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Bunny McGuire, at center holding the big scissors, was surrounded by her family as she cut the ribbon to the park that now bears her name in North Canaan on Saturday, June 7.

North Canaan dedicates park in name of Bunny McGuire

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The park on Main Street in North Canaan was officially named Bunny Mc-Guire Park at a ceremony beneath the pavilion Saturday, June 7.

Clementine "Bunny" McGuire was recognized for her lifelong commitment to volunteerism in

town. Her civil contributions include work with the Beautification Committee, the Douglas Library, the historical society, a poll worker, an employee of North Canaan Elementary and Housatonic Valley Regional High Schools and a volunteer at her church.

"People like Bunny are the lifeblood of small towns and we should

all be grateful for the bountiful benefits we have derived from having this vital and generous force in our midst," said Kathryn Boughton, town historian.

First Selectman Brian Ohler described McGuire as, "A person whose name is truly synonymous

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New bill makes early childcare free for lower income households

By Alec Linden

Early childcare professionals in the Northwest Corner applaud the announcement of the passing of a new childcare affordability bill in the state, even if some details remain unclear.

On May 31, Connecticut state legislation passed a first-of-its kind bill that offers free early childcare to families with a total annual income of less than \$100,000, and limits childcare costs to just 7% of annual income for families who make

"We've been on the back burner for a long time," said Salisbury's Housatonic Child Care Center Director Tonya Roussis, explaining that the moment feels like a reckoning of sorts for early childhood caregivers. "It's nice to see that this is coming to the forefront, and we are being recognized."

The bill, known as Senate Bill 1, has been a top priority for Senate democrats in the 2025 legislative session, which adjourned on June 4. The proposal was strongly backed by Governor Ned Lamont (D), who described it as "an investment in our future by expanding access to

affordable pre-school" in a Feb. 2025 press release, explaining that early socialization and education prepares young children to succeed while their parents are able to earn more income.

The bill passed by a large margin, 32-4, in the state Senate on May 30, followed by a House vote the next day that was split on party lines, 101-45.

The core of the bill establishes an endowment fund from annual

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Lynn Werner, executive director of the Housatonic Valley Association, has been a driving force in land and water conservation for more than 40 years.

Housatonic Valley's **'Conservation** Hero' leaves lasting legacy

By Debra A. Aleksinas

CORNWALL — Lynn Werner was smitten by the smelts.

Fresh out of college, she landed a job as a researcher with the state fisheries division counting young salmon.

"It was a phenomenal job. We would set up traps mid-stream and count the smelts in there and then release them. I would hang onto the rocks and just be one with the water," as the small, silvery fish sparkled and splashed around her.

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Blue jackets, bright futures

FFA members shine at annual banquet

By Hannah Johnson

FALLS VILLAGE — On Tuesday, June 3, the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter held its 86th annual FFA Banquet. The night started with a buffet dinner provided by Freund's farm with many FFA members, alumni, parents, and guests present.

Tracy Atwood of Falls Village surveyed the scene in the newly refurbished cafeteria.

"We used to eat and play basketball in here," he remembered.

Not at the same time, he added. But there was a volleyball net in one corner of the cafeteria and there were lunchtime pickup

"They were very vigorous." After dinner, everyone moved to the auditorium. Chapter offi-



cers conducted the traditional FFA opening ceremonies leading into the national anthem sung by Housatonic's student talent and chapter junior advisor Madison Melino.

Throughout the night dozens of students received awards and degrees. First-year FFA members received their Greenhand FFA degree while second-year members strived to earn their Chapter degrees. Twelve Housatonic students also earned their Charter Oak degree, a state-level accomplishment.

The annual banquet allowed families and guests to see firsthand the accomplishments and activities of students throughout the year. Members reported on their travels to the Washington Leadership Conference, and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis as well as numerous state-level competitions throughout the year.

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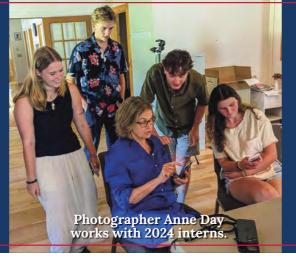
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Housatonic Valley FFA President Christopher Crane spoke at the FFA Banquet Tuesday, June 3.

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Falls Village sets mill rate at 22.44

The budget was approved by voters at a town meeting June 6. One agenda item to rescind a town ordinance failed. 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.

Arrest on DUI warrant

On June 2, troopers took Osvaldo Emilio Paulino, 30, of Torrington into custody on an arrest warrant pertaining to an incident on Litchfield Road in Norfolk in December 2024. Paulino was transferred to Winsted Police Department and was processed for operating a motor vehicle under the influence and failure to maintain proper lane. He was released on a \$500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on June 16.

Car flees parking lot crash

A Chevrolet Malibu LT was parked in the Tinker Lot, a private parking lot on The Hotchkiss School grounds, on June 3 when it was struck by a vehicle at some time between 11:30 a.m. and 12:52 p.m. The operator said it was a work car and it had been parked at that location at 11:30 a.m. with no damage.

When returning to the vehicle, the operator found damage to the rear, left bumper panel and left taillight. The vehicle that caused the accident had fled the scene.

Car runs off Route 4

Late in the evening on June 4, McKenna Carolan, 19, of Warren was driving east on Route 4 in Sharon near the intersection with Jackson Hill Road when the vehicle, a GMC Sierra 1500, crossed to the opposite lane before driving off the roadway. The vehicle collided with approximately 50 feet of wire-rope guardrail before coming to rest in an embankment. Carolan was uninjured in the accident, though the vehicle was disabled and had to be towed from the scene. Carolan was issued a written warning for failing to drive on the right side.

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

Salisbury real estate sales in May

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Five of Salisbury's eight home sales in May closed over \$2 million. Three of the five were located in Lakeville.

The median price of a single-family home on a rolling 12-month basis in Salisbury reached \$1,370,000, 62.7% higher than May of 2024. At the same time there were 29 homes listed for sale at the beginning of June. No slowdown is in sight as the selling season begins.

Transactions

30 Selleck Hill Road — 2.06 acres of vacant land sold by Salisbury Housing Trust to Bridget Clarke Sayler and Dominic M. Sayler for \$195,000.

29 Morgan Lane — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath lake front home on 2.05 acres sold by Kevin J. McCaffrey and Cara C. McCaffrey to Anne Fredericks for \$5,250,000.

62 Rocky Lane — 2 bed-



245-251 Belgo Road, built in 1845, sold in 2014 for \$525,000, renovated and sold in 2019 for \$2,500,000, and resold on May 12 for \$4,100,000.

room/1 bath home on 4 acres sold by Julia Cathleen Ott to Ieffrey and Naomi A. Bravin, Linda Williams and Wesley Miller for \$700,000.

Selleck Hill Road —121.02 acres of forested land sold by SP Consolidated Land and Cattle LLC to Christopher Hewat for \$1,000,000.

172 Selleck Hill Road — 5 bedroom/4.5 bath home on

15.4 acres sold by Elizabeth Varet to Christopher Hewat for \$2,150,000.

15 Red Mountain Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 42.49 acres sold by Cory and Meredith G. Murphy to Leslie Kane Bazos and Nicholas Bazos for \$3,850,000.

33 Walton Street — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 0.35 acres sold by Pallone Karcheski LLC to Lakeville Lodge LLC for \$400,000.

245-251 Belgo Road — 4 bedroom/6 bath historic main house on 10.68 acres sold by Hang with the Turkeys LLC to Marie T. Spears for \$4,100,000.

128 Millerton Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 2.47 acres sold by David Borino to Michael T. Peschel for \$2,500,000.

56 Interlaken Estates — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold by Hillary and Paul Kavanagh to Randy and Nicole Watkins for \$760,000.

*Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between May 1 and May 31, 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 CT and NY.

Two named to posts at The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Millerton News is pleased to announce that it has named two local journalists to posts at the paper.

Nathan Miller, who lives in Amenia, has been named managing editor. Miller joined LJMN Media, Inc., publisher of The News and The Lakeville Journal, last summer upon graduation from The University of Missouri, Columbia, with a Bachelor's in journalism.

Miller has worked for both The News and The Journal as Editorial and Digital Content Coordinator.

Aly Morrissey, who lives in Millbrook, has joined The News as a staff reporter. Morrissey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Quinnipiac University. Morrrisey will focus on the Village of Millerton and the

Town of North East. Out of college, Morrissey was a reporter and editorial assistant at The Boston Herald. After moving from Greater Boston to the Hudson Valley in 2017, Morrissey held communications and administrator roles at Indian Mountain School and Millbrook School. She is the photographer for the Sharon Playhouse and has worked as

a professional photographer for the last eight years.

"Miller and Morrissey will bring new energy to the paper's focus on local coverage," said John Coston, editor-at-large, who will continue in his role.

James H. Clark, chief executive officer and publisher of LJMN Media said, "Nathan and Aly bring a shared commitment to ensuring that our communities are well served and we're excited that they've agreed to take on this challenge."

On Saturday, June 28, The

News is sponsoring the Millerton Street Fair, bringing together local nonprofits and businesses with families and neighbors, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the village center.

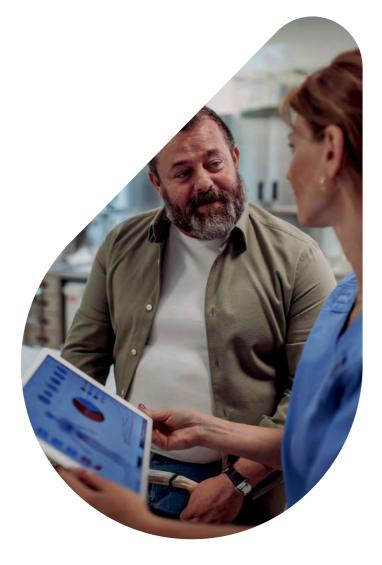
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USA presents contract options for municipal solid waste

Selectmen remain reluctant to sign, question MIRA-DA's decision to sell transfer station

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letting the remainder of our

contract just run for the next

two years and see what our

Curtis Rand was on the same

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id waste uncertainty is Kent,

which is part of the Housa-

tonic Resource Recovery Au-

thority. Kent is the northern-

most member of the 14-town

regional effort that stretches

Corner expressed interest

in joining HRRA last year

but were denied. Since then,

the Northwest Hills Council

of Governments had been

working to establish its own

regional effort using the Tor-

rington Transfer Station as a

Torrington Transfer Station,

was collaborating with the

towns until last month when

an agreement to privately

sell the facility to USA was

accepted. Now the path for-

"The water is muddy and

ward is uncertain.

murky," said Ohler.

MIRA-DA, owner of the

central hub.

Towns in the Northwest

south to Ridgefield.

Salisbury First Selectman

The sole Region One town

options are."

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — On May 29, selectmen in the Northwest Corner were given four options for solid waste contracts by MIRA Dissolution Authority (MIRA-DA) and USA Waste & Recycling.

The presentation was made two weeks after MI-RA-DA's acceptance of a \$3.25 million offer from USA to purchase the Torrington Transfer Station.

The options for towns were: sign a five-year contract with USA; sign a 10-year contract with USA; continue with current municipal service agreements until June 30, 2027; or opt out and find an alternative solution.

Following the 2022 closure of the state's trash-to-energy plant in Hartford, towns were given five years to establish alternative destinations for solid waste. Under the service agreements, tipping fees were set for municipal solid waste at \$136 per ton in 2026 and \$141 per ton in 2027. There is no fee for recycling tonnage under the existing agreements.

USA's proposed contracts vary in price.

In USA's five-year contract, MSW tipping fees start at \$120 per ton in 2026 and rise to \$141.75 per ton by 2030. For recycling, fees start at up to \$45 per ton in 2026 and increase to a maximum of \$75 per ton by 2030.

In USA's 10-year contract, MSW tipping fees start at \$118 per ton in 2026 and rise to an unlisted amount in 2035, which will be based on future consumer price index for garbage and trash collection. Recyclables similarly start at up to \$45 per ton in 2026 with an unlisted price in 2035.

USA requested towns choose a plan by June 9 and enter into new contracts no later than July 2.

In a follow-up conversation, Falls Village First Selectman Dave Barger said more time is needed. "We've got to look at the contract and have our town counsel look at the contract" before a decision is made.

Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said there is no rush to decide, but the prices from USA are likely to increase if the "sweetheart deal" is not accepted

deal" is not accepted.

Regarding the fourth option, Ridgway said, "We have heard from some other companies that are interested in some sort of regional project." He noted the preferred option of many Northwest Corner towns is to develop a regional waste authority. "We just don't have enough information at this point in my mind to lock into a five-or 10-year contract."

North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler said some have doubted MIRA-DA's authority to sell the Torrington Transfer Station to a private company without going out to bid. "What we're hearing is it's not that simple for MIRA. They essentially hand-picked a hauling company without going out to bid," said Ohler at a selectmen's meeting June 2.

Sharon First Selectman Casey Flanagan plans to

New ice cream shop serves up sweet success in Lakeville

By Alec Linden

LAKEVILLE — Grassland Dessert Café has been slammed since a not-so-soft launch on May 31, filling a clearly-needed niche in Lakeville and bringing back the timeless atmosphere of an ice cream parlor.

"The reception from the community has been unbelievable," said founder and owner Bill Colgan.

Colgan said that while opening an ice cream shop has been a dream since his childhood, what really matters to him is for the confectionery to become a place for people to come together.

"Community is the one word of what we do... it's about all those connections that are made," he said.

He recalled one afternoon when an older couple enjoyed some cones in the store, and while on their way out they ran into some old friends they hadn't seen for a long time and ended up staying another half hour at their table.

"To me, that really is the measure of success right there," Colgan said. "These people had a conversation they might have never had if we hadn't been there."

Since unfurling the open sign, Colgan said that business has been steady, rain or shine, even keeping staff scooping ice cream until 9 p.m. one on occasion while they've usually been trying to close by 7 or 8 p.m. Col-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Owner Bill Colgan said the redesign of the former Chinese food restaurant at 343 Main Street was intended to be welcoming for guests of Grassland Dessert Café.

gan said a grand opening is upcoming and will announce official hours, which he anticipates being seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a quick breather on Monday morning, when the shop will open at 3 p.m.

Colgan explained that the redesign of the building at 343 Main Street in downtown Lakeville was intended to promote a welcoming atmosphere. Formerly housing a Chinese food restaurant and several apartments, Colgan said it had been vacant for 15 years and was a "real eyesore in the town."

Teaming up with Norfolk carpenters and twin brothers Mike and Scott Sinclair – "we like to do the strange and unusual," Colgan said – the trio transformed the 150 year old building into a friendly

and welcoming space for the community, including the reinstallation of a big porch which was part of the building a century ago but had disappeared over the years.

The porch lends a nostal-

gic familiarity to the space, Colgan said, reminiscent of a kind of homely Americana that says, "Welcome, come on in."

"It's a beautiful building

"It's a beautiful building now but it was hard to see that three years ago," said Colgan, explaining that he enlisted the assistance of a Broadway designer, a connection from his days working as a stagehand on Broadway and at Madison Square Garden.

While Colgan is proud of the building and the goods it serves, which includes drip coffee and espresso beverages, gelato, baked goods, smoothies, and other treats besides the obvious hard and soft serve ice cream, he said that the story of the Café does not belong to just him, but to the community. In addition to working closely with local business and tradespeople — "the core of the community," in his words — the parlor's staff is almost entirely comprised of local high schoolers from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, The Hotchkiss School, Salisbury School, Berkshire School, Webatuck High School and

Despite a warning from a fellow hospitality business owner, Colgan said "We decided to go the youth route instead of more experienced, and it was the 100% absolutely right decision."

Salisbury, Sharon to pursue waste management grant

By Alec Linden and Riley Klein

The Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station is moving forward on a grant application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to improve its municipal waste management systems.

The funding would be used to increase composting services and may involve a transition to a unit-based pricing model, also known as "pay as you throw," at the Transfer Station in an effort to reduce MSW from the waste stream.

The Sustainable Materials Management grant is in its second round of allocations, with applications due June 27. The towns have opted to work with waste management consulting outfit Was-

teZero in the development of the application, a choice Sharon First Selectman Casey Flanagan is confident with.

"These people seem to have mastered this," he said, noting that the firm helped 15 municipalities receive funding in the first-round allocations for the grant.

Both towns' Boards of Selectmen recently voted to move forward with the plan.

If the application is successful, WasteZero will facilitate discussions among residents as to next steps, as well as assist in the planning and roll-out of new strategies and programs for the town to implement.

In a conversation June 5, Transfer Station Manager Brian Bartram said last year about 450 households participated in the composting program and roughly 40 tons of food scraps were diverted from the waste stream. He said one goal is to expand the program to include businesses.

At present, Salisbury/ Sharon pays a driver to haul food scraps to New Milford for composting, which is later brought back as compost. And it's expensive.

"It costs us more money to compost than it does to throw it out as garbage," said Bartram.

By expanding to commer-

cial composting and switching to unit-based pricing, which are both intended to divert more food scrap out of the waste stream, the towns would be able to reduce the expense.

"If we can get that food out of there, now we can have a large enough stream of food scraps that we would be able to get it most likely over to McEnroe's at a much more reasonable cost," said Bartram.

McEnroe Organic Farm

Soils & Compost is located just over the border in Millerton, New York.

One possible use of the grant could be to buy a truck so the towns can stop contracting with a driver and the crew can haul it to Millerton themselves.

Bartram said the details of the grant request are yet to be decided and he will work with WasteZero on the application. He said, "I'll be happy to tell you more on June 28," after the application is done.





Issues concerning Lakeville Lake fill annual meeting agenda

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Updates on the ongoing hydrilla threat and water quality studies, review of the adoption of a 200-foot Upland Review Area and new guidance on permitted activities were among the issues raised at the 90-minute annual meeting of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association on Saturday, June 7.

Long-time board member Mary Silks presented an update on hydrilla and water quality issues. Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR), the association's lake management consultant, will be conducting searches for hydrilla and a monthly rare plant survey beginning June 12, she reported.

Unlike nearby Twin Lakes, which is waging a lengthy and costly battle with the invasive weed, Lake Wononscopomuc, also known as Lakeville Lake, has not been found to harbor hydrilla, which tends to appear in a pattern starting at boat launches and leading out into lakes.

Out of an abundance of caution, the decision was made to keep Lakeville Lake's boat launch closed for a third season to outside boaters in an attempt to keep hydrilla from infecting the 348-acre lake, the deepest natural lake in Connecticut.

"Once a month [George Knoecklein of NEAR] will go around the lake and see if he can find any hydrilla, and if they do, they will remove it from the lake and check for any roots, and then monitor it very closely through October," Silks explained.

Water quality surveys targeting phosphorus, nitrates and oxygen levels, she said, will also be done monthly, both by volunteer association members and its limnologist at a cost of \$27,574 plus \$818 in equipment costs.

Littauer said so far preventative measures have been working well, "so we want to keep it going.

The lake is closed for the launching of any outside watercraft. The danger of getting hydrilla in the lake is a little bit frightening. All we have to do is look at Twin Lakes and see what the problem is there."

"The Army Corps of Engineers' Dr. Ben Sperry said once you get hydrilla, you've got it. There is no way of getting rid of it, all you can do is manage it," Littauer explained. Treating the lake with herbicides, he said, is the only effective management option.

He recalled the first time the use of a herbicide in Lakeville Lake was proposed back in 2002 to treat invasive milfoil. "I almost got "The danger of getting hydrilla in the lake is a little bit frightening. All we have to do is look at Twin Lakes and see what the problem is there." Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopmuc Association

ridden out of town on a rail."

Silks explained that the Connecticut River variant of hydrilla, which is more robust than hydrilla found elsewhere in the country, looks very similar to Elodea, or waterweed. She suggested reporting any suspected hydrilla sightings and advised against pulling it out of the lake as it can easily release small pieces of the plant and root elsewhere.

Concern about Long Pond

Littauer expressed concern that Long Pond is at risk of becoming infected with hydrilla, as there are no monitors checking on watercraft entering that lake. "There is no way of knowing where they've been. That's why we have this very strict prohibition on our lake."

Dana Rohn, a resident of Long Pond, said there have been numerous conversations with First Selectman Curtis Rand about the threat there.

"The boat launch is closed for the year to all car-top watercraft and motor boats. We will be having the lake monitored twice this year to try to manage all the plant growth."

Littauer said considering the threat to Lakeville Lake, he is surprised that the fisheries division of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) "is opposed to our closure. They threatened to stop stocking this lake if fishermen can't put their boats in the lake. Instead, they should be protecting us against hydrilla."

He noted that "at the moment we have the right to keep the lake closed," but expressed concern that at some point "we may have to cave to the DEEP on this."

Heated discussion on stump grinding

In other business, a heated discussion over stump grinding stalled the association's decision to ask the town's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to increase the Upland Review Area around the lake from the current URA of 75 feet to 200 feet.

The lake association had proposed to the wetlands commission seven years ago that it be raised to 200 feet, but the commission decided to review all the regulations instead.

Littauer said he will call a special meeting to discuss the issue with a representative of the Inland Wetlands commission to answer questions raised during the meeting.

Members appeared satisfied with the guidelines provided by the commission on what activities will be allowed under the Upland Review Area, but objections were raised over the issue of

stump grinding.

Jeffrey Small said he had a dead tree in the middle of a garden and asked why he would have to go through a bureaucratic process to get rid of a stump. He called it government overreach.

Dean Haubrich pointed to the long and expensive process he went through to get permission to repair a culvert that, he said, would be a benefit to the lake.

Faith Hochberg said that often when rules are put in place they create problems years later.

Jim Morrill noted that his house is flat by Route 41, but his property has a steep slope down to the lake. Removing stumps on the slope, he said, would allow soil to erode and slide into the lake.

The discussion turned heated, and Tino Galluzzo proposed tabling the issue until a special meeting could be called to deal with the question. That motion carried without opposition.

Littauer's last term as president

In other business, the association presented its 2025/2026 slate of officers. Bill Littauer was appointed to his 25th year as president of the association, after which he said he plans to step down from his long-held role.

Arthur Strang thanked Littauer for his service to the lake organization, a role he has held since 2001, and congratulated him on his planned retirement at the end of this term.

Other officers appointed at the annual meeting include Augustino Galluzzo, vice president, Arthur Strang, treasurer and Bently Beich, secretary.

North Canaan to vote June 23 on appointing civil jobs, trooper contract

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — At its June meeting, The Board of Selectmen set a joint public hearing and special town meeting to be held June 23.

The two items to be voted on will be: to approve a two-year resident trooper contract for Trooper Spencer Bronson; to change the roles of town clerk, treasurer and tax collector to be appointed positions instead of elected positions.

The trooper contract would be effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

As of the June 2 selectmen's meeting, no salary figure had been put forth for the new contract. The 2025-26 budget that was approved in May allocated \$133,602 toward the resident trooper line.

The full trooper contract is on the town website northcanaan.org and can be accessed by clicking "Read More" about the town meeting at the top of the home page.

The four-year appointments of town clerk, treasurer and tax collector would be made by the selectmen. First Selectman Brian Ohler said many towns across the state have been switching away from electing these roles.

"The tax collectors in Connecticut, over half now are appointed," said Ohler. "The town clerks in Connecticut, over a third."

Ohler said the change would give the town "some

oversight" of the staff in an effort to maintain continuity of service.

"These offices are truly there for the towns and the residents and the businesses, and ensuring that the town itself has some oversight in their performance and their hours and basically their scope of work, I think it's a healthy time for us to have that discussion as a town," Ohler said.

Out-of-state vehicle tax

Noting the prevalence of vehicles in town with outof-state license plates, Selectman Craig Whiting said North Canaan may begin taxing and fining the vehicle owners in spite of their non-local registration.

He cited a June 1 CT Mirror article titled "Out-of-state license plates are costing CT towns big money."

It states, "Connecticut law mandates that vehicles "garaged" in a municipality — meaning regularly parked overnight, even on the street — must be taxed there, regardless of where they may be officially registered. Spend your winter in the Sunshine State, but more than 90 days each summer in Connecticut, and you have to pay, even with those Florida plates. The penalty is a \$1,000 fine."

"You could be double charged," Whiting said.

"We would like for them to do what's right," said Ohler, noting some 40 vehicles have been identified. "Or we can just send them the bill."

Sharon selectmen make a flurry of committee reappointments

By Alec Linden

SHARON — On the May 27 Board of Selectmen's agenda were several reappointments to town commissions. It was noted that all current position holders expressed interest in continuing in their

The Board moved to reappoint Elizabeth M. Hall as a regular member of the Historic District Commission,

with her term expiring june 30, 2030. W. Allen Reiser will continue as an alternate member of the same commission, his term to expire on June 30, 2028.

William R. Tingley will continue on as a regular member of the Housatonic River Commission, his term expiring June 30, 2028.

Sewer and Water Commission regular member Stephen J. Szalewicz will con-

with her term expiring June tinue on with a term expiring 30, 2030. W. Allen Reiser June 30, 2030.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses commissioners Robin L. Zitter and Sharon M. Tingley will serve terms expiring June 20, 2030.

For the Long Range Planning Commission, Donna DiMartino, Ed Yowell, Elizabeth Hall and Pam Jarvis will serve terms to expire on March 26, 2028.

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OBITUARIES

Patrick Lynch

SHARON — On April 21, Also he liked to steal their 2025, our beloved husband,

father, grandfather and friend, Patrick Lynch, passed away in Sharon, Connecticut. He was 79 years old. Patrick was born on Aug. 21, 1945, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Joseph Lynch Jr. and Sar-

ah Faherty. Joe had three children (Joseph III, Dottie and Kae) from a previous marriage; after being widowed, he married Sarah and had three more sons: Richard, Robert, and Patrick.

Patrick grew up in Dorchester, where he attended Boston Latin School. Perhaps inspired by his father's occupation as a book printer, Patrick developed what would become a lifelong appreciation for a good story, collecting colorful tales of his life in South Boston that he would later take great pleasure in sharing, usually over an Irish whiskey. He attended college at Brown University, where he majored in American Studies and immersed himself in theater.

After graduating from Brown in 1967, he served in the National Guard and then returned to his studies, this time pursuing a graduate degree at the Yale School of Drama (now the David Geffen School of Drama at Yale University).

After leaving Yale, Patrick moved to New York and worked in market research at Elizabeth Arden. During this period spent observing product tests for baby shampoos and sniffing out perfume notes, he developed strong opinions about a wide variety of products and became a fervent brand loyalist — he was notoriously reluctant to deviate from his preferred daily uniform (teal work shirt, cargo pants), dessert order (a hot fudge sundae with vanilla ice cream), or soap (Dove). This loyalty extended to his friends and family, many of whom reached out to him in times of crisis. He never let anyone

His encyclopedic knowledge was legendary: an avid crossword puzzler and tinkerer, he knew not only about the thing (whatever the thing was), but (if applicable) how it worked and how to fix it. He was drawn to interesting characters — artists, writers, smart alecs and cut-ups of all stripes — because although he was deeply principled and (mostly) a rule-follower, he preferred to accept people as

best stories to tell at future dinner parties.

> His favorite story, however, was the one he shared with his wife, Jane, the center of his world. They met in 1973 after being set up on a blind date at a hockey game. Moments after returning to their re-

spective apartments, he rang her up on the phone to continue their conversation — a conversation that continued for 52 years. They married on May 31, 1975 and made a home in northwestern Connecticut. For many years they split their time between Connecticut and New York City pursuing their respective careers, during which time Patrick worked as a producer, notably on the anthology series American Playhouse, where he produced two episodes, 1985's "Displaced Person" (for which he won an Emmy award) and the 1987 episode "Suspicion."

In 1983, he and Jane had their daughter Tess. Patrick was a devoted father, holding down the fort — and cutting the crusts off countless tuna sandwiches — when Jane's career required her to travel. In 1996, they moved to Los Angeles and spent five years in a magical house in Bel Air, but it was with no small measure of relief that he left the desert sun behind to return to Connecticut in 2001. He was a New Englander through and through, and a place without real apple cider donuts and crisp fall evenings was simply not home to Patrick. He would, however, return to Los Angeles many times over the years to visit his daughter and sonin-law, Peter, and to spoil his grandchildren absolutely rotten with gazillions of Hess trucks and hard-to-acquire stuffed animals.

Patrick was preceded in death by his mother Sarah Faherty, father Joseph F. Lynch, Jr., and siblings, Joseph Lynch, Kae O'Neill, Dottie Joyce and Richard

Patrick is survived by his wife, Jane Curtin, his daughter Tess Lynch and her husband Peter Cellini, and his three grandchildren, Emmett Cellini, Lola Cellini and Finnegan Cellini.

He is also survived by his constant companion, Newie the dog, who is patiently waiting for him to come home and toss her a handful of popcorn.

The Kenny Funeral Home

CANAAN - Edward R. "Ed" Osborne, 77, of 12 Housatonic Avenue, died June 3, 2025, at the Danbury Hospital. He was the husband of Donna (Tanner)

Osborne. Eddy and Donna were married on Jan. 14, 1984 and celebrated 41 years together. Ed was born June 16,

1947, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, a son of the late Ernest and Mary (Curtiss) Osborne. He graduated from the Housatonic Valley High School in Falls Village. Ed was called to active duty in the United States Army on Feb. 21, 1968. After Infantry training as a Light Weapons expert, Ed was sent to Vietnam on July 24 of the same

Assigned to Alpha Company, 2/1st Battalion of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade of the American Division, Ed was immediately immersed in combat operations near Chui Lai, Vietnam.

Intense fighting was the call of normalcy during Ed's 1st year tour. On March 13, 1969, Ed's patrol unit came upon a night ambush by both NVA and Guerilla participants laying waste to 9 Americans killed and 21 wounded. Holding their ground, and advancing, once severely wounded and killed in action had been cared for and evacuated by the men of the 196th; the remaining members of Ed's platoon had been halved in numbers.

During the ensuing hours

DOVER PLAINS - Win-

field Scott Begor, 58, a life-

long area resident,

passed away unex-

pectedly on Friday,

May 30, 2025, at his

home. Scott was

a supervisor and

teacher at Taconic

OPWDD in Was-

saic, New York for

36 years retiring in

Born on June 3,

1966 in Sharon, he was the

son of the late Chester W.

Begor and Grace (Mellon)

Begor. On July 9, 2005, at

the Pleasant Valley Method-

ist Church in Pleasant Valley,

New York, he married Mary

Beth Franks who survives at

High School and was a mem-

ber of the Chestnut Ridge

Rod and Gun Club in Do-

ver Plains. He was a vestry

member and an honorary Al-

tar Guild member at Christ

Church Episcopal in Sharon.

generous and caring per-

son, especially in any time of

need, who loved cooking for

friends and family; his pulled

Scott was always a very

Scott attended Dover

home.

Winfield Scott Begor

Edward R. Osborne

and days of unrelenting equipment operator for Sefighting, to include hand to

hand combat, Ed, too, was wounded. Due to Ed's Platoon Leader being killed, Ed was offered a battlefield promotion to further lead his men. He refused. Due to his attention to detail and calmness in the

face of enemy combatants, Ed became the radio operator for his platoon. Eventually, he was tasked with resupply and the calling of airstrikes for 2/1.

Edward Osborne was awarded the Bronze Star w/ (Valor), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, other numerous awards and his most prized possession: the Purple Heart.

After the war, Ed became the youngest VFW Commander to ever hold office in 1970. He held numerous leadership positions from Quartermaster to most recently, Post Adjutant.

His legacy at Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851 is enshrined in the countless hours of volunteerism and devotion to the Post. Numerous enhancements and renovations were conducted by Ed with his keen knowledge of tiling, sheet rocking and carpentry. He was a vociferous reader and later became the biggest advocate for Veteran Issues through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

He worked as a heavy

In his free time, he en-

clay shooting with

good friends. He

bonded with his fa-

ther-in-law watch-

ing Penn State

games. He enjoyed

travel, especially

camping with his

"camping family."

The last two years

he spent doting on

his new best friend,

Maine, the yellow lab who is

Besides his wife, he is

rvived by three children;

a son, Justin Begor of Rome,

New York and two daughters,

Amber Ellis of Rome, New

York and Tara Ann Begor

of Dover Plains, New York;

two brothers, James Begor

of Malone, New York and

Wellington "Skip" Begor of

Dover Plains, New York;

three sisters, Connie Hearn

of Pleasant Valley, New York;

Wava Barlow of Plattsburg,

New York and Penny Wilson

of Millbrook, New York. He

is also survived by six grand-

children; Hunter, Alex and

Jacob Begor, Richie Cian-

frocco-Begor, Daisy Ellis and

from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday,

June 13, 2025 at Hufcut Fu-

neral Home, 3159 Route 22,

Dover Plains, New York. A

memorial service will take

place at 11 a.m. on Satur-

day, June 14, 2025 at Christ

Church Episcopal, 9 South

Main St. in Sharon, Con-

necticut. Memorial contri-

butions may be made to Tow-

ers to Tunnels Foundation,

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land, NY 10306 or online at

https://t2t.org/. To send the

family an online condolence,

please visit www.hufcutfu-

neralhome.com.

Calling hours will be held

Remington King.

lost now without him.

joyed hunting, fishing and

in Canaan, Connecticut. He enjoyed fishing, and was a long time member of the Northwest Rod and Gun Club. As Donna relayed, his happiest times were shared at the

Couch Pipa Post.

galla Construction located

In addition to his wife Donna, Ed is survived by his son, Troy Osborne of Canaan and his daughter Nicole Delarosa of Florida. He is also survived by his sister Donna Lefevre of Canaan and his two grandsons, Logan Osborne of Montana and Finley Osborne of Canaan.

Funeral Services, with Full Military Honors, will be bestowedvva on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Mountain View Cemetery Sand Road Nvorth Canaan, CT 06018. Friends and family are invited to join at the cemetery.

Following the military honors everyone is invited to the Couch-Pipa VFW Post #6851 104 South St. North Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be made to the Couch-Pipa VFW Post #6851 104 South Canaan Rd. Canaan, CT 06018.

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they were, without judgment. has care of arrangements. pork was always welcome! Angela Derrico Carabine

SHARON — Angela Derrico Carabine, 74, of Sharon,

passed away in the early hours of Friday, May 16, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

She was the beloved wife of Michael Joseph Carabine and ever-loving mother to Caitlin Carabine

Angela was born on April 27, 1951, in New York, New York. She was the daughter of the late Angelo and Mildred Derrico of New Rochelle, New York.

Angela was an alumna of The Ursuline School (New Rochelle, New York) and graduated from Barat College (Lake Forest, Illinois). She married Michael Carabine on Sept. 9, 1978, and they welcomed their only

child, Caitlin, on Oct. 11,

Angela recently retired from her long-standing role as the grants manager at the J. M. Kaplan Fund, a job she held for nearly 29 years. She was a member of the Grants Man-

agers Network,

who honored her for several consecutive years with their volunteer certificate of appreciation, in recognition of her outstanding commitment and dedication to the GMN.

While devoted to her career and caring for her husband, Angela always found time to bake, needlepoint, read and garden, with her furry companion, Henry, by her side. She cherished the Sharon community and Women's Club, the Sharon Historical Society and the Sharon Community Foun-

sister, Mary Ann (Mirro).

A private service was held at St. Bernard's Church of Sharon, Connecticut.

Memorial contributions

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of all arrangements.

was a member of the Sharon

She is survived by her husband, Michael; daughter, Caitlin; son-in-law, Andrew; and grandson, William, whom she adored; as well as her brothers, Joseph Derrico and Peter Derrico. She was predeceased by her parents, Angelo and Mildred, and her

may be made to the Sharon Community Foundation, the Sharon Historical Society & Museum, the Sharon Green Preservation Association, and the Hotchkiss Library

could save a dull day.

An Appreciation Joe Brennan

Joe Brennan was an adept fly angler and creative fly tyer. A "try this" from him

> **Fred Balling** West Cornwall

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EDITORIAL

With your help, we doubled down on local news

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Aftermath of protests

ome of us are old enough to remember the '60s and early '70s, however those younger are probably listening to under-educated and under-experienced journalists explaining what protest is all about, how legal, and how these current protests are ground-breaking. It is going to be a long-hot summer, so let's get some history

In 1968, the Chicago Democratic Convention protests in Grant Park were quickly re-classified as riots after the police deliberately charged protestors, flailing batons, beating and swearing at "peaceniks" and "pinko commies" as they did so. Thousands arrested, hundreds injured.

In 1970, Kent State University had demonstrations against the war in Vietnam for more than a week. The National Guard was called in and, completely untrained to deal with anti-war protestors, panicked, and started shooting. Four United States citizens, kids, were shot dead.

The Watts Riots were a disaster precipitated by a heavy-handed police action. The Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles escalated quickly into violence and destruction, unleashing more police with water-canons, guns, "rubber bullets", and more. Result? Thirty-four dead, over 1,000 injured, nearly 4,000 arrests, and over \$40 million in property damage.

And more than 3,000 protests back then involved civil disobedience, marches, rallies, and sit-ins, all directed against those associated with the furtherance of war and injustice. And every single one of these protests involved the police using weapons of their choice: batons, horses, vehicles, shields, arrests, violence, and, above all, incarceration often without any evidence of innocence except for what the media happened to catch. Of course, dead bodies on the ground at Kent State, and

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE PETER RIVA

in Watts were proof someone had been shooting, but at the time the police and the National Guard always blamed the protestors.

How and why did these protests finally sway public opinion? The "malicious damage" done to shops and businesses initially spurred the forces of the authorities and egged them on to more violence. On TV the American public saw and learned of the carnage and did not buy the "pinko" story, ever.

Internal war in America is expensive. It costs the taxpayer money to support the overwhelming militarization of the police, costs insurance companies raising everyone's premiums, causes the loss of profits for all of America's leading commercial companies, and, never least, snarls up the courts and prosecutors with protestors' cases instead of actually dealing with real violent crime. And, now with video being everywhere on every phone, recent cases of police and government masked Gestapo-like tactics against protestors will snarl up the courts even more.

We're seeing police refuse to call ambulances for a woman shot in the head with a plastic police bullet, horses being used as battering and stomping weapons against protestors already on the

ground, and more... American industry will begin to see the cost soon, the economy will begin to tank, and hopefully sense can prevail to oppose these deliberate, and mostly, false raids against hard-working immigrants. Americans protesting, resisting, is not

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, New York, now lives in Gila, New



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern about ecology risk at Pope housing site

As development of the Pope property for affordable housing and recreational uses moves toward a Planning and Zoning Commission 8-24 review and, ultimately, a town meeting vote ("P&Z audit plans for Pope property," Lakeville Journal, May 8, 2025), the Pope Land Design Committee's proposed Concept 6, in the absence of other design proposals, is the one under consideration.

Critical though affordable housing is, the PLDC plan proposing 64 units on 9 acres poses a threat to the ecologically sensitive Pope site. This proposal is in stark contrast to Norfolk's 10-unit affordable housing project on 39 acres, more than half of which will be under Norfolk Land Trust protection ("Affordable housing development breaks ground in Norfolk," LJ, May 15, 2025).

Before the PZC completes its 8-24 review, studies are planned to determine how water sources on the Pope site, vital to habitat preservation, would be affected by the development. It is already known that two sources present, Wachocastinook Creek and Moore Brook, meet to form a wetland system key to wildlife habitats.

A study to be completed in June by PZC Chair Michael Klemens will reveal the habitat status of the wood turtle specifically. This species is on Connecticut's list of Species of Special Concern and identified by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature as globally endangered.

Another study anticipated, typically required for a state-funded project like affordable housing, is an upto-date Natural Diversity Data Base Review through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to determine the impact of development on state-listed species.

If the results of these studies indicate adverse impact on critical habitats, the

town should be prepared to move some or all of Concept 6 to another site. A site well suited as an

alternate for the Concept 6 development is the Mary V. Peters Park on Long Pond Road. The town owns the site, having purchased it some 70 years ago from the Oshman family. Comprising 36 acres, the park is the former site of The Cedars, a summer resort that flourished in the 1930's until the mid-1950's. According to the Oshman daughters in a 2012 interview, The Cedars was the largest resort in Connecticut, with lodgings for over 600 guests. With an existing septic system and well-though in need of upgrading the site could easily accommodate the planned 64 units of housing.

A possible objection about its location several miles from the centers of Salisbury and Lakeville is not persuasive. Residents of affordable housing own cars

to drive to jobs or resources and services not available locally. Sharon's Sharon Ridge is an example of a successful affordable housing community situated some distance from the town center.

The location of the Mary V. Peters Park on Long Pond Road would offer residents a beautiful, quiet, and uncrowded place. The site's ample acreage would also allow the Salisbury Dog Park to maintain its present location.

I encourage town officials to focus on the Park as a site to meet the affordable housing goals of Concept 6, rather than on the Pope property with its inherent ecological importance.

Lorraine Faison

The writer is a member of the Salisbury Village Improvement Coalition (SVIC), but the opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of

Kent's STEAP grant rejection is humiliating

Last week's news brought forth a humiliating defeat for Kent. The town's STEAP grant was not approved. Plans, made by the town's Board of Selectmen, for a one-million dollar rehab of the town-owned Swift House were not ok'd. The goal being to reconfigure this aging structure into an office with expanded quarters for social services and a larger food pantry. The update made this structure ADA compliant.

However, an application for a STEAP grant should have gone for the town's Emery Park swimming pool along with related critical upgrade improvements. A few other towns were awarded funding for recreational projects (Cheshire—\$1 million and one Hartford County town as well). The Kent Park and Recreation Capital Fund of \$250,000 could have served as matching funds. Loss of this STEAP grant is a double whammy. The town is again saddled with the simmering problem of what to do with this piece of real estate. A site suitable for

storage but without handi-

Wait, however there is more. At Town Hall the sound system in the meeting room has been in need of improvement since 2021-2022. Voices of speakers are often muffled. To be heard speakers need to be at specific spots for the recording to pick up their voices. I believe work has been initiated for this improvement work. Needless to say previous ARPA funding of \$27,000 had already been spent to remedy this problem. The prior work was apparantly inferior, inadequate, second-hand or just plain wasteful. Thereby more money needed to be spent to recitify a past problem.

The upshot is that taxpayers need to be vigilant on how their local government is run. Elected officials should be careful on how taxpayers money is spent. Officials are there to serve the town's people. In most cases with a consistent schedule of days and hours when their offices are open.

Kent

Joe Agli

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

125 years ago -June 1900

Ward Eggleston's little girl Helen is very ill with typhoid.

W.E. Pectal has accepted a situation as fireman on the C.N.E. He will still keep his family in Salisbury for the present at least.

Nikola Tesla the inventor now claims to have invented a sort of fighting machine to take the place of soldiers in war. Every once in a while we hear that Tesla has invented some sort of a weird, wonderful thing, but what we would like to see is something that would really work.

SHARON — Mrs. G.A. Lamb is recovering rapidly from her recent severe illness and is now able to ride out for a short distance each day.

Mrs. Dwight Hotchkiss of Sharon is improving her residence by the addition of a large bay window.

F.H. Chapin has started his ice wagon for the season.

Horace Landon is wearing a wise look and gratified smile these days. It is a fine bouncing 10-pound boy. Born Wednesday afternoon.

There is a rumor that the N.Y.C. railroad is trying to acquire the C.N.E. road with a view to establishing a through line from the coal regions to New England.

Charles Millspaugh on Wednesday captured a monstrous snapping turtle on the Milmine place. The tortoise weighed nearly 12 pounds or more and snaps viciously at everything that comes in his way.

The new fast train on the C.N.E. made its first trip last Monday and was quite liberally patronized. When once well established the train will doubtless be a favorite with the travelling public.

Dr. Bissell's residence now presents an exceedingly neat, rich looking appearance in its new dressing of paint. The body of the house is reddish brown with cream trimmings. Artist Kisselbrack did the work, which speaks for itself in unmistable terms. We understand the Doctor intends to place a new iron fence around the place, making a still greater improvement. W.H. Kenyon's summer residence has also been undergoing improvements. The house and fence have been painted by F.P. Scribner and men, and a very neat summer kitchen has been added to the rear of the house.

100 years ago -June 1925

At the closing of the General Assembly last Wednesday Representative J. Mortimer Bell was presented with a strong magnifying glass and a pair of gum shoes. Representative Geo. R. Sturges of Woodbury made the presentation speech, stating that the shoes might be used by Mr. Bell when he next ran for office and the magnifying glass was for the purpose of scrutinizing all vicious bills which might be introduced into the legislative body.

Thieves entered Clark's store on Tuesday night. A small amount of change, some canned goods and groceries were taken. It was probably the work of a hobo who was hungry.

Adv. — Fifteen Bamby Bread wrappers and 39 cents and you get the most wonderful bread knife ever made. Worth \$1.00. Ask your grocer or market man about it.

If the person who took a pearl necklace, pin and ear rings and several other pieces of jewelry from a house in town the last of May will return them, there will be no questions asked and they will save trouble for themselves.

There is a report in circulation that the Ford Motor Co. is to buy the Ore Hill Mines and build furnaces and rolling mills. This is interesting if true. Another report is that the Bethlehem Steel Co. has purchased the Sharon Ore Bed. These rumors sound well, in fact they sound a little too good.

The lake with its fine bathing facilities has been a popular place since the hot

50 years ago — June 1975

For the first time since Peter Reilly's first-degree manslaughter conviction last year, his attorneys have hinted publicly at another suspect. They say this suspect may have had a motive and an opportunity to kill Barbara Gibbons in September 1973. A hearing on motions in both the conviction appeal and the bid for a new trial on the civil side, will be held June 17 in Litchfield. In an amended petition for a new trial, filed last month in Litchfield Superior Court and unsealed Friday, Reilly's attorneys T.F. Gilroy Daly and Robert Hartwell state that: "Newly discovered evidence reveals for the first time that a person with one, and possibly two, motives to do harm to Barbara Gibbons, who had had an alibi defense, no longer has said alibi defense." The identity of the person was not given.

Whatever you may have heard about instant summer in this unusual year, don't forget that it can bring instant winter too. On Tuesday morning — June 10, no less — light frost was reported at numerous spots in the Tri-State area.

Water in Lake Wononscopomuc is now beautifully clear down to about 25 feet, where the reminders of this spring's "red tide" still lurk, Salisbury Town Grove Manager Frank Markey said Wednesday. Scuba divers report that the decaying red algae — actually blue-green while they are alive — are still to be found at the thermocline, below which the cold water remains. But, Markey said, there is no evidence that these are new

Sharon Center School is taking three steps to preserve and enhance its hot lunch program. The Board of Education voted Tuesday night to drop its price for lunches by a nickel to 45 cents. It also voted to continue the \$2,000 subsidy which covers the annual deficit in the cafeteria program. Finally, Principal John DelGrego announced, the sale of ice cream in the lunch room has been discontinued. The ice cream, it was thought, may have been luring some children away from the hot lunch.

The late Andrew Casale was honored Sunday when the class of 1974 dedicated the combined lecture hallsenior home room at Housatonic Valley Regional High School to his memory. Mr. Casale, former head of the Social Studies department and the Adult Education program, was drowned while fishing in the Housastonic River a year ago.

25 years ago — **June 2000**

Leo is Salisbury's classiest canine, its doggonedest dog, its primo pooch. This year, for the first time, a drawing was held for owners interested in receiving the first five numbered dog licenses issued in town. The lucky dogs' names were drawn by First Selectman Val Bernardoni from a straw hat held by Town Clerk Susan Spring. They are Leo, owned by John Arnold, Bee, owned by Mary G. Bodel, Tony, owned by Ellen L. Palmer, Sarah, owned by Mrs. Roy F. Littlehale Jr., and Lucky, owned by Josh and Justin White.

KENT — Veteran state Senator Adela "Dell" Eads (R-30th district) announced her retirement from politics last week to the surprise and disappointment of many. "This was not an easy decision to make. After all, the Legislature has been an important part of my life for 24 years and, believe me, being part of all this will not be easy to give up," Mrs. Eads said. State Rep. Andrew Roraback (R-64th district) has been suggested as Mrs. Eads' most likely successor.

LAKEVILLE — The Patco Handy Stop on Route 41 was robbed of a "mediocre" amount of cash at 1:25 a.m. Monday, according to Manager Walt Gisselbrech. Although neither police nor Mr. Gisselbrech would comment on possible suspects, whoever robbed the store of its cash box apparently had a key, which was used to enter the building. There were no signs of a forced entry.

NORFOLK — The round stone observation tower that sits atop Haystack Mountain became a blazing torch Friday night, sending firefighters from four towns up steep terrain. Canaan Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal John Foley was called upon to investigate the blaze. He said earlier this week that the investigation was continuing, with a number of possible causes still under consideration. A lightning strike is certainly one. A massive thunderstorm drove through the region earlier that evening, dropping a tornado in Winsted. Winds were still gusting on the mountaintop when firefighters arrived just before midnight. The tower, part of Haystack Mountain State Park, is several stories of stone and concrete. Wooden stairs that lead to a circular observation deck lined with wooden benches gave fuel to the fire, as did rafters supporting the roof.

Canaan Resident State Trooper Bob Janco is connecting with the streets on bicycle, weather and circumstances permitting. This alternate mode of transportation allows him to circulate through the downtown area discreetly and to be more accessible to follks and situations on the streets. His cruiser now sports a bike rack and will be kept parked in a quickly accessible spot while he is on two wheels.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The illegitimacy of Israel

Israel is a country that was imposed on the indigenous people of the region by the Western colonial powers after World War II. Just imagine outside powers deeming Litchfield County a new country and opening the doors to foreigners from multiple countries to settle here. And settlers doing so under the pretense of being the chosen people of a particular god (not my god, however) and the tale that this god gave them Palestine, as if god were in the real estate

The newly declared state goes on to terrorize me and my neighbors. Settlers ultimately steal my house and my land, and the state takes away my basic human rights and freedoms. Upon resisting the occupiers, I am pushed to a refugee camp or to an open-air prison. When that no longer keeps me quiet, I am exterminated or slowly starved to death.

Zionism is an ethnocultural movement/ideology aimed to establish and maintain a national home for Jews through the colonization of Palestine. In 1948, Jewish Zionists got a homeland, but at what price? Through constant state terrorization of the non-Jewish indigenous population, they have managed to make Israel a pariah state. The vast majority of countries in the world have recognized Palestine as a state, yet Israel denies that possibility. Israel calls supporters of such a policy 'antisemitic' in an attempt to threaten and shame people to back off. This strategy is starting to no longer work. The emperor has no clothes. Last week, there was an

attempt by the UN to pass a resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages, and the resumption of full-scale aid deliveries to the people being deliberately starved to death by Israel. It did not pass due to a veto by the U.S. These efforts demonstrate the stranglehold that Israel has on our government due to its highly effective lobbying efforts and campaign financing of politicians who do their bidding. These efforts damage the positive, albeit deteriorating, image of the U.S. Israel has been the rotten apple that has spread its rottenness to the apple next to it, our own country. Because of Israel's cruelty and intransigence, people all over the world have turned on Israel.

Unfortunately, misguided people have increasingly attacked Jews outside of Israel. It will get worse until Americans realize that Israel must change its ways and tell their political representatives to stop being accomplices to genocide.

Isn't it ironic that Israel, the homeland for Jews to supposedly keep them safe, has become the most dangerous place for Jews to live? This problem could be solved if Israel were to transform itself into a country in which the approximately 50% of non-Jewish residents there and in the occupied territories were to become citizens with equal rights. Let's encourage this to happen. We cannot maintain the current course, as the continuing suppression of half the people will never work.

Lloyd Baroody

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NO denial of due process! NO attack on academic

freedom! NO attack on the rule of

law or law firms! NO deportation of legal

residents! NO tax breaks for the

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Medicare!

NO cuts in Social Security or food stamps!

NO end to birthright citizenship! NO corruption!

NO ambush in the oval office!

NO denial of history!

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NO book bans! NO attacks on the free

NO attacks on education!

Status

Report

SHARON — Door-

to-door internet sales-

men have raised alarm

among residents recent-

ly. Homeowners report

feeling unneasy when

men in reflective vests

knock on their door as

late as 8 p.m. to discuss

SALISBURY — A

car versus utility pole

accident on Route 44

Sunday morning, June 8,

had no injuries but did

result in a detour on the

Lakeville Hose Com-

heavily-traveled road.

pany chief Jason Wilson

said Monday morning,

June 9, that the call came

in at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

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Wilson said the pole

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NO denial of art! NO denial of habeas corpus!

NO ignoring the Constitution!

NO bullying! NO tariff yoyo!

NO lies!

NO defiance of the courts! NO treason!

NO extortion! NO bribery!

NO high crimes or misdemeanors!

NO tyranny!

NO fake emergency or crisis!

NO temper tantrums!

NO bigotry!

NO impoundment of ap-

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NO cuts to environmental safeguards!

NO reduction or closing of National Parks! NO reduction of federal

disaster aid! NO reduction of workplace safety!

NO attacks on foreign students!

NO cutback on medical/

scientific research!

NO birthday parade! NO crowns!

NO thrones!

NO KINGS!

G. A. Mudge

Sharon

Counting the ways

1) Used his name and position to make billions of dollars for himself and his family, including selling worthless self-memes. (Classic impeachable offenses.)

2) Destroyed or threatened scientific/medical research. thereby endangering lives now and in the future.

3) Allowed Musk, perhaps a tech genius but not exactly mentally stable, to rip apart Gov. agencies.

4) Dissed our allies and cozied up to dictators.

5) Imposed tariffs up/ down and all over the place so companies big and small can't plan, farmers and others are hurt, and prices rise for

6) Allowed guys in black uniforms and masks — often without warrants — to haul people with no criminal background off the streets. (Think Nazi Germany)

7) Pardoned real criminais, including gang leaders, particularly if he gets something in return.

8) Created a 'beautiful'

budget bill that increases the deficit by trillions and eviscerates social services to provide tax cuts for the uber wealthy. 9) Promotes white su-

premacy. (More History les-10) Deregulated coal

and gas plant emissions and stopped clean air and water initiatives even as the planet

11) Claimed he doesn't know if the sworn oath he made as President actually means he must protect and support the Constitution.

Time to take a stand. Join us on June 14 and every Saturday morning at 11 a.m. in Salisbury.

Barbara Maltby Salisbury

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Husky Meadows Farm in Norfolk, there is excitement as their farm stand is opening on June 14th. Kent native Rana Justice and Emily Perron are the farm managers turning Husky Meadows Farm into a destination for fresh produce and to see their new directions in agriculture, such as their quincunx garden, whose pattern can be traced to ancient times. In addition, the farm has cultivated a remarkable variety of mushrooms including shitake and Lion's Mane which will also be available to the public. For more information, please visit Norfolk Now at: nornow.org/2025/06/05/ husky-meadows-is-growing-in-anew-direction/

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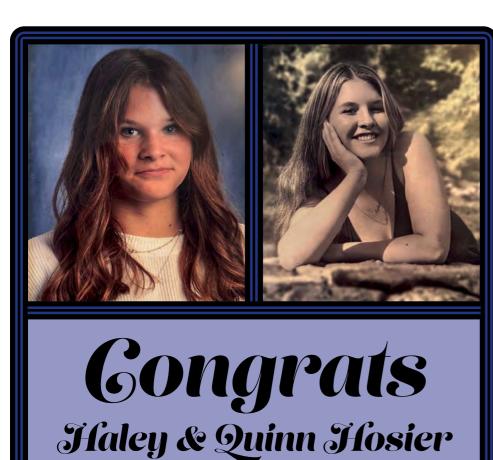


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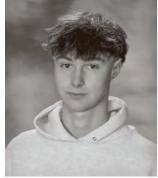
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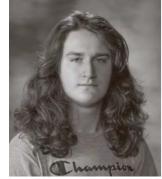
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Tracks through time: Discovering railroad history

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE Along with the bucolic forest and meadow settings, sightings of wildlife and the ambling of the Housatonic River, residents of Northwest Connecticut are familiar with the wistful strains of the whistles as trains travel along local tracks.

The current user of those tracks that stretch from Pittsfield, Mass., to Danbury is the Housatonic Railroad. Train enthusiasts Dave Jacobs and Rolf Schneider showed Schneider's pictorial images of that train line during the inaugural session of the "1st Tuesdays at 7" series on June 3. Sponsored by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, the event was held at the South Canaan Meetinghouse.

A railway enthusiast from the time he was a small boy, Schneider traveled extensively in North America and Europe photographing trains. He opened the Berkshire Hills Model Railway Supply in Union Station in 1976, later moving it to a storefront on Main Street and renaming it Berkshire Hills Hobby Supply. It closed in 2019 when Schneider retired.

Jacobs grew up in Falls Village watching the trains pass by his parents' auto garage business. His love of trains grew and he is known for his photos taken along the Housatonic Railroad line. He is also the administrator of the Facebook page called "Fans of the Housatonic Railroad."

A bit of history shows the Housatonic Railroad was chartered to operate along 34 miles of track between Canaan and New Milford in 1983. Passenger excursions began the next year. In 1992, Housatonic purchased the northern section of the Berkshire line from Canaan to Pittsfield from Guilford Transportation. In 1993 the railroad bought the re-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Rolf Schneider, left, and Dave Jacobs, are the speakers at this year's inaugural First Tuesdays at 7 talk put on by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

maining southern portion of the Berkshire line, which went from New Milford to Brookfield, along with the Maybrook line from Beacon,

N.Y., to Derby.

As the photographs flashed across the screen, the pair gave an ongoing commentary about what was

"We appreciate and thank

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being seen. Many showed the rail cars in various locations across the Northwest Corner. Several were taken at various Railroad Day events in Canaan, a tradition that still continues today. Canaan, because of its historic Union Station and the fact it was once the junction of where two train lines converged, is proud of its place in railroad heritage. A railroad museum is housed in the station,

wide. Schneider recalled that during one Railroad Days' celebration, an excursion train filled with politicians traveled up from Kent to Canaan. There was an elaborate spread put out for the group. "Unfortunately, I wasn't invited," he quipped.

drawing visitors from far and

The slides also showed some noteworthy times in the railroad's past, such as the time a swing boom came loose up in Pittsfield necessitating having to strap it down, only to have to loosen up further down the line. "It tied up every single crossing in Canaan for at least 20 minutes," remembered Schneider, describing the incident as "a fiasco." The engineer of that fateful run was in the audience, noting that was a memorable day.

There were some derailments over the years and one set of photos depicted the need to manually turn a huge train car, which was no small feat.

There were also pictures of newly purchased cars over the years, and a regretful shot of a heavily damaged Union Station when it was the victim of an arson fire. Another photo showed a locomotive in 1999 that lost its brakes and rolled onto another locomotive.

Schneider noted that at one point a set of cabooses was bought with the hope of some Canaan businessmen converting them into motel units. They remained for quite a while, but the project fell apart when it ran into zoning difficulties, said Schneider, so the cars were eventually sold off, going to several other locations.

Today the trains carry only freight, with Specialty Minerals one of its largest customers.

Schneider was a familiar face whenever there was a happening involving trains. "If friends called, any time day or night, I'd go running with my camera," he said.

The next talk on July 1 will feature Peter Vermilyea speaking on the topic of "All Honor to the Ladies: Litchfield County Women and the Civil War."

North Canaan's AHA! youth program makes after-school care accessible for all be questionable.

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — Legions of youngsters have gone through the AHA! program which provides a vital service to the citizens of the town through after school and summer care.

As with all long-standing efforts, upgrades and some changes are needed to keep them going and that is just what is happening as AHA! seeks to rebuild and expand. The North Canaan Education Foundation was established in 2020 to oversee AHA!

program were eliminated. It received its tax-deductible status in 2024, but there were costs incurred in fulfilling those requirements to operate as a licensed child-care center and more stringent rules to follow. A larger staff is needed and training adds to program costs.

The only program for school-aged children in the town, AHA! provides not just endless enrichment opportunities, but a safe environment for working parents who need reasonably priced

when town funds for the childcare during after-school hours and summer months.

> Maribeth Marchi, president of the foundation, said the program provides a multitude of activities, including walking field trips, guests who share their knowledge and talents, bus field trips and much more.

> Ashley Allyn, director of the Falls Village Day Care Center, was named interim director in March to help lead the program and assist in the licensing process. "She's been a lifesaver," said Marchi. Katie Stolarcyk, a 4th-grade teacher at NCES, will be named the new director at the start of the summer

Marchi said AHA! is the least expensive program of this type in the area with a cost of \$175 a week. "We're trying to keep it as affordable as possible?

The program is fortunate to have the use of one room at North Canaan Elementary School, for which it pays \$1. Due to space constraints, enrollment is limited to 25 with a waiting list, however organizers are hoping to be able to increase that number.

But it takes money, said Marchi. Two fundraisers were undertaken: the Someone Special and Me dance and the execution of an appeal letter. Some grants have been secured, but the future of those funding sources may



Greens by the Grange

The annual plant and rummage sale sponsored by the Taghhannuck Grange in Sharon is always a popular event. Gardeners were out Saturday, June 7, selecting items for planting.

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Cornwall Garden Weekend

Friday, June 20 | 5:30pm

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CHILDCARE

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budget surplus amounting to up to \$300 million per year that would subsidize families' costs beginning in 2028. In a news release celebrating the May 30 Senate vote, State Sen. Doug McCrory (D-2) described the endowment as a "first-in-the-nation" strategy to address mounting early childcare and preschool costs.

The bill met opposition from Republicans who considered using surplus budget funds for off-budget spending irresponsible. A spokesperson for state Senate Minority Leader Stephen Harding (R-30), who voted against the bill, stated that the senator was in favor of much of the bill but could not support what he felt was a violation of the state's fiscal guardrails. He attempted to pass an amendment that would use capital from the state general fund rather than budget surplus for the endowment, but it was voted down.

Speaking at the session, Harding said the bill was "playing budget gimmicks with early childhood."

Childcare, like in many places, is costly in the Northwest Corner. Roussis said in a region where annual preschool costs average between \$14,000 and \$17,000, the new legislation is welcome. "For those families making less than \$100,000... they need to work, they need to live, they need to survive. And having this one piece off their financial plate is probably going to do so much for them."

The bill also promises higher pay and better health care benefits to childcare professionals, which Roussis hopes will address underpay for highly qualified educators in the field. She said 90% of HCCC teachers have a bachelor's or master's degree in early childhood care and deserve fair compensation.

While Roussis is celebrating the bill's passing as "amazing progress for the field of early childhood," she's aware that funding may be a long way away from a program like HCCC. "Private centers are down the road," she said, explaining that the funds will primarily be allocated through state programs at first, like the Office of Early Childhood's "Early Start CT"

program. As the endowment grows, she is hopeful that organizations like HCCC will receive their share.

Other local childcare centers are cautious about the uncertainties surrounding how the funds will be directed and dispersed. Fran Chapell, who directs the Canaan Child Care Center, said that the Early Start program will subsume the OEC's "School Readiness" program that has funded CCCC's families, and that the details of how the shift will play out are yet unclear.

"It's hard to know what the future is going to bring until we have more information,"

Until then, Chapell is focusing on community partnerships as means to alleviate some of the cost burdens on young families.

The CCCC recently took over North Canaan's community garden, Chapell said, and in the first week of June local families came out to help plant tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and other vegetables donated by East Canaan's Freund's Farm. When ready for harvest, the produce will be brought to the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, which will help reduce costs on food expenditures for families trying to make ends meet.

Chapell said a number of other partnerships, like a grant from the Salisbury Chapter of the Rotary Club which helps pay for school supplies or another grant from the Northwest Community Foundation that subsidizes winter clothing expenditures, also help to ease financial pressures on families facing such a variety of essential costs.

Partnerships, and looking to neighbors, she said, are the way to access the wealth or resources that the community offers. "We don't have everything in the Northwest Corner, but we do have a lot that offers support for our

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

The new signage, along with many other improvements, at Bunny McGuire Park were donated by individuals and businesses showing their appreciation of McGuire.

with service, kindness, civil-

Ohler noted the impact

"Bunny, you are so, so loved. The outpouring of support is not a surprise," said Ohler.

Among the recent im-

provements include a new dog park fenced area, basketball hoops, updated playground, parking lot pavement, landscaping, new signage, paint and lighting for the pavilion.

"Everyone says I have done so much for the town, but this town has done so much for me," said McGuire. "Just look around you, what we have," she said tearfully. "A big thank you to all of you.

BUNNY McGuire

ity and generosity."

McGuire has had on the town, as evidenced by the nearly 100 guests in attendance and the long list of donors who contributed to updating the facilities at the

I love you."

FFA

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Guest speakers at the event included Principal Ian Strever, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, FFA Alumni President Lauren Murtaugh, industry professional Bruce Bennet and National Officer Candidate Chris Sarnik.

Brady-Shanley said "FFA is more than an organization - it's a launching pad for young people to become leaders in agriculture, science, education and so much more."

The evening ended with a retiring address from senior chapter treasurer Tyler Anderson and the announcement of next year's chapter officer team led by President Riley Mahaffey and Vice President Hannah Johnson.

Awards

Special Chapter Citation Awards: Mike and Megan Gawel, Lauren Murtagh, Jeanine Rose.

Honorary Membership: Sam Herrick

2025 State Degrees: Brandt Bosio, Madeline Collingwood, Christopher Crane, Dylan Deane, Madison Gulotta, Hannah Johnson, Delanie Keeley, Riley Mahaffey, Madison Melino, Khyra McLennon, Olivia Robson and Jayme Walsh.

2025 American Degree Applicants: Logan Cables, Emma Crane, Will Starr.

Hannah Johnson is the reporter for Housatonic Valley FFA. This article was written with additional reporting by Patrick L. Sullivan

LYNN WERNER

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"I could have done that forever," she recalled.

Fortunately for the Cornwall-based Housatonic Valley Association, which she joined in 1982, Werner soon found herself advocating for the streams, rivers, wetlands and forests that had been such an integral part of her youth.

"I benefitted from the Clean Water Act. If I had to sit next to a river or lake and not be able to swim in it, that would be my idea of torture," said Werner, 67, who has been a staunch advocate in land and water conservation for more than four decades.

Since she became executive director in 1995, HVA has expanded its staff from five to 17, quadrupled its budget and launched transformative conservation ini-

Earlier this year, Werner announced her plan to retire from her role at HVA effective June 30.

'We just finished our strategic plan, and I felt it was a good time," she explained recently over a cup of coffee at the Warren General Store, a short distance from her Kent home.

"I started discussing it in earnest in 2023, going into 2024 with several board members," Werner explained. A search committee has selected her vet unnamed successor and plans to make the announcement later this month.

In the meantime, Werner said she will be assisting with the transition.

Long list of accomplishments

As executive director, Werner oversees the dayto-day management of the association including collaborating with individuals, groups and agencies with the goal of maintaining a healthy river system.

The association recently received an accreditation renewal from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for a third five-year term.

Werner's list of accomplishments includes the restoration of Furnace Brook Fishway in Cornwall that allowed trout to swim upstream to spawn for the first time in 20 years. She also was instrumental in ensuring that General Electric and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) clean up the PCBs in the watershed system and created the River Smart campaign to study the impact of polluted runoff and how to reduce it.

HVA, under Werner's leadership, successfully fought to reroute a natural gas pipeline away from protected lands and wetlands, stopped a superhighway route through the scenic riv-

"Her heart is always with the water, and yet under her leadership, HVA became more than a watershed organization but also an accredited land trust."

Tim Abbott, conservation director, Housatonic Valley Association

er ridgeline and saved 6,000 acres of river valley from de-

She credited collaboration, both within HVA and in the communities, as the key to her success. "You can only be as great as the team you're working with, and we've also been fortunate to collaborate with so many wonderful partners. There is a really strong network of both nonprofits and community leaders working to protect this tristate river valley, and this gives me hope for the future."

The association also launched the "Follow the Forest" initiative to protect a connected woodland wildlife corridor and conducted educational programs for kindergarten to high school students on biology, ecology and chemistry of the watershed.

"Protecting the core forest corridor throughout the Housatonic River watershed makes climate resiliency sense. And this region is part of a much larger corridor stretching into Canada," she explained.

Werner stressed the importance of getting kids with "nature deficit disorder" involved in the environment, as they are the environmental leaders of the future.

What you love, you protect, said Warner, who early on in her career co-chaired and helped form the Clean Water Coalition and served on the legislature's Aquifer Protection Task Force. "And most kids seem to love a good splash in a stream, and especially a nose-to-nose moment with a frog, it's a joy to behold."

Werner felt that defending nature begins in the place where you live.

"A lot of people don't know how much power they have," she noted. "Take a stand where you are, small or big. Join the fight to protect that river or woodland or meadow or view that you love. And everyone can do one important thing in their own backyard or neighborhood to keep a stream healthy and a fish friendly, or feed and shelter butterflies and birds, or let rain replenish groundwater and wetlands. If you're not sure where to start, just ask your favorite conservation group."

Rivers, by their gentle beauty, are always moving, they're always singing and the sound that they make is always soothing, reflected Werner.

'That river can't fight for itself. It gives so much when you think about all that beauty, all that spiritual replenishment, all that life. We're its voice and sometimes we have to fight for it."

Lauded as 'Conservation Hero'

In late March, the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) honored Werner with its coveted Conservation Hero Award for her legacy of transformative leadership in the Housatonic

The council cited her role as co-founder of the Litchfield Hills Greenprint, her success with preserving more than 15,000 acres through the Stanley Works project, riverfront greenways and recent woodland corridor conservation.

Werner's advocacy, according to the CLCC, has shaped public policy, strengthened stream flow protections, wetland conservation and strategic land preservation.

"She was instrumental in securing a settlement from General Electric for PCB contamination clean-up and helped achieve the 2022 Wild & Scenic designation for forty-one miles of the Housatonic River."

HVA President Tony Zunino lauded Werner's 40-year tenure with the organization earlier this year during its Annual Auction for the Environment. "Lynn's leadership and vision has made an Tim Abbott, conserva-

to retire.

tion director at HVA, said her passion stems from her start back in the early 1980's as a fisheries researcher with the state.

indelible mark on the Housa-

tonic Valley Association," he

said in announcing her intent

"She still looks back with evident joy and pride on the time she got to spend in rivers and streams counting salmon smelts. Her heart is always with the water, and yet under her leadership, HVA became more than a watershed organization but also an accredited land trust."

Reflecting on Werner's leadership style, Abbott noted: "HVA's core conservation approach — collaborative, solution-oriented, grounded in science and the conviction that strong partners can do far more together than any of us can do alone — are Lynn's greatest gift and legacy."

Werner credited her entire team at HVA for their motivation, knowledge and talent. "It's an honor, a joy, to work every day with such skilled and passionate people."

In her retirement, Werner said she is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, seeing her grandchildren more, learning new cooking styles and staying connected to environmental causes.

She currently serves as president of the Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, is on the board of the Connecticut Legislative Conservation Voters and the Steep Rock Association.

"I am looking to stay in the game in a different way and be able to provide handson help in a way I haven't been able to. It's been an incredible journey and I have been incredibly fortunate."

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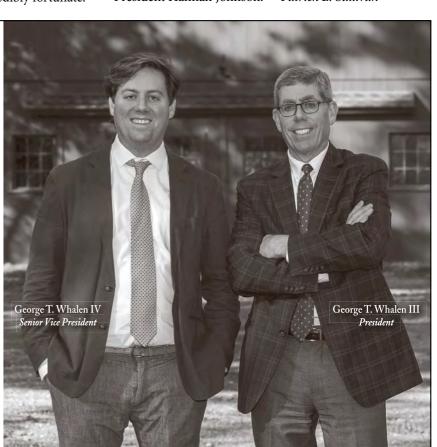


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HVRHS senior Mia Dodge competes in the 100-meter hurdle race at the Class S meet June 2.

Track and field athletes represent Housatonic at states

By Riley Klein

NEW BRITAIN — Mountaineers made the podium at the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class S track and field championships Monday, June 2.

Sixteen athletes from Housatonic Valley Regional High School qualified for the competition at Willow Brook Park in New Britain.

In team totals, HVRHS boys and girls teams both placed 11th overall in Class S. Individually, five HVRHS students advanced to the State Open meet against the top talent in all of Connecticut.

Class S results **HVRHS** Girls

Mia Dodge placed 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.49 seconds. Dodge placed 4th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.78 seconds.

Gabi Titone placed 3rd

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE —

Housatonic Valley Regional

High School sent two teams

to state tournaments this

for the Class S tournament as

the 21 seed. In the first round

the Mountaineers traveled to

play 12-seed Haddam-Kill-

ingworth High School in

remained scoreless until the

final inning when HK won on a walk-off RBI single by

Chase Bruno. For Housatonic, Chris Race pitched

six and one-third innings and allowed five hits.

for the Class S tournament

as the 16 seed. In round one

the Mountaineers played 17seed Wolcott High School.

The game, played in Falls Village, was the fourth meeting between the two teams this

Varsity lacrosse qualified

The deadlocked game

Varsity baseball qualified

spring.

Higganum.

HVRHS baseball, lacrosse

earn state tourney bids



HVRHS junior Simon Markow clears five-feet eight-inches in high jump June 2.

in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:27.13 minutes. Titone placed 13th in the 1600-meter race with a time of 5:35.16 minutes.

The 4x400-meter relay teams of Harper Howe, Maddy Johnson, Mia Dodge and Gabi Titone placed 4th with a time of 4:17.03 minutes. The result set a new school record for HVRHS.

Harper Howe placed 11th

season. They split the series

in the regular season and

HVRHS beat Wolcott in the

In the state tournament,

Housatonic won handily

with a 13-6 decision. The

Mountaineers advanced to

play top seed Lauralton Hall

in Milford. Milford showed

why they were the no. 1 team

in Class S with a 20-3 victory

year of Mountaineer team

Thus concluded another

league semifinals.

over HVRHS.

in the 400-meter race with a

Olivia Brooks placed 19th in the 3200-meter race with Brooks placed 33rd in the of 5:54.50 minutes.

41st in the 100-meter race with a time of 13.85 seconds.

3rd in the 1600-meter race with a time of 4:32.82 minutes. McCarron placed 15th in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:10.43.

4th in the triple jump with a distance of 41 feet fourand-three-quarters inches. Labbadia placed 7th in the high jump by clearing five-

feet 10-inches. in the 400-meter race with a time of 49.80 seconds. Segalla placed 11th in the 200-meter race with a time of 22.86 seconds. Both of Segalla's times set new school records for HVRHS.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Patrick Money, Ryan

time of 1:03.16 minutes.

a time of 13:15.05 minutes. 1600-meter race with a time

McKenzie Lotz placed **HVRHS** Boys

Kyle McCarron placed

Anthony Labbadia placed

Ryan Segalla placed 5th



Gabi Titone runs the 800-meter race.

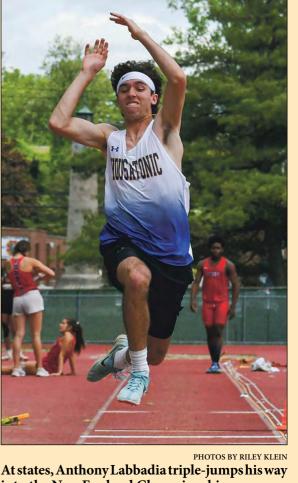
Segalla, Anthony Labbadia and Kyle McCarron placed 4th with a time of 3:31.08

Simon Markow placed 11th in the high jump by clearing five-feet eight-inch-

Silas Tripp placed 12th in the 1600-meter race with a time of 5:00.33 minutes.

Patrick Money placed 12th in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.57 seconds. Money placed 14th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.88 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Brayan Lopez Gonzalez, Marc Hafner, Cole Simonds and Everett Belancik placed 30th with a time of 48.34 seconds.



into the New England Championships.

Mountaineers make State Open

By Riley Klein

NEW BRITAIN — Housatonic Valley Regional High School had five athletes qualify for the State Open meet, featuring the top talent in Connecticut Saturday, June 7, at Willow Brook Park.

For most events, qualification for the open was determined by finishing top three in an event at the class championships (S, M, L, LL) or being one of the next 10 best finishers in the state.

Open results Anthony Labbadia placed 6th in the triple

jump with a distance of 43 feet one-and-one-quarter inch. The result qualified him for the New England Championships June 14.

Mia Dodge placed 14th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.31 seconds.

Kyle McCarron placed 14th the 1600-meter race with a time of 4:43.71 minutes.

Gabi Titone set a new personal record in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:23.88. She placed 22nd in the open.

Ryan Segalla did not start in the 400-meter

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Purely unique: Underdogs take center stage at Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show

By Aly Morrissey

LIME ROCK — The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show brought animal lovers together for a day of sunshine and smiles on Sunday, June 8, at Lime Rock Park.

Now in its sixth year, the "Westminster-style" dog show featured live music, food trucks, and furry friends competing in playful categories that celebrated both looks and talent.

Special guest judges included Scot Haney, meteorologist and co-host at WFSB Channel 3 in Hartford; Richard Schlesinger, an award-winning journalist; and Bill Berloni, famed animal trainer who worked on Broadway's Annie with the original Sandy. The trio brought compassion and a sense of humor to the contest, keeping the audience entertained and the contestants wagging.

Heather Duffy of Wappingers Falls attended the Mutt Show for the first time and praised the family-friendly vibe. "I love how it's so family-oriented and the kids are involved," said Duffy, owner of Ledgewood Boarding in Millerton. She was joined by her son Deacon and their dogs, Rigby and Theo. Theo, a 2-year-old, stole the show with a win in the "Most Unidentifiable Mix" category.

Another crowd favorite was Rufus, a 10-monthold rescue pup entered in the Best Lap Dog Over 40 lbs. contest with his owner, Schuyler Samperton. Judge Bill Berloni noted the strong bond between the pair, who only met in April. "We love to see that kind of connection."



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George, 2.5 years old pitbull and bloodhound mix, won Best in Show June 8.

he said before handing over the blue ribbon to a visibly emotional Samperton.

The event's competition categories included: Junior Handler (for humans under 12), Most Unidentifiable Mix, Sweetest Pair of Dogs, Best Ears, Best Trick, Best Lap Dog Over 40 Lbs., Best Senior, Best Kisser and Waggiest Tail.

The afternoon ended with the Best in Show Parade, where every pup had a moment in the spotlight. This year's top honor went to George, a 2.5-year-old Pit Bull-Bloodhound mix who

splits time between New York City and Sharon.

Karen Doeblin, President of the Board at The Little Guild, said she was thrilled with the turnout. "This is our major outreach event, and it's about bringing together people who love their animals and celebrating the human-animal bond," Doeblin said. She also pointed to growing scientific evidence that dogs have a positive impact on human happiness and well-being. One look at the smiling faces in the crowd was all the proof



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSE

Above, Great Dane "Axel" with owner Sage Breyette in the Best Lap Dog Over 40 Lbs. contest. Below, Deacon Geremino, 7, and dog Rigby, a doberman, in the Best Trick contest.





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The weather was favorable for the Great Country Mutt Show Sunday, June 8.



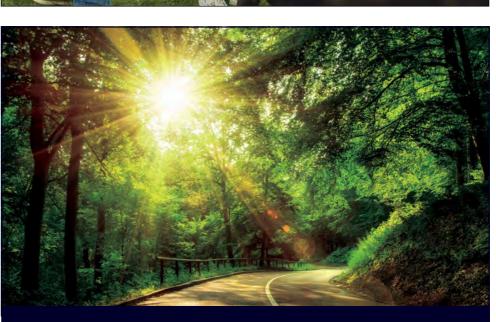
Theo, age 2, winner of Most Unidentifiable Mix category.



Schuyler Samperton of Litchfield poses with dog Rufus after winning Best Lap Dog over 40 lbs contest.



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New era of self care comes to North Canaan

By Robin Roraback

NORTH CANAAN — "It's worth the drive," said a customer who makes the hour-long trip to Just a Little Med Spa from her home in Pittsfield. "It's my second time here and I will be back. It's worth it to feel beautiful."

Just A Little Med Spa opened May 3 at 109 Main Street in North Canaan. Board certified nurse practitioner Alicia Whiting, owner, and registered nurse Meagan Ohler combine their experience to offer a safe, comfortable environment for clients.

Whiting's inspiration to open Just a Little Med Spa came from a desire to "get back to the roots of nursing, to hands-on skills. This is a nice intersection of applying skills and using knowledge," she explained.

Clients start at the spa with a free consultation. Whiting said the process begins with a review of the client's skin care regimen. "We discuss how we can help you achieve your goals with the resources we have and educate patients on what would be beneficial for them."

"Our goal is for people to feel better in their own skin," Whiting said.

Ohler contributed, "We want people to come in and feel comfortable. We focus on a man or woman's natural



At right, Alicia Whiting, owner of Just A Little Med Spa, offers rejuvenating treatments along with Meagan Ohler at 109 Main St. in North Canaan.

Among the spa's offerings are hydra beauty facials which deep clean and rejuvenate the skin. Clients can choose from 30- to 60-minute facials. "More time adds more therapy," explained Whiting.

Some examples of therapies are ultrasound treatment to stimulate collagen repair, and photodynamic therapy to stimulate circulation, cell growth and collagen produc-

Neurotoxin injections can help make wrinkles less visible while derma fillers, said Whiting, "replace and planned for June 21.

replenish the volume and fat lost to aging." Both Whiting and Ohler are certified in administering neurotoxins and derma fillers.

Microneedling makes micro punctures in the skin, which can help reduce fine lines, acne scars, surgical scars and sun damage.

They also offer intravenous treatments to refresh those who are tired, have jet lag, help with headaches and "revitalize your body from the inside out," according to Whiting.

A grand opening is

Residents upset by proposed ban on wakesurfing on Waramaug

By Alec Linden

WARREN — The Lake Waramaug Authority met on a stormy Friday evening, June 6, at Warren Town Hall to discuss a proposed ordinance two years in the making concerning the future of wakesurfing on the lake, ultimately voting unanimously to move the bill forward.

This decision has no immediate effect on actual regulations on the lake, but rather will be sent to each town in the Interlocal Commission — Kent, Warren and Washington — whose selectmen will then discuss the ordinance and, if voted through, send it to public hearing and eventually a vote at town

meeting. Authority member Sandy Papsin methodically recited the drafted ordinance to the commission and public audience of approximately 10 individuals. The ordinance would permit the use of wake boats on the lake, but specifically bans the use of any of the special features of these boats that enable them to throw large wakes.

This includes the use of more than one ballast at a time, a type of tank that fills with water to sink the boat lower so it can displace more water as it moves, creating a larger, more powerful wake. The use of other wave-shaping technologies, like surf tabs, which control the height and steepness of the wave, is also prohibited in the draft ordinance. Enforcement is suggested as a \$250 fine per infraction.

The ordinance takes a decided stance against the use of wake boats in surf mode.

In its introduction, the draft states, "Large wakes are not compatible with other long-established public uses of the lake," citing safety and environmental

erupted from several members of the audience, accusing the Authority of ignoring a secondary ordinance draft that they said had been circulated amongst the group. The Authority claimed it did not have the document and reminded the audience several times that there was to be no public comment at this meeting, which further aggravated the crowd.

"Do we live in a police state?" one attendant asked.

Washington Selectman Dean Sarjeant countered what he said were "distressing comments that this is undemocratic," explaining that the Lake Waramaug Authority's role is simply to suggest the draft ordinance to the three towns, who then conduct their own public hearings and town meetings should they decide to move forward with the ordinance. "It now goes to the towns for a completely transparent, public and democratic vote," he said.

After the draft ordinance passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned, the audience again became agitated, questioning the process and even airing some expletives before the group eventually filtered out of the meeting

Similar heated discussions

"We've worked so hard to clean up this lake. I don't want to be permitting a degradation of that,"

Kent Selectwoman Lynn Mellis Worthington

At the conclusion of Pa- about regulating wakesurfing psin's presentation, protest are taking place across the country. Wisconsin Public Radio reported on a recent lawsuit in a northern Wisconsin town that seeks to overturn an ordinance that bans wakesurfing on four lakes within the town's borders. Proponents of the lawsuit stated their motivation as to protect the right to recreate, while those in favor of the ban ordinance raised concerns similar to those found at Lake Waramaug, such as the spread of invasive species, water quality impacts and public safety.

The Kent Board of Selectmen was given a tour of the Lake on Tuesday, June 3, by wake boat owner Keith Angell, which the next day members said at a meeting was a helpful way to conceptualize the issue as it relates to the physical dimensions of the lake.

Selectwoman Lynn Mellis Worthington said it augmented her concerns about the Lake's water quality, as decades of improvement have plateaued in recent years. "We've worked so hard to clean up this lake. I don't want to be permitting a degradation of that" she said.

Washington and Warren's select boards have already voted to support an ordinance that would ban surfing, but not the boats themselves and were waiting to see the language of the Authority's proposal.

Kent chose not to make any motion until the BOS had seen the proposal, which was received Monday morn-

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Honor Society inductees celebrated at HVRHS

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — In a candle-lit ceremony filled with words of wisdom and inspiration, 30 Housatonic Valley Regional High School students were inducted into the Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter of the National Honor Society on June 4.

Following the processional onto the auditorium's stage, Principal Ian Strever welcomed guests and said that the event was different from a graduation ceremony in that individuals, rather than an entire class, were being celebrated. He told the inductees that "We take immense pride not only in your scholarly achievements, but in the integrity and compassion you demonstrate daily. You communicate with clarity and confidence, you advocate for yourselves and others, you approach challenges with creative problem solving and you demonstrate genuine care for our global community and environ-

Region One Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley gave an address in which she



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Housatonic Valley Regional High School Honor Society members stand with their lighted candles during the June 4 ceremony.

talked of leadership which is not just about personal achievements, but acts of humility. "Lead wisely, lead courageously and most importantly, lead with your heart," she advised.

The students then participated in a somber ritual of lighting candles. Four students spoke of the four qualities upon which the members have been selected: scholarship, service, character and leadership.

Manasseh Matsudaira, this year's valedictorian, speaking on scholarship, pushed for creating a new word, "scholaring. Scholarship is not a trait we possess or some ethereal goal to achieve, it is an activity we get to engage in" He said scholaring is not confined to eight periods, but one can scholar about pretty much anything. "It's not defined by what one studies but how they study," he said.

Katerin McEnroe lit a candle for service. "To give service simply means to give what you can to whomever you can as frequently as you can," she said. Examples could be smiling at someone in the hall, complimenting a stranger in public or holding the door for a person behind you. She challenged her fellow inductees to do at least one act of service every day.

Speaking about character was Andy Delgado, quoting Greek philosopher Heraclitus, who said, "Character is destiny." Delgado said the choices he and his classmates have made were products of their character. "The people we are today, and the choices we make today, determine our future and our success."

Salutatorian Tess Marks, in speaking about leadership, turned to Eleanor Roos-

evelt, for whom the chapter is named. Marks said she asked herself what traits the former first lady might have listed as those of a leader and quoted her as saying, "Good leaders inspire people to have confidence in their leader. Great leaders inspire people to have confidence in themselves." Building on that, Marks said she believes great leaders must have empathy, for as Roosevelt also said, "For our own success to be real, it must contribute to the success of others."

Honor Society adviser Peter Vermilyea administered the oath, whose words the students repeated. He then gave a brief history of the chapter, explaining that in 2019 National Honor Society members chose to name the chapter in honor of Roosevelt, who was a friend of Housatonic. She spoke at the school on two occasions, including the 1958 induction ceremony. She later wrote about her visit in her "My Day" newspaper column, calling the school "excep-

The program always includes the highly anticipated naming of honorary inductees. This year the school's administrative assistant Katie Wood, who is retiring, and executive secretary Julie Lang, who will retire in the near future, were bestowed that honor by Strever. He said they have shown him the kind of hospitality that makes Housatonic feel like home. As graduates of the school, they care for it like a member of their families.

Strever noted they are not just colleagues, but have become friends.

A reception followed in the cafeteria.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on June 2, 2025:

Conditionally authorized the Zoning Enforcement Officer to issue temporary Zoning Permit ZP-25-43 by Attorney Emily Vail, for the seasonal operation of an outdoor pizza oven, to serve canned beverages from an outdoor bar, and serve salads and baked goods from the Inn's kitchen, compliant with the Department of Health rules, for a period that extends from June 2025 through October 2025, in accordance with Section 906 of the regulations. Provided no future temporary zoning permits will be issued unless a Special Permit for the operation of the White Hart is obtained.

The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 56 as Lot 33 and is located at 15 Undermountain Road (The White Hart), Salisbury. The property is owned by Deer Friends 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 06-12-25

NOTICE OF FINDING **OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND** NOTICE OF INTENT TO **REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

June 12, 2025 Town of Cornwall 24 Pine Street Cornwall, CT 06753 860-672-4959

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Cornwall. REQUEST FOR

RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about at least one day after the end of the comment period the Town of Cornwall will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community

Project Funding Grant funds under Title II<\ m>Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L. 117-103) to undertake a project known as Wastewater Treatment-Facility for the purpose of building a wastewater treatment facility in the village of West Cornwall. The project includes the establishmentofawastewater treatment facility that will be constructed at 406 Sharon Goshen Turnpike on a small flat track of land. The wastewater treatment facility will service twenty parcels in the Village of West Cornwall. Untreated wastewater will be pumped to the wastewater treatment facility building through six-inch diameter PVC piping installed below the existing town roadways. Lateral sewage lines will be connected to each parcel from the main. Grinders will be installed in line with the lateral

piping and will masticate sewage prior to pumping to the treatment facility. The sewage, once received at the sewage facility, will undergo biological treatment using a membrane aerator biofilm reactor (MABF) process resulting in an effluent suitable for discharge into the Housatonic River. An effluent discharge pipe will be co-locating in the pipe trench with the sewer main piping but will extend to the Housatonic River to its discharge location. The treatment facility will replace existing individual septic systems that do not meet current health codes and are potentially susceptible to leaching of untreated wastewater to the Housatonic River and potable well water supply in the Village area. The sewer piping system will be installed under existing town roadways and within previously disturbed land areas of the individual parcels. The town roadways are under the management of the Town of Cornwall. The estimated cost of the project is \$6,230,000. The town has secured a Community Projects Funding Grant through HUD in the amount

of \$3,000,000 and the

balance of the project costs

would be financed by the general obligation bond of the Town of Cornwall

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Cornwall has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact StatementundertheNational Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Town of Cornwall, First Selectman's office, 24 Pine Street, Cornwall CT 06753 or online at www.cornwallct. org and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 12 P.M. and 1:00 P.M to

4:00 P.M PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Cornwall, First Selectman's Office. All comments received by June 27th, 2025 will be considered by the Town of Cornwall prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL

CERTIFICATION The Town of Cornwall certifies to HUD that GordonRidgway in his capacity as First Selectman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Cornwall to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO

RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Cornwall 's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not

executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Cornwall (b) the Town of Cornwall has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costsorundertakenactivities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance $with the {\it required procedures}$ (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to HUD at phillip.e.mckeough@hud. gov phone number 860-240-9770. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman 06-12-25

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS ESTATE OF** NANCY C. BRENNER **Late of North Canaan** (25-00205)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 29, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

> The fiduciaries are: Kimberlee Olson c/o Ellen C Marino Ellen C Marino 596 Main Street Winsted, CT 06098 Kevin D. Case c/o Ellen C Marino Ellen C Marino 596 Main Street Winsted, CT 06098 Megan M. Foley

> > Clerk 06-12-25

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will consist of: No Live entertainment Objections must be filed

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more information S & L Pizza, LLC

> 06-05-25 06-12-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **ESTATE OF** PATRICIA M. **VOSBURGH** Late of Norfolk (25-00210)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 29, 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: Charles Patrick Vosburgh c/o Maria Lucy Hampton Law Office of Maria L. Hampton 220 Albany Tpke Bldg 1, P.O. Box 1101 Canton, CT 06019 Megan M. Foley 06-12-25

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS ESTATE OF SALLY V. PETTUS Late of Sharon** (25-00202)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 29, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are: Charlton Pettus and Justin Vagliano

c/o Louise F Brown Vail & Vail, LLC 5 Academy Street P.O. Box 568 Salisbury, CT 06068 Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk

06-12-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOHN R. MUZZULIN Late of Norfolk (25-00191)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 22, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

> The fiduciary is: Sean Muzzulin c/o Andrea Doyle Asman Litwin Asman, PC 1047 Bantam Rd. P.O. Box 698 Bantam, CT 06750 Beth L. McGuire

Chief Clerk 06-12-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RANNY H. MOSS Late of Arizona **AKA Ann Ranney Hughes Childress** (25-00177)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 16, 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: James J. Childress c/o Joseph John Romanello

Romanello Law Firm 57 North St #304 Danbury, CT 06810 Megan M. Foley Clerk 06-12-25

Selectmen to consider cannabis retail ordinance

cannabis products

in town, compared

to 29% in favor.

By Alec Linden

KENT — At the June 4 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Land Use Administrator Tai Kern and

Planning and Zoning com-A survey distributed missioner Sarah Chase to Kent residents presented earlier in the year the selectmen that found that with a draft ordinance 44% of respondents surrounding opposed or strongly the regulation of cannabis opposed the retail retail in Kent. of psychoactive Kern ex-

plained that addressing the issue via town ordinance rather than through

zoning regulations enables the community to have more input, as the adoption of an ordinance would require a town vote.

The draft ordinance as it stands largely responds to a survey distributed to Kent residents earlier in the year that found that 44% of respondents opposed or strongly opposed the retail of psychoactive cannabis products in town, compared to 29% in favor. The draft outlines only the proposed ban on retail in town and does not address other aspects of cannabis cultivation or use.

Chase, who chairs the Cannabis Regulation Subcommittee of P&Z, noted that the specificity and complexity of regulating the retail

of cannabis products, of which there many types, is better suited for an ordinance than zoning regulation.

The cultivation of marijuana plants is another layer to be considered, she said, given that the survey results showed broad

support or ambivalence for small-scale private grows. She mentioned that a largescale cannabis or hemp agricultural operation would be a more complicated issue. but that Kent is an unlikely choice for such a farm due to climate and topography.

A moratorium on cannabis licensure in Kent was renewed in May to allow the town time to consider its options. The moratorium is due to expire Dec. 1, 2025.

The selectmen plan to resume the cannabis conversation in July.



Weight was added in the form of heavy blocks at the tractor pull Saturday, June 7, in Kent.

Revving up tradition at CAMA

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Saturday, June 7, Connecticut Antique Machinery Association held its third annual antique tractor pulling event.

A damp and dreary day did not deter the 40 entrants who brought their vintage

Ranging in age from the 1930's through the 50s and 60s, tractors were either totally "stock," with original factory specifications, or modified in some manner to increase pulling capability.

Bill Grieger and his son Evan brought their 1939 and 1955 Allis Chalmers tractors from Bethany, Connecticut,

for the event. Bill said he likes the stock tractors because "they can still be used for work as they always were."

Ed Hull, from Derby, Connecticut, talked about his 1940 Farmall tractor.

He said, "Found it in the woods. Had to build a road to get it out."

The sled pulled by contestants was initially loaded with 3,500-pounds of blocks. More weight was added as the pulls progressed.

Weather ultimately shortened the event, which was called during the 6,500-pound class. Higher weight classes, extending up to 11,500-pounds, were rained out.



Tractor pullers await their turn at CAMA June 7.



Cornwall students take part in Grumbling Gryphons show

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater transformed the gymnasium of Cornwall Consolidated School into an underwater wonderland Tuesday, June 3.

The troupe performed "The Ghost Net: An Environmental Musical of the Sea' with participation from students in all grades and a few teachers.

The 10-scene musical takes the audience on a journey from land to sea showing the impact of pollution on marine habitats. A girl, Marina, saves wildlife as she is guided underwater by a horseshoe crab with a broken tail, a sea turtle who swallowed plastic, a seagull with a tangled wing, an oilsoaked duck and others. Ultimately, she helps defeat the evil Ghost Net and save her

Students played different roles by grade.

Kindergarten and 1st-graders played clams avoiding a hungry starfish.

2nd- and 3rd-graders played the minnows in a school of fish.



4th- and 5th-graders were tropical fish at a coral reef party. 6th-, 7th- and 8th-graders

played trash creatures in the "Slimy Sludge Rap."

Director Leslie Elias and cast fielded questions from students after the show, like "What is that thing in your pocket?"

"Wireless microphones," Elias explained.

Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters.

Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week.

Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place.

Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.

PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN A hungry starfish appears in "The Ghost Net: An **Environmental Musical** of the Sea" at CCS June 3.

Last week's WotW

R	E	L	A	Y
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P	U	R	S	Е
P	R	I	M	Е
P	R	I	D	Е

CLUES ACROSS 1. Racquet sports

- 10. Small platforms
- 13. French painter
- Caribbean"
- problem
- 22. Supplement with
- 23. American
- automotive giant
- 25. Boxing's GOAT
- 26. Peyton's little

- 34. Capable of
- producing
- 36. Allowed to go
- 39. VVV
- 42. Opposites of
- beginnings
- 43. Germanic

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Island country
- 4. Caribbean island
- 5. Copyread
- 7. Drops down

Brain Teasers

- 4. Places to sleep 8. Native American
- 11. Egg shape
- 15. Some are "of the
- 16. Painful intestinal
- 18. Prove yourself
- 21. Catch

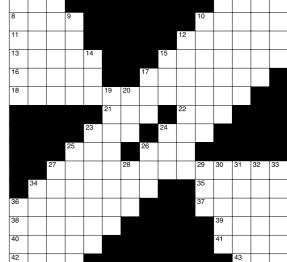
- 24. Form of "to be"
- brother
- structures in fungi
- forward
- losing a game
- uncombined atoms
- 3. Heavenly body
- 6. A place to eat

- association

- 12. Running out

- 17. More irritated
- difficulty

- 27. Eli's big brother
- 35. Reproductive
- 37. Smiles
- 38. Arteries
- 40. Win a series without
- 41. This (Spanish)
- mythological god
- 1. Consisting of



- 9. Native group of
- Alaska 10. Engage in
- 12. "Desperate Housewives" lane 14. Thyroid-stimulating
- hormone 15. Foot (Latin)
- 17. A place to bathe 19. Animosities
- 23. Venus ___, plant 24. A donation 25. Pokes holes in the

20. Partner to cheese

- ground
- 26. Midway between northeast and east
- 27. Looked into 28. Not young 29. Annoy constantly

- 30. Something one can strike
- 31. Most glacial 32. Ten less than one hundred 33. Idle talker
- 34. Has moved through the air 36. Container for

shipping



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2. Alternative energy source

4. Drinking vessel

3. Mango or plain, yogurt drink

5. Congrats to the ____ of 2025!

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com

■ JUNE 12

Scott Reinhard Art Exhibition – "Here Here Here Here"

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

Art Talk: Thursday, June 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Noted cartographer Scott Reinhard presents his first exhibition, featuring a 16-foot composite map of Northwest Connecticut towns.

Native Species Talk & Walk with Ecologist Michael LaScaleia

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join ecologist Michael LaScaleia on Thursday, June 12, 5 to 6 p.m., for talk at the library followed by a short walk to the Salisbury Land Trust's Vincent Field for a discussion about native plants, echinacea pollen, hungry caterpillars, and invasive species. Registration is requested.

Brush and Bloom: Introduction to Casein Painting

Husky Meadows Farm, 26 Doolittle Drive, Norfolk, Conn. June 12 to 15. Renowned French artist Marie Colette DuPont-Nivet leads a four-day handson workshop exploring casein, a historic, sustainable paint medium. Open to artists and curious learners alike.

Details and registration: www. huskymeadowsfarm. com/event/caseinworkshop

JUNE 13

Ned Ames Honorary Lecture & Reception

Cary Institute, 2801 Sharon Tpke, Millbrook, N.Y. caryinstitute.org

Friday, June 13 | Reception at 6 p.m. | Lecture at 7 p.m.

Join freshwater ecologist David Strayer for a talk on his new book Beyond the Sea, exploring the hidden life of lakes, streams, and wetlands. In-person and livestream options available. Reception and book signing precede the lecture. Free with registration.

Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Friday, June 13, 2 to 4 p.m., join Sally Van Doren, author of four books of poetry and a winner of the Walt Whitman prize, for an intensive, immersive workshop with writing guided by prompts and rewarded with constructive feedback. Registration is required.

JUNE 14

CT Open House Day at AMP

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

On Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy free admission, guided tours, artmaking activities, a teen art show, and the new Recycled Runway fashion exhibit. Explore other local highlights via free shuttle, including the Museum of Tort Law, Whiting Mills, and downtown shops and eateries. Fun for all ages.

Georgia O'Keeffe: The Brightness of Light

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

Georgia O'Keeffe: The Brightness of Light directed by Paul Wagner. Q&A after the film with author Roxana Robinson who is featured in the film.

"Thinking about Gardens," Artwork by Ellen Moon

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

Thinking About Gardens, watercolor paintings and embroidered jackets by Ellen Moon, runs from June 14 through Aug. 16. The opening reception is June 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Cornwall Library. Registration for the reception is requested.

Annual Strawberry Festival

Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, N.Y.

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 5 p.m.

Misha Dichter, Piano

Gordon Hall, Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. musicmountain.org

At 7 p.m. on June 14, Music Mountain will host a concert by Misha Dichter on piano.

Local Author Eric Schnall in Conversation with Dan Shaw

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

The David M. Hunt Library and Out in the Corner will host local author Eric Schnall, in conversation with Dan Shaw at 5 p.m. at the library. Books will be available for sale and signing.

The Amazing World of Local Wild Mushrooms with David Paton

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Saturday, June 14, 3 to 4 p.m., join Lakeville's legendary forager, David Paton, for a talk on local wild mushrooms, including the beautiful, the edible, the medicinal, and the deadly! Registration is required.

■ JUNE 15

Lysander Piano Trio

Gordon Hall, Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. musicmountain.org

At 3 p.m. on June 15, Music Mountain will host a concert by the Lysander Piano Trio.

JUNE 16

Cornwall Town Picnic

Hammond Beach, 37 Lake Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Park and Recreation hosts the annual town picnic from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 16 at Hammond Beach. Drinks and ice cream provided. Hot Z's food truck will sell dinner, for which Park and Rec will provide \$5 vouchers. Come kick off summer with friends.

JUNE 17

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

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

On Tuesday, June 17, 3 p.m., celebrate the start of summer with ice cream, dancing, and lawn games. Bring a blanket or chairs. Summer reading sign-ups begin!

JUNE 18

Beginner Tapestry Weaving Workshop

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

At 2 to 5 p.m. on June 18, come discover the art of tapestry weaving with fiber artist Gail Cunningham O'Donnell. In this class you will learn the basics of tapestry, including what the different tools are and how they are used, how to warp on, various weaving techniques, and how to finish a piece. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided.

JUNE 19

1781: MumBet's Story

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

7 p.m. on June 19. MumBet's story, 1781, the year she got her freedom as the first enslaved person to do so. The inimitable Wanda Houston will be MumBet as she becomes Elizabeth Freeman. Written and researched by Lonnie Carter and Linda Rossi. Free.

JUNE 20

Books & Blooms 10th Anniversary

Cornwall, Conn.

A two-day garden event and benefit for the Cornwall Library. On Friday, June 20, 5:30 p.m.: What Makes a Garden a Garden? Talk by Dee Salomon at Cornwall Town Hall, followed by a cocktail reception with live music at the Library. On Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Selfguided tours of four Cornwall gardens, plus an art exhibit and rare garden book sale at the Library. Tickets: \$40 (Friday), \$30 (Saturday), \$65 (both).

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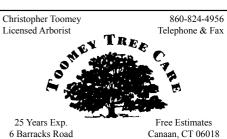
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