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

NWCT facilities brace for fallout from nursing home worker strike

By Debra A. Aleksinas

More than 5,700 caregivers at 51 Connecticut nursing homes have threatened to strike if an agreement between the state's largest health care workers union and state officials to boost workers' starting pay to \$25 per hour, is not reached by May 27.

While the strike, affecting 26% of the state's nursing homes, would not directly impact non-unionized nursing facilities in the Northwest Corner, including Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Geer Village in North Canaan and Sharon Center for Health & Rehabilitation, operators are bracing for repercussions in the job market should the unionized workers prevail.

The strike deadline, originally set for May 19, was pushed back after Gov. Ned Lamont sent a request on May 8 to Rob Baril, president of SEIU 1199NE, asking the union to "strongly consider" postponing the original strike date for a few weeks until the state budget process reaches a resolution.

Union workers agreed last Friday to an eight-day postponement. "It is likely that the budget process will be resolved for at least a couple of more weeks, and until that time it is impossible to provide the assurances necessary to allow providers to make commitments to employees, collectively bargained or otherwise," noted Lamont.

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

From left: General Contractor David Jones, State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Foundation for Norfolk Living Director Kate Briggs Johnson, Connecticut Department of Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno, and Project Architect Paul Selnau attended the groundbreaking May 9.

Affordable housing development breaks ground in Norfolk

By Alec Linden

NORFOLK — The groundbreaking ceremony for Norfolk's Haystack Woods net-zero affordable homeownership development was a celebration of tenacity and cooperation that even pouring rain couldn't dampen.

The rain that fell on Friday, May 9 was the all-day, drenching type, though the Foundation for Norfolk Living and Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity

were well prepared for inclement conditions.

Foundation Director Kate Briggs Johnson and LCCHO Director Jocelyn Ayer stood under umbrellas at the site, directing visitors to take a turn around the property in their cars before heading down to the Norfolk Hub for the speech portion of the ceremony.

The site sits on a cleared patch of land surrounded by the thick forest on the slopes of Haystack Mountain. The 10 homes that will

populate the clearing — currently marked by rectangular plots of concrete or gravel set in tiers on a gentle slope — will be powered by on-site solar that will also charge backup batteries in case of a grid

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Heather Mathews, Reading Specialist at Sharon Center School, seated before her book bus, The Roving Clover, reads "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn, to Blake Davis, center, and Eloise Gers-tle. Mathews takes the bus to local events and gives books away.

The Roving Clover brings books to children

By Robin Roraback

SHARON — Like a pied piper, Heather Mathews and her little green bus, The Roving Clover, attract children and their parents wherever they go.

When parked at the Sharon Green recently, children and moms appeared within minutes. Mathews is a reading specialist at Sharon Center School.

"The Roving Clover's mission is to promote literacy by providing

young readers with free books; no matter income or zip code." She has given away thousands of books.

"I heard from many parents asking for help to close the learning gaps created after COVID-19. I met with children on their porches and in their garages, always lugging materials in my large L.L. Bean bags," Mathews said.

She got the idea to create a mobile classroom with organized materials.

Mathews began to hunt for a suitable bus. A friend told her about a bus in Maine.

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Housatonic Valley Regional High School is located in Falls Village.

Region One budget approved

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One 2025-26 budget passed a referendum vote Tuesday, May 6, by a vote of 403-72. All six Region One towns voted in favor of the budget proposal. By town: Cornwall 49-12; Falls Village 40-16; Kent 90-17; North Canaan 40-13; Salisbury 135-3; Sharon 49-11.

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

The assessments for the towns will be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salisbury Forum reflects on pervasive loneliness

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Writer, podcast creator and relationship theorist Casper ter Kuile spoke at the Salisbury Forum May 9 to offer his insights on the modern loneliness crisis, delivering a stimulating talk on how the ancient act of covenant may offer a salve for increasing social disconnect in the United States.

The evening was hosted at Salisbury School's Miles P.H. Siefert '53 Theater.

Early in the presentation, ter Kuile related an anecdote from his youth at a boarding school: "Being in this beautiful school campus is reminding me a little bit of that childhood." He said he was an "awkward" child when he was around 10 and struggled with friendships with his classmates.

As a solution, he developed a

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Online This Week

Project SAGE receives Purple Ribbon Award
Alliance for HOPE named Project SAGE the “Youth Initiative of the Year.” More at lakevillejournal.com

Sharon sets mill rate at 11.15
A Town Meeting Friday, May 9, approved Sharon’s 2025-26 budgets. More at lakevillejournal.com

Inland Wetlands reviews sidewalk proposal
A new sidewalk along Route 41 in Lakeville is in the planning stage. 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.

Driver flees after crashing on package store property

At approximately 6 p.m. on May 8, Michael Ouellette, 60, of Lakeville was driving westbound on Route 44 in downtown Lakeville in a Ford F250 carrying an unknown passenger. Ouelette attempted to make a left turn and swung wide, sideswiping a utility pole and damaging several property items owned by Lakeville Wine and Spirits, including its lawn, sign, a flood light and a barn door. Ouellette then parked in the package store parking lot and fled the scene. Troopers were eventually able to make contact with Ouellette and issued him a misdemeanor summons for evading responsibility resulting in property damage and failure to maintain lane.

Pedestrian struck on 44

Gary Dycus, 79, of New York, New York, was traveling east in a Ford Explorer on Route 44 near the intersection with Brook Street in Salisbury on the evening of May 4. After rounding a bend on the dark and wet roads, he saw a pedestrian in the middle of the road and tried to stop but was unable to do so in time. Hudson Demmert, 18, was struck by the vehicle, and was transported to Sharon Hospital for evaluation of suspected minor injuries. Witnesses stated that Demmert was behaving erratically in the middle of the road, and that his friends attempted to remove him from the roadway before he was hit.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with “police blotter” in the subject line, to editor@lakevillejournal.com

Local leaders hear testimony of ‘rural healthcare crisis’

By Alec Linden

LITCHFIELD — Joanne Borduas, President and CEO of Community Health and Wellness Center, had an urgent message for Northwest Connecticut leadership at the May 8 meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments:

“We need to sound the alarm on rural health.”

The Community Health and Wellness Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center, commonly known as a FQHC, which is a federal qualification given to certain healthcare organizations in regard to the quality of services, community-oriented approach, and accessibility for all patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Community Health and

Wellness Center, which has locations in Torrington, Winsted, and recently North Canaan, is one of 17 FQHCs in the state and the only one in the region.

While presenting to the assembled officials, Borduas said that her organization, like many others, is facing critical financial threats due to widespread federal cuts under the Trump administration.

Community Health and Wellness Center receives approximately 30% of its payroll through federal grants and has already had to cut back on some of its central programming, including suspending its dental services.

Borduas described Community Health and Wellness Center as an indispensable resource for Northwest Con-

necticut, a region that she described as experiencing a “rural healthcare crisis.”

“Access issues and unique challenges in rural areas lead to poorer patient outcomes compared to our urban counterparts,” Borduas explained. She said those challenges are especially acute given heightened risk factors in many rural communities, such as increased socio-economic disparities, economic downturn, elderly populations who wish to remain at home as they age, and funding and resource scarcity for healthcare facilities.

Around 500,000 people benefit from community health centers across the state, she said, of which some 300,000 are covered by Medicaid, a program which is threatened with major cuts.

Medicaid is “not just low income,” Borduas said, but helps vulnerable populations like young adults recently off their parents insurance, single mothers and the elderly.

Borduas encouraged COG members to make their voices heard both in their communities and in Hartford: “We need to eliminate barriers to healthcare access.”

Application window open for affordable home

NORTH CANAAN — Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut is now accepting applications from eligible families seeking the dream of affordable homeownership in North Canaan.

The application period opened May 1 and runs through July 31.

Visit at www.habitat-nwct.org for more info. Contact David Sellery today at 860-435-4747 or admin@habitatnwct.org to request an application package.

Targeting knotweed in Winsted

By Alec Linden

WINSTED — North Canaan nature photographer and tree preservationist Tom Zetterstrom brought out a souvenir May 6 for the packed Winchester/Winsted Town Hall meeting room to see — a stalk of the plant itself, plucked that day from beside the “Welcome to Winsted” sign.

The presentation, which was hosted by the Winchester Conservation Commission and titled “Eradicating Japanese Knotweed Along Road-sides and Riparian Borders,” was loaded with similar warnings about allowing the tenacious plant to establish itself in Northwest Corner towns.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Robert Gambino supports his assistant on a 12-foot orchard ladder as the duo spray for knotweed.

Zetterstrom said his intention for the presentation was to “bring the Housatonic model” to Winsted.

The “Housatonic model” refers to a knotweed survey, removal effort and shoreline restoration project that identified a large

population of the plant just north of the West Cornwall covered bridge. Zetterstrom dubs that specific growth the “Wild and Scenic Housatonic Presentation Patch,” as it became a demonstration of the effectiveness of the herbicide glyphosate in dealing such robust growths of the plant.

HRC members and licensed herbicide applicators Robert Gambino and Christian Allyn treated the knotweed with the chemical in 2018 and 2019. After a few years, a few spot treatments and several more plantings, the area was restored to native plant habitat with minimal knotweed reemergence.

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Our Towns

Wake Robin developers reapply

By Alec Linden

LAKEVILLE — ARADEV LLC, the developer behind the proposed redesign of Wake Robin Inn, returned before Salisbury's Planning and Zoning Commission at its May 5 regular meeting with a 644-page plan that it says scales back the project. ARADEV withdrew its previous application last December after a six-round public hearing in which neighbors along Wells Hill Road and Sharon Road rallied against the proposal as detrimental to the neighborhood. Landscape Architect Mark Arigoni, representing the applicants, said the new proposal's page count is due to it being "very comprehensive and complete," built in response to feedback from

P&Z at a January pre-application meeting. Much of P&Z's criticism of the initial proposal centered on its size and intensity, which commissioners said was incongruent with the neighborhood. Arigoni briefly summarized the major changes of the new application, saying the number of cottages had been decreased from 12 to four, though each will now span about 2,000 square feet as opposed to the maximum of 1,100 square feet of the earlier proposed array. An "event barn," one of the more contentious aspects of the initial application, has been relocated to be a part of the expanded main inn building, as opposed to its previous position as a detached structure. Arigoni highlighted that



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Wake Robin Inn is located in Lakeville.

a noise study — the lack of which was one of P&Z's major criticisms of the first proposal — had been conducted in February and March, analyzing the levels of slamming car doors, traffic, waste collection vehicles and other ambient noise components of an active hotel site. He also explained that a new architectural firm had been contracted: "I think you will all see the changes to the plan, in terms of context and character." P&Z Chair Michael Klemens stressed that no action would be taken at the May 5 meeting. ARADEV will appear before the Commission again at its May 19 meeting, where board members will discuss the application's completeness and potentially schedule a public hearing, which "will come a lot later," Klemens said. The application comes

during ongoing litigation against the Commission relating to ARADEV's first application. Angela and William Cruger, Wells Hill Road neighbors of the Inn who formally intervened in the 2024 hearing, filed a restraining order against the Commission in February. The filing alleges the Commission engaged in unlawful "spot zoning" that favored the Wake Robin expansion when it altered a regulation in May 2024 to allow for hotels via special permit in the Rural-Residential 1 zone. Klemens announced that P&Z is opposing the restraining order. If it is approved by the judge, though, the May 2024 regulations would be declared invalid and the Commission would not be able to review applications pertaining to them, which includes ARADEV's proposal.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The sale of 70 Belgo Road recorded in April for \$2,057,000.

Salisbury's April real estate sales

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Nothing is slowing down in Salisbury and inventory continues to be steady with 23 homes for sale as of May 11, 2025. The rental market is active with 27 homes listed for year-round, academic year and summer lease, however, only five homes are available unfurnished. **Transactions** 46 Rocky Lane – 1.84 acres of vacant land sold by Julia Cathleen Ott to Toby and Jocelyn Ayer for \$250,000 recorded on April 1. 70 Belgo Road – 5 bedroom/5.5 bath antique home with separate studio on 5.97 acres sold by Elizabeth Ainslie Wallace Trustee, Mary Ackerly Trustee, and George Wallace Trustee for Joan H. Wallace Revocable Trust to Nicholas and Alexandra Brandfon for \$2,057,000 recorded on April 8. 31 Fowler Street – 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 0.07 acres sold by Sandra Mary Krizman, Trustee, Suzanne Quain, Trustee, Scott

Krizman, and their revocable trusts to Charlotte Durr for \$300,000 recorded on April 11. 145 Farnum Road – 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch sold by Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust HB4 and Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB Trustee to Lala Enterprises LLC for \$175,000 recorded on April 15. Salmon Kill Road – 2.66 acres of land with farm building sold by Julia M. Anessi Trustee and Malcom and Linda Maclaren Trust to R. Allen and Robin A. Cockerline for \$380,000 recorded on April 28. **Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between April 1, 2025, and April 30, 2025, provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market data courtesy of Smart MLS and Info Sparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

By Ruth Epstein

LAKEVILLE — Jenna Vanicky was looking for a way to bring the community together while raising funds for area nonprofits. Then bingo! She came up with an idea. An avid player of the game herself, the marketing coordinator at the Interlaken Inn decided to combine the restaurant's Wednesday buffet dinner with bingo games. Each session is devoted to a particular charity that receives \$500 from the proceeds of the evening. Representatives of each group oversee the playing. "The community needed something to do on winter nights, and I really love the game," said Vanicky, who lives in Cornwall. However, with winter over, the evenings will continue because of their popularity. Those attending get to



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jenna Vanicky of the Interlaken Inn (center) and Jessica Sherwood (left) and Shannon Conklin of the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary at a Bingo fundraiser at the Inn Wednesday, May 7.

enjoy the all-you-can-eat buffet, along with some specialty drinks, and then the games begin. The response has been very positive, with some nights drawing as many as 80 participants. Vanicky is very pleased with the outpouring of support from local businesses which have provided prizes to game winners. The inn supplies everything needed

to play, including daubers, cards and the game cage. Some groups have added incentives, such as a 50-50 raffle, to increase the proceeds. "Bingo night at the Interlaken Inn was a blast and a huge success," said Donna Lloyd Stoeztner of the Jane Lloyd Fund, which raises money to assist cancer victims with their everyday expenses. "We are so grateful to the Interlaken Inn for their hospitality and generosity. I had so much fun I attended one for another nonprofit. We'll be back for another." Kristen van Ginhoven, executive director of Project SAGE, said there were plen-

ty of laughs throughout the evening, "which is something we all need." Other organizations that have taken part in the game nights are Project SAGE, the Little Guild, Animal Farm Foundation, Salisbury Central School's eighth-grade class trip to Washington, D.C., Housatonic Child Care Center, Alzheimer's Association and the Lakeville Hose Company's Ladies Auxiliary. Anna Pattison of the Lakeville Hose Company's Ladies Auxiliary said they had such a great time at last week's game. "I think we brought the most people out so far. It was so cool to see families taking part. We'd definitely do it again." The following are scheduled: Animal Farm Foundation on May 14; Lady of Hope Blessing Box of Copake, May 28; Salisbury Youth Hockey, June 4; Healing Hoofbeats of Connecticut, June 11; Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families, June 18; Canaan Child Care Center, July 2; Salisbury Rotary Club, July 9 and Canaan Lions Club, Oct. 15. To schedule a game, call Vanicky at 860-435-9878.

Senior fishing at Town Grove

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury Senior Services will be offering a senior fishing program on Fridays at 8 a.m. starting May 16. To reserve your spot on the pontoon boat please

contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us. Space is limited to six people each week. Equipment is provided or bring your own.

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Student art show

Sharon Center School eighth-graders Justin Anclino, left, and Oliver Peterson visit the school’s art show at Standard Space studio Friday, May 9. Every student in the school had two pieces of artwork on display. The show, which ran all weekend, was coordinated by art teacher Madeleine Stern and studio owner Theo Coulombe.

Healthy snacks feed hungry students

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — At the school-based health center in Housatonic Valley Regional High School, students facing food insecurity have new access to healthy snacks.

Becca Malone, primary care provider at HVRHS’s health center, utilized grant funding to supply a range of non-junk food options. She reported that several students come in on a regular basis in search of healthy snacks.

Stocked foods include oatmeal, granola bars, chicken salad, fruit snacks and tuna packs to name a few.

“I am just thankful we can provide nutritious options to our kids. We cannot expect children to learn and thrive if they are hungry or full of sugar,” Malone explained.

In order for students to



PHOTO PROVIDED

An assortment of snacks available at HVRHS.

receive medical care at the school-based health center, parents must opt in to the program.

As for the food, Malone stated, “Any student can come to the office if they need a snack.”

Region One loses federal grant funding

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley told the Region One Board of Education at its May 5 meeting that the district lost federal funding for a part-time social worker/counselor at all regional schools. This is the first impact on Region One from recent changes at the federal level. The grant will end Dec. 31.

The superintendent said she would inform local school

boards during their May meetings.

The grant is administered by EdAdvance, which is “submitting a request for reconsideration, exploring alternative funding sources, and assessing whether they can support the position internally,” Brady-Shanley reported.

HVRHS retains accreditation

Housatonic Valley Regional High School principal Ian Strever reported the New England Association of Schools and Colleges voted to contin-

ue Housatonic Valley Regional High School’s accreditation at NEASC’s March meeting.

Strever said that NEASC “commended the school for several strengths, including its bias incident reporting system, strategic curriculum planning, comprehensive agricultural education program, student assistance team, and alignment of its all-hazards safety plan with district protocols.”

The next accreditation cycle will begin in fall 2026 with the next visit in 2029.

Solar talks resume in North Canaan

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The Board of Selectmen has reopened discussions for establishing a solar panel array at the Transfer Station.

A previous arrangement with CTEC Solar to develop a solar farm for the town fell through due to the inability of the company to secure grant funding. First Selectman Brian Ohler described the situation as “a blessing in disguise” because the plan would have involved burying a transmission line through dense, native forest.

Solar talks resumed this spring after consultant Kirt Mayland contacted the selectmen with an offer to plan a new project. Around the same time, John Bunce, owner of the property just north of the Transfer Station, reached out to express interest in partnering with the town on such a project.

Mayland, who worked on the 13-acre array in Norfolk, began drafting an RFP (request for proposal) to present a new solar plan to the North Canaan selectmen. A special meeting of the BOS to review

Mayland’s proposal is expected to take place in late May.

Ohler said the goal is to maximize megawatt output while minimizing cost to the town and impact on the environment. Instead of a buried transmission line, he said the new plan involves continuing three-phase power lines along West Main Street to the Transfer Station.

If a five-megawatt array

is built, Ohler explained, the potential revenue to the town could be approximately \$50,000 per year.

The consultant and infrastructure costs could be covered by the future revenues, meaning potentially “no out of pocket cost to the town,” Ohler said.

As of May 12, no special BOS meeting with Mayland had been scheduled.

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORFOLK — Ginny Apple, a master wildlife conservationist with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, told an audience of about 40 people at the Norfolk Hub that the onus is on people to minimize interactions between humans and the state’s population of black bears.

Apple gave the talk in Norfolk Saturday, May 10, as the first of a series of talks on wildlife sponsored by Great Mountain Forest and Elyse Harney Real Estate.

Apple emphasized that human/bear interactions are likely to continue to rise because of increasing development in Connecticut, and



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Ginny Apple shows a map of sows with offspring seen in Connecticut in 2024.

because the state has a high percentage of “fragmented” land, meaning habitat that is interrupted by roads and other human development.

She said that a bear standing up is not a sign of hostility. “It’s checking you out.”

If the bear gets closer and starts “chattering,” then it’s time to back off slowly and “make a lot of noise.”

Apple had her “bear scare” coffee can filled with spare change or metallic odds and ends like screws, or even pebbles or small rocks. Shake the can, make the noise, and the

bear almost always moves off.

But many Connecticut black bears have gotten used to feeding out of garbage bins or taking down bird feeders.

“Habituated black bears get testy” if these food sources are abruptly removed.

One slide Apple showed demonstrated how black bears are moving from Northwest Connecticut south toward the Danbury area. They tend to avoid the heavily developed Connecticut River Valley.

Northeast Connecticut has nice bear habitat “if they

can get there.”

Apple said the top cause of bear/human interactions is unsecured trash, closely followed by birdfeeders.

She advised not putting the garbage out for collection the night before the hauler comes.

If there is a nuisance bear that has caused damage, and the homeowner has reported it to DEEP, then the agency will attempt to trap the bear, after which it is tranquilized, tagged and “hazed” in order to discourage it from returning.

Apple said shooting the bear in the rear end with a paintball gun is effective.

But don’t shoot it in the face. That will just make it mad.

Apple also detoured into a discussion of legislation currently before the state Senate regarding rodenticides.

She said widespread use of rodenticides is having a negative effect on the animals that typically feed on the mice, now poisoned, that are the targets of such chemicals.

“It lowers the immune systems of small furry animals and birds of prey.”

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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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
05-08-25
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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 5, 2025:

Approved - Special Permit Application #2025-0279 by owners Sievert and Eliza McCabe, for vertical expansion of a nonconforming residential structure in accordance with Section 503.2 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 14 as Lot 17 and is located at 21 Mount Riga Road, Salisbury.

Approved-Special Permit Application #2025-0280 by owner Richard Cantele, for accessory structures located less than fifty (50) feet from a waterbody or watercourse and modified site plan for development activities in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with Sections 305 and 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 58 as Lot 03 and is located at 204 Between the Lakes Road, Salisbury.

Approved with the Condition of the filing of an easement with 12 Porter Street - Site Plan Application #2025-0286 by William Colgan for modifications to the parking area associated with previously approved special permit #2023-0209 for multifamily, high turnover restaurant, mixed use commercial, and a use rendering more than 30% of the lot impervious in accordance with sections 205.2, 209.2, 403.4, 803.5, and 811 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 45 as Lot 26 and is located at

343 Main Street, Lakeville. The owner of the property is 343 MS Restoration LLC.

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

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
05-15-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JUDITH B. GREEN Late of East Canaan (25-00137)

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:
Lisa Allyn
270 Ashpohtag Road
Norfolk, CT 06058

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
05-15-25

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Becoming ‘Lakeville Journal’

As reporters, we spend time learning about the people in our communities. It has occurred to us that perhaps the community might like to know more about us, the reporters and editors who bring you the news every week. As a first of such occasional introductions, Lakeville Journal Managing Editor Riley Klein shares how he found his way to the paper.

People around the Northwest Corner are starting to recognize me. “Lakeville Journal is here,” the players say, as if it’s my name, when I appear on the sideline of a school sports game. How did this come to be? I am not from this area and prior to 2022 I knew no one in the towns I now cover. But today, I can’t picture myself anywhere else.

Before The Lakeville Journal, I never once considered pursuing a career in journalism. The week I applied to work here I also submitted two other applications: one to become the coach of Post University’s newly formed e-sports team, and another for a mortgage on an investment property.

The applications went out like sonar waves, pulsing into the unknown as I embarked on a career change following a shift in my life. I moved to Connecticut the year prior after leaving Colorado, where I previously operated an employment service agency for adults with disabilities. The pandemic prompted me to sell my home in Denver and move back east, closer to where I grew up in New York State. I landed in Torrington and completed the life rebrand with a new profession.

In my cover letter to the Journal I wrote, “Having moved to Torrington last year, I am still new to the Northwest Corner and enthralled with all the sleepy New England villages. I find great interest in the goings-on of the local communities and would cherish the opportunity to tell those stories.”

The application responses rolled in: “Thanks, but no thanks,” from Post. “Would you consider a hard money loan?” from the lender. And, “We’d like you to come in for an interview,” from the Journal.

Journalism it is. A few days later I met John Coston and Patrick Sullivan in Falls Village for an interview, which ended with a story assignment: “The Salisbury branch of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of Litchfield County made a directory for community resources. Here’s the address. Take a photo and write a caption for Instagram. Today.”

Even though I had no journalism experience, they took a chance on me. I began producing social media content, primarily video reports with voiceovers. It didn’t take long for my role to expand. The stories jumped from social media to the newspaper as I started writing articles. I got into page layout, arranging stories and photos in the paper each week. I became the Cornwall reporter, then the sports reporter, then the North Canaan reporter.

Almost exactly a year in, I was offered the managing editor job. Guidance from seasoned colleagues in the newsroom taught me the ropes, and I truly have cherished the opportunity to tell so many stories.

Needless to say, learning on the job involved some bumps along the way. Errors led to lessons and despite all efforts to avoid printing corrections, each blunder taught me something new. For example:

What’s a byline?

One of my very first writing assignments was covering pickleball at Foote Field in Cornwall. When interviewing a player, she asked me what my byline was. “My what? Oh, you mean my recent headlines?” ... “No,” she said. “Your name.”

Show up early

For my first football game, Torrington vs. GNH, I drastically underestimated attendance levels and couldn’t find a parking spot until halftime. I tuned into the radio coverage on WAPJ 89.9 and followed the live box score online. Luckily, the LJ photographer arrived on time.

Fore! Warned

At my first golf match, I figured I would get the best photos by standing in front of the tee box. A prompt “WHOOSH” past my ear was enough to find a safer angle.

Keep it light

One mistake I’ll never make again was made at my first Veteran’s Day ceremony. I asked a Vietnam vet what he remembers most from his time in the service. Instant regret as he became flush and teared up before apologizing to me. Of course, I was the one who was truly sorry.

Looking back, I wish I had considered journalism earlier on. I was always the group photographer and videographer, yet I never saw it as a job. I was under the impression print was a dying industry and there was no future in the field. Fortunately, the Journal has found a way to continue to cover small communities in an era when so many local papers could not.

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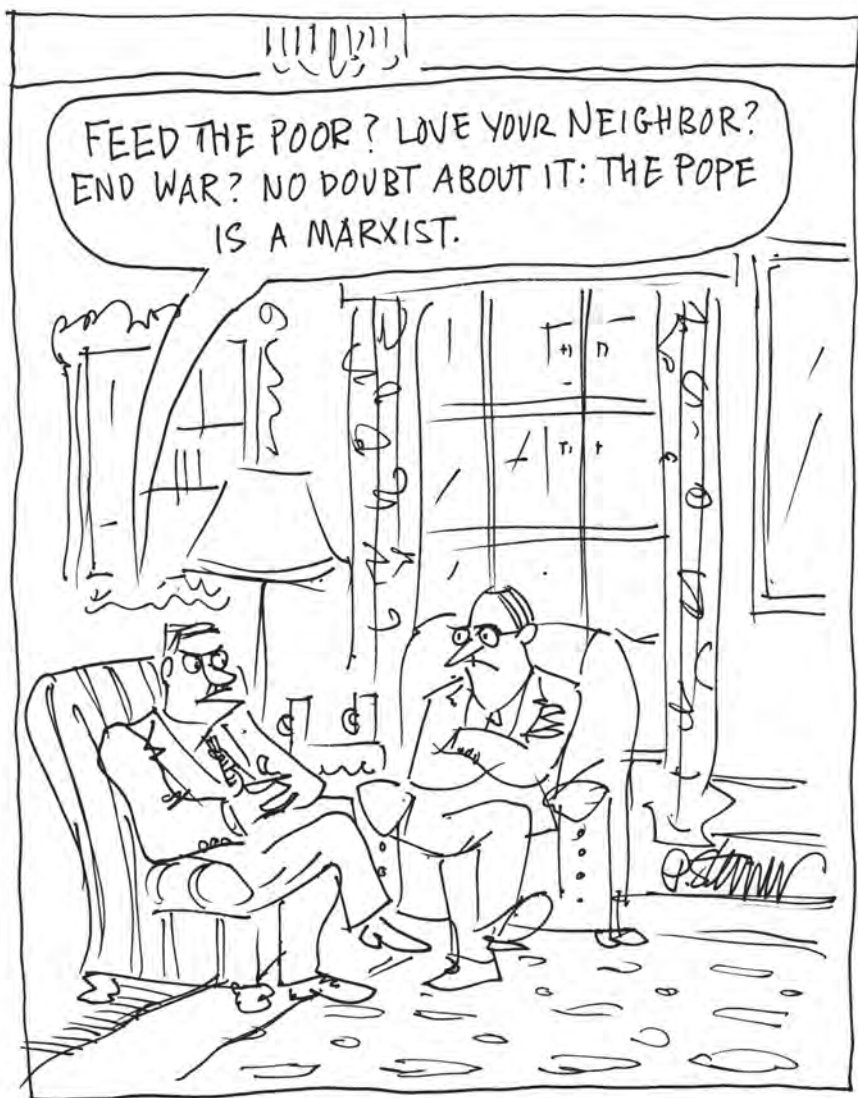
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At left, Riley Klein is seen courtside covering a basketball game. Next to him is another Lakeville Journal ‘veteran’ — HRVHS junior and LJ intern Simon Markow.

Opinion



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Gaza, what have we become?

Israel has decided to starve to death an entire population of more than two million people, half of whom are children, allegedly because they say that it is the way to bring back the remaining 59 hostages taken by Hamas. Now they don’t even try to hide the main reason, which is to displace to other countries an entire indigenous people, or preferably exterminate them as Hitler perpetrated on many of their ancestors. The Israelis are preventing everything from entering Gaza — water, food, medicine, fuel. Everything. It’s war crime pure and simple, and there is no moral or ethical excuse for it.

What happens when you

starve? First the body burns through its fat. Then, you feel cold, even in the sun. You’re tired. Dizzy. Too nauseous to eat even if food arrives, but it doesn’t. Then your body starts eating itself. You lose strength. Your vital organs — liver, lungs kidneys — they shrink. Your belly swells. The pain doesn’t stop. There’s no nearby hospital, since Israel destroyed them all. There’s no medicine either, because Israel doesn’t let any in. Your heart starts breaking down. Your heartbeat slows. Blood pressure drops. You faint. You can’t walk. You can barely move. And while Israel is still dropping bombs on you, death is all around you.

Starvation is quiet. It

makes no noise. No smoke. No headlines. It’s not just cruelty. It’s strategy. A slow genocide carried out by Israel and backed by the U.S. and all those complicit in silence, including neighbors in my community.

Some people are simply ignorant about what’s going on. Others have drunk the Kool-Aid from the Israel lobby that poor Israel is a perpetual victim, and to not support them is antisemitic — the usual ‘go to’ means to shame people from speaking out. And still others know better. You know who you are. What have you become? And what have we become as a society?

Lloyd Barood
Lakeville

Where have all the roses gone in Falls Village

Where have all the roses gone? I have lived in Amesville, across from Falls Village, for 57 years and have witnessed many changes in the town. One of the delightful ones was the planting of beautiful hardy pink roses along the small park near the Inn, welcoming visitors, bees and butterflies! I heard someone didn’t like them and they were ripped out, to be replaced with grass. I have no standing in Falls Village but have done many paintings of the town and the roses added so much! I’m sad and will miss them!

Marilyn Hardy
Amesville

Why so unhappy given election outcome?

Mr Godburn: I appreciated your letter to the editor. We agree on some issues and disagree on others. My observation is that you have what you wished for in that the president is to your liking and both houses are in his hands as is the Supreme Court. This

should be the best of times for you and others who embrace your views. My question after reading your letter is: Why is your tone so angry when you should be so happy?

Philip Oppenheimer
Lakeville

With Trump’s tack, we’re all losers

As to the letter from Mr. Godburn from May 8: of course Democrats and surely many Republicans too were stunned and speechless by what happened in the last three months. If you equate success with change, then the fastest way to success is to be a hyperactive destroyer. It’s hard to create something with a chainsaw. Grifter that he is, Trump has never built up anything of value for anybody, except himself. His favourite business ventures were casinos, where the house supposedly always wins, but where he four times had to declare bankruptcy. A bank always rescued him, such a bad gambler! And

now the White House is his last casino with trillions of chips, and he plays poker against the rest of the world. He shamelessly monetizes the presidency, selling the country and himself to his billionaire buddies while fleecing his base supporters with sleazy meme coins and other cheap paraphernalia. Corruption and intimidation are his method, People’s lives mean nothing. He seems to have neither friends nor foes, only himself. We are all losers, and even his supporters and loyalty oath sycophants, eventually — they don’t know it yet — will be losers too.

Fritz Mueller
Sharon

Trumpi\$m

There once was a fellow named Trump,
Who told us that crypto was bunk.
Then he saw a way
To make it pay
By selling a crypto called \$TRUMP.

Sharon

Lyn Mattoon

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — May 1900

Steeple Jack has painted the smoke stack at the Morse-Keefer Co.'s factory. The stack is 72 feet in height.

SHARON — Mr. and Mrs. George S. Kirby returned home from their bridal tour Wednesday evening.

LIME ROCK — We were in error last week relative to Mr. Fred Judd possessing twins. It is one boy. That is one better.

SHARON — Our High School students are wearing a new school pin of very neat and attractive design.

SHARON — Mrs. Jane Jackson a lady of 82 years, has during the past three weeks pieced and presented to a lady in the village, a handsome bed quilt.

A. Martin on Tuesday took a large smoke-stack from Irondale to Winsted by team. The stack will be used in a large lumber and coal yard in that place. Mr. Martin made the return the next day.

A Poughkeepsie paper "has it on excellent authority" that an automobile line between that city and Millerton is assured within a month. The auto-stage will carry six passengers, or eight if a trailer is used. The fare will be one dollar for the round trip. The rate of speed will be 14 miles per hour.

The cold wet weather of the past week, while very disagreeable has been just the thing for the grass which now looks strong and thrifty.

Dr. Heath, the Winsted veterinary, died last Saturday after an illness of several months. His case was a peculiar one. He was State Inspector of cattle, and it is said that he contracted tuberculosis from the cattle he tested and treated. He was one of the most successful veterinaries in these parts. The funeral was largely attended at his late home on Tuesday.

A new \$20 counterfeit is reported, said to be the "most dangerous that has appeared in a long time." There lots of us, however, who will not lose many hours scrutinizing bills of this denomination for fear of being imposed upon.

100 years ago — May 1925

LIME ROCK — Eugene Eggleston has resigned his position in New York and is home for the summer to help on the farm.

The fine weather last Sunday caused a tremendous amount of auto traffic. As one driver expressed it, "There is now little pleasure in Sunday driving. It is like driving in a procession and many of the drivers are more or less full of booze and it's getting to be a hazardous occupation."

Tomorrow marks the official opening of the straw hat season.

M.G. Fenn is enjoying a week's vacation from his duties as telephone trouble "shooter" and is putting in the time fishing.

50 years ago — May 1975

It is not often when anyone celebrates a 100th birthday, and when a person does,

the occasion is usually a time for a very special celebration. Such was the case Sunday in Kent when family and friends attended a special birthday party for Theresa Klebes, a resident in Sharon Valley for many years, who celebrated her 100th birthday with a dinner, cake and glass of sherry. She was born May 12, 1875. Mrs. Klebes' family includes one daughter, three grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

The Canaan plant of Becton, Dickinson and Company will furlough approximately 400 employees, the bulk of its work force, for the week of June 9. Daniel O'Donnell, plant manager, made the announcement Wednesday. The plant, largest manufacturing employer in the Tri-State area, will be closed during the week, he said.

In a complicated series of courtroom maneuvers, defense attorneys for Peter Reilly have agreed to file a new petition for a new trial in Reilly's 1974 first-degree manslaughter conviction. The hearing was requested by Attorney T.F. Gilroy Daly.

The Bargain Box and the Bargain Barn in Sharon turned over to the Sharon Hospital Auxiliary \$6,000 in the first quarter of 1975, bringing total contributions from these two sources to \$211,650.

Canaan residents unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday night opposing the abandonment of rail service to the community. The resolution further empowered the North Canaan Board of Selectmen to cooperate with various organizations working against the abandonment. In the resolution it was noted that Canaan has long been a railroad landmark and that local businesses and industry rely heavily on the service of the railroads.

English Shell Service Inc. of Winsted has added a 25-ton heavy duty wrecker to its fleet of service vehicles. The 1974 wrecker was recently obtained in New Jersey and was driven back to Winsted by Joseph English, accompanied by his wife, Stasia English, the proprietors of the station at 161 Main St. English said the wrecker is the only one of its kind in this section of the state.

Work started late last week on the former Lawrence Playground, only hours after Canaan received the deed to half of the former civic center. Heavy equipment was moved in to start grading operations needed to prepare the land for use as a recreation area.

The Lakeville Journal office in Canaan and State's Attorney John F. Bianchi are two of the latest victims of thieves in Canaan. The Journal office lost all of its office equipment while Mr. Bianchi's home was robbed of silver flatware and credit cards. Both thefts apparently took place Friday.

25 years ago — May 2000

CANAAN — The Christmas wreath they hung by their Wangum Village apartment door last year stayed green well into spring and Rose and Bob Blass didn't have the heart to take it down. This year's wreath

is still hanging. It's dry and brown and well past its prime. It is also home to a family of baby birds. Mrs. Blass explained that she left the wreath up late, in the hope that the mother titmouse who built a nest and hatched five eggs there last year would return. She is sure the five babies who hatched last Friday or Saturday have the same mom. Last Monday, Mrs. Blass decided to climb a stepladder to get a better look at the little ones as they were curled up together for warmth. "Look at that, they think their mother is here to feed them," Mrs. Blass said with delight. She expects they will only stay in the nest for the next week or two.

FALLS VILLAGE — For the Lee H. Kellogg School Science Fair last week, third-grader Amanda Anderson wanted to "find out if babies like to play with their new toys or their old ones." The surprising result of her research is that they prefer their old ones.

CANAAN — Work neared completion this week on a four-story elevator shaft at the rear of the Canfield Building. Purchased last year by Considine Properties LLC, the historic Main Street building is undergoing extensive renovations to meet code and handicapped access requirements. Work on the exterior elevator shaft required that the wooden deck at the rear of the Whistle Stop Cafe be temporarily removed. Building owner John Considine explained that the shaft, once reinstalled, will abut the deck. Those who press the button for the second level will step out directly onto the deck.

Status Report

SALISBURY — Connecticut Fish and Wildlife, a division of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, recently stocked fresh trout in bodies of water across the state. In the Northwest Corner, Lake Wononscopomuc received 500 new rainbows.

SHARON — The Board of Finance for the Town of Sharon is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy as an Alternate member. The applicant must be a registered voter of the Town with certain restrictions on affiliation per minority representation. This position will automatically be on the ballot for the Town election in November 2025. Send a letter of interest with a resume to Tina Pitcher at Town Hall or to treasurer@sharonct.gov by May 20.

NORTH CANAAN — After 27 years of municipal service to the Town of North Canaan, Jennifer Jacquier has chosen to resign from her position as tax collector, effective June 30, which marks the end of the current fiscal year. She has made it clear, still, that she, "will faithfully perform her responsibilities and work with the town hall office for a smooth transition."

Fed waits, market rises & trade talks

One country down, only 194 more to go. Last week, the announcement of a "framework" for President Trump's first trade deal and the first high-level meeting between the U.S. and China encouraged investors.

Wall Street's enthusiasm was somewhat tempered, given that the United Kingdom was an easy deal to make. The terms of trade have always favored the U.S., where we have run a capital trade surplus for years. On the China front, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent met with his counterpart in Switzerland last weekend; on Friday before, President Trump floated the idea of a possible decline in U.S. trade tariffs to 80%, which he said "seems right." It was a clear message to the Chinese that he wanted to de-escalate his trade war.

[On Monday, the U.S. and China announced reduced tariffs for 90 days. Stocks soared.]

The administration is reportedly lining up deals with several other countries. India, South Korea, Japan, and Australia are in the queue, although the timing is still a question mark. India would have been first out of the box, but the government's attention has been focused

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elsewhere over the past two weeks. The delay in an announcement is due to the present hostilities between India and its neighbor, Pakistan.

Given the news on tariffs, this month's Federal Open Market Committee meeting came and went with hardly a blip. The Fed announced that they were going to sit on their hands for the foreseeable future. Chairman Jerome Powell made it clear just how uncertain the future was.

Few on Wall Street had expected anything more from the Fed than the word "uncertain" when describing Fed policy in the future. In the meantime, stocks climbed higher while precious metals, the dollar, and interest rates continued to be volatile. Gold traders were whipsawed as bullion prices have swung in \$50-\$100 increments daily this week. The U.S. dollar, which has been in freefall for a month, has also been erratic, while bond yields are in a trading range lately with no significant moves

either way.

Both foreign and domestic traders believe the U.S. dollar will fall further. As such, they are looking at currency alternatives to place bets. Gold was the first go-to asset, but speculation has driven the price too far, too soon.

Recently I wrote, 'For markets to continue their recovery, we need to see the following. A peace deal, the tariffs disappear, China and the U.S. come to a trade agreement, the Fed cut rates, and/or no recession.' I forgot one more option: the successful passage of Trump's tax bill, which could significantly impact the market dynamics.

Any two of the above will be enough to stave off a retest of the lows. Thus far, we have made progress on the tariff front (UK, China, etc.). However, tariffs will not disappear altogether. It appears that no matter what, a 10% tariff on imports is here to stay.

I would guess the possibility of the passage of Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" is high, given that the Republican Congress now functions as a rubber stamp on the wishes of the president.

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

Targeting the Library of Congress

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

PETER RIVA

American, and the first career librarian to hold the position. Not a DEI by any means, she was appointed in 2016. But suddenly, in only an email, the White House said, curtly (and only), "Carla, On behalf of President Donald J. Trump, I am writing to inform you that your position as the Librarian of Congress is terminated effective immediately. Thank you for your service." They avoided the obvious "...and don't let the door hit you on the way out."

Why did they do this? The ultra-right wing American Accountability Foundation (AAF), called for her ouster. "The President and his team have done an admirable and long-needed job cleaning out deep state liberals from the federal government. It is time they show Carla Hayden...the door and return an America First agenda to the nation's intellectual property regulation," said AAF's president, Tom Jones (in the Daily Mail two weeks ago). Jones used to work for Senators Ron Johnson and Ted Cruz in their opposition propaganda activities. The AAF gets funding and guidance from the Heritage Foundation, creators of Project

2025.

Librarian Hayden is gone, and the Administration is probably already banning access to parts of the Library preventing legislators from proving facts on past Congressional activity and laws.

Some Senators are fighting back — fighting against this form of book-burning control of reality. Senator Martin Heinrich of New Mexico: "While President Trump wants to ban books and tell Americans what to read – or not to read at all – Dr. Hayden has devoted her career to making reading and the pursuit of knowledge available to everyone. Be like Dr. Hayden."

The Trump Administration fired Shira Perlmutter, the top copyright official in the U.S. The move comes two days after the White House fired Carla Hayden, the head of the Library of Congress, which maintains the Copyright Office. Hayden appointed Perlmutter to the position in 2020. Perlmutter received an email last Saturday reading, "your position as the Register of Copyrights and Director at the U.S. Copyright Office is terminated effective immediately," the AP reports.

The register of copyrights, however, is a legislative position. Congress could fight Perlmutter's termination.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenias Union, New York, now lives in Gila, New Mexico.



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Very excited to announce a free showing of the Disney movie Tarzan this Sunday, May 18th at 2pm at the Colonial Theater in North Canaan. I have always wanted to see this on the big screen and listen to Phil Collin's soundtrack! Not to mention Minnie Driver as Jane and Glen Close as Kala, so this should be wonderful way to celebrate Spring and all are invited. To reserve your ticket, please visit www.canaancolonial.com/event-details-registration/free-community-screening-tarzan-1999.



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STRIKE

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State officials are currently engaged in negotiations with the union. The union is seeking to increase starting pay to \$25 per hour and eventually raise wages over several years to around \$30 per hour.

Union officials have said the state needs to make a long overdue investment in the industry as many nursing home workers are facing financial strain, struggling to afford basic necessities and working multiple jobs.

According to Baril, the majority of nursing home workers earn between \$18 and \$22 per hour, less than the hourly wage at fast food jobs in many areas of the state.

“A bit unsettling”

The strike comes at a time when legislative leaders are weighing a bill to raise the daily minimum staffing requirement at nursing homes from 3 to 3.6 hours per resident.

Referring to the pending strike, “It is always a bit unsettling, but it shouldn’t directly affect us, unlike our sister facility in Hartford, which is a union facility,” said Bill Pond, administrator at Noble Horizons, referring to the Avery Heights retirement community, operated by the not-for-profit church Homes, Inc.

Although operations at Noble would not be impacted during a strike, because unionized facilities are required by the state to prepare a contingency plan for support staff to cover for striking workers, he noted that some department heads may need to be deployed to its sister facility to provide support.

“It’s not something that would have a direct effect on Noble,” said Pond, who noted that “these things have come up before and have dissipated.”

The Noble administrator said the wage requests by

striking workers are fair and will serve to “level the playing field,” and that his facility has been generous in recent years with salary increases, sign-on bonuses and referral bonuses. In theory, he noted, the state should increase the funding to facilities proportionally.

“We are looking not to maintain the status quo, but to advance,” said Pond, who teased that he is hoping to unveil plans soon for an “entirely new inpatient service” at Noble.

Contingency plans impact labor market

At the nonprofit Geer Village Senior Community, CEO/CFO Shawn Powell said while he does not expect his facility to be directly affected by the threatened strike, “we are kind of impacted by it insofar as a number of our employees come from Torrington and there are union facilities in Torrington and Waterbury.”

Unionized facilities, he explained, are required to put a contingency plan in place to maintain quality of care to residents, and those plans can put pressure on the labor market, both short and long term.

“In the long term, any salary increase impacts the labor market. That’s the biggest ramification down the road,” said the Geer official. “Any increase that is given to workers at 51 nursing homes, that impacts the labor market.”

At the Sharon Center for Health & Rehabilitation,

which is a non-unionized facility owned and operated by National Health Care Associates Inc., Administrator Ed Baker said in the short term, it will be business as usual even if a strike occurs.

“But if the unionized workers prevail, we will have to go through the state in order to increase the rates for everybody to \$25 to \$30 dollars an hour.”

DPH plans to deploy monitors

In the meantime, the Connecticut Department of Public Health has been working on strike monitoring plans for several weeks in preparation for the possibility of strikes by unionized nursing home staff if new contracts could not be agreed to by the facilities and the unions, according to a statement issued by DPH spokesperson Brittany Schaefer.

“If nurses and other unionized care professionals choose to strike later this month, DPH will deploy monitors to each of the nursing home to ensure that facility owners and management continue to provide quality care and safety to their residents.”

In his May 8 correspondence with Baril, Lamont said he believes that nursing home workers provide “an invaluable service and do strenuous work on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens.

Lamont said his administration is “committed to reaching a positive resolution as soon as possible.”

points system for each other boy based on “how nice he’d been to [him] that day.” At the end of the week, “whoever had the highest score was my best friend,” he related to a chorus of laughs from the audience.

“It was a lonely childhood,” he said, breaking into laughter himself.

The loneliness his talk addressed though was a more pervasive kind than mere adolescent awkwardness, one that is deeply rooted in culture and economics and affects many in the U.S. and beyond.

“Hanging out with friends, dating people, working life — all drastically down amongst our younger generation,” adding that the phenomenon of loneliness is not unique to young people, but other factors such as higher rates of living alone and fewer close relationships — both family and friends — affect all age groups. “One in four Americans say they have no one to talk to about the most meaningful things in their lives,” he added. “And that includes family members.”

Ter Kuile explained that these statistics are not without cause. Individualism, as it is “baked into” Western politics, democracy and culture, has turned us largely away from each other and toward ourselves.

Ter Kuile’s practice of scoring his classmates is an example of the “commodification of relationships,” he said — a “give and take” model of connecting with others.

New technologies have also contributed in surprising ways. He recounted an example told to him by a fisherman about a practice in bygone days of sharing the catch with neighbors when there was surplus. Since the advent of the freezer, the fisherman told him, the tradition disappeared as people could store their fish for themselves to have later.

One of ter Kuile’s major points described the disappearance of “containers” for social connection, the term he applies for large cultural meeting points and organizations, such as a church. With an academic background in theology, he said he’s curious about what happens when these centers for community ritual disappear.

He posited the “philosophy and practice” of “covenant” as a balm to these disappearing and eroding social resources — a vulnerable, commitment-oriented relationship that helps people transition from “independent to mutually dependable.”

HOUSING

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failure. More than half of the 39-acre plot is under permanent protection by the Norfolk Land Trust.

After directing the final vehicles around the loop road that runs through the site, Johnson said she had planned the ceremony for May in hopes of sunnier skies. “May is still dangerous,” said State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, who joined the group before the caravan left for town.

Once within the dry interior of the Norfolk Hub, a co-working space used by many area nonprofits, speeches commenced.

David Jones, who developed the model for the net-zero affordable home with Johnson in 2015, said that structural resilience against bad weather and other unpredictable disasters is foundational to the Haystack Woods affordable ownership model.

“Haystack’s primary mission is controlling what we call total cost of ownership,” he said, a concept identifying that owning a home often involves unforeseen expenses that can accrue significantly beyond the price tag of the homes themselves, which are set at between \$159,000 and \$261,000 at the development. He said the buildings will be constructed of “very simple mechanical systems with very durable materials,” which makes for homes built to last.

He noted the first floor of each home will be constructed of concrete — “nothing to burn, nothing to rot.” This design, plus the renewable energy and backup battery system, makes the homes more resistant to damage and blackouts.

“Even a small disaster can be expensive,” he said.

The project is labeled “net-zero” because the homes are intended to generate as much electricity as they consume annually. The solar panels on site, which were included in development expenses, will produce energy to subsidize all the cost for residents and will also charge the backup batteries. The cost and energy efficient approach, combined with the backup battery component and shared electric vehicle charging ports, makes the Haystack Woods development the first of its kind in Connecticut, she said.

Other speakers at the ceremony highlighted a different type of resilience as equally essential to the project’s success. Seila Mosquera-Bruno, the commissioner of the state’s Department of Housing, gave the final speech of the event, citing the unique challenges that affordable housing initiatives in small, rural towns face.

“I know how difficult it is,” she said, citing infrastructure difficulties, scarce funding and resident disagreements as issues that affect housing campaigns disproportionately in the Northwest Corner. She said the success of Haystack Woods is due to “volunteers that just don’t give up” and a region that comes together across town lines to see projects through.

Johnson agreed that Northwest Connecticut “pulls together” as a demonstration of “how to work together and not compete with one another.”

The long-term persistence of the Foundation and its partners, despite numerous obstacles, is what enabled the Haystack Woods project to make it this far, said Norfolk First Selectman Matt Riiska, who described it as “a feather in our cap.”

Representative Horn said that the development sets a precedent that community partnerships in the Northwest Corner are working: “When Norfolk succeeds, other towns see that success and say, ‘Oh, maybe we can make that work.’”

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“I left a note for my husband and son and drove to Maine,” she said.

After a test drive, she bought it with an inheritance from her parents. Refurbishing it the way she dreamed of would take more funds than she had, so she applied for and received a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act.

“My mom’s favorite flower was the daisy, so I have special curtains and pillows with embroidered daisies. When people come on the bus they are in awe of how cozy it is.”

“My father had the unusual knack for finding four leaf clovers.” Mathews said. “Hence the little green bus became The Roving Clover.”

In 2023 she hit the road for the Memorial Day Parade in Sharon. “My goal was to reach as many people as I could. I wanted to get books to them.”

“As a reading teacher and mom, I feel one of the biggest gifts you can give your child is to just read them. Just read! Reading to children fosters early literacy development that lasts a lifetime.”

Before long, people were leaving books on her porch and in her car at work. “I have never asked for book donations, they just appear.”

BOOKS

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A young Hispanic man who was trying to learn to read English stopped by the bus at an event. He asked if she might have any books that he could have. She said he carried the books away “as if they were treasures”. It was a special memory and “still gives me goose bumps”.

The Roving Clover recently got its non-profit status. “Having a non-profit status will help us get funding for a bus that is totally dedicated to being a book mobile. I would like it to be cool in the summer months and warm in the winter so I can attend more events.”

Look for The Roving Clover at these events:

May 31 — North Canaan Spring Fest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 11 — Sharon Center Schools Slip and Slide

June 14 — Sharon Library Summer Kick off

July 13 — July Fest, Cornwall, 5 to 7 p.m.

Aug. 9 — Taste of Cornwall, 4 to 7 p.m.

Every Wednesday evening from June 25 to July 30 at Sharon Summer Concerts at Veteran’s Field in Sharon Valley, 6 to 8 p.m.

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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Trade Secrets at 25

On May 17 and 18, the 25th anniversary of Trade Secrets will unfurl like a perennial in full bloom. Held at Lime Rock Park and at private gardens in the area, the beloved garden and antiques fundraiser is part curated spectacle, part country house weekend, and all entirely for a cause — it is the primary fundraiser for Project SAGE, the Lakeville-based nonprofit that supports survivors of domestic violence across Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts.

“People may think they’re coming for the bunnies and birdbaths,” said Richard Lambertson, co-chair and board member. “But they’re really helping fund emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and education. We want that to be clear this year.”

Lambertson, co-chief executive and creative director of Lambertson Truex, has held leadership roles at Gucci, Geofrey Beene, and Bergdorf Goodman, earning CFDA and ACE design honors for his distinctive American accessories vision. He and his fellow co-chair Carolyn Piccirelli, founder of Honeychurch Home based in Lenox, Massachusetts, are also Trade Secrets vendors themselves, meaning they’re sourcing, curating, designing, placing tents, approving flower choices, measuring every inch of the site with what can only be described as couture-level precision.

“We vet every vendor. We place every sign. We want every detail to speak the same language — classical, elegant, creative, and exciting,” said Piccirelli.

The event began in 2001 as the brainchild of designer Bunny Williams, antiques dealer Naomi Blumenthal, and horticulturist Deborah Munson, as a garden-themed tag sale on Bunny’s own property. Today, the show has evolved into a fully trademarked brand of its own, still deeply imbued with its founders’ eye and purpose.

Lambertson and Piccirelli estimate that about a quarter of the current vendors have been part of the event for 20 years or more. Still, the co-chairs work to keep the aesthetic crisp and focused. “We don’t want it turning into just an antique show,” Lambertson said. “It has to be



PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

Carolyn Piccirelli, left, and Richard Lambertson, co-chairs of Trade Secrets.

garden-forward.”

While Trade Secrets runs like a well-oiled estate garden, it’s entirely volunteer-driven with over 300 volunteers — from Hotchkiss and Indian Mountain students to entire families who’ve made it an annual tradition. Vendors often arrive from across the Northeast and are treated to a cozy Saturday night dinner, complete with Bunny’s personal welcome and a talk from Project SAGE that, Piccirelli said, “brings people to tears.”

Along with the garden tour and the rare plants and antique sale, there will also be book signings on Sunday at Lime Rock Park. Meet Martha Stewart, Bunny Williams, Frances Palmer, Mieke ten Have and Rosie Daykin from 9:30 a.m. on.

For this anniversary year, the co-chairs have also made a few upgrades including new, bigger tents. “It’s going to look really pretty,” Piccirelli and Lambert-

son agreed. There will be a refreshed entryway with a surprise design from Bunny herself, and deeper integration between the event and the nonprofit it supports.

“This is our 25th anniversary, so it’s a big deal and our underwriting is off the charts compared to last year,” said Lambertson. “I think the state of the world has made people more willing to support a cause they believe in, and this year, everyone on the Project SAGE staff is working the show, the entire board is volunteering, and we’re putting the ‘why’ behind the weekend front and center because it’s not just a flower and antique show, it’s about the real

impact those donations make.”

Still, for all its purpose, Trade Secrets is also pure pleasure—a ritual of spring, a place where heirloom roses and antique statuary co-exist with conversations over peonies and local cheese.

“My favorite part is just when it opens,” said Piccirelli. “You feel the excitement, people are so happy to be there. The energy is electric.”

And like a true garden, it’s that combination of roots and bloom, tradition and reinvention, that keeps Trade Secrets growing strong.

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At the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan, Peter Canellos, left, sat down to talk with Scott Bok, resident of Salisbury and author of “Surviving Wall Street: A Tale of Triumph, Tragedy, and Timing,” about his career.

BOOKS: ROBIN RORABACK

Surviving Wall Street: Scott Bok on power, protest, and collapse

On May 10, the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan hosted Scott Bok, author of “Surviving Wall Street: A Tale of Triumph, Tragedy, and Timing.” Bok is a forty-year veteran of Wall Street. He has served on the boards of several nonprofits and is a resident of Salisbury.

Moderator of the event was Peter Canellos, senior editor of “Politico,” a former editor of the editorial page at the “Boston Globe,” and author of biographies of Ted Kennedy and Supreme Court

Justice John Harlan. When Bok started out, Mergers and Acquisitions was something you “didn’t hear about;” private equity and hedge funds did not exist. “Now,” he said, “Wall Street pervades American life.”

With his book, Bok wanted to “tell the history of modern Wall Street. I aspired to write a fun adventure story.”

Bok survived five major crises, “hedge funds, dot coms, the pandemic,

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the Ukrainian War, and coming out of the pandemic.”

Canellos asked about Bok’s thoughts on tariffs. “Will they go away?” Bok said, “Hard to know. On the days when people think he’s (the president) going to back off, stocks go up. When they think he’s getting serious, stocks go down. If the tariffs stay, I probably stand with every economist I’ve read. It’s going to be very difficult.”

Canellos and Bok spoke extensively of the University of Pennsylvania’s crisis which began in September of 2023. At its heart was the issue of free speech. Bok said that in all his years on the board, there had never been any suggestion of antisemitism. He became chair of the board of trustees in 2021.

UPenn had always been lenient and tolerant of protests. Bok said only about “1% of the student population participated” in the protests.

The spark was a Palestinian writer’s festival. Some students wanted it to be moved off campus. On Oct. 7, the Hamas attacks on Isreal “turned up the heat,” said Bok or “things would probably have died down on their own.”

Bok relayed that some people on the board said “I am all for free speech” but then “hate speech cannot be allowed. How do you handle it?”

He said the board’s attitude was to “let it be, until the students crossed a line and then they had to act aggressively and did.”

Meanwhile, Liz Magill, president of UPenn, was called to a Congressional hearing, along with presidents of Harvard and MIT where she was questioned for hours.

Magill was asked “Does calling for genocide against Jews violate university code of ethics?” by Elise Stefanik of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

She answered, “It is a context dependent decision.”

Bok said that Magill was focused on what the Constitution says that speech alone is not punishable. As for call for the genocide of any people, she said, “It’s evil-plain and simple” and would-not be tolerated.

Bok said, “This was a viral ‘gotcha moment.’”

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In Bok’s opinion it was just what the committee was waiting for and had led Magill into. In her opening statement at the hearing Magill had already come out firmly against antisemitism and had said, “I have condemned antisemitism publicly, regularly, and in the strongest possible terms. And today, let me reiterate my and Penn’s unyielding commitment to combating it.”

Canellos commented, “President Trump was taking aim at elite institutions along the same lines as Elise Stefanik did in questioning Liz Magill.”

Both Magill and Bok ended up resigning their positions at UPenn. Bok said he felt it was “a battle for the soul of the university.” The schools were being attacked for what the administration considered being “too woke, too liberal.”

“Multi-million dollar levers are at play. International students who are a great part of the graduate programs, can’t get visas or don’t feel safe. Schools will lose students,” said Bok.

Tax-exempt status for schools is at risk. If they lose that, they will have to pay taxes on their property and land. There would be no tax deductions for donations to schools.

He said he is “rooting for Harvard and what it is doing.” Harvard “came out swinging” and is fighting back.

Canellos asked Bok, “How do you think this will end up?”

“It will be hard to roll back to where it was. Schools will be strapped for money.” He predicted there will be layoffs and schools will have to dip into their endowment funds. Bok said, “I worry that some people are waiting to downgrade colleges to trade schools. There will be no time for poetry.”

Canellos concluded by saying, “I admire your courage in taking on these difficult subjects.”

All of the profits from “Surviving Wall Street” go to City Harvest, New York City’s first and largest food rescue program.

MUSIC: ALEC LINDEN

Singer-songwriters ‘break the fourth wall’ at Down County Social Club

Singer-songwriters Natalia Zukerman, Gail Ann Dorsey, and Séamus Maynard conjured “the conversational nature of reality” at a free-flowing performance for the Race Brook Lodge’s Down County Social Club on the evening of Thursday, May 8. The trio traded tunes for about an hour and a half, allowing the music to develop in dialogue with each other, the audience, and even an exploding amplifier.

Alex Harvey, who curates the speak-easy-style shows of the DCSC, offered the above words while introducing the three musicians. The ethos of the DCSC is to “break down the barrier” between the artists and audience; to make it “hard to hold up a fourth wall even if they wanted to.”

A mid-show equipment meltdown ensured this, requiring the musicians to go unplugged for the remainder of the night. Amplified or acoustic, though, the artists needed no assistance in cultivating a deeply conversational atmosphere that complemented the warm, rustic interior of the Lodge’s Pine Grove Porch.

Harvey said he was thrilled when Zukerman pitched the idea. “The caliber Natalia was talking about is mind-blowing,” he said during his introduction.

Zukerman was joined by Dorsey, a world-renowned bassist who was a core member of David Bowie’s band from 1995-2004 and has recorded and toured with other giants such as Tears for Fears, Lenny Kravitz and the National, and Maynard, a singer and virtuosic guitarist who Zukerman said “blew [her] mind” after finding him through Craryville, New York community market and performance venue, Random Harvest.

Zukerman, who is also the cartoonist and Compass editor for



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Left-to-right, musicians Gail Ann Dorsey, Séamus Maynard and Natalia Zukerman in-the-round at Race Brook Lodge.

this newspaper, a role she took after full-time touring for over 15 years, said in an interview a few days after the show that she loves the “in the round” style format that structured the performance. Each musician played a song, back to back, sometimes improvising accompaniment over each other’s music.

“I just think singer-songwriters lend themselves to that,” she said. “You get to really broaden beyond yourself.”

The chemistry between the three artists was palpable, though they had never shared a stage prior to Thursday evening. Early in the set, a theme of struggle and mental health developed, with Zukerman reminding the room that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Zukerman sang a song called Widow’s Walk about committing a friend to an mental healthcare center (“I’m just waiting for you on this widow’s walk,” went the refrain), which Maynard followed with a minor key, Bert Jansch-inspired fingerpicked guitar pattern with a turbulent chorus (“Once more into the fray go I/

no flame of hell ever held a candle to the light”).

Dorsey answered with a “lullaby” to loved ones she had lost to suicide, with her clear, soaring voice carrying a spectral guitar melody, assuring them of “an army of compassion on your side.”

After the show went acoustic, the tone changed and collaboration ensued, at one point involving all three with Zukerman contributing wilting slide guitar accompaniment and Dorsey adding some rhythmic plucking over Maynard’s lively fingerpicking.

The remainder of the session was characterized by a dynamic cadence between Zukerman’s complex guitar and layered storytelling (often accentuated with a dry wit), Maynard’s explosive yet deeply controlled playing and dense songwriting, and Dorsey’s powerful voice and gentle folk melodies.

Zukerman said she’s hopeful that the format will become a series in the future, but may have to take the show elsewhere as the Race Brook Lodge will be closing at the end of the year. Owner Casey Rothstein-Fitzpatrick assured that the Lodge’s cultural programming will remain robust through November, but will wrap up after that.

And how does Zukerman manage to organize shows and play music while working as a full-time editor and creator at the Lakeville Journal (not to mention the many additional roles she holds in other cultural institutions)? It’s all about loving what you do, she said.

“At the end of the day, I spend my time playing music, writing, teaching, drawing, talking to brilliant people,” she said. “I feel incredibly privileged to get to do what I do.”

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BOOKS: OLIVIA GEIGER

Nancy Kricorian’s ‘The Burning Heart of the World’

On May 8, Nancy Kricorian discussed and read from her latest book, “The Burning Heart of the World” at Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Hillsdale, New York.

Kricorian was interviewed by Patricia Ononwu Kaishian, the curator of mycology at The New York State Museum and author of “Forest Euphoria: On the Abounding Queerness of Nature,” to be published May 27, 2025.

Kricorian’s latest novel is fourth in a series of books focused on the post-genocide Armenian diaspora experience.

“I am to be a voice for my people,” stated Kricorian who grew up in an Armenian community in Watertown, Massachusetts alongside her grandmother, a genocide survivor.

April 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the Lebanese Civil War and the 110th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. Published in April, Kaishian’s novel tells a story of an Armenian family from Beirut. Across four generations they have lived through the Lebanese Civil War, the Armenian genocide, and the 9/11 attack on New York City.

Of the book, Kricorian stated, “It is about women who struggle to cope and take care of their families in times of mass violence. It is also about the way that these traumas reside in



PHOTO BY OLIVIA GEIGER

Author Nancy Kricorian reads from her book “The Burning Heart of the World” at Roeliff Jansen Library on May 8.

the bodies of those that survive them.”

Sorting through the wreckage of mass violence and existential threats to sovereignty and territorial integrity, these stories provide a homeland to displaced people.

In 2014, Kricorian did an Armenian heritage trip. She expressed an intense feeling when looking at flowers on the side of the road or walking along the bridges, realizing that her grandmother had seen those same flowers and walked those same roads. She felt deeply rooted in place and history — yet also confronted by the reality of uprooting and displacement.

With each section of the book broken down by geographical regions, Kricorian worked to replicate this feeling with immersive and sensory writing that drops the reader amidst the flowers. The use of nature as a literary tool is woven throughout her writing, particularly through the recurring image of birds.

Throughout Armenian folklore, birds are often used as a symbol for the community’s ability to rebuild their nests elsewhere when their homes are destroyed and the flowers are no longer familiar.

The novel begins with a passage from Armenian musicologist Gomidas:

“My heart is like a house in ruins, the beams in splinters, the pillars shaken.

Wild birds build their nest where my home once was.”

As a part of her research for this novel, Krikorian signed up for an intro to Arabic class. A portion of the class focused on Lebanese food in New York City. The chef who taught the course shared, “I came here like a wounded bird from a burning country.”

Kricorian used that line in her novel. Like a bird, she gathered pieces of insight and information from the dozens of Armenians she interviewed to cultivate this piece of art — a nest of words, experiences, traumas and laughter.

Olivia Geiger is an MFA student at Western Connecticut State University and a lifelong resident of Lakeville.

Last week’s WotW

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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.

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MAY 17

Book and Plant Sale

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

Douglas Library in North Canaan will hold a \$5 a bag book sale on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale is in the upstairs rooms only. Bags are provided. The library’s plant sale fundraiser will take place the same day. Call 860-824-7863 for more information.

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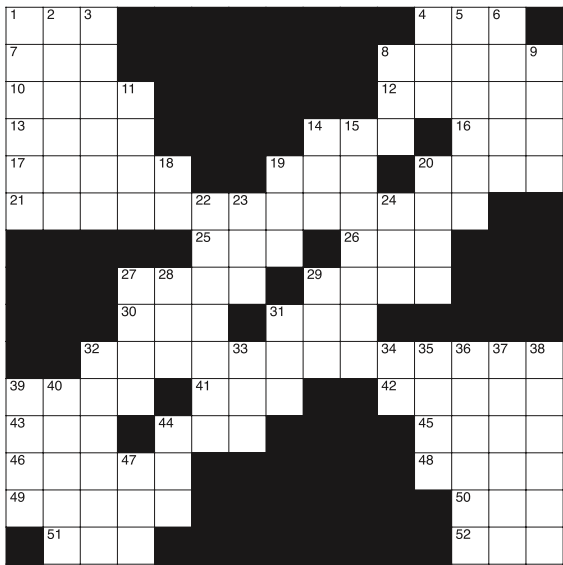
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- 20. Snake-like fishes
- 21. Places where people live
- 25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 26. Periodical
- 27. A type of sense
- 29. A way to get possession of
- 30. Everyone has one
- 31. Body art
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 41. Head movement
- 42. Jeweled headdress
- 43. VCR button
- 44. A way to change color
- 45. Basketball move
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- 48. Forest-dwelling monkey
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- 50. Negative
- 51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)
- 52. Unit of work



- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. Pores in a leaf’s epidermis
- 18. Digraph
- 19. Married woman
- 20. Peripheral
- 22. Northern Italy city
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Type of tree
- 27. Witnessed
- 28. Popular breakfast food
- 29. __ Mahal
- 31. BoSox legend Williams
- 32. Professional drivers
- 33. Atom or molecule type
- 34. The Constitution State

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Senior Tessa Dekker elevates for one of her three goals against Lakeview.

Housatonic lax wins 18-6

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls lacrosse kept rolling Tuesday, May 7, with a decisive 18-6 win over Lakeview High School.

Eight different players scored for Housatonic in the Northwest Corner rivalry matchup. Sophomore Georgie Clayton led the team with five goals.

The Mountaineers’ record advanced to 5-1 with a cumulative 43-point goal differential halfway through the season. The lone loss came at Watertown High School on April 10.

“We will be playing [Watertown] in the championship on the 28th of May,” Coach Laura Bushey declared.

The game against Lakeview May 7 went on despite ominous cloud cover at starting time. Rain earlier in the day made for a wet field, but the clouds parted by the second quarter for a sunny afternoon of lacrosse.

HVRHS wasted no time setting the tone. Georgie Clayton repeatedly sliced and diced her way through midfield to create offensive opportunities for the Mountaineers, who took a 7-1 lead in the first quarter.

The lead grew to 11-3 by halftime. Seniors Lola Clayton and Tessa Dekker created



HVRHS senior Lou Haemmerle lines up a shot May 7.

a one-two punch on attack with Dekker setting up plays from behind the net as Clayton cut to the crease. The pair combined for five goals in the game.

Once the lead extended to double digits in the second half, the clock ran continuously. Lakeview found scoring chances but HVRHS sophomore goalie Sophia DeDominicis-Fitzpatrick saved seven shots, more than she let by.

The game ended 18-6 in

favor of HVRHS.

The following players scored for the Mountaineers: Georgie Clayton (5), Tessa Dekker (3), Lola Clayton (2), Islay Sheil (2), Katie Crane (2), Annabelle Carden (2), Mollie Ford (1) and Chloe Hill (1).

Lakeview’s goals were scored by Layla Jones (2), Isabelle Deforge (2), Juliana Bailey (1) and Caroline Donnelly (1).

Double trouble

Clayton sisters cradle success in lacrosse

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — With precision, power and poise, Georgie and Lola Clayton are dominating the Western Connecticut Lacrosse Conference.

The sisters from Lakeville have led Housatonic Valley Regional High School to second place in the WCLC and have their sights set on a championship.

“You can’t miss ‘em,” said Coach Laura Bushey. “Lola is a senior, she plays attack. The younger sister is a sophomore, Georgie. She plays midfield.”

Midway through the 2025 season, the Claytons had combined for 40 of the team’s 78 goals and propelled the Mountaineers to a league record of 5-1. And many of those goals were assisted by one or the other.

Their secret to success? Practice. Both players have been starters since they were freshmen and the on-field experience, they said, was a game changer.

“Experiencing it firsthand is really what improved me so much,” said Georgie. “And having Lola because she can talk to me at home and tell me what I’m doing wrong.”

Lola said a sibling rivalry fuels their passion for the sport.

“We most definitely go against each other purposefully,” Lola said.

“It’s motivation,” Georgie noted.

“It’s been like that forever. We played on the same soccer team since we were really little, so we’ve always been going against each other,” said Lola.

Neither sister had picked up a lacrosse stick prior to becoming freshmen at HVRHS.

“We never even watched a game,” Georgie said.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Lola, left, and Georgie Clayton play to win.

It was their neighbor, Catherine Bushey, daughter of Coach Bushey, who inspired the Claytons to start playing lacrosse.

“She got me really excited the first day. Ever since then, I’ve kind of wanted to get up to her level and show her that I can do it,” Lola said.

Catherine now plays club lacrosse at Lehigh University. Her older brother, Erin, is the assistant coach of the Mountaineers. He also played at HVRHS before the boys team was disbanded his senior year due to low enrollment.

After losing the 2024 WCLC championship game by one point, the Claytons said they intend to win the conference title this year.

“100% we want to win” Georgie said.

Lola added, “It’s definitely the goal” for her final varsity season.

Senior teammates Lou Haemmerle, Tessa Dekker, Olivia Peterson and Katelin Lopes are just as committed.

Watertown High School is the only WCLC team to beat HVRHS this year. The Mountaineers expect to face Watertown again in the post-season tournament.

“It would be really, really great to beat them,” Lola shared.



Lola attacks as Georgie cheers her on in midfield.

The WCLC title match is scheduled for May 28.

As for next year, Lola plans to join the club team when she attends St. Lawrence University.

With her big sister and four other seniors graduating, Georgie is hopeful there will be enough interest among the incoming class to fill a roster.

“I’ve talked to some upcoming freshmen,” Georgie said, and several students may sign up. “I’m hoping we’ll have enough because it’s such a good sport and team.”

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Sports



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Glastonbury High School crew attempts to battle wind and white caps on Lake Waramaug Saturday, May 10.

Windy weather cancels Kent Invitational

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The annual Kent Invitational regatta on Lake Waramaug did not start this year due to strong winds of 30 miles per hour on Saturday, May 10.

The gusts caused white caps on the lake's surface and boats were unable to stay in lane or arrange on the starting line.

An initial starting time delay ultimately led to a full cancellation at 2 p.m.



Boats were unable to maintain lane or line up at starting marks due to intense wind.

Little League at Steve Blass Field

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League AAA Red Sox hosted the Tri-Town Red Sox Wednesday, May 7, for the home opener at Steve Blass Field.

The weather held out for an evening of baseball and bubblegum, which the players explained is essential to team success.

"They have a special baseball bubblegum. It's called Big League Chew," said Noah Sher, who was watching his big brother Eli play for the Red Sox.

"It helps us focus," added right fielder Kurt Hall from the dugout.

Hall said the field was in good condition despite heavy rain earlier in the week.

Of the damp sand, he said, "It kind of gives you more



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Baseball and bubblegum returned to Steve Blass Field May 7, when the Red Sox played the Red Sox.

friction."

The NCSBLL includes players from Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon. Tri-Town players come from Goshen, Litchfield, Morris and Warren.

Boys 4x400 team breaks HVRHS school record

A 400-meter relay school record that stood since 1977 was shattered on Tuesday, May 6. The Housatonic Valley Regional High School team of Patrick Money, Ryan Segalla, Anthony Labbadia (right) and Kyle McCarron completed the event in 3:29.3. The previous HVRHS record holders, Mike Dodge, Rick Cantele, Tom Whitehead and Art Quinion, ran 3:36.0 nearly five decades ago. It was the third longstanding HVRHS track record broken this year.



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Matsudaira wins on senior night

Housatonic Valley Regional High School first singles player Manny Matsudaira earned a 6-0, 6-3 win over Northwestern Regional High School's Casio Robinson on Wednesday, May 7. Matsudaira's victory came on HVRHS boys tennis senior night.

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