her opening remarks, said, “Caring for our earth is something that we all share. We all have a role in enriching the world around us.”

The annual program is hosted by the school’s fifth grade and several of its students read poems they had created. Kane Ackerman wrote “Pike,” while Leia Wohlfert penned “Lone Oak Tree.” Ellia Wagner’s work was titled “The Tree that Saved my Sadness,” while Charlotte Finney shared



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Fifth-grader Bailey King reads her poem ‘Magnolia Tree’ during Friday’s Arbor Day celebration at NCES.

“Cherry Blossom” and Bailey King read her “Magnolia Tree.” The tree also becomes their class tree.

Zetterstrom noted that a tree has been planted at the school since Earth Day in 1990. There is a red oak, yellowwood, and black gum among the collection. There is also another chinkapin oak, which he said is his favorite. He then touched on the topic of photosynthesis, “which is quite a mouthful.” But it is apparently an easy concept for first-grader Simon Jacques. When Zetterstrom asked if anyone knew what it meant, the young boy shouted out the answer. Zetterstrom invited him to

the microphone, where he proceeded to give a detailed explanation, much to the delight and awe of those in attendance.

Zetterstrom said the new chinkapin now has a trunk three inches in diameter. It can grow to 60- to 80-foot tall, and 40- to 50-foot wide. Its leaves will be dark green on the upper side and flash white underneath. As the tree matures, it will develop acorns to provide food for wildlife. A member of the white oak family, it prefers limestone soils, which make it a natural for Canaan’s limestone geology and landscape.

He told the students that 10 years ago he discovered such a tree in the Sharon Land Trust woods and it measured 48 inches in diameter at breast height. “It turned out to be the biggest chinkapin and is now the reigning Connecticut Champion Chinkapin Oak. Imagine, your chinkapin might someday become the Connecticut Chinkapin champion.”

The program also featured songs sung by kindergartners and first-graders. Then some students were chosen to mulch the area around the base of the tree.

Falls Village plants elm tree

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — A Jefferson elm now stands proudly at the entrance of the Lee H. Kellogg School campus, a welcoming symbol to all. The addition is a gift from the Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission and was dedicated to beloved long-time custodian Bill Beebe at a ceremony April 25 as part of an Arbor Day celebration.

The entire student body, faculty and staff gathered at the site for the program that included an introduction by Mark Burdick, commission chairman. He spoke of the importance of trees because of all they give, including food, shade and magnificent colors.

Burdick thanked residents Ellery “Woods” and Mary Lu Sinclair for their efforts in making the project a reality, describing them as two people “who live in reverence to their environment.”

Everyone joined in to sing “America the Beautiful,” accompanied by Vance Cannon on the guitar and then First Selectman David Barger gave a message.



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From left, Christian Allyn; David Moran, chairman of the vocational education department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and students Oliver Storm, Cole Simmons, Madeline Collingwood, Nathan Young, Michael Gawel and Travis Barber were in attendance at Lee H. Kellogg School for Arbor Day April 25.

He said it’s fitting to have a tree named after Thomas Jefferson, the third president. It can be called a national tree since a number of them were planted on the National Mall in the 1930s and are known for their resistance to the Dutch Elm disease.

“Someone once said that we plant trees to benefit another generation and I be-

lieve that’s true,” Barger said. “Our children and theirs will be the ones who will one day see this tree standing proud and tall. They will enjoy its shade, appreciate its beauty and perhaps, now and again, remember those who planted this tree. Planting a tree is a real statement of faith in the future.”

David Moran, chairman of the vocational education department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, along with several of his students, were in attendance to give some insight into the tree, such as its history and where others in the area are planted.

Christian Allyn, who was there on behalf of tree expert Tom Zetterstrom, spoke of Zetterstrom’s fascination with trees since the age of 5. He has worked tirelessly to save trees throughout the region. Allyn told the students, “I hope you’re part of a team that ensures this tree lives on.”

Ellery Sinclair then announced the tree was to be dedicated to Beebe, who was obviously surprised and touched by the honor. He was given a marker designating its name to place at the base of the tree.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Arbor Day in Goshen

Goshen residents planted 11 trees around town to celebrate Arbor Day. Full story at lakevillejournal.com



Sports

Housatonic hosts Lakeview to start track season

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School track and field began the season with a home meet against Lakeview High School Tuesday, April 22.

The rivalry meet produced riveting races including a showdown between seniors Kyle McCarron and Ben Schildgen in the 1600-meter race. The star runners traded the lead several times but McCarron was in front when it counted, winning for HVRHS in a time of 4:29.4, a split second ahead of Schildgen's 4:29.8.

The boys 300m hurdles came down to the wire too, with Lakeview's Max Guma defeating HVRHS's Patrick Money by one-tenth of a second.

Lakeview won overall. The girls team score was LHS 100 - 37 HVRHS and the boys team score was LHS 82.5 - 61.5 HVRHS.

Kent School sent a number of runners to the meet as well. The Lions do not have a school team, but the athletes participated in the spirit of competition. They were not officially scored.

Full results at lakevillejournal.com



Amelia Dodge, center, hustled her way to first place in the 100m hurdles.



Runners representing HVRHS, Kent School and Lakeview compete in the 1600m.



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Patrick Money soars to first place with a distance of 19-feet 7-inches in the long jump.



Simon Markow cleared 5-feet 4-inches in his first-ever attempts at the high jump.

OUR TOWNS

Steam power meets spring showers

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Connecticut Antique Machinery Association opened the season with its Spring Power-Up on Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27.

Intermittent rain showers kept crowds to a minimum on Saturday, while Sunday brought strong winds and chilly 50-degree temperatures.

Despite its smaller scale compared to CAMA's fall festival, the Power-Up had plenty of steam-pumping and chug-chugging machinery in full operation.

The tag sale area was downscaled by weather, but enough vendors were there to give everyone a chance to find that must-have rarity.



Left, wood fuel is loaded into an Eclipse steam engine as the machine fires up.



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Passengers enjoy a ride on Engine No. 5 through the CAMA grounds, April 27.



Determined shoppers search for rare finds at the Spring Power-Up tag sale.

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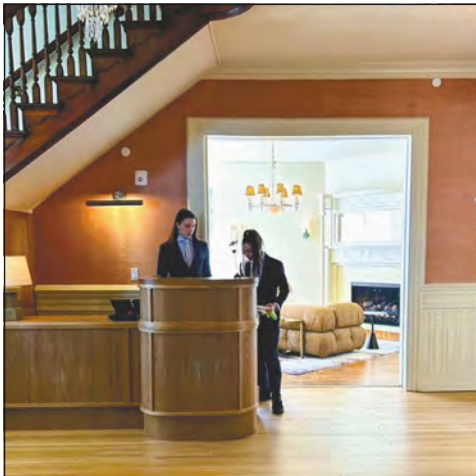
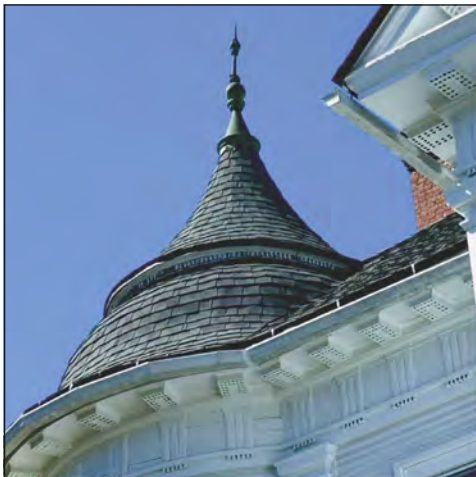
## LIFESTYLE: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

# Belden House & Mews opening in Litchfield

**B**elden House & Mews is an elegant gem of a hotel set within the newly restored 1888 Victorian mansion of Dr. Charles O. Belden. With its turrets, demilune windows, stained glass, parquet floors, crystal chandeliers, carved wood bas-reliefs, pocket doors with original brass pulls, and inviting window seats, the transformation of this historic home into a modern retreat is nothing short of inspiring.

Belden House & Mews officially opens on May 1. It is the latest delight from Dutchfield, the team that owns Troutbeck in Amenia. Principal designer Courtney Brannan of Champalimaud Design used local craftsmen and artisans to create the serene and comfortable interior. Owners Anthony and Charlie Champalimaud live in Litchfield with their young family. When asked to explain the philosophy behind this project, Anthony explained, "Reviving this once derelict estate with its gracious, subtly ornate and expansive physical attributes established a narrative conducive to the approach to hospitality we first established at Troutbeck." Champalimaud continued, "Belden has its own voice, of course, one which spans early American and modernist architecture. Its situation, as the bridging property between the estates of historic North Street and the town green, dovetails with our bias to invite guests into a residential-feeling environment. More of an invitation to come and live with us, than to live like us."

The year-long renovation uncovered proud signatures from 19th century builders and craftsmen on the plaster behind the woodwork. Extraordinary attention to detail includes bespoke wallpaper from twenty2 grasscloth, a woman-led business in Naugatuck, Connecticut printed with the historical signatures and floral tracteries unearthed from



**Images of the lobby, dining room, staircase, and exterior roof turret.**

old wallcoverings, now trailing down guestroom walls. The sage green, paneled front door still opens to a warming hearth beneath the original carved granite lintel, deeply incised with lines from Shakespeare's Macbeth: "Come what come may, Time and the hour runs through the roughest day."

The design aesthetic of Alexandra Champalimaud, Litchfield resident and Anthony's mother, is evident behind every detail of the Belden House & Mews. Founding principal of Champalimaud Design, interior designer of such luxe hotels as Raffles in Singapore, the Plaza, and Bellagio, and a member of the Interior Design Hall of Fame, Alexandra mused, "We embraced the locale throughout our design, collaborating with local makers and craftsmen to create a color journey full of warmth and curiosity. We highlighted the contrast between Belden House's traditional spirit and the modernism of the 1950's-era Mews building, where furniture silhouettes inspired by midcentury art and architecture bring splashes of color to tonal room envelopes. The project is a journey in which

guests feel welcomed  
and at home as sunlight  
streams in through the  
windows.”

Tarajia Morrell, communications director of Dutchfield, pointed out details during a tour of Belden House & Mews — an original newel post, filial on a stack of art books in the library, the vivid emerald green bar complete with cheetah lamps and featuring Litchfield Distillery spirits, 21 four-poster beds made in West Cornwall at Ian Ingersoll furniture, a weathered, leather table in the penthouse made from a Parisian wrestling mat, and lighting crafted by Litchfield's Dumais Made. PBDW architects and historical preservationist John Kinnear provided their expertise. Handmade tiles from Bantam Tileworks, White Flower Farm florals and bouquets, landscape architect Reed Hilderbrand, White Dog Woodworking from Torrington, and Lakeville

Interiors all contributed their skills as well.

Connecticut native chef Tyler Heckman prepares a seasonal menu, sourced from nearby farms and the New England coast, and served in the Belden House dining room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be offered by reservation only beginning May 1. Belden House also provides a butler service for its 10 guestrooms, including a third-floor penthouse with three bedrooms, three baths, and a rooftop terrace.

The Mews features 21 guestrooms, some with private terrace gardens shaded by mid-century striped awnings. Within the Mews, guests will find Bathhouse, a wellness spa reserved exclusively for Belden guests, featuring Wildsmith skincare products from the UK. There is a fifty-foot heated pool, a folly bathhouse, and a

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**American Caste by David Tumblety (cast bronze)**

**ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN**

# ArtEast May studio tour

The ArtEast May studio tour, happening Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., offers a rare look into the working studios of painters, sculptors, mixed media artists, photographers, and more. This isn't a polished gallery stroll — it's the clatter of tools, the smell of stone dust and oil paint, the buzz of artists caught mid-idea.

“It might be dirty, noisy, and chaotic, but it will not be dull,” said one of the organizers, Bob Madden.

Now in its 18th year, ArtEast has expanded beyond its signature October event to include this springtime tour focused on process over polish. “The May tour gives voice to practitioners of artforms that are inherently messy,” said Madden, a Poughquag-based stone artist

and longtime ArtEast participant. “I love having people visit my studio and ask questions. ‘How?’ is a common question because the material — stone — is difficult for some to imagine how to work it, but that’s a question for a technician. ‘Why?’ is the question I always hope for because it’s asking the artist if the viewer is clearly understanding the message I created.”

Madden will be opening Rock and A Soft Place Studios in Poughquag alongside his wife, Karen Madden, a fiber and metal artist who co-chairs the event. "Each medium challenges my creativity," said Karen, "as I learn to work with different materials."

Other featured artists include Donna Castelluccio, a mixed media

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# Schlock and Awful: Turning up the heat

Let’s get straight down to the nitty and the gritty: “Raw Force,” aka “Kung Fu Cannibals” (1982) has got it all. It’s difficult to encapsulate the majesty, but here goes: There’s a Pacific island with cannibal monks who only eat shapely young women. They trade jade for shapely young women with a fat German who’s named Speer and has the last toothbrush moustache in the world. Add the wacky crew and customers of a cut-rate ocean liner, zombie martial arts warriors, a heaping helping of gratuitous nekkidity, continuous mayhem and absolutely zero plot to get in the way of the story, stir briskly, and you’ve got “Raw Force.” With Cameron Mitchell as the grumpy ship captain and the immortal Vic Diaz as the main monk.

Here’s a real oddball entry. “New York Ninja,” (1984/2021), a sprightly tale of a kung fu vigilante and the brainchild of John Liu, was shot in 1984 and never made it to post-production. Decades later the people at Vinegar Syndrome, a purveyor of the finer things in dreck, got hold of the footage and managed to get it into screenable form, despite handicaps such as no audio, no script, and no idea what the hell it was about or who all these people were. The only reason it came to the attention of the Bad Cinema desk is that the world’s greatest kung fu female, Cynthia Rothrock, was hired to do voiceover work for one of the characters.

We’ll have a future



Left, John Liu was the New York Ninja in 1984, and thanks to the folks at Vinegar Syndrome, he is the New York Ninja today. Below, “Sugar Hill” features slow-moving, cobweb-covered zombies.



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edition of S&A devoted to Rothrock.

The result warrants more than one paragraph, a rarity in S&A. We’ve got multiple villains, many wearing silly masks. One main villain with a melty face from his habit of looking into a box full of plutonium. Group of kids who overwhelm both bad guys and cops with cuteness. Kung fu badminton net. Ninja vs. maitre d’ with rattail that he sucks on while fighting. Enough gratuitous nekkidity to be going on with. The worst martial arts displays this side of “Fungicide.” Only the faintest hint of plot to get in the way of the story. An outstanding effort all around.

“Sugar Hill” (1974) answers the question “What happens when the mob bumps off a

lady’s boyfriend and she’s friends with voodoo people?” Answer: One by one the gang members are knocked off in uniquely hideous ways. Marki Bey does a pretty fair Pam Grier imitation. The zombies are the traditional, slow-moving type. In an unusual twist, the zombies are covered in cobwebs, which suggests they need to get out more. Severed chicken foot attack. Death by many many snakes. Death by quicksand. Zombie massage parlor. Zombie rhythm section. Perfunctory nekkidity we could have done without. Add completely blatant rip-offs of James Bond music and voila! It’s the poor man’s “Live and Let Die.”

Speaking of Pam Grier, one of her lesser-known efforts is “Sheba Baby” (1975), the stirring tale of a woman who takes revenge on the loan sharking hoods who destroyed her father’s legal loan sharking business. No gratuitous nekkidity, a grave flaw, but the car wash scene makes up for it. We’ve got a bad guy who looks like the young Al Sharp-ton dressed in carpet remnants. Lots of gun-

play as opposed to kung fu. An extended fair-ground scene that gets filed under “Why yes we have permission to film here.” A fairly humdrum affair, all told.

Let’s wrap this up with “Red Star Rising” (1994), a Don “The Dragon” Wilson vehicle that also features the immortal Mako. This brings us to the Iron Law of Martial Arts Flicks: “If it has Mako, you must watch.” Japanese/American cop comes to LA to hunt bad guy. Cop endures many bad jokes about Japanese people. Bad guy specializes in a fatal kung fu move called the Death Touch. Plenty of mayhem and a touch of gratuitous nekkidity. Gnomish utterances, such as “Fate has pitted Thomas against this assassin” and “When day meets night only one can survive.” And, of course, the Death Touch, which isn’t as good as its counterpart in “Kill Bill” but it’ll do.

## ...ArtEast

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PHOTO COURTESY DONNA CASTELLUCCIO

Vintage Sampler by Donna Castelluccio (fiber/mixed media)

artist who reworks vintage materials into one-of-a-kind pieces. “When people come to my studio they will see many projects in different stages that I’m working on,” said Castelluccio. Bill Prickett, a photographer, producer, and creative chameleon “makes it a point to be a rookie at something all the time,” as his website states. Brian Wohrman works out of Lagrangeville and is a self-taught sculptor whose welded tribute to his late father started him on a path of transformation through art.

David Tumblety is a sculptor trained in anatomy and classical technique whose

accolades include the Lucchesi Grant and Stewardson Prize. Of the open studios, he said, “A few years ago, I converted the small, dilapidated barn behind our house in Millbrook into a studio. I spend most of my time working alone there so, it’s a welcome break from my solitude to have visitors to the space.”

ArtEast brings together over a dozen artists across Dutchess county, inviting viewers to experience the creative process firsthand — from initial spark to final piece.

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## ...Belden House

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lawn club for croquet. The iconic 1891 Litchfield Firehouse will complete the Belden House complex in mid-2025, re-purposed as a meeting house for guests and community special events.

Anthony Champalimaud mused, “We felt acutely - again, as we do at Troutbeck - a responsibility to get it right. To occupy a role within our wider community which over time becomes essential. That here we had the chance to insert within the heart of a National Historic Landmark town, a new and missing element, is both an enormous privilege, exceptional opportunity, and profound responsibility. That said, it ought to be fun, and we very

much hope it will bring much joy to both our guests and our neighbors.”

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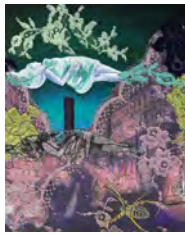
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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# The alchemy of light at Kenise Barnes Fine Art

‘Convert Light Energy’ opened at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent on Saturday, April 26, pairing Julia Whitney Barnes’ hand-painted cyanotypes with Sarah Morejohn’s organic drawings. The show is a conversation between these two artists’ investigations of nature’s slow, secret work — a meditation on time, decay and beauty. Barnes works with a cyanotype process, a camera-less photographic printing process invented in 1842 by scientist and astronomer, Sir John Herschel, which produces a cyan-blue print when a chemically-coated surface is exposed to sunlight. Using weeds and flowers harvested from her own garden and nearby locations, Barnes

exposes their silhouettes on photosensitive cotton paper before meticulously reanimating them in watercolor, gouache, and ink. The results feel both antique and joltingly alive, like a pressed flower found between the pages of a secret love note. Morejohn, meanwhile, draws with a kind of meditative, trance-like quality, letting lines tangle and mutate until they resemble nerve endings, snow crystals, maps of imaginary weather. Her drawings are not so much of nature as from it — diagrams of an ever-changing world. The show’s title, “Convert Light Energy,” describes both artists’ reverence for the fleeting and delicate — attempts not so much to preserve



The “Planting Utopia” series by Julia Whitney Barnes (above) and viewers surrounded by Barnes’s paintings at the opening of “Convert Light Energy” at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent

what fades, but to transform it into something fierce, tender, and alive. The show runs through June 8 at Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent.

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LIFESTYLE: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

# The Ticking Tent: A one-day treasure hunt at Spring Hill Vineyards

Shop the original brocantes-style, or elegant flea market, The Ticking Tent on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Spring Hill Vineyards (229 Bee Brook Road, New Preston, Connecticut). Don’t miss this one-day shopping extravaganza featuring decorator treasures, antiques, and artisan objects. The Ticking Tent happens twice a year in different locations. More than 50 vendors will be “under the tent” including talented artisans, makers and bespoke brands from around the globe such as: Arilloom, Cabana, Chervat Studio, Chairish vintage fine jewelry, Dumais Made, Eleish van Breems Home, Philip Gorri van, RT Facts, The Green Vase, The Barns by Ali Mahon. According to Modern Luxury media, “The Ticking Tent co-founders Christina Juarez and Benjamin Reynaert have transformed the passion of the hunt into a premier shopping destina-



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Benjamin Reynaert and Christina Juarez, co-founders of The Ticking Tent

tion rooted in the art of discovery.” Christina Juarez is a luxury and interior design consultant with 35 years’ experience. She worked with Oscar de la Renta, and as senior VP at Christian Dior for communications and special events for North America. Juarez and her friend Benjamin Reynaert, founder and creative director of Benjamin Reynaert Creative and market director of Elle Décor, created The Ticking Tent together. Christina wrote of its origins, “We are both consumed with the thrill of the hunt, identifying and shopping for beautiful, unique finds with provenance, or made by hand by artisanal creatives. Anything under a tent is usually an indication that something wonderful can be found. Ticking fabric is reminiscent of the Marches aux Puces de Saint-Ouen in Paris — the world’s largest flea

market — where it was used as frequently as muslin for upholstering bedding and furniture. Our special ticking cloth was created for us by Schumacher.” From Elle Décor: “This year I’m definitely planning on heading to the Ticking Tent, an artisan and decor fair that is popping up in New Preston, Connecticut on May 3.” There is early bird shopping and breakfast is available from 9 to 11 a.m. NOTE: The Green Vase paper flower workshop with Livia Cetti at 3 p.m. is limited to 15 people. For more information, or to purchase tickets, check their website: thetickingtent.com

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MAY 1

LGBTQIA+ Game Night

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

The David M. Hunt Library will partner with Out in the Corner to host a LGBTQIA+ game night on Thursday, May 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your own game, play one of the games provided, or just come to hang out. This program will be held monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Out in the Corner is an LGBTQIA+ coalition based in Litchfield County, CT, whose mission is to provide a safe and inclusive space for the LGBTQIA+ community to come together and share resources.

74th National Day of Prayer

War Memorials next to the Salisbury Town Hall, Salisbury, Conn.

The 74th National Day of Prayer at 6 p.m. in front of the War Memorials next to the Salisbury Town Hall. Community members will gather to pray for government, towns, families, businesses, churches, schools, military, and volunteer services. In the event of rain, the celebration will be held across the street in the Salisbury Congregational Church.

MAY 2

First Friday Music

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, May 2, at noon. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. For this month's program, cellist Hannah Alexander will play the music of Barton, Chopin, Couperin and Fauré. David Baranowski will accompany on piano. Free to the public.

Planter Pop-up

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

May 2 to 19. Local artists include Sarah Hazelke, Benjamin Clark, JRN Pottery, M Starr Studio, Alexis Tellefsen, Val Chan Eldridge, Sarah Mijares Fick, Karen Culbreth and Erica Recto.

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Ann Kraus: I Collect Clouds

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

Kraus's subject matter of skyscapes explores the intersection of memory, nature, and human emotion, inviting viewers to reflect on the connections between themselves and the environment.

On view May 2 to 30. There will be a reception on May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. and an art talk on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Where Have All the Wildflowers Gone? Restoring Healthy Woodlands with Dr. Bernd Blossey

Lovejoy Auditorium, Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y. or Online

At 7 p.m., Dr. Blossey will explore the complex relationships between native and non-native species and how we can make a difference by restoring healthy woodlands. Blossey will explain what individuals can do in their yards or woodlots, and how they can affect change in management of deer populations.

Register for the in person event at: www.eventbrite.com/e/where-have-all-the-wildflowers-gone-restoring-healthy-woodlandsin-person-tickets-1306917037039

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The Ticking Tent – Spring 2025

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Tickets on sale March 1 at Eventbrite.

Info & vendor list: thetickingtent.com @thetickingtent

MAY 3

Sharon Classic Road Race

Veterans Field, Sharon, Conn.

The 40th annual Sharon Classic Road Race, a 5.3-mile race, will be held on Saturday, May 3. Festivities and activities begin at 9 a.m., with the main race starting

promptly at 10:15 a.m. Proceeds benefit Sharon Day Care Center.

Discovering Cornwall's Apple Heritage Past, Present & Future

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

Come to Cornwall Library May 3 at 5 p.m. to hear about efforts to identify Cornwall's historic apple varieties. We will also discuss Cornwall's amazing history with apple cider history going back to the early 1800s. As a special bonus and a fundraiser for the Cornwall Library, we will have "ready to plant" four-year-old trees propagated from the only known specimen of a unique Cornwall variety, 'Burnham Sweet,' for sale after the talk. This is your one chance to plant a piece of Cornwall history in your garden!

Celebrating World Labyrinth Day

Copake Falls, N.Y.

On Saturday, May 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m., the World Labyrinth Day Walk for Peace will be celebrated with a facilitated labyrinth walk in The Universal Prayer Garden at Our Lady of Hope Church, 3084 State Rt. 22, Copake Falls, N.Y. The walk will be accompanied by live music, and followed by an informal gathering with refreshments. All are welcome; there is no fee or registration needed.

Last year's WLD included an estimated 5,000 participants in over 25 countries around the world.

MAY 5

Workshop to Manage Falls

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

The Housatonic Valley Health District is hosting award-winning program "A Matter of Balance," which helps older adults address and manage concerns about falling. The program will have a series of dates in May and June from 9 to 11 a.m. at 63 Main St. in Sharon. Registration is required by calling HVHD at 203-264-9616 or emailing cht@hvhdct.org.

MAY 7

The History of Beekeeping

The Torrington Historical Society, 192 Main St., Torrington, Conn.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 7. Free talk with Tammi Worsham of the Back Yard Beekeepers

Association on the evolution of beekeeping from ancient to modern times. Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/the-history-of-beekeeping-bees-in-connecticut-north-america-and-the-world-tickets-1302276296459

MAY 9

Student Art Show Opening

Standard Space, 147 Main St. Sharon, Conn.

A new Sharon Center School art exhibition titled "Dream Makers" opens Friday, May 9 at Standard Space. An opening reception will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, and the show will be on display from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11. Every SCS student will have work in the show.

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Hotchkiss Library Spring Soirée May 17

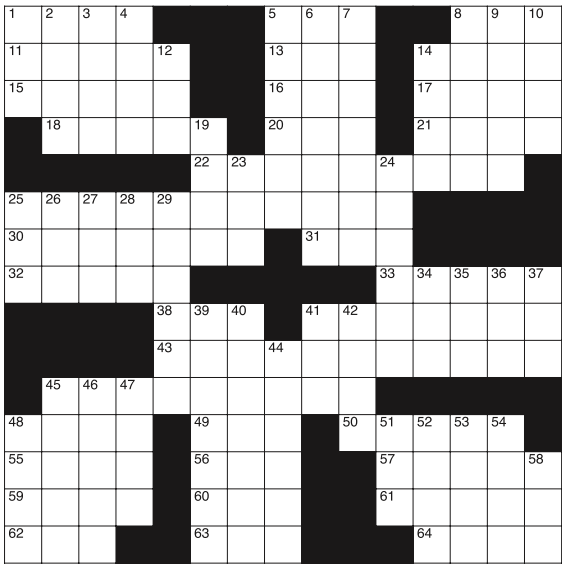
The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has announced the return of its Spring Soirée and Auction benefit, which will take place at the Sharon Country Club from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. The Library invites Northwest Corner residents to enjoy a lively evening while supporting its functioning and programming as a community hub. Fundraising covers 70% of the library's expenses, so sip on a cocktail or bid on one of the auction items, which include

artwork from Jasper Johns, Robert Kipness, Gail Rothschild and others. Jewelry, a dress designed by actress Gretchen Mol, and more experiential options such as a private garden tour or day out at Lime Rock Park will also be up for grabs, among other enticing opportunities. Tickets are available on the Library website at hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/annual-library-gala-auction/. For more information, call 860-364-5041.

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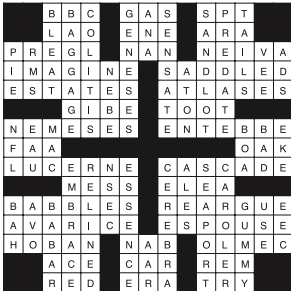
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- 11. Small growth
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- 14. Step taken when walking
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- 17. Feel pain
- 18. San Diego ballplayer
- 20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
- 22. Create again
- 25. Honors once more
- 30. Thin coating of gold
- 31. Welsh river
- 32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
- 33. Husks of corn
- 38. Green vegetable
- 41. Showing guilt
- 43. Soldier
- 45. Photographers
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- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Beverage container
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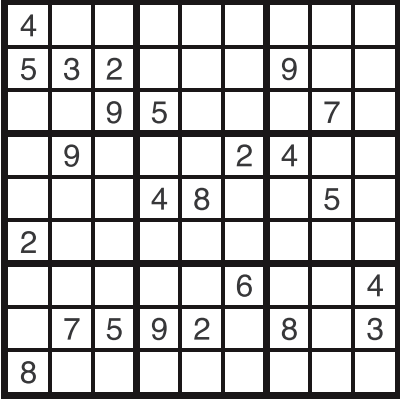
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- 29. French seaport
- 34. Thai river
- 35. Rocker's accessory
- 36. Extra charge
- 37. Influential American president
- 39. Pain in the head
- 40. Great Plains people
- 41. Consumed
- 42. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 44. Improves
- 45. Secret clique

- 46. Behind the stern of a ship
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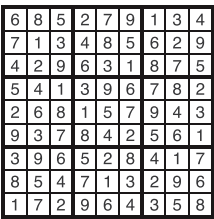
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Eichman was selected in recognition of her charitable work on behalf of Couch Pipa VFW Post 6851.

As a result of her volunteer work, VFW Post 6851 will receive \$1,000 from the GHAR Foundation.

For more than 16 years Wendy has volunteered with VFW and is a lifetime auxiliary member of the post. She created the Sunset Music Series, which includes local bands playing at the VFW every Thursday from June to August. The money raised aids in maintaining the VFW and the 181 veterans who belong to this post.



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