



Manny Matsudaira, left, and Tess Marks of HVRHS earned valedictorian and salutatorian in 2025.

Housatonic names Matsudaira valedictorian, Marks salutatorian

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Manasseh “Manny” Matsudaira of Cornwall is the valedictorian of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Class of 2025.

He has five siblings, and his mother Rachel works at HVRHS.

Matsudaira will attend Harvard in the fall. He plans to study economics along with environmental science and public policy.

He said the idea for the combination of disciplines came from his experience with the Envirothon and his

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Chuck Goldberg of Kent Affordable Housing leads a gathering at which Kent's nonprofits spoke about the missions of their groups.

Community groups showcase enduring commitment to Kent's future

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — Volunteerism is the engine that makes towns run.

Without the civic organizations whose missions cover a wide swath of objectives, communities would not be as rich and welcoming as they are.

This was apparent Thursday, May 1, as the Kent Chamber of Commerce gathered representatives from the town's nonprofits to

talk about the services and activities they offer. The discussion was led by Charles Goldberg, who said the purpose of the meeting was to let everyone know what each group was doing and encourage cooperation.

“There are wonderful outcomes when people get together to make things happen,” he said.

Goldberg was there as part of Kent Affordable Housing, which is now focused on a project to erect 13 rental units on a 1.59-acre parcel that was ceded to the group by the

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The Hydrilla Menace

Twin Lakes group buoyed by DEEP's green light of assault on hydrilla in 2025

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — The Twin Lakes Association is taking an earlier and more aggressive approach to fighting the spread of invasive hydrilla in East Twin Lake by dosing the whole northeast bay, from May through October, with low-level herbicide treatments instead of spot treatments.

The goal, said Russ Conklin, the TLA's vice president of lake management, is to sustain herbicide concentration over the 2025 growing season.

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A detail of a whorl of hydrilla pulled from the shallow waters at O'Hara's Landing Marina in fall of 2024.

South Kent's North Campus farm 'a center of innovation'

By Alec Linden

SOUTH KENT — It's standardized testing and exams season, and the South Kent School students are in the weeds — literally — of the budding agricultural program on the school's North Campus farm.

Half of the North Campus spring crew was waylaid by academic constraints during a visit to the school's redeveloping sustainable agriculture and culinary education facilities in the afternoon sunshine on the first of May. The four who came, though, were grateful for the chance to get outside and enjoy the physicality of farm labor.

Tenth-grader Gerd P., who joined the farm program for the spring term, said the hands-on work is a “great distraction” from the more bookish obligations of boarding school life. His mother is Indigenous Peruvian, from a family who farmed on the rockier, sandier



Gerd waters some new sprouts on the student-built grow tables with Vignesh and Chavka behind.

mountain soils of the Andes. He said that he appreciates getting in touch with the land as a connection to his mother and his heritage.

Head of School Brian Sullivan said that those connections to the earth, to the body, and to the phys-

ical product of the students' labor are sometimes difficult to cultivate in a traditional classroom setting. “We're letting the boys get their hands dirty,” he said.

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Wake Robin developers return with modified plan

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — At its April 28 meeting, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved a modification to a permit it issued last year for an application to redevelop the Wake Robin Inn.

It was the first public presentation of applicant ARADEV LLC's amended proposal since withdrawing its initial application to the Planning and Zoning Commission

in December 2024.

“Generally, it's a pullback in the intensity of development,” said Mark Arigoni, a Landscape Architect with SLR Consulting who has represented the applicant, ARADEV LLC, since its first submission. Arigoni said the new plans were meant to respond to calls from the public and P&Z to scale down and lighten the impacts of the project after an extended public hearing late last year.

The major changes include reducing the number of newly-built cottages from twelve to four. The event barn, which was a highly contentious aspect of the initial proposal, moved from its previous position as a standalone structure to instead being a part of the expansion of the existing Inn building. The spa building was adjusted so it sits closer to the main struc-

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Budget updates in Salisbury and Kent

Salisbury will vote on 2025-26 budgets May 14. Kent’s public hearing is May 15. 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.

Harassment arrest

On May 1, police took Alec Blume, 29, of Sheffield, Massachusetts, into custody at Troop B for an active arrest warrant. Blume was processed for violating C.G.S. 53a-183, Harassment in the second degree, and was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond. He was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on May 2.

Distracted driving utility pole crash

On the morning of May 2, Amy Jedlicka, 62, of New York City was driving southbound on Route 41 in Sharon near Rhynus Road. She bent down to pick something up from the floor, losing control of her BMW X3 and striking a utility pole and two bushes on a Rhynus Road property. Jedlicka was not injured in the accident, but the vehicle was disabled and had to be towed from the scene. Jedlicka was issued a written warning for failure to maintain proper lane.

Arrest from warrant yields additional warrant

While on patrol on May 2, troopers identified and arrested Taylor Wilson, 35, of North Canaan on an outstanding warrant. Wilson was found at an Ashley Falls Road residence and was taken to Troop B in handcuffs. Wilson was processed for an instance involving E. Caligari and Sons in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, charged with larceny in the third degree, and forgery in the third degree. During processing, troopers were informed that Wilson had an additional active warrant for violating probation. Wilson was released on a \$10,000 cash bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on May 23.

Home disturbance arrest

On May 3, troopers responded to a report of a disturbance on Aetna Lane in Norfolk. After investigating, the responding troopers arrested Eugene Harding, 51, of Norfolk for disorderly conduct. Harding was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on May 5.

Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society dinner

FALLS VILLAGE — The annual dinner meeting of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will be held Friday, May 16, at the Falls Village Fire Department building on Route 7 in Falls Village.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be paid at the door.

Reservations must be made by May 11 by emailing kay.blass@gmail.com or calling Kay at 860-824-7259.

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Millerton Street Fair planned for June 28

MILLERTON — Bringing together local nonprofits and businesses with families and neighbors, the Millerton Street Fair will be Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the village center.

“The Millerton Street Fair will celebrate everything we love about this community — its spirit, its dedication to service and its creative energy,” said James Clark, publisher and CEO of The Millerton News.

The event, hosted by The Millerton News with the support of North East Community Center (NECC) and the Millerton Business Alliance (MBA), will feature live music from John Stey from 10:15 a.m. to noon and the Resilience Brass Band from 12:15 to 2 p.m. Bee Bee the Clown will perform and make balloon animals while students from Webutuck High School will offer face painting.

Area nonprofits will have a spotlight on the lawn in front of the Millerton Inn and local retail and dining establishments will be open with special promotions. NECC’s Farmer’s Market will run during the event.

All are invited to enjoy a lively day on Main Street. For full event details, visit millertonnews.com/street-fair.



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Wedding announcement

Kristie A. Agar and James G. Koneazny of New Marlborough, Massachusetts, entered into the sacrament of marriage on Saturday, April 26, at the Koneazny family chapel. The ceremony was conducted by Traditional Catholic Bishop Loya from Mexico City. The couple are enjoying their honeymoon in the Caribbean.

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Rotary Clubs seek volunteers for May 17 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, Sharon and Cornwall, will focus on a food drive to fill the shelves at 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. on Saturday, May 17, at LaBonne’s Market in Salisbury and Stop & Shop in North Canaan.

Those who cannot volunteer time are asked to consider making a monetary or food donation. Contact Fran Chappell at 860-824-0597 or fchappell@comcast.net

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PHOTO BY KEVIN GALLIFORD
Heron Cove on Washining Lake, also known as East Twin Lake in Salisbury, recently sold for \$5.25 million.

Rare lakefront property on East Twin sells for record-setting \$5.25 million

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — A circa-1920 cottage farmhouse-style home with an expansive, 180-degree view of East Twin Lake and 497 feet of lakefront sold on April 30 for \$5.25 million, reportedly setting a record for the highest sale in Salisbury since August 2023 and the highest sale of waterfront property at the Twin Lakes according to SmartMLS data.

The sale also set a record for the highest in Litchfield County so far this year, matching a Roxbury property at 62 Davenport Road, according to Andrew Wood, vice president of public relations and communications for William Pitt-Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty.

The town's land records indicate that Kevin and Cara McCaffrey sold the property at 29 Morgan Lane, known as Heron Cove, to Anne Fredricks.

The 2,300-square-foot, 10-room, single-family home sits on just over an acre of land on a level, corner lot.

A team of realtors with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Salisbury handled the transaction. John Harney represented the buyer, and Mallett and Gignoux represented the seller.

Harney noted that the buyers own another house on Twin Lakes "and have come to love the lake and its community. When 29 Morgan became available," he explained, "it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase it and cherish the property as much as the previous owners."

The seller and new owner declined to comment.

Gignoux described the Morgan Lane property as "one of the most spectacular, older homes on the Twin Lakes. It's unique both inside and out. It has maintained its old-fashioned charm but has been updated for more modern living."

Heron Cove was originally listed for \$5,995,000 when it went on the market July 4, 2024.



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN
Storm damage
Thunderstorms over the weekend took down trees around Cornwall, causing property damage, as seen above, and road closures in certain areas May 4.

Sharon plants oak seedlings for inaugural Native Plant Month

By Riley Klein

SHARON — The early kindergarten class of Sharon Center School helped town leaders and environmentalists plant two white oak trees at the school Friday, May 2.

The planting marked the end of Sharon's first Native Plant Month, which took place in April. Bethany Sheffer of the town Conservation Commission suggested dedicating the month to native plants last year and submitted a proclamation to the selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen presented the signed proclamation to Sheffer at the site of the planting. First Selectman Casey Flanagan said, "It goes every April until eternity."

"Native plants adapted to this area. They are resilient," Flanagan explained. "It lessens our impact on the environment and at the same time creates habitat for pollinators, birds and game animals."

"There are so many smart and eager minds in this town who really are so ready for this kind of work," said Sheffer.

In addition to the select-



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN
From left, First Selectman Casey Flanagan, Selectman John Brett, Arborist Mike Nadeau, Bramble and Ian Brunell helped plant the oak seedlings May 2.

men and the Conservation Commission, Sheffer stated, "We were able to gain traction with support from the Sharon Energy and Environmental Commission, Inland Wetlands and local environmental nonprofit organizations such as the Sharon Land Trust and the Sharon Audubon Center."

Resident Ian Brunell donated the white oaks. He germinated the seeds with the help of his sons, Bramble and Pieter.

"We go around and collect seeds and then I have different setups at home for propagating different species," Brunell explained. With dozens of locally sourced trees growing in his yard, Flanagan asked if he would

consider donating some for Native Plant Month.

"We wanted it to be educational for the kids and the adults in town," said Flanagan.

Mike Nadeau, tree expert and member of the Energy and Environmental Commission, oversaw the digging, planting and watering at the school.

The compost came from Sharon Town Garage's heap, which is available to residents for pickup.

Early kindergarteners helped make sure the compost was filled with nutrients as evidenced by the presence of worms.

"That's a worm!" one student shouted.

"I wanna see it," remarked another. "Eww!"

"Oh, come on. They're delicious!" Nadeau declared.

Once planted, mulched and watered, the students rinsed their hands off in the water bucket and the tree was quickly protected with chicken wire before recess began.

As part of the education component of Native Plant Month, several informative workshops were planned. The final session will focus on herbicide-free invasive plant management. It will be held at Nadeau's home on 169 Bowne Road in Sharon May 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.



Protestors line the triangle in Cornwall Bridge May 3.

May Day in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, joined more than 100 protestors at the intersection of Route 7 and Route 4 for the May Day Rally Saturday, May 3.

"It is so nourishing to see so many people showing up and making noise ... at a time when our federal Administration is busy trying to tear us apart and tear us down," Horn said to the crowd. "Our job is not to do what we're told. Our job is to do justice."

Thousands of similar rallies were held nationwide at the start of May.

The gathering in Cornwall Bridge advocated for educa-



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN
State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) speaks on May Day.

tion, healthcare, minority groups, social programs, immigration and postal workers. It also protested the "billionaire takeover" in Washington D.C.

Holding custom signs, the group sang "This Land is Your Land" as passing vehicles honked in support.

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Sharon real estate sales

By Christine Bates

SHARON — Real estate activity picked up slightly in Sharon in March and April with seven real estate transfers recorded across a broad price range.

On the high end, a \$1.2 million purchase of a spacious home with acreage and on the low end, \$117,730 for vacant land.

Sharon's median price for a single family residence calculated on a rolling 12 month average is \$560,000.

Currently listed for sale are 19 vacant land parcels and 10 homes with a median price of over \$700,000. Inventory levels haven't risen yet.

Transactions

44 Jackson Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home on 19.41 acres sold by Estate of Jame E. Morehouse to Bad Boy Binx LLC for \$875,000 on Feb. 25 and recorded on March 3.

92 Amenia Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 0.48 acres sold by Ralph McDermid Jr. to Elizabeth Pallay for \$420,000 on March 4.

1 Jackson Hill Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath Cape Cod home on 0.47 acres sold by Kelly A. Hughes to Leslie



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1740 the antique cottage at 70 North Main St. is one of Sharon's oldest houses.

Moore Murray for \$450,000 on March 27.

38 Luta Heights — 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 13.9 acres sold by Robert Ritch and Ryocihi Saito to Veronica Relea for \$1,200,000 on March 26 recorded on April 1.

70 North Main St. — 2 bedroom/3.5 bath antique home on 0.75 acres sold by Janina Kean to Kari S. Englehart and Charles Brooks Englehart Trustees for \$685,000 on April 3.

2 Northrup Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath ranch on 9.24 acres sold by Candance D Hellman to Lisa Snow Naumann and Michael P

Naumann for \$730,000 on April 14

Lambert Road — Vacant land sold by Jeanette J. Dean to Myron S Rolfe and Bruce F. Tracy for \$117,730 on April 18.

**Town of Sharon real estate transfers recorded as transferred/sold between March 1, 2025, and April 30, 2025, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

Dunkin' receives Inland Wetlands approval

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — At the April meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission, applicants for a new Dunkin' store presented an updated plan.

The property location is across from Stop & Shop on Route 44. The application showed a roughly 2,000-square-foot rectangular building with 16 parking spots and a drive-thru.

Although about one-third of the parcel is wetlands, the Commission was assured that development would not negatively impact the wetlands. The proposal, aside from the addition of a rain garden, previously received approval from the Commission in 2013.

Due to the large percentage of wetlands on the property, Commissioner Matt Freund suggested consulting WMC Engineering for

a third-party review of the application.

Commissioner Mike O'Connor presented a previous approval letter from WMC Engineering back in 2013 from a review of the initial application.

After further discussion, IWCC approved the application as presented on April 24.

The applicants will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission at its next meeting Monday, May 12.

LEGAL NOTICES

BAUER FUND AND FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Through grants to colleges, The Bauer Foundation provides indirect scholarship assistance for undergraduate college education to students residing in The Connecticut Regional School District One based on merit and need.

The Bauer Fund operates in the same manner. However, grants from the Fund are limited to students attending either Cornell or Wellesley.

Students attending Cornell or Wellesley should apply to the Fund. All others should apply to the Foundation.

New and returning application forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available at: www.bauerfundfoundation.org.

Completed and fully documented applications must be returned to The Bauer Foundation at PO Box 1784 Lakeville CT 06039- postmarked no later than June 20 2025. Scholarship awards will be announced by August 20 2025.

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CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT WARNING

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Budget Meeting of the said District will be held

at the North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items:

1. To approve the District budget proposed for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by the Executive Committee of the District; and

2. To transact any other business proper to come before such meeting.

Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 9th day of May, 2025.

Anthony J. Nania Warden
05-08-25

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. 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. 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 #2025-0281 by UCE Fine Builders for vertical expansion of a nonconforming residential structure at 104 Interlaken Road, Salisbury, Map 39, Lot 17 per Sections 503.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 19, 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/. 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. 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
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF SALISBURY
WEDNESDAY,
May 14, 2025 -
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 of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Regarding a request for modification of an approved site development

plan associated with permit #2024-IW-028 by ARADEV, LLC for redevelopment and expansion of the Wake Robin Inn Property, Salisbury Assessor's Map 47, Lots 2 & 2-1 known as 104 & 106 Sharon Road and 53 Wells Hill Road, properties owned by Wake Robin, LLC and Serena W Granberry respectively, approved by resolution 11/26/2024 subject to conditions. Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (Commission) of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 28, 2025:

The Commission found that a proposed modified site plan by SLR dated April 22, 2025 demonstrates a reduction in overall impact within wetland and upland review areas and that none of the revised locations of the proposed structures/buildings cause greater impact to wetlands or watercourses than previously approved. Therefore, in accordance with the adopted resolution dated 11/26/2024, the Commission recognizes that proposed activities occurring farther away from the wetlands and watercourses shall either have the same or no greater impact on wetlands or watercourses. The Commission thereby approved the revised site development plan as a modification. All applicable conditions of permit #2024-IW-028 shall remain in effect.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

05-08-25

**Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses
Commission**

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (Commission) of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 28, 2025:

Approved - Application 2025-IW-052 by Anne Fredericks & Marc Fasteau for accessory building removal and associated site work in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 64 as lot 07 and is known as 29 Morgan Lane, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Cara and Kevin McCaffrey.

Approved - Application 2025-IW-053 by Joline Audet for a new pool and patio. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 03 as lot 14-6 and is known as 21 Greystone Lane, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Andrew C and Sarah B Elken.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF RICHARD MICHAEL METZGER
Late of Salisbury
AKA Richard M. Metzger
AKA Mike Metzger
(25-00162)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 22, 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:
c/o William Michael O'Donnell, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, 50 Leavenworth Street, P.O. Box 1110, Waterbury, CT 06702

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BARBARA B. BARTRAM
Late of Sharon
(25-00101)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF MARK JOSEPH GRUSAUSKI
Late of Salisbury
(25-00013)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 24, 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:
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70 Selleck Hill Road
Salisbury, CT 06068
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
05-08-25

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Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

OBITUARIES

Leon Norrod Graham

SALISBURY — Leon Norrod Graham was born in Mercedes, Texas, on Oct. 30, 1940. He passed away on Sunday, April 20, in Salisbury.

Leon's parents were Leon R. Graham and Mary Norrod Graham. He is survived by his brother, Sam, his niece Mary Louise Pozaric, her husband Nichola Pozaric and their two sons, Graham and Reese. His father graduated from college at 17 and went on to a long career in public education. He retired as an Assistant Commissioner of Education for the State of Texas. His mother, a graduate of Baylor University, held a master in Mathematics from the University of Texas and various elected positions in Austin and statewide teacher organizations. Leon followed in his father's footsteps by skipping the first grade and marching through elementary, junior high and high school with one A after another, no matter the subject. In 1957, when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the United States set up special six week courses in advanced mathematics that summer for rising high school students. Leon was one of 25 students selected from Texas for the program held at Rice University.

Upon graduation from high school in 1958, he was admitted into the prestigious

Plan II program at the University of Texas at Austin.

He graduated with honor degrees in history and journalism. He later earned a master's in history from Southern Methodist University.

In 1969, he relocated to New York City where he learned direct marketing at American Express. Subsequently he served as Executive Vice President at Columbia Record Club, moved to Scali McCabe Sloves where he assisted in setting up their direct marketing arm and from there became Executive Vice President of the BMG Record Club.

In 2004, following a major health crisis, he moved to Salisbury where, for several years, he was employed by The Lakeville Journal as an art, music, film and theater critic.

He was a Board Member of the Scoville Memorial Library and served a term as President of the Salisbury Forum.

He was very happy in Salisbury until his last years when recurrent health problems caused a diminution in his quality of life.

His family would like to thank the Noble Horizons Staff, the Hospice program that managed his last days and his long time care giver Mo Buri.



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 North Canaan, Connecticut. She was 94 and the loving wife of the late Paul William Sternlof, who died on August 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, Mark and Erika, 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, SC 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, Eleanor spent a decade

fulfilling her lifelong dream of world travel by visiting Peru, Cuba, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Finland, Hungary, Albania, Russia and more with a close-knit band of fellow adventurers. She moved back to White Hollow full-time in June 2020 and finally to Geer Village in October 2021.

Eleanor is survived by her children, Karl Sternlof (Ker-in 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.



Cynthia Gardner Smith

LAKEVILLE — Cynthia ("Cindy") Gardner Smith, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

Born Aug. 19, 1934, at Sharon Hospital, Cindy was the eldest of 5 children born to the late William B. Barnett and Mary L. (Tuttle) Barnett of Lakeville.

A life-long resident of Lakeville, Cindy graduated from both Salisbury Central School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School before earning her LPN degree at Yale New Haven Hospital. After graduating from nursing school, she worked at the Yale New Haven Hospital and Children's Hospital in San Francisco, California, in the labor/delivery department and the pediatrics department.

Upon returning to Lakeville, she worked for a time at Community Health Plan and as the school nurse at Indian Mountain School, retiring after 17 years of service with the school. In addition to her career in nursing, Cindy extended her expertise in the care and well-being of children by providing childcare to local families which spanned two generations

Cindy was a tenacious problem solver and an incredibly talented seamstress/ knitter who relished the challenge of anything that required manual dexterity

and skill. She enjoyed sailing her sunfish on Lakeville Lake, loved travelling, birdwatching, and gardening. Cindy was a life-long member of The Lakeville Methodist Church and very active in all aspects of the church. Cynthia was predeceased by her father (William B. Barnett), mother (Mary L. Tuttle Barnett), sister (Joan B. Loper), and twin brothers (William Barnett, Jr. and John Barnett).

She is survived by Clayton S. Smith, her devoted husband of 53 years, her son Darren G. Smith, brother Peter Barnett, sister/brother-in-law Marion and Fred Romeo, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m in Salisbury Cemetery. A Celebration of Cynthia's life will be held later that morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Noble Horizons, followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Community Room at Noble Horizons. Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor to the Lakeville Methodist Church, PO Box 648, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039.

To offer an online condolence, please visit www.ryanfhct.com



Richard M. Metzger

NORTH CANAAN — Richard M. "Mike" Metzger, 78, passed away Friday, April 4, 2025, at GEER Assisted Living, Canaan, Connecticut.

Friends may call Friday, May 16, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, Connecticut. www.ryanfhct.com

OUR TOWNS

Ensuring oral history endures at Housatonic

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Students in Peter Vermilyea's ECE American history class at Housatonic Valley Regional High School learn history first hand through the annual oral history project.

Many have read about the sinking of the Titanic in books, but one young woman in his class in 1999 was able to talk to a survivor, who was 6-years old at the time. "The only thing she remembered was that her stuffed animal fell into the water," recalled Vermilyea. Another teen got to speak with astronaut Alan Shepard.

He was part of a Zoom discussion on Tuesday, April 22, moderated by Judith Monachina, founding director of the Housatonic Heritage Oral History Center at Berkshire Community College in Massachusetts.

Most of the interviews in the early years of the program, which began when Vermilyea arrived at the school decades ago, had a bit more of a local flavor. Stu-

dents, who are juniors, would interview their grandparents or great-grandparents, or those they knew in their communities.

Vermilyea said one of his favorite images was one told to a student by an alumnus, who talked about walking home from high school in the 1940s and stealing warm pies that were cooling on a woman's windowsill. "Such stories allow the students to connect with the past. They can be hand-in-hand with actual history."

Vermilyea detailed the origins of the oral history program, noting the first year he used tape recorders and had the students transcribe the interviews, which they didn't enjoy at all. Yet, when he talked with the teens when they were seniors, when asked what they liked best about the course, they all replied it was doing oral histories. "Once they could reflect upon it, they realized they loved it."

Full story online at lakevillejournal.com

Sally Vagliano Pettus

SHARON — Sally Vagliano Pettus died peacefully at her home in Sharon, in the afternoon of Tuesday, April 22. She was surrounded by her husband, Peter Pettus, and her three sons, Josh and Ian Findlay, and Justin Vagliano.

Raised in Gates Mills, Ohio, Sally attended Laurel School followed by Sarah Lawrence College. After graduating college, she became a quintessential New Yorker, ultimately dividing her time between the city and her beloved second home in Sharon.

Sally was a creator. A massively prolific artist, she produced pieces large and small, bronze and oil, public and private. She has forest paintings hanging in some of the most influential offices in the world and imposing cast bronze leaf sculptures installed in public parks and private gardens. She also designed physical spaces. From her own artist's loft in Soho, New York, and cherished garden in Sharon, to her public-space designs that were considered for the 9/11 Memorial and a student center at the Indian Moun-

tain School, her range was awe-inspiring.

Sally was a fantastic cook, very rarely using a recipe, and relying instead upon her constant, spontaneous imagination. A charismatic host, she loved having family and friends for dinner, normally around a table that she had envisioned and realized.

Sally leaves behind her devoted husband, Peter; her sons, Josh, Ian and Justin; her stepchildren, Charlton and Cybele Pettus; and eight grandchildren, Nathaniel and Grayson Findlay, Will and Caroline Findlay, Andrew and Alec Vagliano, and Georgica and Harry Pettus.

Her legacy of creativity and inspiration will endure in all who knew her. A bright fire has gone out, and it will be dearly missed.

The family plans to hold a private service in the upcoming months. In lieu of flowers, they have asked that any memorial donations be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County (vnhlc.org) and to The Little Guild Animal Shelter (little-guild.org).

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Worship Services Week of May 11, 2025

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| Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org | The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442 |
| Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 | St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290 |
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| The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net | The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates! |
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Olympic Rings at Bergisel stadium and ski jump in Innsbruck, Austria.

From Central Europe to the Mediterranean

Thanks to funds raised by Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders, and with additional assistance from the 21st Century Fund and the HVRHS Alumni Association, 31 Housatonic Valley Regional High School students and seven teachers spent seven days during April break traveling in Italy and Germany.

We started right out of the gates in Munich, Germany's welcoming environment. Under the lead of our lively tour director, Artin, we explored Munich, seeing culture reflected in its people and beauty.

We then moved on to Dachau, a solemn but enlightening and historical place. For me and the other students, the camp wasn't just something to mourn but something to learn from.

Travelling south, we expected to wake up from naps in Austria but were surprised to still be in Germany. Our bus pulled up to Neuschwanstein Castle, a 19th-century palace that served as inspiration for Disneyland. This was an unexpected addition to our itinerary, courtesy of our chaperones, who helped us scratch off this bucket list destination.

We then visited Innsbruck, an Austrian city nestled in the Alps, to see the famous Bergisel Olympic ski jump.

Next, we found ourselves in Verona and then Flor-

HVRHS TRAVELOGUE AYDEN WHEELER

ence. In Florence, we stood in awe at the immense size of the Duomo, the Uffizi and the many statues scattered throughout the city, truly understanding that Florence is an artistic and architectural wonder in Italy.

We then journeyed to my highlight of the trip, San Gimignano, a hill town among the vineyards of outer Tuscany. Not many tours hit this city, making it void of tourist traps and crowding — just historical architecture, amazing views, and great food.

Ending off the week with the leaning tower of Pisa and then landing in Rome, seeing where Julius Caesar died and the Colosseum, was surreal to me and many others. We were all so grateful to the sponsors and fundraisers who put us on the planes, making it possible to experience these amazing opportunities.

Ayden Wheeler is a junior at HVRHS. His parents got engaged 30 years ago in Germany, and he was excited to visit the region where they had traveled. Ayden hopes to travel to France and England with the HVRHS International Travel Club next year.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Above the vineyards of San Gimignano, Italy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prayer Day gratitude

With grateful hearts, we offer our thanks to the wonderful Lakeville/Salisbury community members who came together on May 1 and celebrated the 74th National Day of Prayer.

From the glorious music and singing led by musician Michael Brown at the keyboard, to the heartfelt prayers given by community members, God's goodness, hope and encouragement was availed to all. We so appreciate all the participants, from different walks of life, who led prayers for the government, all fire, police, and emergency workers,

military/veterans, schools, churches, families, the arts/media, and businesses.

Thank you to those who took time out of their busy lives and came together as a community, united in prayer. Prayer is as vital to us now as it was to our founding fathers who prayed for God's wisdom in the forming of this great nation. As Pres. John F. Kennedy so eloquently said, "Let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking God's help and blessing."

Marcia and Paul Ramunni
Salisbury

Opinion



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After 100 days, Trump has totally outsmarted and outclassed the Democrats

After Donald Trump's first 100 days in office, he has totally outsmarted, outclassed and outplayed the Democrats.

For all Trump's myriad faults, the Democrats are worse. That goes for veracity, decorum, cognitive ability, fealty to democracy, hypocrisy — you name it.

The Democrats and media just gave us four years of the biggest con job of modern times — the coverup of a sitting president's unfitness for office. New books are showing just how bad Joe Biden really was during his shadowy term.

Trump, by contrast, is in front of the cameras every day. He never stops talking. He has remarkable energy, vigor, memory and acuity for 78. He has already answered more press questions in three months than Biden did in four years.

Trump exaggerates and self-promotes, but so do the Dems. Trump just lacks their political veneer. He's an honest liar, so to speak.

You know where he stands, and he delivers on promises. Regardless of how much he golfs, he gets more done each week than Congress does each year. Tee it up!

Trump is smarter than the Democrats. He learned a lot from his first term. The perpetual war waged against him is just as fierce this time around, but Trump was ready for it this time. He learned how to play the game.

That's why he and Elon Musk have taken a sledgehammer to government reduction and bureaucratic red tape. They have to. If they tried to cut incrementally, the Democrats would block every step.

Trump has also mellowed. He texts less and is more disciplined. And unlike Biden, whose strings were pulled by his staff, Trump runs his own team.

Like most Americans, Trump wants to fix tariff imbalances and trade deficits. The Democrats and press reflexively fight him

every step of the way. But new trade deals are in the works, and we just signed a rare-earth minerals deal with Ukraine. Trump is shaking up the planet. It needs it. The old status quo is out. Gaza as the new Riviera? Good idea.

On the border, the lying Dems insisted there was no crisis even as they let in millions of illegals. Trump fixed it in 100 days. Illegal entries are down by 99.9 percent! Order at the border - as promised!

As always, the Dems resist. They demand the return of a deported immigrant from El Salvador, claiming he didn't get "due process." Meanwhile, they support a liberal judge who just helped

another escape due process by allegedly sneaking him out of her Milwaukee courthouse to evade ICE arrest. That judge belongs in jail.

The Democrats are leaderless, rudderless and clueless. Their agenda is indefensible, so they just chant and scream and call Trump a dictator, fascist and Nazi. No substance, just noise.

All this sound and fury signifying nothing is why the Dems are hemorrhaging supporters. They're running on empty. Their old clichés don't work anymore. They're outplayed, outsmarted and outclassed.

Mark Godburn
Norfolk



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Puppy playtime

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — May 1900
SALISBURY — Billy Washington is the proud possessor of a new wheel.

Geo. McCann seems to be a successful fisherman. On Wednesday he returned from Twin Lakes with a fine lot of pickerel, which were estimated to weigh over 30 pounds.

The E.W. Spurr Co. have received from Prof. Tucker, the New York State Chemist, a certificate of analysis which certifies that Devoe Lead and Zinc is made only of lead, zinc, color, turpentine dryer and linseed oil; nothing else; no adulteration.

SHARON — Miss Nenah Ryan has lost a very valuable Angora cat. She would be very glad for any information concerning its whereabouts.

LIME ROCK — More than the usual amount of sickness has prevailed among our citizens this spring. Mrs. F. Brasie has been ill for some weeks from inflammation on the eyes, but is now around again. Frank Cashdollar is recovering from pneumonia. James Cummings has one of the regular grip colds which everyone has experienced lately. Victor Quillard, who has been afflicted with paralysis of the spine since last fall, remains about the same.

LIME ROCK — Michael Dunn and Miss Mary Malcuit were married last Thursday. The house on Elm Avenue, last occupied by Mr. Lamont, had been made ready and the young couple began housekeeping at once. Mrs. Dunn was taken sick with measles the following day, but is now recovering.

Many of our farmers have been plowing the past week.

The enumerators who will take the twelfth census will be required to wear badges, 60,000 of which have been ordered by the government. When you see a man approaching wearing on his breast a big German silver shield, surmounted by an eagle and engraved with the legend “United States Census, 1900” get down the family Bible and be prepared to give names and ages of your household on demand.

“Dick,” the family horse of W.B. Perry, died Monday morning in spite of great efforts to save his life. He was a faithful old steed, and has been owned by Mr. Perry for 19 years. His age was 21 years.

100 years ago — May 1925
Mrs. Ora Hoysradt has received word from the war

department at Brooklyn that the remains of her son, Sergeant William Ostrander, who was killed while in action in France, will arrive May 11th. At this writing it is not possible to announce any definite plans for interment.

The countryside is now presenting a very beautiful appearance in its new green dress with the floral trimmings of early spring. This is the time of year when one is glad to live in the country. The lawn mower is now taking its innings.

50 years ago — May 1975

Two men, one armed, held up the Edgewood Restaurant on Route 343 near Amenia Wednesday mid-afternoon, escaping with \$5,000. No injuries were reported. The New York State Police immediately set up road blocks in Amenia and on the Connecticut border and a helicopter scanned the area trying to locate a blue van allegedly used as the getaway vehicle. Connecticut police were assisting. The robbers were both believed to be about 5’ 11” tall and 180 pounds. They were wearing denim jackets, blue jeans, ski masks and gloves at the time of the holdup. As The Journal went to press the police, as one Amenia resident put it, were “hot on the trail of suspects.”

An overnight explosion of red algae in Lakeville’s Lake Wononscopomuc late last week brought residents to the lakeshore by the droves, curious to see for themselves the water’s condition. The reddish algae, which for a time late last week were the consistency of jelly or pudding, floated on the surface frightening many residents and fishermen, and even baffling and amazing state scientists who visited the lake Tuesday to take samples and water measurements.

Four Northwest Corner towns are expected to join forces shortly in the operation of two separate solid waste transfer stations. Salisbury and Sharon will cooperate in the use of a facility to be built by Salisbury on a tract acquired by the town of The Hotchkiss School on the west side of Route 41. Kent and Cornwall are in extensive discussions with representatives of the State Department of Solid Waste Management about building a transfer station in the vicinity of the present Kent town dump near the Cornwall-Kent border.

Carol Crawford, 12, is the first girl to ever make Mil-lerton’s Little League team. Coach Craig Summers said that she is “a good ball play-

er. If she wasn’t she wouldn’t have made the team.” He said that her teammates treat her just like any other player.

Lakeville firemen extinguished a fire last Wednesday evening in a bedroom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Metz on Smith Hill in Salisbury. The blaze reportedly started when a lamp fell over, igniting some bedding. It was confined to the master bedroom, which was extensively damaged, nearby rooms suffered some smoke damage.

The dog-gonedest things happen to a dog warden these days. The other day Salisbury Dog Warden Hezekiah Goodwin received a telephone call from Canaan Dog Warden Alfred Thomen about a dog marooned on an island in the Housatonic River. As First Selectman Charlotte Reid related the story, because the island was closer to Salisbury, the canine became Salisbury’s responsibility and Mr. Goodwin had to hunt up a boat and go after the creature. But by the time he got there the dog was gone.

25 years ago — May 2000

Work on the Holley House Museum has begun on a top-to-bottom renovation that will include structural work on basement floors, floor joists, columns and stone walls. Repairs will be done on the roof, chimneys, porches and wood siding. John Milton Holley, a wealthy industrialist, built the temple-fronted segment of the house in 1808-1809. It’s located a stone’s throw from the Salisbury blast furnace that he owned. The original wing of the house was built in 1768 for the furnace’s then-owner and iron master, Richard Smith.

During her visit to the state House of Representatives, Rachel Bronson, a sixth-grader at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, was struck by how chaotic the chamber was. “Everyone was talking at once,” she said in awe-struck tones. “I don’t think anyone was listening to the person that was speaking.” She also noted that “almost everyone in the room was talking on their cell phones.”

Status Report

SALISBURY — The Myers’ home in Salisbury was visited by a bear May 3 who ransacked a Honda Element. The bear was believed to be in search of food, drawn to the property by a compost pile and attracted to the scent of an empty pizza box inside the vehicle.

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School celebrated 50 years of coeducation last weekend, May 2 to 4. Women who have impacted the school’s legacy since 1974 were honored with exhibits, concerts, a documentary and a dinner at Fairfield Farm.

Hudson Valley Magazine named Elyse Harney Morris 2025’s top realtor. She was selected for “exceptional excellence in real estate.”

Scents and sensibility

You may have missed the barrage of television commercials dredging up one of our most intimate concerns — body odor. Often a music video featuring very active and sweaty people or a scientific-looking authority figure in a white lab coat informs us that perspiration oozes everywhere all the time. Underarm protection is not enough. Fortunately, there is a solution to this recently manufactured need: whole body deodorant.

Marketing strategies exploiting our insecurities and anxieties can be counted on to sell almost anything. Implying a sexual deficiency with a testimonial from a professional sports figure, usually male, is particularly effective. Often, the word “clinical” is bandied about before a disclaimer in tiny print informs us that there is no FDA testing or approval.

Playing on our deepest fears not only moves merchandise but also guarantees that very few will risk embarrassment and complain about a worthless product. When former Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson was hawking male enhancement pills I doubt that many men called the state attorney general’s office when results didn’t “measure up.” Sports personalities Doug Flutie and Frank Thomas promote a dietary supplement that’s been “clinically researched” to boost testosterone levels for men. The cringey tagline “...

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It is tempting to blame or credit modern technology and our moral failings for the plethora of dubious solutions to real and imagined problems. In fact, all of this has its roots in the late 19th century. Before social media, before the internet, before television, before radio ... there was Lydia Pinkham. The daughter of staunch abolitionists from Lynn, Massachusetts. Lydia Pinkham in 1876 pioneered mass marketing and the use of testimonials to sell Pinkham’s Vegetable Compound for menstrual and menopausal problems.

It was an herbal-alcohol “women’s tonic” dismissed as quackery by a medical community generally apathetic to women’s health issues. In fairness to Pinkham and other purveyors of so-called patent medicines of the era, what passed for prescription drugs were often not very effective and sometimes more dangerous than home remedies. But it was her marketing approach that changed everything.

Lydia Pinkham put her own likeness on the label and marketed directly to women. She solicited their concerns and opinions and incorporated them into her advertisements. Shining a light on women’s health issues won her a legion of fans and a lot of sales. A reformulated version, Lydia Pinkham Liquid Herbal Supplement, is still available today at CVS and Walgreens, \$17 at Amazon.

While body odor is generally considered unpleasant, sometimes our noses can mislead us. Conservatively, the underarm deodorant market is worth \$8 billion. Armpits are approximately 4% of our body surface so convincing people to use whole body deodorant increases the market to \$200 billion.

Now, take a deep breath. Smells like money.

M.A. Duca is a resident of Twin Lakes, narrowly focused on everyday life.

Who will he be? Papal thoughts

Little known is that you don’t have to be a priest to be the Pope. I have 18 years of Catholic education, six with the Jesuits, so why don’t I throw a red hat in the ring? I can wear a red sash, no, too Trumpian, with the best of them. And the red velvet shoes that the previous pope, Benedict XVI, wore, probably still wears, maybe not so much.

Years back, sitting in the lobby of the Palmer House hotel in Chicago with two pals, imbibing per usual, suddenly the noise shuts up. And in strolls the Cardinal, Francis George, with an entourage of young priests flanking him on all sides. Even those of us who thought he was an oppressive repressive yahoo were stopped in silence and awe. We were, somehow, in the presence of royalty. And quickly smoothly this presence became absence.

In 2024, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Cardinal Blaise Cupich who succeeded George. Cupich had hit 75 and was required to submit his resignation. The Pope is not required to accept it, which he did not. Blaise, a pretty cool dude. Uncomfortable in the Cardinal’s traditional mansion, right down the street from the original Playboy club, the ghost of Hefner striding the Gold Coast of Chicago’s wealthy self, Blaise did not live in the papal mansion as did George and his predecessors, but rather in an apartment, 945 square feet, in Holy Name Cathedral near Chicago’s Loop. Before being named Cardinal, Archbishop Cupich, in a first official act, visited three churches — one Black, one Latino and one Central European. Cupich was born into a Croatian family of nine and speaks six languages. So who will Blaise vote for? His saint’s name is after the patron of throat health. (My pal Patrick Lynch of Sharon had throat cancer earlier in his life and succumbed recently to various compli-

Sovereign State Lonnie Carter

cations.)

Will he vote for one of two African Cardinals, one a rabid homophobe or the other, Cardinal Antoine Kamabanda, who is Rwandan. The latter lost most of his family to the genocide of the Hutus by the Tutsis. (The Tutsis are tall, the Hutus are short, so of course the Hutus had to be exterminated.)

Or the Filipino, Luis Antonio Tagle, known as the Asian Francis. Luis has Spanish names, as do many Filipinos.

A close friend, steeped in Jesuiticisms, said — What did Francis, a Jesuit, do? Nothing for women, never explicitly promoting LGBTQ rights (“Who am I to say?” when asked about

gay priests, a quote quoted roundly round the globe.)

I, falling on the thorns of bleeding platitudes, responded, Don’t let the perfect be the enemy of the good. And Francis, by any account, was a good man.

I dare say we don’t want Our Dear Leader who is pictured dressed like the Pope. More to the point, his backside showing his corpulent handles swinging a golf club, his shirt hiked up revealing the tattoo with MS-13. That’s it! Send him to Cecot, the Venezuelan paradise, where Senor Garcia awaits, bolo in hand.

Not even Francis would wish that on him.

Eager to see the white smoke and hear Habemus Papam!

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

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Car carnage

A bear tore up the interior of a Honda Element on Saturday, May 3. See Status Report for more information.

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After a long winter, there are all sorts of activities offered for the nature enthusiast! Ripley’s Waterfowl Conservancy in Litchfield is now open to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This is a wonderful experience for the family to view birds from around the world! For more information, please visit www.ripleyconservancy.org/visit. Also, the Sharon Audubon is celebrating their annual Raptors and Riesling event on May 25th. This will be an opportunity to see their rescued raptors and hear their stories. For reservations, please go to: sharon.audubon.org/raptors-and-riesling.

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Honors

Region One Superintendent Award Winners

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PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Jerron Nirshel

Lee H. Kellogg School

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Jerron Nirshel has combined academics and sports for a successful career at Lee H. Kellogg School, resulting in his being this year’s Superintendent Award winner.

Nirshel, 14, the son of Harriet and Cris Nirshel, said physical education and math are his favorite subjects and all year he can be found on the sports fields, playing for the Region One soccer,

basketball and baseball teams. Asked about his favorite Major League baseball team, he said he doesn’t really have one. “I’d rather play than watch it,” he replied.

He gives credit to his parents for their encouragement in helping him succeed. He also pointed out he likes the smallness of Kellogg and praised his teachers.

Nirshel plans on attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the fall.

Katie Holst-Grubbe

North Canaan Elementary School

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The students of North Canaan Elementary School selected Katie Holst-Grubbe as the winner of the 2025 Superintendent Award.

A passionate creative, Holst-Grubbe excels musically as a saxophone player and singer.

In the school play, “Storybook Court: Full of Beans,” she played Little Red Riding Hood, the plaintiff’s attorney

in the trial of Jack and the Beanstalk.

As a member of student council, she has taken on a leadership role in NCES. In addition to promoting school events, Holst-Grubbe and other council members address topics of importance with Principal Beth Johnson each Friday.

She will attend Housatonic Valley Regional High School next year and plans to join the band, chorus and theater.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Alex Philipp

Salisbury Central School

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Eighth grader Alex Philipp is looking forward to meeting the other Superintendent Award winners later this month in “our big city of Litchfield,” as she put it with a wry smile.

“It just felt special” to be selected for the award she said, noting that it’s a selective honor. Philipp was selected for her leadership and talent both in and out of the classroom, remaining at the top of her class in all her subjects and excelling as a long term-member of the chorus

and as a first-year clarinet player in the school band.

She also plays softball and has just completed a second season ski jumping with the Salisbury Winter Sports Association. She enjoys the commitment of jumping: “You’re just placed in the track and it launches you.”

Philipp will attend Millbrook School next year, but has deeply valued her time at Salisbury Central School where she’s been a student since second grade: “We’re all close friends and we all get along,” which is somewhat unique, she said.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Noell Laurry

Kent Center School

By Alec Linden

KENT — Kent Center School Student Council President Noell Laurry feels that being a friendly face and accessible mentor is central to her role in student government.

“I want to be a person that younger kids can approach,” she said. “I like to reach out to kids in the younger grades,” she continued, even if “it’s just to say hi.”

On top of her government duties, she maintains a full schedule of extracurricular activities both in and out of school. She’s a three-sport athlete, playing tennis, soccer

and (her favorite) basketball, which she got into through her dad, she said. She has played alto saxophone since fourth grade, and been in chorus since fifth.

Laurry is also a painter, makes bracelets, and is involved in a book club at Kent Memorial Library. When she finds the rare free moment, she loves heading outdoors to get away from it all – “I think it’s really therapeutic.”

A K-8 KCS student, Noell is grateful for the Superintendent Award as a capstone for her long career at the school before she moves on to Housatonic Valley Regional High School next year.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Donald Polk III

Cornwall Consolidated School

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Creativity, charisma and courtesy exude from Cornwall Consolidated School’s 2025 Superintendent Award winner Donald Polk III.

Polk’s artistic nature has propelled him to impressive feats as a young man in the Northwest Corner.

Last year, at 13 years old, his acrylic paintings were displayed in an art exhibit at National Iron Bank in Cornwall Bridge.

Later in 2024 Polk’s viral saxophone performance of “Flight of the Bumblebee” racked up millions of views

on TikTok.

He continued to excel as a saxophonist this year, performing with Kent School’s jazz band in a concert April 22.

“We played ‘Spain’ by Chick Corea. We played ‘I Want You Back’ by the Jackson 5,” Polk said, adding that “I’m Beginning to See the Light” by Bobby Darin and “All-Star” by Smash Mouth were also on the set list.

Polk looks forward to attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School next year. He intends to continue his music career and also join the soccer, ski and track and field teams.



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Asia Haratyk

Sharon Center School

By Alec Linden

SHARON — Painter, actor, musician, polyglot and longboarder Asia Haratyk was “freaking out” when she heard she’d been chosen as SCS’ Superintendent Award recipient.

An eighth grader, she credits her teachers for helping her thrive and be herself during her three years at SCS and as she moves on to HVRHS next year. “These people brought me out,” she said.

A musical polymath, she’s played piano and saxophone for years and is just taking up the guitar, favoring jam-friendly tunes from bands such as the Grateful Dead. She’s also invested in the performing arts, having

played Donkey in SCS’s April performance of Shrek Jr. Additionally, she’s a portrait artist, having drawn, for example, a striking image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Coming from a Polish family, she still attends Polish Language School in New Britain on Saturdays, which she says is similar to her education at SCS but in Polish and with “way stricter” teachers.

Her bilingualism is important to her. She said she grew up hearing her mom say “Do wesela się zagoi,” an idiom which translates roughly to “it will heal by the wedding.”

“It’s telling you that you’re going to be ok,” she said. “I like it when people tell me that!”

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interest in conservation, the social sciences and economics.

“The economy and environmentalism sometimes clash,” he said. “I want to find a way to help them align.”

Matsudaira has been active in sports. He is captain of the tennis, ski and soccer teams.

On his experience at HVRHS: “It’s very welcoming. It’s an accurate slice of the real world, and what you can expect in the future.”

Matsudaira is also one of 621 semifinalists in the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from over 6,000 candidates expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2025.

Matsudaira said the letter he received said the finalists would be announced “in the next few months.”

Asked about what he does for fun, he rattled off extracurricular activities at school: Envirothon, Academic Bowl, band (he plays the euphonium, and the Night Choir.

He plays club soccer too. And this: “I love to cook”

He explained that his mother is of Italian descent and his late father was Japanese.

So he is working on a fusion of the two.

“I try” he said modestly. “It’s a difficult thing.”

Matsudaira credits his family’s support for his success. “I have good role models.”

And he gives credit to his faith: “God is an important part of my life.”

Salutatorian
Tess Marks of Salisbury is the salutatorian of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Class of 2025.

Marks will attend Tufts University in the fall. She plans to study theater and education.

Her parents are Kristen Neary and Keith Marks, and she has an older sister, Josie.

About the former discipline, Marks said she was introduced to theater at an early age, when Michael Baldwin, a family friend, organized acting improvisation activities at family gatherings. “That sparked it.” She’s been involved in theater since the third grade, she added.

As for wanting to be an educator, she cited her mother, aunt and grandmother’s careers.

“I see a lot of value in education. I’ve gotten a lot out of it, and I want to give back.”

Marks is busy at HVRHS, as class president, with the Student Government Association, and club soccer. She played soccer and lacrosse in previous years.

She recently cohosted the Battle of the Bands with Andy Delgado. Those two also revived a tradition of a completely student-run theater production, “The Unwritten Show.”

Asked what she does in her spare time, assuming she has any, Marks said she has a big family and she likes to spend time with them.

She is also a self-admitted bookworm. Her favorite book? “The Door” by Magda Szabo.

Asked about her experience at HVRHS, she said “There are so many opportunities here. And I think the community is so supportive. I’ve gone with the Travel Club to the Galapagos Islands and I’m going to Thailand. We couldn’t do that without the community.”

Superintendent Award Winners

Each spring, Housatonic Valley Regional High School students nominate two standout classmates for the Superintendent Award. This honor recognizes individuals for outstanding academic performance, commitment to school sports and clubs, and dedication to the community. Below are winners for 2025.

Khyra McClennon

HVRHS

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Khyra McClennon likes to say she transferred herself to Housatonic at the start of her sophomore year. A resident of Amenia, New York, she wanted to be part of Housatonic’s FFA program, so she made the switch and is very glad she did. “There are so many opportunities here,” she said. “And everyone was so welcoming; they went out of their way to greet me.”

McClennon, 17, is the daughter of Clara Lovell

and A.T. McClennon. She has been very active during her years at Housatonic as a member of the FFA, Student Government Association and the Healthy Women program. She participates in three sports: soccer, basketball and softball.

Among her favorite teachers are Lori Bucco and Julie Browning, while her favorite subjects are forensics and marine biology, so it’s no surprise she’ll be majoring in the latter next year at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.



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Katelin Lopes

HVRHS

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Katelin Lopes’ voice is well known throughout the school and the community. Her talent as a singer has been showcased in many performances and she’ll be continuing to pursue that area of study at Missouri State University in Springfield, majoring in a stage and screen program.

A resident of Falls Village and the daughter of Melissa and Manuel Lopes, the 18-year-old has been involved in many musi-

cal offerings at Housatonic throughout her four years, including the annual musicals, band, night choir and jazz band. She’s also played soccer and lacrosse, is vice president of her class and a member of LEAG. Her favorite course is music theory with Tom Krupa.

Lopes praises the school staff for being so flexible in allowing her to take time off to participate in musical opportunities.

“The teachers and administration really care for the students and serve as their advocates.”

Housatonic Valley Regional High School honor roll

FALLS VILLAGE — Principal Ian Strever announced the 2024-25 second quarter marking period honor roll at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

- Highest Honor Roll**
Grade 9
Parker Beach (Cornwall), Mia Belter (Salisbury), Lucas Bryant (Cornwall), Addison Green (Kent), Eliana Lang (Salisbury), Alison McCaron (Kent), Katherine Money (Kent), Mira Norbet (Sharon), Abigail Perotti (North Canaan), Karmela Quinion (North Canaan), Owen Schnepf (Wassaic), Federico Vargas Tobon (Salisbury), Emery Wisell (Kent).
- Grade 10**
Sophia Camphouse (Sharon), John DeDonato (Salisbury), Adelyn Diorio (North Canaan), Sydney

- Howe (North Canaan), Daniel Lesch (Cornwall), Finian Malone (Sharon), Meadow Moerschell (Kent), Jackson Olson (Salisbury), Logan Padelli (North Canaan), Ishaan Tantri (Salisbury), Ivy Zheng (North Canaan).
- Grade 11**
Lily Beurket (Cornwall), Olivia Brooks (Salisbury), Mollie Ford (Falls Village), Anna Gillette (Salisbury), Neve Kline (Salisbury), Alexa Meach (North Canaan), Ibby Sadeh (Falls Village), Celeste Trabucco (Kent) Silas Tripp (Falls Village), Alex Woodworth (Salisbury).
- Grade 12**
Tyler Anderson (Sharon), Zachary Bezerra (Kent), Bernice Boyden (Sharon), Daniela Brennan (North Canaan), Amelia Dodge (North Canaan), Madison Gulotta (Sheffield), Harper

- Howe (North Canaan), Tess Marks (Salisbury), Manasseh Matsudaira (Cornwall), Lola Moerschell (Kent), Diana Portillo (North Canaan), Olivia Robson (Salisbury), Gabriela Titone (Salisbury).
- High Honor Roll**
Grade 9
Krystin Ackerman (North Canaan), Travis Barber (Cornwall), Max Bochnovich (Salisbury), Nico Bochnovich (Salisbury), Logan Bronson (Cornwall), Zaira Celso-Cristobal (Sharon), Sadie Chapell (Salisbury), Tess Churchill (Salisbury), Niki Clark (Salisbury), Caitlin Devino (North Canaan), Louise Faveau (Salisbury), Celestia Galvin (Sharon), Samuel Garcia Pulido (North Canaan), Beatrice Gifford (Kent), Madeline Johnson (Salisbury), Marlow LaPointe

- (Falls Village), Ayden Lemmy (Falls Village), Paul Losh (Falls Village), Chase Lowell (North Canaan), Lily McCabe (Salisbury), Logan Miller (Falls Village), Bridger Rinehart (Salisbury), Vilija Salazar (Salisbury), Camila Sanchez Guerrero (Cornwall), Camdyn Tallon (North Canaan), Schuyler Thompson (Falls Village), Juliette Trabucco (Kent), Payton Wagner (North Canaan), Jessica Watkins (Kent), Olivia Whitney (North Canaan).
- Grade 10**
Bennett Wyatt Bayer (Salisbury), Selena Black (Cornwall), Georgie Clayton (Salisbury), Christian DeDonato (Salisbury), Natasha Dennis (North Canaan), Layla DiDomenico (Kent), Carmela Egan (Salisbury), Kellie Eiseremann (Salisbury), Levi Elliott (Millerton), Lydia Fleming (North Canaan), Grace Graney (Falls Village), Alexa Hoadley (Kent), Jonas Johnson (North Canaan), Aiden Krupa (Torrington), McKenzie Lidstone (Salisbury), Francisco Mendoza Ratzan (North Canaan), Daniel Moran (Norfolk), David Nam (Sharon), Gustavo Portillo (North Canaan), Rivers Richard (North Canaan), Darwin Wolfe (Falls Village), Nathan Zani (Ashley Falls).

- beth Forbes (Wassaic), Maureen Graney (Falls Village), Taylor Green (Kent), Chloe Hill (Salisbury), Adam Hock (Kent), Hannah Johnson (North Canaan), Madelyn Johnson (North Canaan), Delanie Keeley (New Marlboro), Madison Melino (Austerlitz), Ayden Wheeler (Amenia).
- Grade 12**
Lucas Caranci (North Canaan), Sidney Crouch (Cornwall), Dylan Deane (North Canaan), Tessa Dekker (Falls Village), Cole Dennis (North Canaan), Leah Drislane (North Canaan), Sara Huber (Salisbury), Dustin Kayser (North Canaan), Rosemary Koller (North Canaan), Kylie Leonard (North Canaan), Katelin Lopes (Falls Village), Khyra McClennon (Amenia), Jassim Mohyidin (Salisbury), Patrick Money (Kent), Mason O’Niel (Salisbury), Tristan Oyanadel (Falls Village), Wendy Santiago-Leyva (Salisbury), Elinor Wolgemuth (Salisbury).

- can (Salisbury), Wiley Fails (Salisbury), James Flores (Kent), Jasper Oyanadel (Falls Village), Marlene Perez (North Canaan), Carson Riva (North Canaan), Ryan Segalla (Salisbury), Alanna Tatro (North Canaan).
- Grade 11**
Peter Austin (Kent), Ev-eret Belancik (Cornwall), Carlos Castellanos Cruz (Falls Village), Ashton Cooper (Salisbury), Christopher Crane (North Canaan), Nicholas Gonzalez (Cornwall), Kierra Greene (North Canaan), Marc Hafner (Falls Village), Abram Kirshner (Kent), Riley Mahaffey (Amenia), Simon Markow (Cornwall), Isabella Pugo Dominguez (North Canaan), Deiby Romero Gualan (North Canaan), Gabriele Rooney (Falls Village), Melanie Rundall (Kent), Ava Segalla (Salisbury), Lauren Sorrell (North Canaan).
- Grade 12**
Brandt Bosio (Salisbury), Jake Bosio (North Canaan), Madeline Collingwood (South Egremont), Ian Crowell (North Canaan), Madison DeWitt (North Canaan), Rose Fitch (Cornwall), Ava Gandarillas (North Canaan), Abigail Hogan (North Canaan), Antonis Karampasis (North Canaan), Ellanor Karcheski (North Canaan), Jonathan Leal-Santiago (North Canaan), Kyle McCarron (Kent), Ledvia Orellana-Lemus (North Canaan), Olivia Peterson (Sharon), Taylor Terwilliger (North Canaan), Emil Urbanowicz (Cornwall), Jayme Walsh (Salisbury), Abigail White (North Canaan), Junxin Zhang (Kent).

NCES second trimester honor roll

NORTH CANAAN — North Canaan Elementary School released the honor roll for trimester two of the 2024-25 school year.

- Highest Honor Roll**
Grade 8
Elexis Petkovich
Grade 7
Eden Rost
Grade 6
Finley Lemon, Grady Morey, Rylan Soule
Grade 5
Charlene Crane, Myles Shippa
- High Honor Roll**
Grade 8
Maria Arango Agudelo, Jessica Davis, Destini Dingee, Lainey Diorio, Lyla Diorio, Carter Finney, Au-

- brey Funk, Sophia Funk, Ryan Hinman, Katelyn Holst-Grubbe, Ava Humes, Riley LaPlante, Tyler LaPlante, Sofia Paz-Cortez, Roshwen Rivas, Olivia Simonds, Justin Sorrell
- Grade 7**
Greyson Brooks, Marris Christiansen, Sarah Devino, Marius Flunory, Paige Holst-Grubbe, Taylen Leonard, Henry Perotti, Isabella Portillo
- Grade 6**
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- Grade 5**
Kane Ackerman, Charlotte Finney, Ella Joseph,

- Bailey King, Jackson Odell, Brooke Stevens, Bowen Wilson
- Honor Roll**
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- Grade 7**
Sergio Cruz Rodriguez, Landyn Dingee, Jheric Espinoza Romero, Ayden Gow, Jackson Holst-Grubbe, Hayden Larsen
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Cornwall apple tree investigation bears fruit

By Robin Roraback

CORNWALL — Attendees of Cornwall Library’s apple history talk Saturday, May 3, had the opportunity to take home a piece of town history.

The talk, titled “Discovering Cornwall’s Apple Heritage: Past, Present, and Future,” was given by three local apple detectives whose efforts successfully reproduced a heritage apple tree unique to town.

Peter Del Tredici, a horticulturist retired from Harvard where he worked in the Arnold Arboretum and the Harvard Forest, and Ian Ridgway and his father, Gordon, of Ridgway Farm, shared their findings before guests were able to buy the unique trees.

Inspired by a book titled “Uncultivated” by Andy Brennan, the Ridgways began searching Cornwall for old apple varieties, also called heritage apples, to grow and use in their future cidery.

Ian explained that in colonial times, “Cider was vital to survival,” since water was often nonpotable. Records indicate Cornwall, a town of about 1,500 people at the time, produced 1,500 barrels of cider in the year 1800.

In early America, apple varieties became localized to states and regions. Cornwall developed its own unique heritage apples over time.

In the 1880’s apple varieties from Europe began to be imported. This caused the market to be driven to specific varieties, ending the hyper-localized varieties.

Then, during Prohibition thousands of apple trees were cut down due to the alcohol content of hard cider, making the older varieties hard to find.

In the group’s search for Cornwall apple varieties, they have discovered “Bald-



Jane Bevens, of Cream Hill, with her young Burnham Sweet tree that she bought at the lecture May 3.

win’s, Maiden’s Blush, Esopus Spitzenburg, Fameuse, St. Lawrence and Transcendent Crabapple.”

Del Tredici said that DNA can’t be used to identify apples, since they are all hybrids made from grafting. Apples could have DNA from their root stock and from the scions — cuts from the growth of the tree — taken from other trees, resulting in no pure strain.

In Maine, more apples survived through Prohibition. John Bunker of Fedco Nursery, known as “the Sherlock Holmes of Maine apples,” began to hunt for the old varieties. He authored the book “Apples and the Art of Detection.”

“He’s an icon,” said Ian. If Ian, his father, or Del Tredici have an apple they can’t identify, they send it to Bunker.

A very old apple tree on Cream Hill had Del Tredici puzzled. The apple was bitter. “I was not impressed by it.” He noticed that it “had fruit very late in the fall and one year on Jan. 27 there were still apples falling from it. On Christmas of 2015, it still had apples.”

Even Bunker could not identify it. In 2020, Del

Tredici took some scions to Bunker for propagation.

Referencing old books, such those by the American Pomological Society and the Connecticut Agricultural Board and old nursery catalogs, they began with location, Cornwall.

Examining the traits of the apple including color, size, productivity, flavor, and how long it keeps, they finally identified the tree as Burnham Sweet, named for Oliver Burnham, a revolutionary war soldier, who had lived on Rattlesnake Road.

T.S. Gold of West Cornwall propagated, introduced, and named the Burnham Sweet apple. It was recorded in 1869 at his farm.

The old tree is on its “last legs now” said Del Tredici. But it will now live on in the trees grafted by Bunker.

Twenty-seven young Burnham Sweet trees made the trip down from Maine. Five of them went to Ridgway Farm, one is to be planted at the Cornwall Historical Society. Others were sold after the lecture to benefit the Cornwall Library.

The Burnham Sweet’s return to Cornwall was welcomed.

P&Z to audit plans for Pope property

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — The Pope Land Design Committee is preparing plans for the proposed Pope Land affordable housing development for a state-mandated review by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The 8-24 review, in which P&Z determines if a proposal is in alignment with the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development, is required for any proposed sale, lease, or major use alteration of municipally owned land.

Jocelyn Ayer, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, presented a plan for next steps for the project at the

Committee’s May 1 regular meeting. She said the P&Z audit is an important step to take before expending resources in developing a full permitting application.

The review will examine the general proposed usage of the land, which in the case of the Pope Property is a combination of affordable housing — leased, owned, or a combination of both — recreation and conservation.

Once P&Z issues its report, the Board of Selectmen will call a Town Meeting for residents to vote on whether to allow the sale or lease of the land for the proposed usage.

Committee Chair Ray McGuire cautioned that vot-

ers may be wary of voting on a proposal with such limited detail, but Ayer reassured that this process is not without precedent in Salisbury — both the Undermountain Road affordable homes site and Dresser Woods development have undergone the 8-24 referral.

“The detail will come,” said Ayer, explaining that the full permitting applications before P&Z and the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commissions will follow the 8-24 process, outlining the site and proposal specifics. She emphasized that the referral and initial town vote are preliminary steps, and the public will have many more opportunities to provide input throughout the process.

The Committee is awaiting the results of a study — commissioned by the LCCHO and conducted by wildlife biologist Michael Klemens, who also chairs Salisbury’s P&Z — on the state-listed wood turtle habitat before it finalizes the usage proposal to present to the selectmen.

Ayer said the turtle study is set to be completed in June. She suggested the Committee present its usage recommendation to selectmen over the summer, so it can then refer the project proposal to P&Z for 8-24 review by the fall.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said he would relay the updates to his board so that it is ready to act when the time comes.



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Hotchkiss Library Spring Soiree set for May 17

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has announced the return of its Spring Soiree 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 at hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/annual-library-gala-auction/. For more information, call 860-364-5041.

CAMPUS FARM

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

The crew, plus Chavka, Sullivan, and Sullivan’s son and dog, in front of the barn which houses the kitchen.

He noted that 2025 is a ripe year to experiment with alternative learning models. “There’s such an opportunity to rethink and re-envision” what an academic curriculum should look like, he said. “I whole-heartedly believe a high school education is so much more than just science and math.”

The North Campus farm was originally bought for the school 12 years ago by two anonymous alumni who helped spearhead and develop the facility and program as “a center of innovation,” said Sullivan.

After years of student-led growth, the farm was productive and even possessed some livestock, however the COVID-19 pandemic and administration changes in the school caused farm operations to fall by the wayside in the years after 2020, said North Campus Director and Assistant Dean of Students Richard Chavka.

Chavka has been with the farm since its inception and said he found a ready partner when Sullivan took over duties at the school in 2023. Chavka remembers speaking to Sullivan about the possibilities of the 128-acre plot of land that extends down to the northern shoreline of Hatch Pond. “We’re really sitting on a gold mine out here — why don’t we take another shot?” the two had wondered.

The rebuilding process is well underway, which Chavka said has been an exercise in problem solving and adaptation, largely led by the students themselves, which has been a boon to the operation because, in Chavka’s words, “these guys are pretty smart.” Chavka said that it’s important that the farm grows on its own — and the students’ — terms: “It’s going to grow organically, no pun intended” The operation is currently seeking an official organic designation from the Northeast Organic Farming Association.

Two greenhouses, which Sullivan and Chavka said were impenetrably choked with weeds a year before, are now clear and orderly. One of them houses a neat array of grow tables and raised beds — all student built — sporting sprouts and some healthy-looking carrot and spinach plants, irrigated by a

drip-timed watering system that was also designed by the North Campus team.

Vignesh P., who has had some agricultural experience at home in India, said that his favorite part of the spring North Campus curriculum was actually building the tables and beds in the greenhouse. He enjoyed the tactility and clear sense of purpose the build brought, which school Director of Communications Sarah Chase said is a core motivation of the North Campus program.

“When students take charge, they’re not just managing a task—they’re collaborating, adapting, and creating something together that didn’t exist before,” she said. She explained that the core ethos of the farming and culinary instruction curriculum is for the students, by means of collaboration and leadership initiative, to learn “to do right by the land and by each other.”

“It’s amazing to see your labor get finished,” said George W., a 10th grader from Hong Kong whose urban upbringing was far removed from the food production industry.

George is transferring next year and is disappointed he won’t be able to participate in the North Campus’ “plow-to-plate” programming that will be ramping up next year. Besides growing and harvesting of food, the other half of the North Campus’ mission focuses on cooking it.

Hidden inside a formidable barn-like structure is a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen that will host classes and programs teaching South Kent students about culinary arts and the farm-to-table restaurant business. The school has been hosting Friday night culinary sessions where local chefs, school staff and other food-service professionals lead workshops for the students.

As crop growing scales up, produce picked just outside the door will be used in these sessions. Chavka eventually plans to start supplying the school dining hall, as well as local food banks. Having a service element “is really important” to the broader purpose of the North Campus as not just a school resource, but one that benefits the whole community.

WAKE ROBIN

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ture and further from the wetland.

After presenting the updated plan, the Commission levied several questions towards the applicant regarding the new project. Commissioner John Landon noted that the new cottages look larger than those initially proposed. Stephen Cohen, of ARADEV, confirmed that they are approximately 2,000 square feet, compared to the previous buildings which topped out at around 1,100 square feet.

After several other questions regarding storm water management, a state-listed

species relocation, and alterations to the cottage parking and access schemas, the IWWC concluded its examination. Chair Vivian Garfein clarified that the IWWC was reviewing an alteration, not a new application.

“We are not reissuing a permit,” she said, “We are asked to approve a minor modification that we have already approved.”

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the modification. ARADEV was to reappear in the town Zoom room on Monday, May 5 to present its modified application to P&Z.

HYDRILLA

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That plan of attack will continue over a period of 60 to 90 days beginning May 21, Conklin explained during the association’s April 30 membership meeting via Zoom which drew 60 attendees.

TLA officials were encouraged by the chance to stop the spread and hopefully destroy the thick mats of the unyielding invasive plant hydrilla verticillata, referred to as the Connecticut River variant, after two years of chasing new growth around the lake’s north bay.

Dense patches were first discovered in the summer of 2023 in shallow waters around O’Hara’s Landing Marina and the nearby state boat launch and the plant has since migrated further into East Twin, following a pattern of boat traffic.

Past treatment efforts were hampered by delayed permits from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to treat the hydrilla with herbicides in an area where a rare plant had been identified.

This year, the TLA was granted an exception by DEEP, said Conklin, as any protected plant species in the path of hydrilla would likely

not survive anyway.

“It is not dead now, but it is going to be if we don’t do something about the hydrilla.”

“This is a big year for us,” Conklin said. “Hydrilla is a real threat to the lake, and we did treat it this past year, but the permits only applied to the plant, so we spot treated it ... and were always chasing it.”

The course of action this year, he said, is to treat the entire northeast bay with the herbicide Sonar in both liquid and crystal form at a very low levels so that the herbicide’s contact time with hydrilla will be extended for a longer period over 60 to 90 days.

“We know from past experience that it is much easier to kill the plant when it’s small,” Conklin explained. The goal, he said, is to attack the stringy, green weed before August when it crowns and splits into numerous growing points that are capable of growing at the rate of an inch a day.

During the hour-long meeting, discussion also focused on a pilot program for enhanced cyanobacteria monitoring at Twin Lakes to be headed by TLA director

Jessica Swartz, a resident of West Twin Lake and biotech executive with Pfizer.

“It’s very visibly challenging to identify cyanobacteria blooms,” Swartz explained, as it can easily be confused with pollen on the surface of the water, dead vegetation or different types of algae.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, are natural, important phytoplankton in lake ecosystems. Dense blooms, which release toxins, occur when there is an abundance of sunlight, elevated phosphorus levels and warm temperatures.

Given the current escalation in overly-nutrient rich waterbodies and rising temperatures due to global climate change, the frequency of cyanobacteria blooms is increasing, said Swartz.

As a result, the association will be implementing a pilot testing program with greater frequency and at more locations than currently conducted by the TLA’s limnologist, George Knoecklein. The goal of the pilot program is to work out the process of collecting reliable data over time that helps inform whether cyanobacteria blooms are occurring, where they are most frequently found, and

assess the level of risk.

Sample test kits have been ordered for five or six testing sites across East and West Twin, including at the private Salisbury School.

TLA president Grant Bogle invited Swartz to give an update at the association’s upcoming June 14 meeting at Camp Isola Bella.

Despite rising lake management costs projected at \$500,000 this year, Bogle reported that the TLA is in strong shape financially heading into the 2025 season, as it received another \$75,000 grant from DEEP and \$25,000 from the Bates Foundation to support the Watershed Study.

The town of Salisbury has earmarked \$75,000 for Twin Lakes this season, said Bogle, and the TLA membership has “responded generously” contributing more than \$300,000 since August 2024 when the group started its 2025 fundraising campaign.

Bogle also encouraged members to attend the May 12 meeting of the Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, which is expected to address proposed changes to the Upland Review Area encompassing the town’s lakes.

VOLUNTEERS

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town. The land sits adjacent to Kent Commons and the design will consist of one building with an elevator.

Members of the Kent Garden Club described how they work to beautify the town by putting plantings around the Civil War monument and the welcoming signs at the four entrances to the village, among other initiatives. When president Nancy Schaefer said the club was established in 1933, that led to a friendly competition as to which organization was the longest standing.

Sarah Marshall, executive director of the Kent Memorial Library, spoke about the renovation and expansion project for which the groundbreaking is expected this fall. The plan is to annex the old firehouse next door, where an 80-person community room will be placed upstairs, as well as two small meeting rooms. The aim of the Kent Community Nursery School, located in the parish house of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, is to bring play and nature back to early childhood, said Anna deRham, co-director.

The Kent Art Association, which hosted the event, has monthly shows featuring a host of mediums. It was established in 1923 by nine well-known artists. The gallery on South Main Street was

once part of the old Kent Inn and was moved to its current site in 1976. High Watch Recovery Center was founded in 1935, serving those with alcohol and drug addiction.

“We got this,” exclaimed K.C. Compton, who serves as parish secretary at St. Andrew’s, referring to being the oldest organization in the room. It is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. “We really want to become a community hub, where everyone is welcome,” she said.

The Kent Lions Club is 48 years old, said President Karren Garrity. She said it basically helps fund such

causes as the environment, cancer and eyesight. “We hold events to raise money so we can give it away,” she said. Connie Manes, executive director of the Kent Land Trust said that group doesn’t just protect nature, but seeks to engage people. It owns or has conserved 12,000 acres.

The Kent Chamber of Commerce runs a community calendar to let residents know where and when events are happening, which helps to prevent conflicts. Its not just about promoting businesses, but bringing people and nonprofits together to make Kent a destination

point, said its members.

While the Kent Historical Society is not 200 years old, said curator Marge Smith, it is the repository of 250 years of documents and information. The Kent Quilters use their talent to create quilts that help raise funds for nonprofits.

Others who were in attendance were representatives of the Eric Sloane Museum, Trades Up, whose goal is to get youngsters to use hand tools, Kent Curiosity Lab, an enrichment program for Kent Center School students, and Kent Dispatch, an online community newspaper.

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EDUCATION: LEILA HAWKEN

Troutbeck Symposium 2025: the latest chapter in continuing a vital legacy

Students and educators from throughout the region converged at Troutbeck in Amenia for a three-day conference to present historical research projects undertaken collaboratively by students with a common focus on original research into their chosen topics. Area independent schools and public schools participated in the conference that extended from Wednesday, April 30 to Friday, May 2.

The symposium continues the Troutbeck legacy as a decades-old gathering place for pioneers in social justice and reform. Today it is a destination luxury country inn, but Troutbeck remains conscious of its significant place in history.

A showing of student artworks within the theme of linking the past with the present opened the symposium on Wednesday evening. Each work of art had to draw on historical research to foster an informed dialogue between the artist and the contemporary audience.

The second day was devoted to student research presentations, showcasing teams from the region's leading public and private schools with strong programs aimed at cultivating engaged young historians. Primary source materials and live interviews with descendants were included in the process.

Topics were divided into blocks with guest commentators providing reactive response as each block of student presentations concluded. Serving as commentators were Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Ohio State University, and Dr. Christine Proenza-Coles, University of



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN
Participating students and teachers gathered for the traditional photo at the 2025 Troutbeck Symposium on Thursday, May 1.

Virginia. Resistance in the face of oppression and stories of resilience that spanned generations formed an important theme as students presented the stories of area settlers and residents who suffered but endured.

As a sampling, The Taconic School teamed up with The Salisbury School to unearth untold stories of Boston Corners. The Hotchkiss School looked into the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Connecticut. The Cornwall Consolidated School students stepped up with their untold stories of early Cornwall women.

Other presentations explored criminal justice — witchcraft trials — dealing with society's "undesirable" elements, individuals in history who took action, people and movements that formed resistance, and various forms of discrimination.

Praising the work of the students, Dr. Jeffries identified a theme of resistance and survival. "The war ended but the resistance did not,"



A panel discussion among educators whose students had participated in the 2025 Troutbeck Symposium was held on Friday, May 2, to offer reflections on the symposium, its value and future development. Panelists from left to right were Jessica Jenkins, Litchfield Historical Society; Wunneanatsu Lamb-Cason, Brown University; Morgan Bengal, Old New-Gate Prison; Frank Mitchell, Connecticut Humanities; and student representatives Dominik Valcin of Salisbury School, and Shanaya Duprey of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Jeffries said. "We don't take indigenous people seriously," he added. "White supremacy happened in our own back yards."

"We saw the evolution of research," said a Cornwall Consolidated School representative.

That project moved into civic engagement by the students that moved beyond the classroom. "This is not the past; this is part of the present," said Dr. Proenza-Coles.

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN
Terence S. Miller, owner of Roaring Oaks Florist in the new self-serve area of the shop.

BUSINESS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Roaring Oaks Florist launches self-serve flower market

Just in time for Mother's Day, Roaring Oaks Florist in Lakeville has launched a new self-serve flower station next to its Main Street shop, offering high-quality, grab-and-go bouquets from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week — including Sundays when the main store is closed.

Owner Terence S. Miller, who bought the shop 24 years ago at just 20 years old, calls the new feature "a modern twist on an old-school honor system," with some high-tech updates. "We're still using our same high-end flowers, just with less mark-

up and no labor," said Miller. "That way people can access our quality anytime, even if we're closed." Tucked beside the shop's main entrance at 349A Main Street next to The Boathouse, the self-serve area is partitioned and monitored by security cameras. A simple touchscreen checkout system lets customers pay with a credit card — no cash accepted — and includes photo prompts to make selection easy. Vases, ribbons, flower food, and care instructions are all stocked and labeled.

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The third day invited area history educators to assemble and share ideas for redesigning elements of history education, a day of reflection.

The panel included Jessica Jenkins, Litchfield Historical Society; Wunneanatsu Lamb-Cason, Brown University; Morgan Bengal, Old New-Gate Prison; Frank Mitchell, Connecticut Humanities; and student representatives Dominik Valcin of Salisbury School, and Shanaya Duprey of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Valcin reflected on his work as a shared project within The Salisbury School, one where the inquiry would seek to find “the deeper story behind a base story.”

Duprey also spoke of process and the educational value of engaging with historical inquiry.

Each representing a profession that brings them into contact with historical inquiry, the panelists recounted

tedious history classes of past decades. Jenkins described her own career as “public history.” Lamb-Canon’s experience began with choosing history electives in college. Bengal spoke of community engagement and the power of involvement with history.

“History is not the opposite of scientific inquiry,” said Bengal.

Significant discussion centered on the possibility of offering the Troutbeck Symposium model to a wider audience of school systems throughout the U.S.

“A community approach to education,” was a characterization offered by Troutbeck owner Charlie Champalimaud, commenting during a brief interview at the end of the symposium on Friday, May 2. She encouraged a push toward increasing even more the number of participating schools, their educational communities and symposium sponsors.

MUSIC: BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Third graders enjoy classical treat at Music Mountain

Region One third grade students attended a chamber music concert by Bard Conservatory of Music students at Music Mountain Tuesday, April 29.

After expending spare energy racing around the Music Mountain lawn, the children trooped into the concert hall and took their seats.

After a brief introduction from Bard’s Mira Wang, the first item on the program was a string quartet, playing a piece by Haydn.

The students also heard a solo rendition of medieval songs played on the alto trombone, an unusual instrument.

The annual third grade concert is a tradition that stretches back decades at Music Mountain. It’s a treat for the children, and for the music students, who get to experience the incredible acoustics of the Music Mountain concert hall.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A string quartet opened the Bard Conservatory of Music program for Region One third grade students at Music Mountain. Two flutists performed later in the show.



FILM: MIKE COBB

Legendary music supervisor Randall Poster presents film series at Triplex in Great Barrington

What do the films of Martin Scorsese, Richard Linklater, and Wes Anderson have in common? Great songs carefully curated by music supervisor Randall Poster.

Poster’s expertise in choosing just the right music helped make Larry Clark’s “Kids” and Wes Anderson’s “The Royal Tenenbaums” pop. In a recent interview, Poster explained how he got into music supervision.

“It was born out of an ambition to make movies. Growing up with Todd Haynes, Richard Linklater and Wes Anderson was really the foundation of my career.”

From May 9 through May 11, Poster will be presenting a series of films where he served as music supervisor. He will discuss the films before or after screening. Tickets are available at www.thetriplex.org.

On Friday night, May 9, there will be two films about hotels: Sofia Coppola’s “Somewhere,” and Wes Anderson’s “Grand Budapest Hotel.” Saturday features include “American Graffiti” and “School of Rock.” On Sunday, “Mean Streets” and “The Wolf of Wall Street” by Martin Scorsese will be shown.

About “Mean Streets”, Poster said, “Scorsese’s



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Randall Poster, celebrated music supervisor.



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THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Ancram Center for the Arts marks 10 years with 2025 season

Ancram Center for the Arts is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025 with a season as bold and intimate as the visionary theater-makers it champions. Under the guidance of co-directors Jeffrey Mousseau and Paul Ricciardi, the Center’s milestone season delivers a compelling mix of premieres, residencies, and site-specific performances designed to surprise, move, and connect.

The season opens June 28 with “Real People Real Stories,” the Center’s signature storytelling series where neighbors share unscripted, heartfelt tales. The series will be kicking off the season at Roe-Jan Park and closing it on November 22 back at the Center.

In July, the Center presents the regional premiere of “Where the Mountain Meets the Sea,” written by Jeff Augustin with music by The Bengsons. A lyrical and emotional journey across time and terrain, the play follows a Haitian father and his son on parallel road trips across America. Originally produced by Manhattan Theatre Club, the Ancram production runs July 11 through July 20 and is directed by Christopher



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Grace McLean in “Penelope.”

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On August 2, the Center pulls out all the stops with a 10th Anniversary bash at The Farm at Pond Lily in Elizaville, promising festive surprises and performances in a picturesque setting.

Then, August 7 to 10, Plein Air Plays 3.0 returns with three original, site-specific short performances staged in secret locations across Ancram, where natural landscapes become integral to the storytelling. This inventive tradition showcases the adventurous spirit at the heart of the Center’s programming.

Two original works

developed through Ancram’s Play Lab Residency anchor the late summer and fall. “Blue Cowboy” (August 16 and 17), a solo piece written and performed by Obie-winner David Cale, follows a New York screenwriter’s surreal encounter with a mysterious rancher in Idaho.

“Framed” (Oct. 19), a new musical by Ancram local Mary Murfitt with music by Murfitt and Pam Drews Phillips, dives into a true crime tale of love and betrayal.

The season closes with “Penelope” (Sept. 19 through 28), a haunting and humorous musical



Jeff Augustin, author, “Where the Mountain Meets the Sea.”

reimagining of Homer’s “Odyssey” told through the eyes of the woman left waiting. With music and lyrics by Alex Bechtel, and a book by Bechtel, Grace McLean, and Eva Steinmetz, Penelope stars McLean fresh off her star turn in Broadway’s “Suffs,” in her first full theatrical performance in the title role.

Celebrating a decade as a haven for artists and audiences alike, Ancram Center for the Arts continues to push boundaries while staying rooted in community. Tickets and details are available at www.ancramcenter.org.

...Roaring Oaks

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“We’ve tried to think of everything people might need,” said Miller. “It’s all about making great flowers more accessible without losing what makes Roaring Oaks special.”

Miller said the idea came from years of watching customers try to squeeze in a visit before or after hours. “We’re open 8 hours a day, but we’re here for almost 10, and it still isn’t enough. People are always showing up after we close,” he said. “This way we can be ‘open’ more hours without adding staff.”

Though he considered making the space available 24/7, Miller ultimately decided against it. “We didn’t want to encourage late-night tampering,” he said, noting the shop’s proximity to local bars and restaurants.

Miller’s journey into flowers was unexpected. As soon as he could get his farming papers at 12 years old, he started working at Silamar Farm in Millerton. Alongside its produce, Silamar’s was one of the first farm stands in the area to sell fresh cut flowers. Miller began growing and bundling cut flowers for city-bound customers. “By 16 I needed a year-round job, so I applied to every florist around. I just had a knack for it,” he said. After a stint in Rhinebeck, he returned and bought Roaring Oaks from its previous

owner.

In the decades since, he’s built a reputation for quality and creativity. The shop’s flowers are sourced from around the world, particularly Canada and South America, though Miller is committed to supporting local growers wherever possible, especially for summer offerings and weddings.

“We’re hoping to feature some smaller farms in the self-serve section this summer,” said Miller. “DIY weddings have taken off, and people don’t always realize the benefits of buying local. Cold chain is everything. The flowers we source come straight from the airport to the wholesaler and right up here. That’s how we keep them fresh.”

Roaring Oaks also offers consultations and bulk flower discounts for events and weddings, a service Miller hopes more customers will discover through the new self-serve setup.

After 50 years in business, and nearly a decade at its current Lakeville location, Roaring Oaks continues to evolve. “This September marks my 25th year,” said Miller. “I’m always looking for ways to make people happy. Flowers should be simple, joyful, and accessible. That’s what this is all about.”

For more information or to plan your Mother’s Day bouquet, visit Roaring Oaks Florist at 349A Main Street, Lakeville.

...Randall Poster

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use of popular music created a pivotal moment. He really decided to forego an original score and populated the movie with great rock’n’roll songs that don’t play nice. It had a rock’n’roll attitude and an anti-establishment vibe. That film influenced every generation of filmmakers. It really opened the door to try to push the boundaries of the musical component of movies,” he said.

Poster also selects music for TV series and oversees all musical aspects from choosing and licensing existing music to collaborating with composers to create original scores. For example, Poster worked with Mark Mothersbaugh of Devo to develop the score to Wes Anderson’s “Rushmore.”

He works closely with directors to hone their vision but doesn’t always pick music for directors, which is a common misconception.

“My job is to be the person with whom the director can discuss the music, imagine a music strategy and then work together to execute it. I’m by the director’s side presenting different op-

tions or perspectives and trying to find the most perfect piece of music to accompany and support the story. As you edit the film, you get a sense of what the film is looking for,” he said.

Poster has worked on “The Crossing Guard,” “Velvet Goldmine,” “Rushmore,” “Boys Don’t Cry,” “Meet the Parents,” “The Royal Tenenbaums,” “The Aviator,” “The Squid and the Whale,” “Zodiac,” “I’m Not There,” “Up in the Air,” “Joker: Folie à Deux,” among many other films and television shows including HBO’s

“Vinyl,” which was produced by Martin Scorsese and Mick Jagger.

About working with Jagger, Poster said, “He turned us on to some songs that are lesser-known. One of the great joys of music supervision is getting to the roots of whatever music it is that we’re thinking about.”

Most recently, Poster worked on a documentary about Pee Wee Herman directed by Matt Wolf due out in May on HBO. Always an eager listener, Poster has a wide range of tastes.


“It all depends on what era I’m living in at the moment. Oftentimes I’m in the 1930s or the 1950s. This week, I just was listening to a lot of Aretha Franklin’s early Atlantic Records,” he said.


“I spend a lot of time looking for music, listening to music, storing music and learning about music. I still enjoy listening so much, and it’s been my abiding passion. As long as I’ve been digging, I’ve made discoveries over a long period of time,” he added.



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MAY 8

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.

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 an art talk on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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.

MAY 10

World Migratory Bird Day at Sharon Audubon

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn.

Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Bird tours 8 to 9 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m.). Free event with bird tours, kids’ activities, live music, artisan vendors, bird of prey demo, and more.

Registration: sharon.audubon.org/events | 860-364-0520 x115

Reflections: Growing Up

The Sharon Historical Society & Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

11 a.m. to noon on May 10. Reflections: Growing Up – The Sharon Historical Society & Museum hosts an interactive program by the CT Museum of Culture & History featuring music, images, and objects from the 1940s–60s to spark memories and conversation. Especially welcoming to those with early to mid-stage dementia.

Surviving Wall Street

Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad St., North Canaan, Conn.

Author Scott Bok in conversation with Politico editor Peter Canellos about Bok’s new book “Surviving Wall Street: A Tale of Triumph, Tragedy, and Timing” Tickets: canaancentennialtheatre.thundertix.com/orders/new?performance_id=3152408

MAY 12

“The Catskills Come to the Berkshires” Gala

Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.

A special evening featuring the documentary The Catskills, live music, and food to benefit Congregation Ahavath Sholom’s historic synagogue roof restoration campaign. Tickets: thecatskillscometotheberkshires.eventbrite.com

Info: info@ahavathsholom.com

MAY 15

Film Screening: Uprooting Addiction

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

On Thursday, May 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., join us for a screening of Uprooting Addiction, a locally-produced film exploring trauma, addiction, and recovery. A panel discussion with the producer and local organizations will follow. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Sponsored by Greenwoods Counseling and the Regional Opioid Response Fund. Refreshments provided.

Live Well with Diabetes Workshop – Torrington

Hungerford Center, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington, Conn.

Free 6-week workshop for adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes. Thursdays, May 15–June 19, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hungerford Center, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Space is limited—register at 860-496-6676 or Carla. Angevine@hhchealth.org.

MAY 16

Grand Opening Celebration

Lakeville Books & Stationery, 329 Main St., Lakeville, Conn

Lakeville Books & Stationery will host a Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, May 16th from 4 to 6 p.m. Free embossing with purchase of any Leuchttum1917 notebook. Refreshments.

Historical Society Annual Dinner

Falls Village Fire Department, 188 Route 7 S, Falls Village, Conn.

This year’s annual dinner meeting of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will be held Friday, May 16, at the Falls Village Fire Department building on Route 7 in Falls Village. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be paid at the door. Reservations must be made by May 11 by emailing kay.blass@gmail.com or calling Kay at 860-824-7259. Come early to buy tickets for the varied raffle items available.

Blue and Gold Student Art Show

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS, Falls Village, Conn.

Blue and Gold Student Art Show at Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS. Reception 4 to 6 p.m.; awards at 5 p.m. Free admission. Artwork for sale to benefit the Art Department. Quilt raffle by Sharon Woman’s Club. Over 80 students exhibiting.

MAY 17

Hunt Homegrown Plant Sale

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

Sat. to Sun., May 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plants from local growers, including vegetables, flowers, and houseplants. Proceeds benefit the library and HVRHS.

Info: huntlibrary.org | 860-824-7424

Plant Sale

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

The Douglas Library of North Canaan will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will feature flowers and vegetable plants as well as hanging baskets from Freund’s Farm Market and geraniums for HVRHS. We are also seeking plant donations; please leave your potted plants behind the library prior to the sale. There will also be a \$5 bag of books sale upstairs in the library during the event. All proceeds benefit the library. Call 860-824-7863 for more information.

Last week’s WotW

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Word of the Week

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

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- 2. Jedi powers
- 3. Mechanical dance move
- 4. Charitable gift giver
- 5. Students receive school awards

Lilac Fest 2025

WILDSEED Community Farm, Millerton, N.Y.

Celebrate spring with a day of community, nature, and learning at WILDSEED! Enjoy workshops, storytelling, and hands-on activities honoring our connection to the land.

Get Involved: Join the planning team, host a workshop, become a vendor, or sponsor the event.

Friday, May 16: Lilac-Focused Community Work Day

Saturday, May 17: Lilac Fest (Main Event)

Sunday, May 18: Private Lilac Brunch (Invite-Only)

Info & Partnerships: monti@catalystcollaborativefarm.com

MAY 21

All Pro Dads Group

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

Wednesdays, May 21, June 18, 6 to 7 p.m.

Calling all fathers and father figures! Bring your kids (ages 3-12) and join Project SAGE for a free, fun night of pizza and activities. Register online or by phone at 860-364-5041.

MAY 23

Happy Hour Piano Series: Jennifer Hill

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

Join us in the mural gallery for an early evening of live music, art, and mingling. Piano music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dazzle Camouflage

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

A group show curated by ceramic artist Caitlin Rose Sweet, the show explores how queer artists “use abstraction as a way to weave between legibility and the safety of coded language to create new meanings.” The artists in the show work in a variety of media rooted in craft and are all based in the Hudson Valley. Artists: Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo, Saffronia Downing, Alex Patrick Dyck, Maria Molteni, Libby Paloma, Heather Renee Russ, Caitlin Rose Sweet, Becca Van K. Opening Reception Friday, May 23, 5 to 7 p.m.

MAY 24

Fine Art Festival

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

The Voice of Art is organizing its fifth annual outdoor juried fine art show, “Fine Art Festival”

Sharon on the Green (formerly, Litchfield Art Festival). This show is free and open to the public Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fine Art Festival will be a highlight for art collectors and residents from the Tri-State region, New England and beyond.

MAY 26

Pine Plains Presbyterian Church Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains, N.Y.

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains will host its Annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025 - at the Church, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains. Pick up will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The menu will consist of 1/2 a barbecued chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Each dinner is \$18, and 25% of the profit after expenses are paid will be donated to local food pantries - the Pine Plains Community Food Locker & Willow Roots. For reservations, call or text the Church at (518) 398-7117.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Two-person German submarine
- 6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
- 9. Database management system
- 13. Vertical position
- 14. American jazz singer Irene
- 15. Ancient Greek City
- 16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry
- 17. Japanese seaport
- 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 19. Assigns tasks
- 21. Beloved type of cigar
- 22. Discounts
- 23. Cambodian communist leader Pot
- 24. Important football position
- 25. Kilometers per hour
- 28. Lentil
- 29. Extremely angry
- 31. Yellow-flowered European plant
- 33. American state
- 36. Some are made by rabbits
- 38. Express with a head movement
- 39. Affair
- 41. Cured
- 44. Youth organization
- 45. 18-year astronomical period
- 46. Automobile
- 48. Focus a shot
- 49. The NFL’s big game (abbr.)
- 51. Mouth
- 52. Infections
- 54. Curved pieces of a horse collar
- 56. Shameless
- 60. Assist in escaping
- 61. Capuchin monkey genus
- 62. Cold wind
- 63. Retired Brazilian NBAer
- 64. Tropical Old World tree
- 65. Bulgarian city
- 66. Speak indistinctly
- 67. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 68. Between-meal sustenance

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- 9. Lacking a plan
- 10. Spill the beans
- 11. Some is “heavy”
- 12. One who has been canonized
- 14. Indicate times
- 17. Greeting
- 20. Broadway actor Josh
- 21. Seashore
- 23. Indicates before
- 25. Electrical power unit
- 26. Destitute
- 27. Drags forcibly
- 29. Impropriety
- 30. Word forms
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Neither
- 35. Computer language
- 37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)
- 40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 42. A promise
- 43. Challenges

- 47. Official
- 49. People living in Myanmar
- 50. Notable tower
- 52. Type of sword
- 53. Vaccine developer
- 55. Listing
- 56. Summertime insects
- 57. Concluding passage
- 58. Guitarist Clapton
- 59. Damp and musty
- 61. Central nervous system
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National Day of Prayer

Mary Davis, left, co-organizer for the National Day of Prayer Team and Father Dennis of the Parish of St. Martin of Tours in Lakeville, Canaan, Norfolk and Winsted, were at the National Day of Prayer held outside the Salisbury Town Hall in front of the War Memorial on May 1.

Cornwall thanks emergency responders to March car crash

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — About 50 community members gathered at the Parish House of United Church of Christ Sunday, May 4, to recognize the heroic efforts of first responders.

Twelve certificates of appreciation were presented to volunteers and neighbors who aided in the rescue of a driver from a burning vehicle on Route 7 in late March.

The crash occurred when a driver struck a utility pole March 29, resulting in a car fire and exposed live wires.

Nearby residents were the first ones on scene, acting fast to pull the driver out of the car.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, “With such little time to spare, any less effort probably would have made this a very different story.”

More than 60 people responded that day. The 12 citations were presented on behalf of the larger community effort to save a life.

At the gathering in the Parish House, attendees enjoyed pizza, soda and neighborly conversation.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, left, presents a certificate of appreciation to CVFD President Dick Sears.



Eric Sloane Museum opens for season

Historic artifacts, tools and craftsmanship are once again on view at Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, which reopened Saturday, May 3, with demonstrations led by wood-carver Rick Liegl, at left, and blacksmith Ian McCarthy, at right.



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