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

Harding, Horn support bills on bear control, hydrilla and cell tower siting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Farmers grappling with bears, lake advocates fighting invasive hydrilla and towns seeking a greater voice in cell tower siting decisions could see relief if three bills now advancing through the state legislature are approved.

In phone interviews Friday, Feb. 20, State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30) and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) expressed support for Senate Bills 146, 145 and 144 — measures addressing bear-related livestock losses, hydrilla treatment delays and the authority of the Connecticut Siting Council.

Bears

Harding said SB 146 would give farmers expanded authority to pro-

tect both livestock and crops. The bill would allow the use of deadly force against bears that injure or kill livestock and would authorize the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to issue permits to shoot bears that have damaged crops during the prior growing season.

Horn said the legislation would also streamline the permitting process by eliminating a requirement that applications be notarized, calling the revised process “less onerous.”

Hydrilla

SB 145 targets delays in the state's review of hydrilla treatment applications. Harding said DEEP

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PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

The Northwest Corner was hit with another winter storm Monday, Feb. 23.

Nor'easter drops more snow

By Riley Klein

Heavy snow blanketed the Northwest Corner again this week as a late-February nor'easter swept across Connecticut.

The blizzard began Sunday

night, Feb. 22, and continued through most of the day Monday, Feb. 23.

While the brunt of the storm hit the coastline — where wind gusts topped 60 mph and snowfall totals climbed to roughly two

feet in southeastern Connecticut — communities in the Northwest Corner saw lighter winds but significant accumulation, with some areas measuring 12 inches of snow.

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Officials say Housatonic Railroad herbicide plan 'not following the law'

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Local officials say the 2026 vegetation control plan submitted by the Housatonic Railroad Company fails to comply with a 2024 state law requiring greater transparency about herbicide use along railroad tracks.

The 16-page plan, distributed in February to Northwest Corner

towns through which the railroad operates, outlines the chemicals HRRC intends to use to control vegetation along its right-of-way. Roundup appears first on the list. The company anticipates beginning herbicide applications after March 1, 2026, depending on weather and other factors.

Cornwall officials reviewed the plan during a Feb. 17 Board of Se-

lectmen meeting.

Bruce Bennet, Cornwall's tree warden and a member of the Housatonic Herbicide Working Group, said several of the proposed chemicals are not licensed for use in wetlands.

The plan does not identify environmentally sensitive areas

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New call to reopen case of long-missing Salisbury man

By John Coston

SALISBURY — The daughter of an elderly man who vanished without a trace from his Salisbury home 18 years ago has asked Connecticut State Police to appoint a new investigator to look into the case that to this day remains a mystery.

Allison Drew is haunted by the disappearance of her frail, 91-year-old father from his home on Ravine Ridge Road near the Massachusetts line after he got up from watching a movie and told his caregiver he was going for a walk. The unsolved case has weighed on Allison and her sister Bettina, Tom's daughters, for almost two decades.

In 2020, Drew published a

book about the case: “Search for My Missing Father, an American Noir” (Black Rose Writing), which examines what may have happened to her father in the time between his last conversation with a family member and the report that he was missing.

In December 2025, Drew decided to continue to press for answers, formally asking the Connecticut State Police to reopen the case.

“I would like to be able to bury my father before I die,” she said in an interview from her home in England.

At the time of his disappearance he was reportedly watching a movie.

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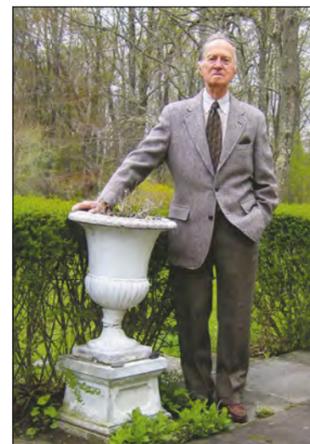


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Tom Drew at his home on Ravine Ridge Road in Salisbury.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Guests at the latest ‘People and Places of Kent’ program speak about the Quality Thrift Shop. From left, Gloria Hill, Melinda Keck and Carolyn De Vita.

Quality Thrift turns deals into community support

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — It's a bargain hunter's paradise — with a purpose.

The Quality Thrift Shop, housed in the former parsonage of the First Congregational Church on North Main Street, not only provides items at reasonable prices, but helps to fill the coffers of a long list of charitable organizations.

Volunteers who help run the enterprise spoke on Feb. 18 at the latest “People and Places of Kent” session put on by the Kent Historical Society and the Kent Senior Center. Carolyn DeVita, Gloria Hill and the Rev. Melinda Keck, a retired pastor, described how the shop operates and why it continues to draw customers from near and far.

The shop, which opened in 1989, was the inspiration of sisters Marcy

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Online This Week

North Canaan reappoints Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission members

The commissioners were assigned new roles. 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.

Head-on near Haut Boy Hill

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Christopher Franzi, 54, of Torrington, was traveling southbound on Route 63 in Cornwall near Haut Boy Hill in a 2008 Acura when his vehicle collided head-on with a northbound 2000 Mercedes Benz. The Mercedes was driven by George Cafiero, 56, of Wassauc, New York. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. Cafiero was transported to Sharon Hospital with minor injuries. Franzi was transported to Waterbury Hospital with an ankle injury, and was issued

an infraction for failure to maintain lane and operating too fast for conditions.

Subaru rollover in Sharon

Laura Bushey, 57, of Lakeville, was northbound on Route 7 River Road in Sharon on Friday, Feb. 20 in a 2020 Subaru Outback when the vehicle lost control, crossed the centerline into the southbound lane and struck an embankment, rolling over and coming to rest on the driver side in the southbound lane. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Bushey was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Send mail to P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send to editor@lakevillejournal.com

Wake Robin Inn sold to Aradev

By Christian Murray

LAKEVILLE — The Wake Robin Inn, the historic country property at the center of a contentious land-use battle for nearly two years, has been sold for \$3.5 million.

The 11.52-acre hilltop property was purchased by Aradev LLC, a hospitality investment firm planning a redevelopment of the 15,800-square-foot inn. The sale was announced Friday by Houlihan Lawrence Commercial, which represented the seller, Wake Robin LLC.

Tom Cervone of CR Properties Group brokered the deal for Aradev.

Representatives of CR Properties and Aradev could not be reached for comment. Terms of the transaction, including whether the closing was contingent on the previously granted special permit or pending litigation, were not disclosed.

Long known as a wedding and retreat destination, the inn is slated to be transformed into what Aradev has described as a boutique hospitality campus serving Salisbury and the surrounding region.

Under the redevelopment plan approved by the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission in October 2025, the number of guest rooms would increase from 38 to 54. The project also includes a 2,000-square-foot detached cabin, expanded event space, a sit-down



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOULIHAN LAWRENCE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville has been sold for \$3.5 million. The property has been at the center of land-use disputes over its proposed redevelopment.

restaurant and fast-casual counter, as well as a spa, library, lounge, gym and seasonal pool.

The commission voted 4-1 to grant a special permit after seven public hearing sessions, adopting a nine-page resolution with 40 conditions. The proposal had been scaled back from an earlier version, eliminating a detached event barn.

Despite the approval, neighborhood opposition has remained strong. Wells Hill Road residents Angela and William Cruger filed two

lawsuits challenging both an underlying zoning change and the redevelopment approval.

In late January, a Connecticut Superior Court judge in Torrington dismissed the couple's lawsuit challenging a 2024 zoning amendment that permits hotel development in the Rural Residential 1 zone. The plaintiffs argued the change amounted to illegal "spot zoning" intended to benefit the Wake Robin project and that proper public notice was not given. The court

found the plaintiffs failed to demonstrate that public notice of the regulation was procedurally deficient.

When adopted, the amendment drew scrutiny from opponents who argued it had been crafted to advance the Wake Robin redevelopment. Town officials maintained the change was part of a broader effort to address longstanding nonconformities across Salisbury.

A second lawsuit — an appeal of the commission's approval of the redevelopment plan — remains pending.

Salisbury home prices retreat from peak; sales remain steady

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home in Salisbury fell to \$775,000 for the period ending Jan. 31, 2026 — its lowest point in the past three years — even as home values across much of Connecticut continued to edge higher.

The figure marks a decline from the \$945,000 median recorded for the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2025, and from \$892,000 for the comparable period ending Jan. 31, 2024.

Median prices have been trending downward since reaching a historic high of \$1,350,000 for the 12-month period ending May 31, 2025. While January and February are typically slow months for publicly listed properties, the 12-month rolling figure reflects a broader reset.

In contrast, median prices statewide — including in



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

28 Undermountain Road is a newly constructed 3 bedroom/2 bath home built on land owned by the Salisbury Housing Trust. The 1,310-square-foot house cost approximately \$500,000 to build and was sold to a qualified buyer for \$255,000.

neighboring towns such as Sharon and Kent — continued to rise in January.

The number of sales in Salisbury on a 12 month roll-

ing basis remained within its historic range.

A total of 49 single-family homes sold in the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2026,

compared with 47 sales in the period ending Jan. 31, 2025, and 55 sales for the 12 months ending Jan. 31, 2024. Historically, annual sales of single-family homes in Salisbury typically range between 40 and 50 transactions.

Inventory appears to be ticking up modestly. As of mid-February, there were 17 single-family homes on the market. Of those, nine were listed above \$1 million and eight were below that threshold.

Only three properties were listed below the current \$775,000 median price.

Local data also show how incomplete online listings can be in reflecting overall activity.

Salisbury's January transfer records, available through the Town Clerk and published in The Lakeville Journal, show five real estate transactions. Only one — 53 Upland Meadow — was publicly listed.

The remaining transfers were handled privately off market, including the highest-priced sale at 36 Lincoln City Road, the lowest-priced transaction on Farnum Road, a commercial building on Main Street, and an affordable home sold by the Salisbury Housing Trust.

The discrepancy highlights how internet-based market data, which rely largely on MLS-reported sales, can understate actual transaction activity in towns where private, off-market deals remain common.

January transactions

145 Farnum Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath 860 square foot home on 1.03 acres sold by Lala Enterprises LLC to 145 Farnum Road LLC for \$227,000.

36 Lincoln City Road — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 1.05 acres sold by Belter Properties LLC to Eric and Kathryn Beelitz for \$1,175,000.

332 Main Street — Commercial building on 0.33 acres sold by Colonial House & Barn LLC to McBride Builders LLC for \$1,000,000.

28 Undermountain Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath newly constructed home sold by Salisbury Housing Trust to Dayana Herrera for \$255,000.

53 Upland Meadow Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 3.83 acres sold by Kevin King and Dejthankon Inpraisit to Jennifer Eve Kaplan Trust for \$1,017,000.

* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between Jan. 1 and Jan. 31, 2026, provided by Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Note that recorded transfers frequently lag sales by a number of days. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Kent P&Z tackles Lane Street zoning snag

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Planning and Zoning Commission is working to untangle a long-standing zoning complication affecting John and Diane Degnan's Lane Street property as the couple seeks approval to convert an old warehouse into a residence and establish a four-unit rental building at the front of the site.

During the commission's Feb. 12 meeting, P&Z attorney Michael Ziska described the situation as a "quagmire," tracing the issue to a variance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals roughly 45 years ago that has complicated the property's use ever since.

The Degnans' attorney, Jay Klein, initially appeared before the commission late last year with a proposal to amend the zoning regula-

tions to accommodate the project. Commissioners and Ziska, however, expressed reservations about rewriting the regulations for a single property.

In the months that followed, Ziska and Klein worked together to identify an alternative path forward.

They ultimately found one in Regulation 9320.4 of the town's zoning code, which permits a nonconforming use to be changed to another nonconforming use, provided the new use is no more detrimental to the neighborhood's character.

Under the revised proposal, the warehouse would be converted into a residence, and the four-unit building at the front of the property would be approved for residential rental use. Commissioners responded favorably to the approach, as did sev-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

John and Diane Degnan plan to convert the warehouse at the back of the property into their primary residence, while leaving the four-unit building in the front available for long-term rentals.

eral neighbors who spoke in support. Residents noted that the plan would permanently eliminate the possibility of the warehouse returning to industrial or commercial use.

Over the years, the building has housed an auto body

shop, an aquarium store, a sign production facility and other commercial operations.

The commission voted to keep the public hearing open until its March meeting to allow for additional discussion.

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Colonial figures come to life at Washington's Ball

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — Visitors from centuries past mingled with present-day residents Saturday evening as the town celebrated George Washington's birthday and officially launched its 250th anniversary of the nation's founding.

The Washington Birthday Ball, held at the aptly named Colonial Theatre, brought colonial history to life through reenactors portraying figures with deep ties to Canaan.

Captain Gershom Hewitt — a member of the expedition that captured Fort Ticonderoga — was dressed in full regalia, happy to speak about his service. Portrayed by Tim Abbott, executive director of the Housatonic Valley Association and a well-known reenactor, Hewitt hoisted a cup of rum punch declaring, "Confusion to our enemies."

Hewitt is buried in the town's Mountain View Cemetery.

Also in attendance was Colonel Charles Burrall (played by Peter Bickford), a war officer who in his early life was destitute, but went on to become one of the wealthiest of Canaan's early land speculators. He held important government positions during his life, serving as a



PHOTOS BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Kathy Keane, head of North Canaan's 250th celebration of the United States, left, Kathryn Boughton, the town's historian, and First Selectman Jesse Bunce welcome guests to the Washington's Day Ball Saturday.

long-time representative to the General Assembly and as one of the delegates in 1788 who ratified the Constitution of the United States.

And of course, George and Martha Washington (Falls Village First Selectman David Barger and his wife, Carmela Barger) circulated among the guests.

Town historian Kathryn Boughton, one of the event's organizers, said she was especially pleased that descendants of early settlers attended in costume.

Dan Adam's ninth great-grandfather was Squire Samuel Forbes, who started a blacksmith shop in Canaan and eventually amassed a large amount of land. "Our family has been farming here for over 200 years," he said, a tradition that continues to this day.

Samuel and Lucy Forbes' daughter Abigail married John Adam, and Forbes and Adam went into business together. They created a farm called "Land of Nod" which provided food for the work-

ers at nearby Beckley Furnace. That farm still exists, and while not as large as it once was, the Adam family still sells homemade syrups and jams, as well as wool from their sheep.

Adam came dressed as Samuel Forbes, and his wife, Melissa Adam, as Lucy Peirce Forbes. Their daughter Abigail Adam came as her namesake.

Ellen and Charlie Goodyear traveled from Virginia to attend the ball. He came as his ancestor Isaac Law-



Above, Martha and George Washington (Carmela and Dave Barger) attend the Washington Day's Ball. Below, Tim Abbott portrays Captain Gershom Hewitt at North Canaan's Colonial Theatre.



U.S.A. 250

Vermilyea shares lesser-known stories from Revolutionary times

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Historian Peter Vermilyea took a group at the Scoville Memorial Library on a tour of the American Revolution that included a soldier who fought in the Continental Army and lived to see the end of the Civil War.

Vermilyea, who is the author of several books and the head of the Social Studies department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, also touched on a serial killer and the role of Black soldiers in the conflict.

The Feb. 19 event was part of the library's ongoing discussion of the American Revolution and Russell Shorto's book "Revolution Song."

Vermilyea engaged with the audience of about 25 people throughout the presentation.

He started with the strange case of Barnett Davenport, Litchfield County's first mass murderer.

Prior to the Revolution, Davenport lived in what is now Washington, Connecticut, and decided to kill his family, set fire to their home, and fake his own death.

He wasn't clever enough, however, and was eventually found hiding in a cave in Cornwall.

"This complicated the Revolution," Vermilyea said.

Because of the notoriety of the Davenport case, in Litchfield County, soldiers in the Continental Army were not allowed to pass through unless they were with their units.

"This is at odds with our perception of the patriots who won the Revolution," he said. "In their time they were not allowed to walk through the towns alone."

Asked about Black soldiers in the Revolution, Vermilyea said unlike the Civil War, when Blacks fought in

segregated units, the Blacks who fought on the colonists' side were mixed in with everyone else, at least at first.

He said about 30,000 New England men responded to the events in Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts in April 1775.

"Immediately this starts to slide," said Vermilyea. The volunteers were not a professional force, and when it was time to go home and bring in the fall crops, they left.

He said about 10% of those 30,000 men were Black.

When George Washington arrived on the scene as commander of the Continental Army, he ended the mixed-race units for fear of losing support from the southern colonies.

Asked about Litchfield County men fighting in the French and Indian War, Vermilyea said the war, which lasted from 1754 to 1760, started when an obscure colonial officer of the British army named George Washington "stumbled into a French camp."

"Remember Litchfield County towns were essentially brand new," with many founded in the 1730s.

"This was the frontier." Many of the men who fought under the British flag during the French and Indian War turned out to be Loyalists once the Revolution started.

"And consider this — in 1763 Americans were the healthiest, wealthiest people in the world. They attributed that status to their place within the British Empire and specifically to their being subjects of the British king."

"And 12 years later they were shooting at British soldiers," he said.

During the Civil War, Rev. Elias Brewster Hillard interviewed surviving Revolutionary War veterans, including Lemuel Cook.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Peter Vermilyea at Scoville Memorial Library Feb. 19.

Born in Plymouth, Connecticut, in 1759, Cook's father, a farmer with a 100-acre spread, died young, causing hardship for the family.

When the Revolution started, Lemuel and his two brothers signed on with the Continentals, in part to support themselves and their families.

In 1776, Cook enlisted in Captain Moses Seymour's troop of the 2nd Continental Light Dragoons and fought in major battles, including White Plains and Brandywine.

Cook was wounded several times and was there on Oct. 19, 1781, when the British surrendered at Yorktown.

Cook remained in the army for two and a half years after that, and his honorable discharge papers were signed by George Washington.

He returned to Plymouth and the family farm and subsequently moved several times through New York state.

During the Civil War, one Rev. Elias Brewster Hillard, in search of surviving Revolutionary War veterans, tracked down Cook, who was living in Clarendon, N.Y. near Lake Ontario.

Hillard interviewed and photographed Cook.

When the minister asked the centenarian veteran

about the Civil War, Cook said it was "terrible but necessary" to put down the rebellion.

Cook died in 1865, age 106, having fought in the Revolution and lived through the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, and the Civil War.

Vermilyea marveled at the changes that occurred during Cook's life.

When Cook was born, "transportation had not changed from Caesar to Washington."

"Communication had seen little progress since Gutenberg," he said. "And he was born a subject of the English king, not a citizen."

Cook witnessed revolutions in communications (the telegraph), transportation (steam engines for ships and trains).

He saw new political parties and institutions form, large-scale migration west and the conflict over slavery.

Vermilyea said Cook's funeral had to be held outside to accommodate the crowd.

The 44th Psalm was read, including:

"We have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us."

"That's a fitting quote," Vermilyea said. "Fitting for him, and for us looking back."

rence and she as his wife, Lydia. Lawrence is reputed to be Canaan's second settler, arriving in 1739. He purchased land on the banks of the Blackberry River and by the time he died in 1793 had accumulated 192 acres. The stately house, built in 1751 on Route 7, is still owned by his descendants. In 1756, he opened a tavern on the southern side of the house.

The theatre was filled with ball goers who got into the spirit of the evening wearing elaborate costumes. Many of the men sported white wigs, while women primped in long colorful dresses.

Guests sampled period food and drink and followed a caller's instructions through square dances and the Virginia Reel. Music was provided by Relatively Sound.

Theresa Freund of Freund's Farm Market researched the food she prepared for the evening's menu. "There is no recipe I found in Martha Washington's cookbook that would be edible in modern day," she said, noting how she was able to tweak items to keep them as authentic as possible.

She explained that when the settlers came to New England, they found chestnuts, so chestnut soup was among the offerings, along with turkey soup, mini meat pies, chicken fricassée, ham and mustard pastries and biscuits. "They seemed to use a lot of sauces and mustard,"

said Freund, "maybe to cover up the meat that probably was rancid. Everything appeared to be simmered over a fire. I promise no one will come down with dysentery tonight," she joked.

Desserts included walnut pie, since Washington loved nuts, hermits and apple crisp, among other treats.

Among the libations was George Washington small beer, which was inspired by the president's 1757 recipe. A description stated that "at 3% ABV (alcohol by volume), it reflects the practical, sessionable beer people drank throughout the day during that period. In the 18th century, beer was often considered safer than water, since colonists didn't yet understand the germ theory, but they did understand fermentation." The beer was provided by Norbrook Farm Brewery.

Martha Washington's rum punch recipe appeared in her handwritten cookbook. In that era, punch was more common than straight spirits and was meant to be shared in a communal bowl. The wine came from Land of Nod Winery.

As Kathy Keane, leader of the town's 250th celebration and an organizer of the event, looked over the crowd, she declared the evening "a smashing success. I'm so glad so many came in costume. It's been a joy to have this in Canaan. We've combined history and silliness."

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Kent closes High Watch hearing, tables decision

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Planning and Zoning Commission on Feb. 12 closed a months-long public hearing on High Watch Recovery Center's application to modify its special permit and will continue deliberations at its March meeting.

The application seeks to amend several conditions attached to the addiction treatment facility's original 2019 permit. High Watch CEO Andrew Roberts, who first presented the proposal to

P&Z in November, said the changes are intended to address issues stemming from what he described during the hearing as "clumsily written conditions."

Neighbors have argued throughout the hearing process that the proposed revisions amount to an undue expansion of the recovery center on rural Carter Road.

Among the changes originally proposed — but since withdrawn — was the addition of two beds to the detox unit. Another withdrawn proposal would have

removed a rule barring the facility from admitting people in police custody or those ordered by a court to undergo treatment. Additionally, High Watch has withdrawn its request to eliminate the requirement that local officials be notified if a client leaves the campus without authorization.

The application still seeks to allow the facility to accept patients outside regular hours under unusual circumstances, while preserving P&Z's authority to enforce standard admission

hours if deemed necessary. The most controversial remaining request is the creation of a lecture hall for "staff education" that may include speakers and guests from outside the organization.

Despite the modifications, neighbors continue to voice objections.

Jeremiah O'Brien, whose property abuts High Watch, said he believes the organization has gradually exceeded prior limits.

"It's been, if we give an inch they take a mile," O'Brien said at the hearing, referencing what he described as past transgressions by the nonprofit, including the cutting down of trees years ago above Kent Falls.

Roberts apologized for any past missteps and said his appearance before P&Z with the application is an effort to right past wrongs.

Karen Altfest, a Carter Road resident, described the management of the re-

hab center as "disingenuous" and the facility as "not a good neighbor."

Annette Koberlein-James said the organization has grown beyond what she expected for the area.

"Nobody on this road bought their home to live next to such an ever-expanding, growth-focused

Lili Mason pointed to initiatives that have benefited the community, including Wilson's Café on Main Street, which was established by the organization, and a vaccine clinic High Watch opened during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's no longer the little place on the hill, which was adorable and sweet," she said, "but is it really infringing that much on the neighbors?"

Michael Ziska, attorney for the commission,

said the modified application generally reflects his recommendations but emphasized that P&Z is under no legal obligation to amend the original conditions and may accept or reject the request as it sees fit.

Kent selectmen oppose Schaghticoke Tribal Nation recognition effort

By Patrick L. Sullivan

KENT — The Kent Board of Selectmen has formally joined opposition to a renewed effort by the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation (STN) to gain federal recognition.

The selectmen discussed the topic in executive session Tuesday, Feb. 17. In the regular meeting that followed, First Selectman Eric Epstein made a motion to approve a "common interest agreement" with the State of Connecticut and the Kent School to oppose federal recognition of STN. The motion passed unanimously.

STN is distinct from the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe (SIT), which recently received a positive review from the Office of Federal Acknowledgement. The tribe split into two factions — SIT and STN — roughly 40 years ago. STN is currently in the re-petition process for federal acknowledgment as well.

STN sued the state in 2016 seeking \$610 million in damages for selling tribal

land. The case was dismissed in 2019. Originally, STN aimed to leverage its land claims in Kent to build a casino in Bridgeport.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Finance an alternative paving bid connected to Kent Center School. The town school board, working through Region One, has already gone out to bid for a repaving project at Kent Center School, for \$494,477.

Attached to the bid package was the option of repaving Judd Avenue and Elizabeth Street south of the intersection of the two roads and adjacent to KCS, for an additional \$97,010.

The selectmen heard from Kent resident Gregoire Pye, owner of the Crepe Royale food truck, who would like to operate in Kent.

The status quo is that food trucks are not allowed on public property in the town, but are allowed on private property. Gregoire noted the presence of a hot dog

vendor in the summer, and wondered why he couldn't get a similar exemption. The selectmen said the hot dog vendor was grandfathered in. Epstein said the Planning and Zoning Commission does not have a regulation about food trucks. The matter was tabled and will be addressed next month.

The board tinkered with a resolution governing the recording of public meetings. The change would allow a board or commission to close a meeting if audio recording fails and 30 minutes of troubleshooting is unsuccessful.

The selectmen accepted Matt Frasher's resignation as chair of the USA 250 subcommittee and appointed Sarah Chase as a replacement.

Epstein reported that work is ongoing on a request for proposals for work at Emery Park pool. He said the town has \$100,000 in federal COVID relief funds that need to be spent by the end of the year.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Natalia Zukerman explains the art of cartooning to a group at Scoville Memorial Library Sunday, Feb. 22.

Millerton News cartoonist shares tips at Scoville library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Cartoonist Natalia Zukerman gave practical advice on her craft at the Scoville Memorial Library Sunday morning, Feb. 22.

Zukerman has been the regular cartoonist for The Millerton News for about three years. She said her approach is to use a single panel rendered in black and white.

She gave several practical tips. "I don't use a pencil sharpener. I use an Xacto knife."

She held up the blade. "It's nerdy but you get the best point."

She doesn't use an eraser either. "I like to keep the history" of the cartoon in place, she said.

Besides, thanks to the

wonders of Photoshop, blemishes and goofs can be fixed later in the process.

Among her tips was a stern instruction to use no more than 20 lines in trying to adapt one of three faces shown on the big screen in the library's Wardell Room.

Face number one was a shocked face, with raised eyebrows and a round, open mouth.

Face number two was an angry face with furrowed brows and bared teeth.

Face number three belonged to a cat looking very pleased with itself.

As far as subject matter, she gave some examples of cartoons that literally illustrate common expressions, such as "silly goose" or "burning the candle at both ends."

Karen Vrotsos of the library opened the proceedings with a quick overview of the history of political and/or satirical cartooning, starting with William Hogarth's 1721 (published in 1724) "Emblematical Print on the South Sea Scheme," which deals with the fallout from the failure of the British South Sea Company, which caused a serious financial disruption.

The first American political or satirical cartoon published widely is probably Benjamin Franklin's "Join or Die," depicting the then American colonies as sections of a rattlesnake. Because the cartoon dates from 1754, it refers to the colonies uniting with the British to fight the French and Indian War.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on February 11, 2026 at the Annual Town Meeting duly warned, the legal voters of the Town of Salisbury voted to approve two new ordinances,

BE IT ORDAINED, Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 103b, Sections 7-273aa through and including 7-273oo, of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Salisbury (the "Town") designates Northwest Resource Recovery Authority ("NRRRA"), recently established by the City of Torrington, a political subdivision of the State of Connecticut created for the performance of an essential public and governmental function, as the Town's regional resource recovery authority. 2. The Town shall be a member municipality of NRRRA entitled to the rights set forth in NRRRA's Bylaws, including one (1) vote on NRRRA's Board of Representatives. 3. The Town's Board of Selectmen shall appoint one representative and one alternate representative to NRRRA's Board of Representatives, the initial term to be either one, two, or three years as determined by the then-sitting representatives of NRRRA. Any vacancy in the office of the Town's representative or alternate representative shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen.

Due to the length of the second ordinance, it will be written here in from of the Resolution. The specific wording for the ordinance will be available at the Town Clerk's office.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town adopt the ordinance, in the form presented to the Annual Town Meeting, granting a limited property tax exemption to residents of the Town who have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force or Space Force of the United States and have been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected total disability based on individual unemployability. These ordinances will

become effective fifteen (15) days after publication of this notice

Kristine M Simmons
Town Clerk
02-26-26

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 February 17, 2026:

Approved with the condition that the overhang extend no more than one foot into the required side yard setback - Special Permit Application #2026-0307 by Amber Construction & Design, Inc., for vertical expansion of a nonconforming residential building in accordance with Section 503.2 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 36 as Lot 09 and is located at 120 Wells Hill Road, Lakeville. The owners of the property are Joseph Edward Costa and Elyse Catherine Nelson. 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
Robert Riva, Secretary
02-26-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF FRANCIS J. SCHELL Late of Falls Village AKA Francis John Bosco Schell (26-00030)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 10, 2026, 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:
Page M. Schell
c/o Michael Downes
Lynch

Law Offices of Michael D. Lynch, 106 Upper Main Street
P.O. Box 1776, Sharon, CT 06069

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-26-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF EDWARD A. NICKERSON Late of Salisbury (26-00019)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 5, 2026, 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:
Matthew A. Nickerson
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Louisa T. Nickerson
c/o Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-26-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LEON MOED Late of New York (25-00530)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 5, 2026, 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:
Marilyn Moed
c/o Matthew R Peterson
Carmody Torrance
Sandak & Hennessey LLP,
195 Church Street, P.O. Box 1950, New Haven, CT 06509
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-26-26

OBITUARIES

Irving Francis Robbins

CORNWALL — Irving Francis Robbins of Cabot, Vermont, age 85, died in his home with his family by his side on Feb. 11, 2026. Irv lived an active and fulfilling life, and he often spoke of how truly fortunate he was. He took great pleasure in family, friends, teaching



Cabot, Vermont: one atop a hill, off the grid, on a Class IV road, and the other, easily accessible, at the bottom of that hill. He and Cindy enjoyed Vermont living with Irv working the land with his tractor and backhoe. He developed vegetable and flower gardens, meadows, and forest paths. He planted firs for Christmas trees, harvested wood, and maintained and plowed the long road to his home.

Irv was an involved grandfather, lucky to live near both of his children and their families in retirement. A good neighbor, Irv liked to visit and was always ready to lend a hand. He was open to meeting new people and took interest in their experiences. Ever the advocate for independence and self-reliance, Irv tutored newcomers to the United States in English and encouraged people of all ages to pursue their education. He will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him.

Irving was predeceased by his wife, Cynthia Robbins; his sister, Shirley Pedone; and his granddaughter, Madeline Robbins. He is survived by his daughter, Leslie Robbins (Nick); his son, Luke Robbins (Taeryn); his grandchildren, Crawford, Hudson, Silas, and Alaina; his brother, William Robbins; his sister, Patricia Bodmer; as well as many nephews and nieces.

A Celebration of Irv's life will be held later this year. To receive updates about the service, please email: lukecrobbins@gmail.com.

Contributions in Irving's memory may be made to the Irving and Cindy Robbins International Studies Fund, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, which Irv established to support immersive international travel experiences in cultures outside of North America for students, teachers, and alumni of Region One school district in Connecticut. Contributions to the fund may be made by visiting www.berkshiretaconic.org/donate, or by mailing a check made out to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, with the fund name on the memo line, to 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257.

Memories and condolences may be shared with family at CaledoniaLifeServices.com.

Photo by Sarah Kenyon, courtesy of BTCE.

Hubert Doyle Cleaveland, Jr.

SHARON — Hubert Doyle Cleaveland, Jr., 84, of Darden, Tennessee, passed away Feb. 16, at his home after a brief illness.



He was born Dec. 1, 1941 in Sharon, Connecticut to the late Hubert Doyle Cleaveland, Sr. and Georgia Willson Cleaveland. He was a retired diesel mechanic, attended Rock Hill Baptist Church, enjoyed antique cars and was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving from 1962 to 1967. Mr. Cleaveland was a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Scotts Hill and was very active in providing military honors at veteran's funerals in this area for several years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marcella Cleaveland, in Jan. of this year and by 2 brothers, Richard and James Cleaveland.

Hubert is survived by three sisters; Carol Dean, of Millerton, New York, Beverly Cleaveland, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, Mary Massy, of Warren, Connecticut; two brothers, John Cleaveland, of Palm Harbor, Florida, and Joseph Cleaveland of Lakeville, Connecticut.

Mr. Cleaveland's wishes were to be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later time.

Reeds Chapel, Decaturville is assisting the family with arrangements. Phone 731-852-3643, or online at reedschapelfh.com

John Forbes Hanlon

NORTH CANAAN — John "Jack" Forbes Hanlon, 90, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 22, 2026, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Connecticut. He was born July 29, 1935, at Geer Hospital in Canaan to parents Joseph Daniel Hanlon and Ruth Cleaveland.

Jack grew up in Falls Village and joined the Army from 1957-1958. He was married for over 50 years to his sweetheart, Linda "Niver" Hanlon in 1959. Jack worked on the Hanlon Family Farm on Route 63 in Falls Village. After that, he worked for the Town of Canaan Maintenance Department and O'Connor Bros. as a truck driver for 30 years where he took pride in maintaining his truck with weekly detailing to keep it pristine. After retirement, Jack kept busy by mowing lawns and rototilling gardens.

He lived on Granger Lane for over 50 years where he waved to all the neighbors who passed. He lived at Wangum Village after Linda's passing for 13 years before moving into Noble Horizon. Jack was a regular at Collin's Diner, where if he missed a day, they went looking for him.

Jack was predeceased by his siblings; Elizabeth Beebe, Margaret Flynn, Joseph Hanlon and Florence Hayes. He is survived by his children; Vincent and Michele Hanlon of Lime Rock, Theresa and

Matthew Freund of East Canaan, Michael and Tina Hanlon of Falls Village, Lisa and Wilson Korth of Vergennes, Vermont, and Jacobyn and Barry Brown of East Canaan. Jack is also survived by his grandchildren; Caitlin Hanlon, Lauren Hanlon and her husband Kenny Weaver, Amanda Freund, Emily Freund, Isaac Freund and his wife Ashley, Rachel Freund and her husband Cole Van Seters, Alexandra Brown, Ryan Brown, Michael Hanlon, Jr., Alexander Korth, Kyle Korth and his wife Emily, his great grandchildren Rhyder Prause and Delila Freund and many nieces and nephews. Jack had a special connection for his niece, Mary Kate Hayes of Falls Village.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PO Box 178, Canaan, CT 06018 and share a story about our father that would bring a smile to a friend.

The family wishes to thank Noble Horizon for their compassionate care and patience with our father.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT. 06018.

Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m. Memorial service will immediately follow.

Moe Bordwin

LAKEVILLE — It is with great sadness that we announce that Moe Bordwin, age 89, died peacefully with family by his side on Oct. 30, 2025.

Born in the Bronx in 1936, Moe delighted his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all who would listen, with his stories of running around the Bronx neighborhood with his many friends, taking 3 subways to work in his uncle's grocery store from the age of 8, as a teenager, waiting tables at hotels in Spring Valley, New York (where he met his wife, then a counselor at that hotel's day camp), and army stories to last a lifetime.

In 1957, Moe married Rochelle Semp, his soulmate, from Jersey City and they built a life together in Glen Cove, New York with a large group of friends. They raised their children there, helped found Theater II, and were lovingly involved in their synagogue Congregation Tifereth Israel, where he was a pillar of their community. Moe was also a supporter of Surprise Lake Camp, where he spent many summers as a child, and later became a trustee of the Camp.

Moe had a distinguished professional career as an attorney where he transformed the real estate bankruptcy field in the 1970s. In 1982 he established Keen Realty Consultants which later became Keen-Summit Capital Partners from which he retired in 2010. Moe borrowed the name "Keen" from his in-laws, who were retiring and closing their Jersey City clothing store Keen Kotton.

Moe lived his life with love, humility and generosity. He always wanted to help others, and he shared his business

acumen with all who needed it (and even some who didn't ask for it). He quietly helped people through difficult times with advice and care. Anyone who needed help knew they could turn to Moe for support.

Moe leaves behind his wife of 68 years, Rochelle; his son Harold (Julie); his daughter Janet (Eric Gallant); his son Matthew (Danielle); and his grandchildren; Jesse Bordwin (Gwendolyn Towers) and Simon Bordwin (Robbie Blue), Charlie Kannel (Arden Kreeger), Ethan Kannel (Rebecca) and Jared Kannel, Izzy Bordwin (Peyton Don), Callie Bordwin and Mia Bordwin, and his great-grandchildren; Madelyn Paige Kannel and Sophia Rose Kannel. His legacy of love, innovation, generosity, honor, compassion, and integrity will forever inspire us.

Donations in memory of Moe can be made to:

The Moe Bordwin Memorial Fund at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 40 Hill Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542; <https://members.ctionline.org/form/Moe%20Bordwin%20Memorial%20Fund>

(Just as Moe was always one of the first to lend a hand to others, this Fund has been created to carry forward his spirit of generosity and compassion).

Surprise Lake Camp, 302 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516; <https://surpriselake.org/ways-to-give/tribute-gift/>

(As a kid from the Bronx, Moe was sponsored to go to Surprise Lake Camp and get out into the country. In addition to being a camper there, he was a long-time member of the Board of Trustees and has helped numerous children experience summer camp there).

Carolyn G. McCarthy

LAKEVILLE — Carolyn G. McCarthy, 88, a long time resident of Indian Mountain Road, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 7, 2026.



She was born on Sept. 8, 1937, in Hollis, New York. She was the youngest daughter of the late William James and Ruth Anderson Gedge of Indian Mountain Road.

Carolyn's first job out of high school was at the Time and Life building in Manhattan, New York. In 1956, she went on to work for Capital Airlines until they disbanded.

She began banking in White Plains, New York, where she met her husband Edward James McCarthy. They started their family and relocated to Pleasant Valley, New York. She then returned to banking in Poughkeepsie, New York and later pursued real estate.

Carolyn was very creative and enjoyed home making, gardening, sewing, knitting, cooking and baking. Her Christmas cookies were always remarkable. She had a pioneer spirit and embraced

the toil of yard chores. She was very independent and at 87 she still shoveled the driveway in the winter, mowed the grass, trimmed the bushes, raked the leaves and dragged the brush. She took pride in the manicure of the grounds where she resided.

Carolyn was a wonderful mother who had an enormous heart. She loved all animals, wild or tame. She will be dearly missed by her family and the people that knew her.

She is predeceased by her husband Edward McCarthy Sr. and her brother Dr. Stafford Gedge of Minnesota.

She is survived by her son, Edward (Anne) McCarthy of Greenfield, Massachusetts, and grandsons James and Theodore, son Sean McCarthy of Oak Hill, New York, sister Nancy Dougherty of South Carolina, nieces Lynn Warner, Debra Phillips, Susan Nelson, Christine Richards and nephews William, James and Robert Gedge.

A private service will be held at a later date.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Worship Services Week of March 1, 2026	
<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 455-2442</p>
<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest-in-Charge In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizon Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. RUMI, the Persian Sufi poet and humanitarian For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>
<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138</p>	

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What is gunboat diplomacy without boats?

In December 2025, the president unveiled plans to revamp the U.S. Navy. He announced the construction of two new battleships, each costing between \$10-\$15 billion. It's a start, but still only a drop in the bucket for reviving American shipbuilding.

Why is that important? First off, in commercial terms, almost 80% of global trade by weight is transported by ships. If you also consider the capabilities of our armed forces, you understand that nearly 90% of their supplies, equipment, fuel, ammo, and food are delivered by ships. In addition, if we encounter a national emergency, the Navy will depend on commercial shipyards to build warships and support ships, as well as to transport equipment and troops.

We learned this during World War II. At its height, the U.S. accounted for nearly 90% of global shipbuilding output. Today, that output has declined to a mere 0.2% of gross tonnage. What happened? Competition. After the war, the rest of the world needed to be rebuilt, much of it with American money, and the shipyards were among the areas that had been decimated.

Japan, for example, could offer lower labor costs, no union issues, brand-new shipyards, and prices that undercut American construction by as much as 60%. The fact that foreign steel production skyrocketed as well and was sold at a fraction of the U.S. price didn't help either.

You know this, how? You might ask. As a kid in Philly in the early 50s, lots of neighborhood dads worked at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard after the war. They made a good living then, since U.S. shipbuilding was still in its heyday. But the decline was rapid.

In the 1970s, the U.S. government attempted to reverse that slide with the Merchant Marine Act of 1970. Shipbuilders spent more than a billion dollars modernizing their yards and making capital improvements with government backing. America also asked the Japanese, now the world's top shipbuilder, to introduce new techniques and practices to reinvigorate our moribund industry.

It worked. For a brief period, the U.S. became the second-largest commercial shipbuilder in the world, behind Japan. Many of these new ships were Liquefied Natural Gas carriers and oil tankers. However, the 1973 oil crisis put an end to that. The petroleum industry was on its knees, and demand for new ships dried up.

Despite that setback, our shipbuilding productivity improved in the years that followed. Meanwhile, foreign shipbuilders—especially the Chinese—improved even faster. In 2008, China surpassed Japan in shipbuilding output; by 2010, it overtook Korea to become the world's largest shipbuilder.

By 2022, the U.S. had built just five ocean-going, commercial ships compared to China's 1,794 and South Korea's 734. Today, the U.S. Navy estimates that China's shipbuilding capacity is 232 times that of the U.S. Even

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worse, it costs twice as much to build a ship in the U.S. as it does elsewhere.

Nine Asian and European carriers, organized into three cartels, now control 90% of the U.S. containerized shipping trade. To add insult to injury, one Chinese company produces 80% of all the ship-to-shore cranes in America. I could go on, but this is about shipbuilding, not about the Chinese, who also produce 95% of the shipping containers. The 2025 order book for new vessels indicated that China accounted for 75% of orders, followed by South Korea at 19%. Under these circumstances, how is Donald Trump going to make American shipbuilding great again?

Largely by following the tactics used by the U.S. in the Seventies. A new office of shipbuilding has been established and is again offering special tax incentives to develop the industry. Last year, the U.S. signed deals with three affiliates of Hanwha Group, the world's third-largest shipbuilder. The \$500 billion deal is earmarked for maritime investment. In 2024, Hanwha bought the Philly Shipyard for \$100 million. This is the sad remnant of my boyhood Naval Yard. That yard closed in the 1990s, laying off thousands of South Philly workers.

Hanwha is sinking \$5 billion into the shipyard to upgrade the site. It is also training what they hope will be a new generation of shipbuilders, while investing in robotic labor. Management estimates that, if they hit their target of 20 boats per year, the workforce could top 10,000. That's a big "if."

The administration and industry plan to focus on manufacturing LNG tankers, icebreakers, and naval vessels. An Italian company, Fincantieri Marinette Marine (FMM), based in Wisconsin, is already manufacturing naval vessels, LNG-fueled cruise ships, and other commercial vessels. The U.S. is working with the Italians to expand that enterprise. In addition, last year Finland and the U.S. agreed to spend \$6.1 billion to produce 11 new icebreakers for the U.S., with the first due to be completed by 2028.

Trump's gunboat diplomacy, whether in Iran, Venezuela, or who knows where, appears to be a strategic tool of his presidency. As such, it is vital that the U.S. commands the high seas. In an age of drone warfare, ships are vulnerable in both combat and commercial settings. It's early days, but at least the administration recognizes the need to modernize this industry. The hope is that just maybe my grandson might see the day when Philadelphia could once again be noted for something other than cheese steaks.

Bill Schmick is a founding partner of Onota Partners, Inc., in the Berkshires. Bill's forecasts and opinions are purely his own and do not necessarily represent the views of Onota Partners, Inc. (OPI).



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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — February 1901

Mr. G.E. Frink began placing steam heating apparatus in his Pharmacy in the Reed block Monday.

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectman Kellogg has been engaged the past week in raising the large iron safe from the cellar of the Savings Bank, in order to get at the town records which are in the safe.

LIME ROCK — The roads are beginning to get into shape again. The town gang has scalped a few deep snow drifts and wagons can be used now.

The Connecticut Western News says that representatives from the New York Condensed Milk Co. have been in Canaan feeling the pulse of the farmers in regard to establishing a creamery in that place.

Master Francis Smith has taken a position at the Journal office. Master James Ellis who has been the printer's devil the past year, will take a course in the Lakeville High Grade school and will also work for

E.A. Eldridge.

100 years ago — February 1926

Miss Harriet Fenton has accepted a position with the Connecticut Power Company in Canaan.

State Policemen Donald J. Geddes and Sergeant Brandt of the Canaan Barracks, acting on a bench warrant, raided The Arch Inn at Falls Village Thursday morning and confiscated a large quantity of liquor and arrested the proprietor, Edward J. House, whose establishment was raided earlier last week

50 years ago — February 1976

Catherine E. Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Carlson of Kent, is valedictorian of the class of 1976, Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The salutatorian, Sheryl L. Stair, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Schafer of Salisbury.

Lakeville firemen wearing masks and breathing apparatus put out a stubborn fire Saturday afternoon in a store room in the main building at

The Hotchkiss School. The fire sent acrid smoke through the east wing of the administration building. As one fireman put it, the smoke was so dense that you needed radar to get through it.

In spite of the rain, the Salisbury Winter Sports Association cleared roughly \$3,500 during the ski jump weekend, from the proceeds of the gate, dance, food booth and ads in the program.

FALLS VILLAGE — Two Dutch World War II comrades have been reunited in Falls Village after a separation of 31 years. Theodore Daalhuizen of Main Street and Arie vanBommel of Undermountain Road and New York City met recently after vanBommel read a story about Daalhuizen and his war experiences in The Lakeville Journal.

The North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps has found new quarters in the old firehouse on Main Street in Canaan.

A new play by Cornwall playwright Lonnie Carter will be performed at the Walker Auditorium of The Hotchkiss School at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Sunday of this week. "Iz She Izzy or Is He Ain'tzy or Iz They Both," a comedy, will be presented by the Hotchkiss Drama Department under the direction of Jennifer Barrows.

25 years ago — February 2001

CORNWALL — After the Florida voting and election fiasco, it's no wonder the whole country is looking a little more closely at the voting process. The Board of Selectmen's meeting Tuesday morning started with a discussion about a communication the board received from the secretary of the state. The letter explains the possibility of new voting machines which will hopefully be utilized in all future elections. However, sometimes trying to fix something that isn't broken is a bad idea. "Basically the whole board thinks it's a mistake [to fund these new machines]," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, feeling they are unnecessary. "Even though our voting machines are old, they're still working," he said.

Reggie the Robot rolled down the main hallway at Housatonic Valley Regional High School last Friday. The six-week-old creation of students in David Lindsay's robotics club is headed to Hartford, where it will compete in the 2001 FIRST Robotics Competition. This is the 10th year the contest has been held, but the first time that students from HVRHS will compete.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Opposition is not a governing program

The guest commentary in the Feb. 19 Journal, an absolute anti-Trump screed, had me wondering just how far one person can expand the gulf between what they believe and have opinions on and a connection to actual facts.

Really, Trump is worse than Capone? I'm surprised Hitler escaped the article. Trump is blowing up a bunch of lowlife drug smugglers who are purportedly just innocent civilians. It's a battle in a war against a declared terrorist cartel. I contend that the drug deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans deserve some aggressive countermeasures. And in that regard, look what's happening with cartels in Mexico as I write this.

Furthermore, I ask, is withholding taxpayer money from institutions which allowed violent antisemitic takeovers actually an illegal shakedown?

Having said the above, I really laughed over the supposed conversion of the Department of Justice into an instrument of personal retribution by Trump. Ever heard of

Jack Smith and the dismissed cases against Trump? In my opinion, THAT was a misuse of the DoJ.

After 10+ years of Trump Derangement Syndrome, I am sincerely asking if hating Trump is the extent of the governing program by the anti-Trump side.

Here are a few governing ideas to consider. How about: lowering taxes, no tax on overtime, tips and social security, securing the border, negotiating fair trade agreement around the world, trying to achieve peace through projecting strength in a dangerous world, and adopting simple voter ID laws? By the way, voter ID laws exist in all European, African and South American countries.

When the Democrats champion these policies, I'll be with them, but no, they voted against them all. Oh right, it's Trump who is doing or already did these things. It's the policies that sway me, not the personalities. But let's just hate on Trump. That's the ticket — to nowhere!

Richard Shanley
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VIEWPOINT

What exactly is hospice, anyway?

This is the first in a series of articles about hospice and end-of-life care in our region, covering topics ranging from the truth about morphine and pain management to knowing when it's time for hospice care to preparing an advance directive. It is produced in collaboration with East Mountain House.

GUEST COMMENTARY
MARY TALBOT

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Hospice care is intended for people with a terminal illness whose doctors believe they are unlikely to live more than six months, and for whom curative interventions are no longer effective and, along with repeat hospital stays, will likely only cause more suffering.

Instead, hospice is devoted to wellbeing and day-to-day support, often in the patient's home. "One of the goals is to keep people out of the hospital because that's not a very comfortable place when you're at the end of life," said Rydel. "The focus is all on comfort and living well."

Or, as Cristin Rich, a former hospice nurse and now executive director of East Mountain House, a new end-of-life care home in Lakeville, puts it: "it's about quality of life at the end of life."

Along with nurses, a hospice team typically includes a physician, a social worker, home health aides, a chaplain, and trained volunteers. Physical or occupational therapists may also be involved. Social workers help families think through practical and emotional questions while volunteers may come and sit with a patient so a caregiver can leave the house or rest.

Most days, Rydel is on the road, traveling from home to home to check on patients and their families, adjust medications, and offer advice. Some patients

are stable and prefer minimal visits. Others, she said, "need much closer attention, especially at the very end. Then I may visit seven days a week."

Hospice support for families and caregivers includes services such as respite care and bereavement counseling. Respite care provides the option for a short stay—up to five days—in a hospice-certified nursing home, hospital, or inpatient facility, allowing caregivers time to rest and recharge.

Medicare Part A covers all the costs of care from the hospice team — including nursing — as well as medications to treat pain and discomfort (from morphine to oxygen) and durable medical equipment like hospital beds, shower chairs, or lifts.

What isn't covered is ongoing in-home care—someone to look after the patient day in and day out. That usually falls to a family member and/or a paid caregiver. "We have a home health aide on our team, and she'll come out a couple times a week, but that 24-hour is a private expense," said Rydel.

Fortunately, Rydel added, there are resources in our region to help pay for that care, such as grants for terminal cancer patients from The Jayne Lloyd Fund (through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation). VNHL, too, currently has access to funds for helping struggling families cover private care and Connecticut Community Care, Inc. can support in-home help for people living on very low incomes.

There are several pervasive misconceptions that still prevent terminally ill people or their families from taking advantage of hospice care. Two of the most common are the belief that hospice means giving up and that medications used to treat pain hasten death. Rydel and Rich agree these beliefs often stem from the fact that hospice is introduced very late in an illness, reinforcing the association between hospice, medication, and

death rather than comfort and support.

In fact, research has shown that many people live better—and sometimes longer—once they enter hospice care. And reams of studies have demonstrated that morphine and other pain medications, when appropriately administered, relieve suffering and improve quality of life rather than shorten it.

Moreover, hospice doesn't mean no treatment. "If you've got a urinary tract infection, or you fall and break a bone, you're going to be treated for that," said Rich. "Everything is going to be palliated. Anything that affects comfort and quality of life hospice is going to be address."

Another misconception is that once on hospice, all ways on hospice. But patients can leave anytime they choose. "Sometimes people decide they want to go to the hospital for a particular treatment that's not part of hospice, or they leave for some other reason," said Rich. "The point is that this is your decision, or a decision you make with your family."

"I wish people were more open to talking about hospice earlier in the process of their illness or earlier in their life," Rydel said. "I think it would make things much easier for them and for family."

For Karen Whitley Bell, author of *Living at the End of Living: A Hospice Nurse Addresses the Most Common Questions, the end of life, as difficult as it may be, "offers an opportunity to explore and rediscover a richer meaning in life."* And hospice, with its dedication to a patient's dignity and comfort, can help make that possible.

To learn more about end-of-life care, even if hospice is not immediately needed, The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization offers extensive info online local and visiting nurse and hospice organizations like VNHL also can provide answers. The Lakeville Journal welcomes reader questions and ideas for future topics in this series.

OUR TOWNS



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Student artists shine

Ella Sun of Kent School won Best of Show at the 31st annual Kent Art Association Student Show Feb. 15. The show exhibited art by 60 area students.

Kent committee to review options for Swift House

By Alec Linden

KENT — Town officials have formed a seven-member committee to determine the future of the shuttered, town-owned Swift House, launching what could become a pivotal decision about whether Kent should invest in the historic property — or divest from it altogether.

The Board of Selectmen made the appointments on Wednesday, Feb. 11, following recent budget discussions in which the building's costs and long-term viability were raised.

The Swift House has been closed to the public since the COVID-19 pandemic. Its future has sparked debate among residents, with some viewing the property as a taxpayer burden requiring costly upgrades and others considering it a distinctive community asset central to Kent's character and history.

Selectman Lynn Harrington will represent the BOS on the newly formed Swift House Investigation Committee. Jason Wright was appointed as the representative from the Board of Finance.

Five members of the pub-

lic were also named to the panel: William Reihl, Margie Austell, Jim Anderson, Chris Adams and Marge Smith.

Anderson serves on the Historic District Commission; Adams is the newly appointed director of the Kent Historical Society; and Smith is the organization's former director and current curator. The Historical Society is exploring the possibility of placing the Swift House on the National Register of Historic Places.

The committee has been charged with evaluating renovation and upgrade options — including costs associated with bringing the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) — and determining what it would take to return the property to active use.

The panel will also examine options for selling or otherwise transferring the property out of public ownership should the town decide to divest.

The committee must present its findings by April 30, a deadline intended to allow potential budget adjustments ahead of Kent's May budget hearing and vote.

Cornwall secures land for future sewer plant

By Riley Klein

WEST CORNWALL — The future site of the wastewater plant in West Cornwall was officially determined by the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The site is located on Route 128 between the post office and the design studio. The town has long planned to use this grassy plot for the sewer facility, and a signed option to lease the land from property owner Eric Tietz made it official.

The land was assessed at \$94,000, which will be paid to Tietz out of the Housing and Urban Development grant that is funding most of the wastewater project. Moving forward, the town will pay \$800 per month for the life of the 50-year lease.

With the land secured, Cornwall can move forward with the permitting approval process, which could take more than a year. A firm is already under contract to build the facility once the permits are finalized.

Now and then

BISHOP FULTON JSHEEN swoops on to the stage to begin his telecast. Now and Then.

Today the feast of a favorite saint Agnes whom I revere

She promised herself as a Bride of Christ

Her beauty brought her suitors many rich

To each and every she said the same

I cannot be yours, kind sir, I am His

Her words displeased one special haughty sir

His name ProCopius, Pro Cop, you hear?

Defund the Cops? O no, only if masked or ICED

Only if they shot and spat out You Bitch

And said peaceful protestors were the ones to blame

Antifa, are they everywhere, no Big Biz

Is what you're confusing, the CEOs, the cur

SOVEREIGN STATE
LONNIE CARTER

Mark Scheissenberg, Jeff PayZos, Cook of the golden plate

These are the ones come courting, hats in hand

The worst of the worst to be deported to CECOT fate

We'll send them off to Souza's Lose-as Band

I have Agnes with a lamb to her breast

It has been shorn, the wool adorns me as a cape

She keeps the Faith with Minnesota and both meet the test

The future sees Obamas with each Agnes and Michelle an ape

We see projected St. Agnes holding a lamb and the Obamas as Apes.

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



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Snowy snack

Correction

Last week's Guest Commentary by James Speyer inadvertently omitted the full name of the organization with which he is affiliated. Speyer is a lawyer and a volunteer for Lawyers Hospice Democracy.

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Last November, Governor Lamont signed off on a large bill aimed at encouraging the creation of more affordable housing across the state. One of the keys was to provide state resources while at the same time supporting local control for how each town would accomplish this goal. There is an excellent article reviewing this new law by Yale School of Management's Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, which can be found at: insights.som.yale.edu/insights/connecticut-charts-new-course-on-affordable-housing. Worth the read to understand the effects it will have on our small towns here in the NW Corner!

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Sharon updates directory for businesses, services

SHARON — The 2026 edition of “Sharon Directory Businesses & Services” is now available for all Sharon residents.

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Business listings span more than 50 categories, from antiques and architects to veterinarians and

yoga studios.

The directory is also a resource for finding Sharon nonprofit organizations and volunteer opportunities.

The medical guide includes area primary care physicians, physical therapy and rehabilitation services, medical specialists across many categories including cardiology, orthopedic surgery, and much more.

To get a copy, visit Sharon Town Hall during business hours or pick one up at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

Budget season begins in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Municipal spending in Cornwall is expected to increase by more than 5% next year.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway presented the proposed spending plan for 2026-27 to the Board of Finance on Thursday, Feb. 19.

The bottom line was \$2,654,985, an increase of 5.61% compared to 2025-26.

“Of our roughly \$150,000 increase, \$42,000 is for the health insurance,” he said.

Ridgway explained the town is under contract with the highway union to provide a certain level of insurance. The current plan is through the state insurance

pool, which covers all state employees and many municipalities.

Finance chairman Joe Pryor questioned if there was any way to address the insurance hike. “It’s obviously way past inflation,” Pryor said.

“The program that we’re under now had the best price,” Ridgway said. “But we can dig in, see if there’s some options there.”

In the spending plan, municipal employees were given a 3% raise.

The plan showed a 35.42% increase, about \$11,500, to wages for the Zoning Enforcement Office. Ridgway said the new officer, Spencer Musselman, is working more hours than the previous

ZEO and processing more permits.

There was a new line for \$20,000 under the Town Office Administration section in order to pay for a new “gov” website, which all town governments in Connecticut are required to transition to by mid 2027.

The capital spending plan showed a net hike of \$75,000 compared to the current fiscal year. Capital spending is separate from the municipal budget and the money allo-

cated to each line can carry over into future years, such as a fire truck fund.

The primary increase in capital spending was \$40,000 for town building improvements. There was also \$20,000 added to property revaluation assessments, which will next be completed in October 2026.

The next step in the budget process will be March 19 when Cornwall Consolidated School presents the elementary school’s spending plan.

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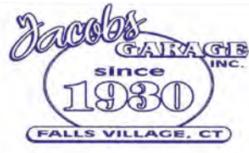
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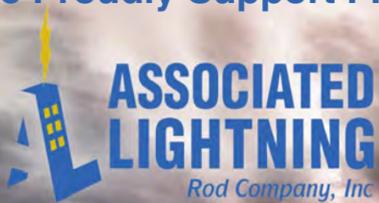
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Sports



From left, Erik Spencer placed third, Ciaran Fisher placed second, and Hiro Kawakatsu won the Polar Bear Run.



Runners depart on the 7.8-mile course around Lake Waramaug for the 41st Polar Bear Run held on Sunday, Feb. 22.

41st Polar Bear Run wraps up before snowstorm

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Blizzard warnings did little to deter most of the 700 pre-registered participants from competing in the Polar Bear Run on Sunday, Feb. 22.

On race day, 526 athletes ran the 7.8-mile course around Lake Waramaug, along with a large number of participants in the walking event.

Cloudy, breezy and cold conditions defined the day with the thermometer steady in the 30-degree range. The race started promptly at 11

a.m., and 40 minutes and 19 seconds later—a new record—Hiro Kawakatsu crossed the finish line.

Complete results available at FastTrackTiming.com

This 41st edition of the Polar Bear Run was as popular as ever, thanks to the efforts of Stephanie and Ed Rafferty of TrailHeads, a performance accessories retailer based in Kent.

The race benefits Guiding Eyes for the Blind. As always, one of the best parts of the day was meeting and spending time with the organization's dogs.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Above, Kailey McCrorey and Staci Thornton climbing to the finish on the Polar Bear Run Sunday, Feb. 22. Right, Stephanie Flacco of Guiding Eyes for the Blind with "Navy."



Winter Cheney wins gold in varsity ski finals

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Housatonic Valley Regional High School skier Winter Cheney won 1st overall in the boys varsity ski championships Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Cheney earned gold in the Berkshire Hills Ski League finals in both the slalom and giant slalom events.

Cheney is a second-generation HVRHS skier, following in the tracks of his father, Ted Cheney. Both skiers learned from HVRHS coach Bill Gold.

In team scores, the Mountaineers took first place in slalom and second in giant slalom.

Other HVRHS skiers performed well, including Danny Lesch's 3rd place overall finish in the boys rankings. Elden Grace, Ian Thomen, Logan Dolan, Ishaan Tanin, August Olsen, Jonas Johnson and Donald Polk III all contributed to the team's success.

The championship meet was held at Mohawk Mountain in Cornwall. The league includes HVRHS, Washington Montessori School, Rumsey Hall, Indian Mountain School and Marvelwood School.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Winter Cheney sports three gold medals after a victorious performance in the Berkshire Hills Ski League championships Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Housy Hall of Fame seeks 2026 nominees

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Department and the Athletic Hall of Fame committee is now accepting nominations for the Housatonic Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Athletic Hall of Fame, which was created in 1996, recognizes former athletes, coaches, and community members who have made outstanding personal and athletic contributions to

Housatonic Valley Regional High School. There are a total of 120 current members of the Housatonic Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026 will be announced in June. The induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame will culminate with an awards ceremony and luncheon in October, where the nominees will be recognized.

All nominations will be due by May 1. Nomination

forms will be available online at hvrhs.org under the Athletics tab. Forms may be submitted via email at amaneil@region1schools.org or regular mail.

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has, in recent years, taken too long to process requests from local organizations, including Salisbury's Twin Lakes Association, to treat infestations.

"DEEP just sits on these things until it's almost too late," Harding said.

Horn was less critical. "These are responsible, competent groups whose leadership has helped DEEP accelerate the process," she said. "I think DEEP's pretty good about it now."

Siting Council

SB 144 would require the Connecticut Siting Council — which oversees applications for cell towers, wind turbines and certain energy infrastructure projects — to appoint a temporary, non-voting member from the

host municipality for each application under review.

Horn described the council's role as focusing on statewide infrastructure needs but said local representation would provide important community perspective. A town representative would not have veto power, she noted, but could ensure local concerns are formally heard. She also said the council currently lacks sufficient environmental expertise.

Harding argued the council has "for too long" overridden local zoning decisions without adequate neighborhood input. He said adding municipal representation would make council members "far more mindful" of local sentiment when evaluating projects.

BLIZZARD

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Power outages were reported across the state, with Eversource listing more than 14,000 customers without electricity Monday.

In the Northwest Corner, 67 customers were without power around noon Monday, according to Eversource's outage map. By early after-

noon, all but seven had their power restored.

Region One schools were closed Monday and Tuesday due to the storm. An email from Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley said "an extensive clean-up effort" required a second snow day in the district.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

A man clears snow from his car Monday, Feb. 23.



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Penny is ready for spring.



PHOTO BY SIMON MARKOW

A snow blower clears a path in Cornwall Feb. 23.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A state snow plow truck making its way eastbound on Route 44 in Lakeville at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23

QUALITY THRIFT

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Ames and Bonnie Treacy. The pair had run a similar type of shop in an Arkansas church and believed one could find success in Kent. They were right.

Starting small in a tiny room in the church's parish house, described by the speakers as "no more than a closet," the operation took off. It became a popular destination, originally formed to raise money for the church's outreach programs and a nutrition site in the Philippines. Donations were plentiful the first year, with a total of \$4,550 raised, Hill said.

Sales dropped off after the initial year, but the shop went through a revival when Keck became the church's co-pastor along with the Rev. Glenn Rainsley. "We didn't need the parsonage because we had our own home," Keck said, so Rainsley suggested the shop move into those premises. The house went through a transformation, with many volunteers contributing numerous hours toward the conversion. The shop's new home, with much more space, opened in 1995.

What began as a church project is now a community endeavor. The shop is staffed by volunteers who sort donations, stock shelves and run the register. De Vita said the number of volunteers has dwindled, going from 40 in 1998 down to the current 28. New faces would be welcome.

The operation is overseen by a board of directors headed by De Vita. Its makeup

consists of three non-church members, reflecting the idea of community inclusion, said Keck, adding, "so we're not so insular."

Revenue has increased over the years. She noted that in 1989, they took in \$3,300; in 2000, \$24,375 and in 2025, \$52,414. By 2018, total receipts since its beginnings finally topped the \$1 million mark.

The trio expressed gratitude for the steady stream of donations the shop receives. "We get some very expensive items [some men's shirts that retail for \$500 to \$600] and we try to price them reasonably," said De Vita.

Alicia Winter is knowledgeable about the value of clothing and puts worthy items online.

The wide selection attracts shoppers locally, as well as those who come distances to browse and buy. She said there is one woman from Massachusetts who posted about the shop on Instagram, which brought a whole new set of customers.

In addition to women's, men's and children's clothing, the shop sells shoes, purses, jewelry, household goods, knickknacks, greeting cards and whatever other items come in—some rather quirky, such as a ceremonial bride's costume and an old-fashioned Victrola. "We get so many things we have

no idea what they are," interjected Hill.

One person in the audience said he has a friend who comes from afar because of the quality of the inventory.

He said she is pleased there is no junk. The women said the donations are scrutinized to pull out clothing that may be torn or show stains. A small amount of money is earned by selling non-usable clothing for rags.

While there are a few down sides, such as some shoplifting and complaints that the prices are too high, they are far outweighed by the

good. In one case, a customer who discovered cash tucked inside a purchase returned after hours and slipped the bills through the door.

Proceeds all go to non-profits. The shop distributes funds to educational, emergency response and social service organizations.

Generosity is shown in other forms, such as giving free clothing to those proven to be in great need.

De Vita, asked about expenses of the operation, said they amount to approximately \$22,000 a year for such things as supplies, cleaning and shoveling snow.

The Quality Thrift Shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

What began as a church project is now a community endeavor.

TOM DREW

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The caregiver said he got up and walked out of the room. After a few minutes when she went to look for him, he was nowhere to be found. That was July 21, 2007.

An extensive search led by State Police with K-9 dogs, a bloodhound and helicopters — joined by local firefighters and volunteers — yielded nothing. More than 500 flyers were spread around the Northwest Corner.

A national alert was issued for Tom Drew, a retired fashion designer from New York who suffered from dementia in addition to having some cardio-pulmonary issues. Press reports at the time noted that the family had alerted hospitals and homeless shelters in three states.

By mid-August, the active month-long search for the missing man was over, but State Police said they would continue to pursue information. A conclusion was drawn that if he had found his way into some kind of institutional care he would have been identified after a month had passed. If he had died, his remains would have been found because of the extensive searching, including the rugged terrain near his home known as Sage's Ravine.

"The probability that he would not be found is astronomical," said Allison in an interview last week. "Writing the book was helpful. But it was very stressful."

The police investigation has not been officially closed. Drew said that once a year investigators review the case, but absent any new information it is shelved for another year.

Drew hasn't heard back from Ronnell A. Higgins, Commissioner of the State Department of Emergency



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Tom Drew and daughter Allison Drew at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

services and Public Protection, since asking him to appoint a new investigator to the case, noting what she called failures to collect certain kinds of evidence.

Drew is a professor emerita at the University of York, England, and author of scholarly books on anti-apartheid and anti-colonial movements in South Africa. Her book is a review of the facts in the case that became front page news and recounts the many rumors and suppositions and talk around town that captivated the community at the time, along with all the dead ends.

Drew hopes that the book might jog someone's memory, prompting them to think of something that they remember that didn't seem important at the time. For her part, she believes that her father was either buried or submerged in water somehow.

Drew also wanted to write about what it is like to have a missing person in one's life. The recent disappearance of Nancy Guthrie, the 84-year-old mother of NBC "Today" show host Savannah Guthrie, has drawn significant attention since the early days of February when investigators

believe she was taken against her will.

Drew found the police investigation lacking in numerous ways and her book details those perceived shortcomings and also conjectures about a lot of little things that in her view needed a closer look. Her view is that her father's disappearance was suspicious.

"My father vanished without a trace even though he had severe cardio-pulmonary disease and could only walk a few hundred yards without getting breathless and red in the face. He also had dementia," Drew wrote to the commissioner.

"Based on stereotypes about dementia the State Police assumed that he left his home on foot. They followed one line of inquiry only. But, despite massive searches, the failure to find my father or even his loose slip-on shoes indicates that he was driven off. The case needs reinvestigation to follow this line of inquiry.

"So, I would like the CSP to reinvestigate the disappearance from scratch," she concluded.

HERBICIDE

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along the rail line, which is required under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-66a(j).

"The only way to do that is to be able to produce a map showing those, which was a requirement of the legislative regulation, and they did not do that," said Bennet. "They are not following the law."

The regulation stipulates railroads must develop an annual operational plan that includes maps locating their rights-of-way and identifying sensitive areas not readily visible in the field, such as wetlands, waterways and wells.

Bennet said the working group produced maps and offered them to HRRC, but they were rejected.

Anna Timell, chair of the Cornwall Planning and Zoning Commission and a member of the working group, said concerns about herbicide use date back more than a decade. In 2015, she said, 24 white pine trees were killed along the railroad cor-

ridor after herbicide application.

Concerns intensified when residents realized how close spraying had occurred to bodies of water. The 2024 legislation was intended to address those concerns.

"I suspect the issue for them is that our geography is such that there's water everywhere and it presents a real dilemma," Timell said. "A lot more costly."

Bennet noted there is a 45-day comment period to respond to HRRC's plan. He urged Cornwall and other towns along the rail line — including Falls Village, Kent, New Milford, North Canaan and Salisbury — to express concern.

"The lack of maps makes this plan deficient," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said. He said a response letter will be sent to HRRC, and he plans to coordinate with leaders in the other towns.

The Housatonic Railroad Company did not respond to a request for comment.



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Stephanie Haboush Plunkett

Stephanie Haboush Plunkett and the home for American illustration

By Robin Roraback

For more than three decades, Stephanie Haboush Plunkett has worked to elevate illustration as a serious art form. As chief curator and Rockwell Center director at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, she has helped bring national and international attention to an art form long dismissed as merely commercial.

Her commitment to illustration is deeply personal. Plunkett grew up watching her father, Joseph Haboush,

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FILM

Free film screening and talk on end-of-life care

By Brian Gersten

Craig Davis, co-founder and board chair of East Mountain House, an end-of-life care facility in Lakeville, will sponsor a March 5 screening of the documentary “Come See Me in the Good Light” at The Moviehouse in Millerton, followed by a discussion with attendees.

The film, which is nominated for best documentary at this year’s Academy Awards, follows the poet Andrea Gibson and their partner Megan Falley as they are suddenly and unimaginably forced to navigate a terminal illness. The free screening invites audiences to gather not just for a film but for reflection on mortality, healing, connection and the ways communities support one another through difficult life transitions.

East Mountain House grew out of a realization that “there are so many issues with how we are taking care of

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To save birds, plant for caterpillars

You must figure that, as rough as the cold weather has been for us, it’s worse for wildlife. Here, by the banks of the Housatonic, flocks of dark-eyed juncos, song sparrows, tufted titmice and black-capped chickadees have taken up residence in the boxwood — presumably because of its proximity to the breakfast bar. I no longer have a bird feeder after bears destroyed two versions and simply throw chili-flavored birdseed onto the snow twice a day. The tiny creatures from the boxwood are joined by blue jays, cardinals and a solitary flicker.

These birds will soon be nesting, and their babies will require a non-stop diet of caterpillars. This source of soft-bodied protein makes up more than 90 percent of native bird chicks’ diets, with each clutch consuming between 6,000 and 9,000 caterpillars before they fledge. That means we need a lot of caterpillars if we want our bird population to survive.

So how do we ensure that there are sufficient caterpillars for them? That is the question, as caterpillars are very particular. Their butterfly or moth mothers cleverly attach their eggs to the very specific plants their tiny babies require. Once they hatch, the caterpillars eat the leaves of these plants until they are either picked off by birds to feed their young or create a chrysalis and turn into a moth or butterfly to repeat the cycle of life.

Some caterpillars are generalists and can survive on a variety of plants, but most — 90 percent, according to scientists — are specialists, relying on only one or two types of plants for survival. In their winged form, dietary re-



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Fireweed attracts the fabulous hummingbird sphinx moth.

The Ungardener Dee Salomon

restrictions ease as they source pollen more widely, but when it comes time to lay eggs, they use a keen sense of smell to find the specific plants that will help their young survive.

Research by Doug Tallamy shows that 90 percent of but-

terfly and moth species rely on just 14 percent of native plant species for food, which makes the planting of these “keystone” plants critical. Let’s review a few.

Goldenrod: Not all goldenrod is created equal. Old field goldenrod, (*Solidago nemoralis*), is a shorter and less aggressive alternative to the tall, aggressive goldenrod we are familiar with, as is wrinkleleaf goldenrod, (*Solidago rugosa*), a compact species that has arching sprays of bright yel-

low flowers supporting more than 100 species of insects. This species is deer-resistant with no serious pests or diseases. Last year, Mt. Cuba Center, a conservation center out of Delaware, focused its trials on goldenrod, and its research report, available online, is sortable not just by aesthetic attributes but also by the number of insects seen on each species.

Scarlet strawberry: (*Fragaria*)

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WRITER’S NOTEBOOK

The power of one tray

By Kerri-Lee Mayland

Winter is a season that invites us to notice our surroundings more closely and crave small, comforting changes rather than big projects.

That’s often when clients ask what they can do to make their homes feel finished or fresh again — without redecorating, renovating or shopping endlessly. My answer: start with one tray.

A tray creates a moment. It gives the eye a place to land and turns everyday objects into something intentional. More importantly, it’s approachable. There’s no measuring, no commitment, no pressure to get it “right.” It’s a small, easy project — affordable, functional and even a little fun — that can be tailored entirely to you.

One of the things I love most about styling trays is that your cozy “moment” becomes mobile. Everything you love is gathered in one place and can be easily moved from room to room as your day unfolds. A tray that starts on an entry table can later migrate to a coffee table or kitchen counter, adapt-

ing to how you’re actually living in your home.

In one client’s entryway, we styled a tray that sets the tone the moment you walk in. A simple pair of brass candlesticks adds warmth, a blue-and-white chinoiserie vase brings character, and two vintage books ground the arrangement. It’s not decorative for decoration’s sake — it feels collected, welcoming and personal, all while keeping the surface from becoming cluttered.

In another home, a coffee table tray became the quiet anchor of the living room. We included a strand of wooden beads for texture, the TV remote tucked neatly into a small vintage box, and a plant nestled in a pottery bowl. The tray keeps everyday necessities close at hand while making the space feel relaxed and lived-in rather than chaotic.

Kitchens may be where trays work hardest, especially in winter when we’re cooking

inside more and gathering more casually. For one client, we styled a tray with a pepper mill; a shallow bowl for garlic, shallots and onions; and a white Italian ceramic container filled with olive oil. It’s practical and beautiful, and it makes cooking feel intentional instead of rushed. The tray warms up the counter while keeping essentials within reach.

Another version I often cre-

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an illustrator and graphic designer, work late into the night in his home studio creating art and hand-lettered logos for package designs, toys and licensed-character products for the Walt Disney Co. and other clients.

“The field of illustration is very close to my heart,” she said. Inspired by that example, she studied illustration at Pratt Institute and began her career as an illustrator before shifting toward museum work. An internship at the Brooklyn Museum proved pivotal. “It was inspiring to see the children come alive in front of art,” she recalled.

In addition to her curatorial work, Plunkett is the author of two children’s books, “Kongi and Potgi: A Cinderella Story from China” and “Sir Whong and the Golden Pig,” and has written or co-authored numerous books on illustration, including “Drawing Lessons from the Famous Artists School” and “Leo Lionni: Storyteller, Illustrator, Designer.” She earned an MFA from the School of Visual Arts and built a museum career that included positions at the Brooklyn Museum, the Brooklyn Children’s Museum and the Heckscher Museum of Art before joining the Norman Rockwell Museum, where she has worked for 31 years.

But elevating illustration has meant challenging decades of critical skepticism.

“The goal has been to shine a light on this important American art form and to elevate public awareness of its artistic and cultural importance,” Plunkett said.

As a popular and widely circulated art, illustration is sometimes thought of as inferior to fine art, such as painting and sculpture. Plunkett considered why. She theorized that the 1913 New York Armory Show, the International Exhibition



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Visitors consider Norman Rockwell’s paintings on Civil Rights for Look Magazine, “New Kids in the Neighborhood” (1967) and “The Problem We All Live With” (1963.)

“The field of illustration is very close to my heart

STEPHANIE PLUNKETT

of Modern Art, with works by artists such as Picasso, Matisse and Duchamp, initially contributed to this evaluation. In the 1930s and ’40s, abstract expressionism became the art of the nation, and the rift widened further.

“Norman Rockwell became the antihero for many art critics of the time,” said Plunkett. “Illustration was viewed as too commercial and sentimental because of its emphasis on visual storytelling.”

Plunkett calls illustration “art with a job to do.” She explained, “Illustrators are adept at solving visual problems for their clients while expressing their own aesthetic and artistic vision.”

She noted that the line between the fine and applied arts “is much more porous now, with many artists working across

platforms and styles.” She cited late-20th-century illustrators like Marshall Arisman, Barbara Nessim, Robert Cunningham, Bernie Fuchs and Mark English as illustrators who forged unique approaches to working and seeing.

Plunkett commented that people want to see the original illustrations. “Generally, Rockwell exhibitions bring high attendance. Currently, our traveling exhibition, ‘Norman Rockwell: From Camera to Canvas,’ is at the New Britain Museum of American Art, but we’ve traveled Rockwell and illustration to 45 states and several countries, including Japan, France, Italy and Germany.”

Nowadays, illustrators take on subjects that are important to them. “The children’s book industry is committed to sharing the richness and diversity of people and cultures with young readers,” Plunkett cited the late illustrator Jerry Pinkney’s commitment to this goal. As a boy, Pinkney found no books portraying children like him, and “his

life’s mission as an artist was to present inspiring, positive images of children of color.”

The Norman Rockwell Museum and Rockwell Center seeds were sown when “Rockwell placed the first 199 artworks in the care and collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum upon its founding in 1969, some of which he personally acquired for the fledgling collection,” said Plunkett. “The museum’s current Rockwell holdings include 865 original artworks, the artist’s Stockbridge studio and an archive of 400,000 photographs, letters, props and first uses of the artist’s work. We also hold about 25,000 illustrations by other artists, from the historical to the contemporary.”

“We call ourselves the home for American illustration. We have a real commitment to illustrators and what they’ve accomplished,” said Plunkett.

The Norman Rockwell Museum is located at 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit nrm.org

... ungardener

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virginiana), is one of the plants I have had great luck growing in the woodland. When there is a new sunny spot, which happens when a tree or large branch falls, I plant a few strawberries, which I dig out of a spot where they are thriving. These plants make a great groundcover and are especially nice used under trees for caterpillar “soft landings.”

Spotted Joe-Pye weed: We see this plant, (*Eutrochium maculatum*), on roadsides in late summer, but it looks as sharp as an ornamental in the hands of Michael Trapp, who, in the garden behind his shop in West Cornwall, encloses a bed of Joe-Pye weed with a short boxwood hedge, dignifying this plant that supports between 35 to 40 caterpillar species, including those that become the three-lined flower moth, Clymene moth, ruby tiger moth, Eupatorium borer moth and great spangled fritillary moth.

I am less familiar with fireweed, (*Chamaenerion angustifolium*), but will be adding it this year, as it may be the prettiest of the keystone plants in our region and attracts the fabulous hummingbird sphinx moth. I will let you know when I find a local nursery that stocks it and, when planted, how it fares here.

Also keep in mind this spring: smooth aster, (*Symphyotrichum laeve*); white yarrow, (*Achillea millefolium*); and the beautiful Canadian columbine, (*Aquilegia canadensis*), which is the first food for hummingbirds’ arrival in the Northwest Corner.

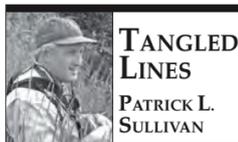
Dee Salomon ‘ungardens’ in Litchfield County.

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Tangled specks: tiny flies, big ambitions

I need to get my glasses checked
My fingers fumbling like heck
I have become a nervous wreck
Must be the season of the speck...



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

(With copious apologies to Donovan).

I’m still on the injured reserve list following replacement right hip surgery. Right now the plan is to come off the IR June 1, but I’m going to ask if we can’t shave something off that.

And yes, the rehab is going very well, thank you for asking.

What this means in practical terms is I am scheming and plotting like nobody’s business about all the fishy things I am going to do once Ye Doctor blows the all-clear.

I have glaring weaknesses in my angling game. I stink at roll casting. I’m hopeless with 12-foot leaders.

And I am really lousy at fishing with the kind of tiny little flies I refer to as “specks.”

I define a speck as anything smaller than size 20. Speck experts will disagree, as they think a size 20 is huge. Maybe I will think so too some day.

One of the perils of sitting around after surgery is scrolling through social media and buying things. For preference, things I don’t need.

I got some weird t-shirts. One sports the logo of the Shenandoah (Pa.)

Hungarian Rioters, a 19th century minor league baseball team. Another reads “Surely Not Everyone Was Kung Fu Fighting.”

Among these idiotic acquisitions was an offer of 72 specks for about \$50. This was a rock-bottom price, and it wasn’t coming from a fly-by-night outfit either, but from an online company, The Catch and the Hatch, who provided me with some very good perdigon nymphs a few years back.

So the specks arrived, and they are everything I feared.

Tiny. Hard to see. Did I say tiny? Infinitesimal. You know.

SPECKS!

Here’s why an angler needs to know how to use specks. In between the nice hatches of large, easily identifiable bugs, which is most of the time, trout eat little bugs.

If it’s a cloudy day, chances are there will be blue-wing olives on the water. Then there is a category called midges which contains multitudes.

I look at the river for five minutes, see nothing happening bug-wise, and I start trying to provoke a reaction somehow.



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Here is a sample from a recently purchased assortment of specks. From left: Black speck, Parachute Adams dry fly speck, greenish sparkly speck.

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FASHION

For what it's Worth, saved from the dumpster

By Jennifer Almquist

"When an authentic House of Worth Paris gown was discovered in the trash, it was more than just a piece of discarded silk; it was a lost chapter of fashion history," said Barry Webber, director of the Norfolk Historical Society. In his talk, "From Dumpster to Display: Restoring a Worth Gown," on Sunday, Feb. 22, Webber recounted the dramatic rescue and meticulous conservation of a formal dinner dress by the "father of haute couture," Charles Frederick Worth (1825-1895), founder of the famed atelier House of Worth in Paris.

In the inaugural exhibit for the Society celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Webber curated a display of artifacts from one Norfolk family, Rev. Joseph and Sarah Battell Eldridge, spanning 200 years. Webber explained, "The Eldridge daughters, Mary, Isabella and Alice, were among Norfolk's most notable benefactors whose gifts, including the Norfolk Library, Eldridge Gymnasium (Norfolk Town Hall),



Alice Bradford Eldridge (1850-1935) of Norfolk wore this coral-and-black silk evening gown by House of Worth in Paris, c. 1876. Rescued from a dumpster and restored by conservator Flora Keene and museum director Barry Webber, it is now on display at the Norfolk Historical Society.

Norfolk Downs and Battell Fountain, helped beautify and shape the town as we know it today."

The Eldridge sisters owned gowns made in Paris by the House of Worth. Their prized gowns, packed

in travel trunks and stored for a century, were donated to the NHS in 1977. In 2020, Alice's great-granddaughters discovered a water-damaged trunk filled with mold and mildew that had been thrown into a dumpster. Inside was the lost coral-and-black Worth gown. "It had been soaked when a pipe burst in the house many years ago, but the trunk was filled with mold and mildew. The trunk had been placed in the dumpster and I went in and retrieved the garment from there," Webber said.

Webber enlisted conservator Flora Keene to help restore the fragile dress. Keene fastidiously restored the gown, from her initial evaluation of water-damaged fibers and removal of rust-prone metal buttons to the delicate hand-washing process.

Despite the technical challenges of stabilizing fragile 19th-century textiles, Keene and Webber succeeded in rescuing this abandoned masterpiece from ruin and returning it to display.

For more information, visit norfolkhistoricalsociety.org

... one tray

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PHOTOS BY KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Styling a tray can give a home or room a re-fresh.

ate is the cocktail, mocktail or tea-and-coffee tray — endlessly useful for friends popping over to say hello. A few cups, a teapot or carafe, honey or sugar, and a candle create an inviting setup that's ready at a moment's notice. It says, "Stay a while," without any fuss.

What makes trays so effective this time of year is that they respond to winter's quieter rhythm. Winter decorating isn't about bold color or dramatic statements — it's about texture, warmth and restraint: wood, stone, ceramic, linen, candlelight. A tray helps you edit rather than add, grouping items so they feel thoughtful instead of

scattered. When the seasons shift, the same tray evolves with you. Heavier elements can be swapped for lighter ones — fresh flowers, glass, pale ceramics — without starting over. One tray, styled seasonally, becomes a constant that gently changes rather than something that has to be replaced.

Remember, good design doesn't have to come from big gestures. Often it comes from small moments done well — a surface that feels intentional, a corner that feels cared for. In winter's stillness, creating a simple tray may be just enough to make your home feel calm, personal and complete.

... end-of-life care

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'Come See Me in the Good Light' is nominated for best documentary at this year's Academy Awards.

our dying in our community," said David. "We wanted to provide a solution for some people where they can die in a serene and calming home-like setting." This compassionate approach at East Mountain House is carried out with the support of seven staff members and 42 volunteers who do everything from reading to residents, gardening, cooking, communicating with family members and assisting with therapeutic treatments. East Mountain House houses just two residents at a time, and staff and volunteers work around the clock to accommodate

their needs.

In a culture where we are trained to panic when a loved one is dying, and where a clinical space like a hospital is the norm for many individuals at the end of their lives, Davis feels that East Mountain House is an alternative with a natural and organic approach to death. It's a place where death can be celebrated and viewed as something that is simply a part of life. Davis' vision for East Mountain House is more than a decade in the making, and he is eager to introduce his work and his perspective to locals at the upcoming

community screening.

One of the reasons Davis was interested in sponsoring a screening of "Come See Me In The Good Light" was because the film gracefully explores themes of vulnerability, resilience and the search for meaning in the face of death. Through its deeply personal storytelling, the film highlights how people navigate loss, transformation and the desire to be seen for who they truly are. The documentary's emphasis on compassion and human connection aligns closely with the mission of East Mountain House, making the post-film discussion

a natural extension of the evening.

Davis hopes the event will serve as both a cultural offering and a community touchstone — an opportunity for neighbors to gather in a welcoming space, share ideas and reflect on the importance of end-of-life support systems. The screening is free and open to the public, though advance registration is recommended due to limited seating.

For registration, go to themoviehouse.net.



A tray can help group items in a way that looks and feels thoughtful and intentional.

... tangled specks

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What I am missing is the trout happily eating specks beneath the surface.

So how am I going to do this?

What little speck success I've had has been with a dry-dropper rig. I use a big Stimulator or Chubby Chernobyl, a large, very visible, very buoyant dry fly, and tie a piece of fluorocarbon tippet to the bend of the dry fly's hook with an improved clinch knot and attach the speck to that. A bass or panfish popper works as the dry

fly too.

Here's the problem. The speck hook eyes require a very fine tippet material — 6x, 7x, even 8x.

I dislike fine tippets even more than specks. The stuff is devilish. It curls up. It refuses to knot. It's just awful to work with.

Some years back I discovered one brand of fluoro tippet with a 5x tippet that was somehow able to get through the eye of a size 22 hook. That made a difference.

But this moderately

successful method is very one-dimensional. I need to be able to construct a leader with a dropper or two and get my specks down in the water column.

That's going to mean 6x or worse, probably. I might have to add some weight, another thing I dislike and am not good at.

But that is the plan. I hope to report great things as I master the speck this season.

Or until my left hip goes out.

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ART

Suzan Scott sees every detail in 'This Beautiful Place'

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Landscape painter Suzan Scott said, "I see every leaf on every tree, every blade of grass," when she assesses a particular view. Her paintings are her effort to "distill it to the essence."

Scott said she has been painting for 30 years, and she moved from central Connecticut to Torrington a few years ago to be closer to the landscapes she prefers. "I just get in the car and drive."

One painting, with dramatic clouds and light, was the result of a group project. The leader suggested

a protest theme, and Scott was not initially enthused. But that was the summer of 2023, when smoke from wildfires in Canada drifted into the Northeast U.S. The phenomenon yielded spectacular sunsets, among other things. So Scott was able to comment on the situation in a subtle manner without taking an overtly political stand.

Scott's paintings are on display at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village through Friday, March 13. She will give a talk at the library on Thursday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Torrington artist Suzan Scott talked with visitors at a reception for her show "A Beautiful Place" at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, Feb. 21.



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Andrew Jack, chair maker, will host an open shop on March 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Magic Fluke Building (292 S. Main St., Sheffield). Jack will demonstrate Windsor chair making and green-wood carving. Email andrewjackchairs@gmail.com with questions about the open shop event, for commissions or to register for an upcoming chair making course.

Tri-Corner Calendar

FEBRUARY 26

Kent Historical Society Virtual Talk

Online. Hosted by the Kent Historical Society, learn about Revolutionary-era painter John Trumbull in a virtual talk at 6:30 p.m. led by Connecticut State Historian Emeritus Walt Woodward, exploring the lasting impact of his life, art and family story. Presented on Zoom. Register at kenthistoricalsociety.org

Light Pollution and Its Effect on Birds, Wildlife, and Human Health

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn. Learn how artificial light impacts birds, wildlife, and people from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in a Policy Potluck series with experts Craig Repasz and Leo Smith. Free; ages 15+. Pre-registration required bit.ly/4auJD93

Coloring Our Past: Troutbeck Symposium Sneak Peek with Salisbury School Students

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org Join us 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for a preview of this year's Coloring Our Past work as Salisbury School students share original, place-based research uncovering stories that have too often been ignored, silenced, or misunderstood—both in the Northwest Corner and far beyond it. Registration requested.

FEBRUARY 27

Line Dancing with Tina Mole

Buttonball Barn (formerly Egremont Barn), 17 Main St., Egremont, Mass. Line dance with instructor Tina Mole at ButtonBall, featuring new country hits, Top 40 favorites and classics. All skill levels welcome; monthly party atmosphere with easy instruction and plenty of fun. 6 p.m. Tickets at buttonball-barn.com

Stissing Center Presents: The Maker and the Muse

The Grace Note @ The Stissing Center 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. A staged reading of a new musical by Schuyler Press, following two young artists swept from modern-day

NYC into a surreal, music-filled reimagining of 1960s New York inspired by Patti Smith and Robert Mapplethorpe. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at: thestissingcenter.org

Lunch & Learn: The Bishop's Wife

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org Lunch and Learn at Hotchkiss Library of Sharon returns from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, with "Lunch and a Movie: The Bishop's Wife." Registration is required hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com.

FEBRUARY 28

Hamantaschen How-To

Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate Purim with a hands-on baking class led by Troutbeck's pastry chef. Learn to shape and fill classic triangular hamantaschen and take home your own freshly baked cookies. All ages welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets required at troutbeck.com

Meet the Filmmakers: Cathedrals + Q&A

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. Filmmaker Dan Algrant reconnects with collaborators from a film made nearly 50 years ago in a screening exploring creativity, identity, and Black life in America, followed by a Q&A with Algrant and Don Wright. 7 p.m. Tickets: bit.ly/TMH-Cathedrals

A Sweet Deal for Birds: How a Sugarbush Can Benefit Wildlife

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn. Explore how sugarbushes support birds and wildlife from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with Rosa Goldman and Dr. Eileen Fielding. \$20/adult; ages 16+. Pre-registration required bit.ly/4qimbEX

Traveling the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org Cyclist and retired educator Alan Lovejoy shares photos and stories at 2 p.m. from his 3,100-mile bikepacking trip along the Continental Divide from Alberta to New Mexico.

Items appear as space permits.

Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com.

Pitching for TV Workshop with Eric and Justin Stangel

The Grace Note at The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. 12 to 2 p.m.

Learn to Curl

Norfolk Curling Club, 70 Golf Dr. Norfolk, Conn. Cornwall Park and Recreation and Norfolk Curling Club will offer a lesson to participants aged 12 and up Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. Learn the game, rules and terminology, then hit the ice to play. Register at cornwallparkrec.org for \$30. Space is limited.

MARCH 1

Cottage Courses: Spoon Carving with Kate Hawes

Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y. 1 to 4 p.m.

Hands-on workshop covering safe tool use, carving techniques, grain orientation and shaping while creating a wooden spoon from a pre-cut blank. Open to beginners and experienced woodworkers. Tickets required at Troutbeck.com

Windsor Chair Maker Open Shop

Magic Fluke Building, 292 S. Main St., Sheffield, Mass. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chair maker Andrew Jack demonstrates Windsor chair building and green-wood carving with hand tools and shares info on upcoming classes. Details: andrewjack.net

Local Indigenous Communities & the U.S. War for Independence with the Institute for American Indian Studies

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org From 4 to 6 p.m., Darlene Kascak and Irene Norman of the Institute for American Indian Studies will speak about the complex history of local Indigenous people in relation to the U.S. War for Independence. Existing as

Last week's Word

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sovereign entities for some 12,500 years, Indigenous communities were integral to creating the conditions for this conflict and participated on both sides.

MARCH 3

Drawing Skills & Mixing Color with Pieter Lefferts

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org Join this four-session workshop and enhance your understanding of color mixing and/or hone your drawing skills with artist and art educator Pieter Lefferts. Four Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. All levels of experience welcome, all materials provided. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org

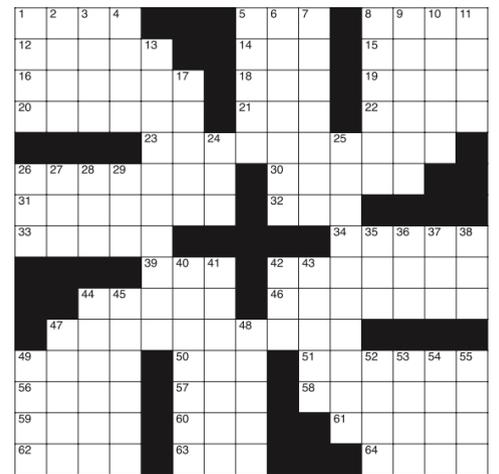
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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- What travelers must do
- Calendar month
- Hopefully quickly
- Once more
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- "Cheers" actress Perlman
- Astronomy unit
- Savings vehicle
- Get your ducks in this
- Right away
- Popular sports league
- Containers
- Entireties
- One who wassails
- Turned-up position
- Extreme modesty
- Writing utensil
- Rewards (archaic)
- Ancient capital
- S. American wood sorrel
- General discomfort
- Philippine island
- A witty saying
- One who summarizes
- Covered in
- Mimic
- Henry was a notable one
- Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- Retired NFLer Newton
- Playground equipment
- Concept
- Satisfaction
- Fishing net
- Hammer end
- A father's male child
- Japanese drink



- Animal parts
- Causing annoyance
- Amorous talker
- Attempt
- Harmonic effects
- Cost per mile
- They —
- Bitterly regret
- Not even
- A way to drop
- Title of respect
- World leader
- Georgia rockers
- National capital
- Great Plains people
- Duck-sized dinosaur genus
- Architectural recesses
- Member of U.S. Navy
- Mountainous
- Kite bird
- Sweetheart (archaic)
- Popular snack made of potato
- 70s songsters The Bee
- SE China port —men
- Something to fill up
- League of Legends character

February 19 Solution

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February 19 Solution

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Level: Intermediate

CLUES DOWN

- Off-Broadway figure
- Gelatinous substance
- Concern
- "Lick It Up" rockers
- Serbian river
- Part of a hat
- Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
- Semitic language
- Utter a shrill cry
- Long times

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.

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- Pen made from a feather
- Hawaiian greeting/farewell
- Hard work
- Of the sun
- Fit for a blizzard



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Regional

From black market to Main Street: cannabis grower plans Millerton dispensary

By Nathan Miller
The Millerton News

WASSAIC — Tucked into the hills just off Old Route 22, Douglas Broughton operates an indoor cannabis farm — and this spring, he plans to open a dispensary in downtown Millerton.

The Wassaic-based grower signed a lease Dec. 1 for the former Demitasse storefront at 32 Main St. He aims to reopen the space as the Black Rabbit Farms cannabis dispensary following modest renovations.

The work will include cosmetic updates and the installation of freestanding, custom-made display cabinets.

Broughton said he hopes to open in April, but red tape at the New York Office of Cannabis Management could delay the opening.

The Millerton storefront marks another milestone for the 63-year-old farmer, who has been growing the formerly illegal plant since the 1990s.

“I just loved the plant and how it grew,” Broughton said. “It’s a very alien plant — it seems like it came from a different planet.”

In the early 1990s, Broughton was bartending in Brooklyn and couch-surfing after becoming disenchanted with the television broadcast industry. As an Asian Amer-



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Cannabis farmer Douglas Broughton, left, and Glenn Hilliard of Newtown, Connecticut, label plastic containers filled with cannabis at Broughton’s home in Wassaic on Friday, Dec. 19.

ican, he said his dreams of becoming a leading man or primetime news anchor were dashed by what he described as discrimination in the industry.

Broughton, who was raised in Washington state, initially moved to New York City in the late 1980s, when a series of internships brought him out east.

Rather than return home to complete his degree, he opted to stay and try to make it on his own.

By 1995, Broughton was regularly growing multiple plants on the roof of an apartment building in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, selling

small quantities of the plant on the black market to customers at the bar where he worked.

“Bartending in the city is pretty good,” Broughton said. “It was just that I didn’t want to bartend.”

His chance to leave bartending came in 2000, when he met Joe Murray, known in New York City’s cannabis scene as “AJ Sour Diesel” for pioneering the Sour Diesel strain, prized for its strong effects and pungent odor.

Broughton said Murray helped expand the operation, allowing him to rely on cannabis cultivation as his primary source of income



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A crop of cannabis in Douglas Broughton’s basement in Wassaic waits to be harvested, weighed and processed into products for dispensaries in southern New York.

beginning in 2000.

Broughton moved to his home in Wassaic in 2016, where he continued to operate a black market farm until New York state legalized cannabis and began accepting license applications in 2021.

He said his age was a factor in deciding to get a license and form a legitimate enterprise.

Broughton, nearly 60 at the time New York legalized cannabis for recreational use, had been running illicit grow operations for decades and said the anxiety of avoiding law enforcement had worn him down.

“Every aspect of what

you did had to be hidden,” Broughton said. “You couldn’t tell anybody.”

After legalization, however, he said he faces a different set of challenges brought on by bureaucracy and corporatism in New York’s cannabis industry.

Broughton said New York’s tax scheme hits small growers the hardest. He said he has to pay taxes on each plant he grows, and then again when he sells to retailers or, eventually, directly to consumers.

Despite those hurdles, Broughton said he is eager to bring a high-quality product to consumers in Millerton.

Over the past 30 years, he has developed a growing technique that relies entirely on artificial light and strict control of nutrients and moisture.

He maintains a level of oversight that borders on obstinance.

“I’m more of a purist when it comes to this stuff,” Broughton said. “I’m not very forgiving.”

That rigidity pays off with better product, he said, even when it means destroying an entire harvest.

“We cut down an entire crop of amazing Sour Diesel like two years ago because we got mites,” Broughton said.

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