

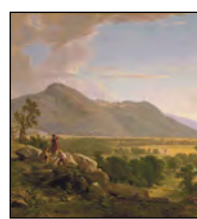


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My ride-along with a traveling large-animal vet

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series focusing on a day in the life of a large-animal veterinarian's practice in the tri-corner region.

STANFORDVILLE — To travel with Dr. Isaac Angell of Bentley Veterinary Practice for a day was to witness a veterinary practitioner completely enamored with his work, and deeply connected to the region where he does that work.

Bentley Veterinary is a large-animal practice that specializes in farm animals. Its patients tend to fall on the large, stinky and hard-working side of the domesticated animal kingdom rather than the small, fluffy and genteel side.

On a recent January morning as we wended our way through the misty, dramatic hills of eastern Dutchess County and Litch-

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ELIAS SORICH

field County in Angell's mobile animal-care truck — equipped with ultrasound, an array of medications, and surgical capabilities — Angell took the time between our various stops to share reflections from a lifelong devotion to veterinary medicine.

"I have a deep excitement for what we do. A tremendous respect for the field of veterinary medicine, and for my fellow practitioners ... I often say it's the animals that get you in, and it's the people that make

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PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

(From left) Dr. Julie Clas, Dr. Teddy Chase, Dr. Isaac Angell and Dr. Chris Moyer on Jan. 4 outside of the Bentley Veterinary offices in Stanfordville, N.Y., getting ready to head out for the day.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Susan Hassler

Susan Hassler named Publisher of Lakeville Journal and Millerton News

By John Coston

Susan Hassler, a longtime magazine editor and resident of Sharon, has been appointed chief executive officer of The Lakeville Journal Foundation and publisher of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

Hassler succeeds Janet Manko, who, for more than 25 years, has been a mainstay at the two newspapers, serving as editor-in-chief and publisher.

Hassler has been a full-time resident of Sharon since 2004, and with her husband, Bob Maxwell, raised two boys who attended preschool in the region followed by Indian Mountain School. Hassler currently serves as vice president of the board of trustees of The Hotchkiss Library in Sharon and is a member of the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Speaking of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, Hassler said: "I am very grateful for the opportunity to make

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Lamont eyes tax cuts in budget

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

Projections for state tax receipts ticked upward again in mid-January, pushing the current fiscal year's surplus beyond \$3 billion, according to a new report from Gov. Ned Lamont's budget office and the legislature's nonpartisan fiscal staff.

The consensus report also said surging income, sales and corporation tax receipts will give Lamont roughly \$600 million in additional revenue to work with on Feb. 8 when he presents lawmakers with a new biennial budget — a package

expected to recommend cuts both to income and business taxes.

"This revenue forecast will allow me to present a budget with a sustainable middle-class tax cut, pay down legacy pension debt, support education, child care programs, workforce development, new housing, essential social services, and public safety programs, as well as preserve the fiscal guardrails that have been so critical to our recent budget stabil-

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Commercial cannabis

North Canaan sets vote on Nov. ballot

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Citing a lack of public consensus on the issue of commercial cannabis, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) voted at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17 to add the question to the ballot for the November 2023 election.

To facilitate the decision,

the existing cannabis moratorium was extended for one year beyond its impending expiration date of February 2023.

P&Z chairman Tim Abbott reported that two workshops on the issue in the past eight months failed to indicate a clear direction, and that the additional time

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Cornwall covered bridge back in action

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Repairs on the covered bridge in West Cornwall have been completed and the Housatonic River crossing was fully reopened on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

All but two of the 23 main trusses that support the bridge had to be completely replaced and 10 of the metal pockets which house the trusses required re-welding.

"Damage to the bridge was very extensive. Much more than had happened before," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on

Jan. 17.

The estimated cost of repairs exceeded \$100,000 but, as the covered bridge is state property, Cornwall was not hit with the bill.

"Protocol is for [the Department of Transportation] to go after the insurance for the people who caused damage to state property," said Ridgway. "Standard practice is to try to recover the cost so the taxpayers do not have to pay for it."

Ridgway has requested to meet with DOT officials to discuss the implementation of additional signage or steel guard rails to prevent future damage to the bridge.

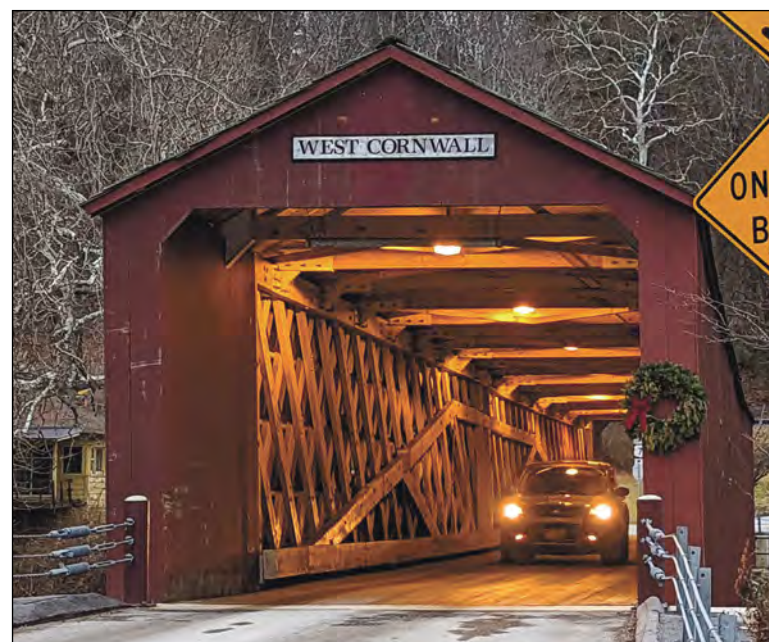


PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

The covered bridge in West Cornwall was damaged on Dec. 23. After a couple weeks of repair work and limited hours of operation, the bridge is fixed and things are back to normal.

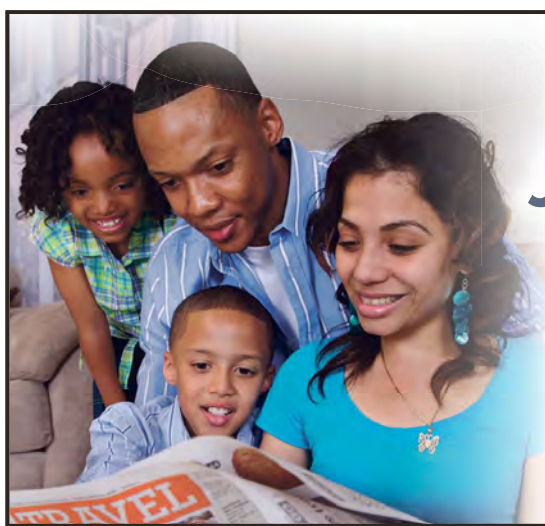
Jumpfest 2023 is almost here

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association's annual Jumpfest kicks off Friday night, Feb. 3, with target ski jumping and the Human Dogsled Race. The SWSA snowmaking team is busy (see page B5). Go to www.jumpfest.org or see the special section in this edition of The Lakeville Journal for more information.



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Our Towns

Crypto crash holds Canaan airstrip link

By John Coston

NORTH CANAAN – The small airstrip outside of town on West Main Street and across from the transfer station, a storied part of Northwest Corner life for decades, now can add a new twist to its history: a connection to the massive cryptocurrency debacle of 2022 at FTX Trading Ltd.

The airfield is owned by Triumph Airfield LLC, which was registered by the Canaan law firm of Drury, Patz & Citrin with the Secretary of State of Connecticut on Aug. 4, 2021, listing Ryan Salame, of Sandisfield, Mass., as principal.

The same Ryan Salame, 29, was co-chief executive officer of FTX Digital Markets, a Bahamas corporation and subsidiary of FTX Trading.

In early November, Salame, who was living in the Bahamas, approached Bahamian authorities to inform them that Samuel Bankman-Fried, the chief executive officer of FTX, may have transferred customer assets to a hedge fund he controlled in order to “to cover financial losses,” according to a court filing.

In the avalanche of press



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

North Canaan’s airstrip on West Main Street opposite the transfer station now is owned by a Sandisfield, Mass., man who has become known as a whistleblower in the Bahamas cryptocurrency crash.

coverage that followed FTX’s implosion, Salame, who had joined FTX more than a year earlier in September 2021, has emerged in the role of a whistleblower. Salame also informed the Securities Commission of The Bahamas that the only three people who could authorize such transfers were Bankman-Fried and two others high up in the organization.

The then soon-to-be-unveiled chaos and mismanagement at Bankman-Fried’s collapsed \$32 billion crypto exchange sent digital-asset markets into crisis.

Salame didn’t return re-

peated phone calls for comment.

Salame, who grew up in the Berkshires, also owns several properties in Lenox, Mass., and was among the top donors to conservative national political campaigns in the 2022 campaign cycle by giving more than \$23 million in donations.

Salame also established the R Salame Digital Asset Fund at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, Massachusetts, to provide scholarships to students of Monument Mountain and Farmington River Schools, both of which he attended.

According to a profile published by the University of Massachusetts Isenberg School of Management, Salame obtained a CPA in Massachusetts and a Masters in Finance from Georgetown University before working at a global accounting firm and at an OTC trading firm. He then assisted Bankman-Fried with the founding and creation of FTX Trading—becoming Co-CEO of FTX Digital Markets in September, 2021.

On Dec. 12, Bankman-Fried was arrested in the Bahamas. The next day an indictment in U.S. District Court in Manhattan charged Bankman-Fried with eight criminal counts that include conspiracy to commit wire fraud, commodities fraud, securities fraud, money laundering and conspiracy to defraud the United States and violate campaign finance laws.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also filed a lawsuit against Bankman-Fried, alleging he defrauded equity investors in FTX Trading. “From the start, Bankman-Fried improperly diverted customer assets to his privately-held crypto hedge fund, Alameda Research LLC (“Alameda”), and then used those customer funds to make undisclosed venture investments, lavish real estate purchases, and large political donations,” the complaint said.

In the FTX bankruptcy filing, John Ray III, who was appointed as the new CEO of the collapsed FTX, said: “Never in my career have I seen such a complete failure of corporate controls and such a complete absence of trustworthy financial information as occurred here.”

Dillon elected president of Sharon Land Trust

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Jennifer Dillon, a member of the Sharon Land Trust’s (SLT) board for three years, recently was elected president.

Dillon has first-hand experience observing rapid development of small towns brought on by increased demand for large tracts of land, she said.

Having resided in Sharon for more than two decades, Dillon has a deep commitment to the town and the SLT’s interests in conserving and preserving acreage to benefit the natural world and the community’s rural character for residents, present and future.

“I love Sharon, with its unique character and beautiful views,” Dillon said on Friday, Jan. 20. “It’s easy to think that it will never change. But I grew up in New Jersey, and when I drive past the acres of sub-divisions and big box stores there, I am acutely aware of what it looked like ‘before’. I can remember the farms and local businesses that have literally been paved over. For that reason, I don’t take Sharon’s natural beauty for granted. I know that it endures, in part, because the Sharon Land Trust has worked for over 40 years to maintain the area’s rural character and open spaces.”

Before moving to Sharon, Dillon lived and worked in Asia, including in Wuhan, China, experiencing the effects of unchecked development on cities and small towns.

Dillon earned her BA and MBA from Columbia University and has been employed by Goldman Sachs



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Jennifer Dillon

and the Asia Society.

Dillon said that she and her husband bought their Sharon home 23 years ago, across the street from what she describes as one of the prettiest, most quintessentially New England farms in Sharon.

“When our kids were little, we would walk on its dirt road, chat with the farmer, and watch as the foals and calves grew,” she recalled, adding that today the farm is protected in perpetuity thanks to an agricultural easement donated by the owner and held by the Sharon Land Trust.

“When I travel through Sharon and see the signs marking SLT’s miles of public hiking trails and nature preserves, I’m filled with pride and a sense of community,” Dillon said.

Executive Director Maria Grace indicated that SLT protects more than 3,000 acres of open space in Sharon, with nine public preserves and 24 miles of passive hiking trails open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

For more information about SLT, go to sharonlandtrust.org.

Town Hall elevator repair to proceed

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — With the Town Hall elevator out of order, the Board of Finance held its regular meeting at Sharon Center School on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and unanimously approved an expenditure to cover the replacement of the elevator’s entire power unit.

Building official Stan

MacMillan obtained two repair proposals from Otis Elevator Company. One solution would replace only the pump (\$43,502) and the other would replace the power unit, including both the pump and the motor (\$57,514). Repairs are expected to take two or three weeks. The elevator is expected to be inoperative until mid-February.

Rather than calling for a

town meeting to approve the expense and incurring the delay involved, Town Treasurer Tina Pitcher suggested the selectmen are allowed to increase their budget line items by up to \$20,000.

Following discussion, the finance board agreed that the budget line increases will be explained when the town budget for FY2024 is presented for public review.



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Kent landmark toasts 50 years

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Townspeople and area residents turned out to celebrate 50 years of the landmark Fife 'n Drum restaurant, long a local draw for hospitality.

Starting on Thursday, Jan. 19, the celebration would need the entire weekend to fit everything in with features and specials offered throughout the four-day period.

First, there was the Thursday open house offering complimentary food specialties, beer and wine to all, and visits by elected officials bearing State of Connecticut certificates attesting to the restaurant's 50 years of importance to the town of Kent and to the state. And there was Larry Ham's piano music, a tip of the hat to the legacy of pianist Dolph Traymon who purchased the restaurant building in 1972 and entertained diners for decades. Traymon continued at the restaurant's keyboard until his death at 97 in 2016.

The remaining three days of celebration would offer more piano music, adding vocalist Wanda Houston, and special menus priced to reflect the 1970s when the restaurant opened. Then, on Sunday, a dinner for two for \$50.00, a dollar for each year.

"Happy Fife 'n Drum Day," State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) exclaimed, leading off the presentation of official citations at Thursday's open



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Legislators Maria Horn and Stephen Harding with Elissa Potts at the Fife 'n Drum.

house. Gov. Ned Lamont had officially proclaimed Friday, Jan. 20 to be Fife 'n Drum Day, issuing an official proclamation to that effect. Two additional citations from the General Assembly were read and presented by Horn and State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30).

On behalf of the state Senate, the state House and the Secretary of State's office, one citation celebrated the restaurant and the other named Elissa and George Potts.

Horn acknowledged the

significance of the meeting place that has been "an anchor for Kent for 50 years."

Harding spoke of the restaurant's position as a staple of Kent and the Northwest Corner. He said it was appropriate to celebrate its longevity and its considerable contributions to the community.

"People are happy to celebrate," said busy bartender Rosemary Zibell, speaking of the restaurant's legendary devotion to service under the leadership of Elissa Potts, Traymon's daughter,

who moved to Kent with husband George, partnering with her father at the restaurant in 1976.

"Elissa has done such magnificent work, keeping the forward momentum through difficult times," Zibell said.

"It's all about hospitality for Elissa," George Potts said. Recalling the COVID years, he said that meals were handed out through the front door, with little opportunity for hospitality.

"It's all 110% due to Elissa's perseverance," he said of the restaurant's longevity.

North Canaan postpones hearing on zoning regulations

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Originally scheduled to precede the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) held on Tuesday, Jan. 17, a public hearing on zoning regulation changes was instead postponed until Monday, Feb. 13.

P&Z chairman Tim Abbott explained that the postponement was necessary because the public notice advertising the hearing did not provide sufficient detail to meet state requirements. He noted that the notice would

have needed to provide required text of the proposed changes.

The regulation changes largely concern fees charged by town offices. In preparation for the hearing about the fee schedule changes, the P&Z will assemble information about fees charged by comparable neighboring towns. North Canaan's current fee structure has been in effect since 2008, Abbott said.

The new date for the public hearing on regulation changes and the fee structure is Monday, Feb. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Kent Center School fund to host Chocolate Fest Feb. 8

KENT — The Kent Center School Scholarship Fund will host the Annual Chocolate Fest on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Kent Center School. (Snow date Thursday, Feb. 9.)

At the Chocolate Fest, chocolate lovers pay \$5 at the door to purchase a plate filled with a sampling of home-made chocolate goodies prepared by local bakers.

Vendors and bakers are needed. Please note that a no-nuts/no peanuts policy

is in effect due to student allergies. Baked goods should be delivered to Kent Center School between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 through the front door of the school. For more information, call Carol Spelbos at 860-927-3497 or email her at info@kccsf.org.

All proceeds from the Chocolate Fest benefit the scholarship fund, which awards scholarships for the post-secondary education of Kent Center School graduates.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Alex Echevarria, a kennel behaviorist at the Little Guild of West Cornwall, introduced dogs from the shelter at Kent Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Dogs charm children at Kent library

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Saturday, Jan. 21, the Kent Memorial Library hosted The Little Guild of West Cornwall and The Dodo, a digital media site for animal lovers. The program intended to put people in touch with the positive rewards of animal rescue and adoption. A large and appreciative crowd of animal lovers with their kids attended.

YuJung Kim, president of The Dodo, said her mission was "to shine a spotlight on the relation between people and animals." The Dodo has

a robust following on YouTube and Facebook.

Alex Echevarria, kennel behaviorist at the Little Guild, spoke about taking in the funniest, bravest, and most ready dogs and to bring their stories to life.

"There are lots of sad sto-

ries, but we don't focus on the dog's past," he said. "Their health is our first concern."

To the huge delight of the crowd, he then brought in Olive, King, and Jocko, three Little Guild dogs, who played, entertained and charmed everyone.

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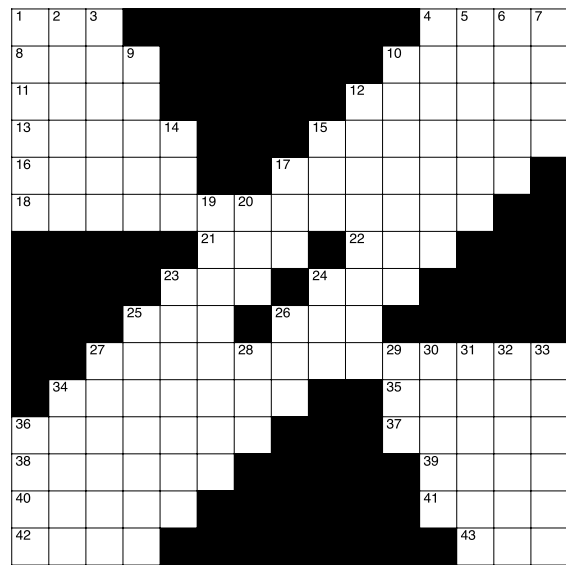
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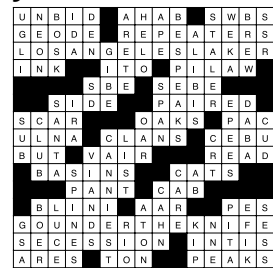
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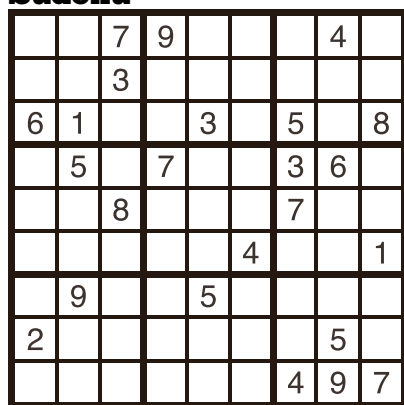
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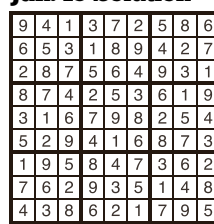
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OBITUARIES

Jo Ann Diamonti

SHARON — Jo Ann Diamonti, 78, a longtime area resident, died on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Sharon Health Care Center, Sharon. Jo Ann was a supervisor in the Food Service Department at Wassaic Development Center in Wassaic, New York for many years.

Plains. She is also survived by three brothers, Thomas Ackerman of Wassaic; Michael Ackerman of Dover Plains, and David Ackerman of Kent; a sister, Heidi Short of Illinois; a granddaughter, Marilyn Butts of Amenia, and longtime friend, Christopher Cressor of Canaan.



Born on Dec. 17, 1944, in Sharon, she was the daughter of late Edward and Eva (Decker) Ackerman. Jo Ann was a former member of the Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary in Wassaic.

Jo Ann is survived by four children, Brian Diamonti and his wife, Kyjuana, of St. Petersburg, Florida; Christine Diamonti of Canaan; Patricia Dashner and her companion, Reginald Hough, of Ancram, New York and Melissa Dashner of Dover

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Patrick Diamonti; two brothers, Robert and Randy Ackerman and two sisters, Jill Caldarelli and Eva Ackerman.

Graveside services and burial will take place in the spring at Valley View Cemetery, Dover Plains, New York.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Constance 'Connie' Elaine Geisenderfer

SHARON — Constance (Connie) Elaine Geisenderfer, age 90, of Sharon, CT, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023.



Connie was a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She was a graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and of St. Luke's School of Nursing, Class of 1952, where she was president of her graduating class and crowned Ms. St. Luke's.

Connie worked as a registered nurse for 50 years in various specialties including the ER, Medical Surgery, OR, Cardiology, Home Health, and was Director of Nursing at Hotel Reed and Driftwood Nursing Centers for many years. She was an active member of her community and church wherever she resided including Maryland, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania. Our mother was gifted with a beautiful lyric soprano voice. Along with being a frequent soloist in various church choirs, she was a founding member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chorale. They traveled to Europe to compete at an international music festival in Vienna and performed in various other venues in Austria, and Hungary, as well as at Carnegie Hall in New York City. She spent many years as a girl scout leader, she volunteered as a Hospice grief counselor, was a volunteer for the Advent Moravian Church's homeless shelter program, and taught Sunday school at Advent Moravian church for several years. She formed her own book clubs, bible study groups, and gen-

erally enjoyed socializing and singing with her friends. Always "the nurse," Mom never failed to help someone in need. She loved her family and was proud to be a part of the nursing profession and made a positive impact on the communities where she lived.

Connie is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Davis Geisenderfer, her parents, Velma and William Ferenczy and siblings, William Ferenczy Jr., and Edward Ferenczy.

Survivors include her loving children, Kristine Balena (Kenneth), Karen Fitzgerald (Samuel), Kathy Marshall (Randy) and Kim Jenkins (Joseph); 9 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and siblings Jane Ferenczy (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania) and Thomas Fina (Alexandria, Virginia).

Services will be held at Long Beach Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Jan. 26, at noon. Friends may visit beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Biloxi National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your local hospice, senior center, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind or Meals on Wheels in Connie's name.

Thank you to VNA Hospice services of Northwestern Connecticut. Thank you to our mother's angels on earth at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, (you know who you are). We are eternally grateful to you.

View and sign online tribute at www.bokfh.com

Laurie 'Dolores' Jean DuBois

MILLBROOK — Laurie (Dolores) Jean DuBois, 94, passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Noble Horizons with her daughters by her side.



Laurie was born August 30, 1928, to the late Ray LaVene and Leah Travaglio. She spent most of her childhood in the Los Angeles area, later attending John Marshall High School and UCLA where she received a BA in English. After graduation Laurie remained in Los Angeles working for The Haynes Foundation and later for the Boy Scouts of America where she met her husband, the late Frank DuBois.

Laurie and Frank moved east and settled in Millbrook, where they raised their four daughters: Susan Kozlowski of Falls Village, Sharie Schwaikert of Salisbury, Jessica Toscano of Drums, Pennsylvania, and the late Kate Barnes of Summerville, South Carolina.

Laurie was a homemaker for many years with a talent for sewing and knitting. Her mother would send beautiful fabrics from which she made dresses for her daughters, and dresses for their dolls too. She also took great pleasure in making sweaters and afghans for her daughters and later for her granddaughters. She volunteered at the Millbrook Library and was the assistant librarian at the former Bennett College.

Laurie and her husband shared a love of class-

cal music, often attending operas in New York City. They also shared a love of Cape Cod where the family vacationed each summer. Laurie and Frank retired to Southern Pines, North Carolina in 1989 where Laurie was an active member of her neighborhood serving as treasurer for the James Creek Association. She enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles, and writing classes.

After her husband's death in 2009, Laurie relocated to Noble Horizons in Salisbury to be near her daughters. She was a volunteer in The Country Store, a regular in the fitness center, a member of the Book Club, and was often found singing at socials in the Community Room. Laurie was known for her apple pies which she made not only for special occasions, but for those who were special to her. She was an avid reader and enjoyed playing Scrabble with her daughters up until her passing.

In addition to her daughters, she is survived by five grandchildren: Tasha Richardson, Joshua Smith, Leah Schwaikert, Hayley Kozlowski, and Lauren Toscano. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donation checks can be sent to The Noble Horizons Auxiliary Library Fund, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

U.N. diplomat sees risk of nuclear war on rise

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Chris King, Acting Chief and Senior Political Affairs Officer for the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch in the Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) at the United Nations, said he remains "resolutely optimistic" despite his opinion that the threat of nuclear war has increased dramatically in recent years.

King, who splits his time between New York City and Salisbury, spoke at the Scoville Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 21.

A native Australian, King told the audience that if his accent was hard to follow to speak up and he would try again.

He made some introductory remarks and then took questions for most of the hour. King stressed from the outset that his opinions are his own and he was not speaking for the U.N.

He said there are about 12,500 to 13,000 nuclear weapons in the world, down considerably from the peak of 60,000 to 80,000 during the 1980s, at the coldest period of the Cold War.

Who has these weapons? King said the "legal" possessors of nuclear weapons are the U.S., the U.K., France, China and Russia. These are also the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, he noted.

Other countries with nuclear weapons are India, Pakistan, and North Korea.

What about Israel? "They neither confirm nor deny," said King, adding that Israel's possession of such weapons is "kind of an open secret."

King said that since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, "we had about 30 years of trending in the right direction" regarding nuclear weapons.

But he is concerned that the threat of nuclear war has receded from the public mind.

King said that in his discussions with young people, he has found them already accustomed to thinking in terms of "existential risk" in the form of climate change.

He finds this level of engagement encouraging.

"I am confident they will forge ahead on this."

Stephen Michael Lango

LAKEVILLE — Stephen Michael Lango, 65, of Lakeville passed away Jan. 17, 2023, at his home.



Stephen was born Sept. 4, 1957, in Sharon to Joseph Jr and Mary (Carberry) Lango. He attended Auburndale High School in Auburndale, Florida. He enjoyed woodworking and was an expert craftsman. He was a self employed contractor in the Sharon community, making others dreams a reality in home construction and improvements.

Stephen enjoyed traveling, motorcycling, golfing, fishing, boating, kayaking and hiking. He loved cooking and getting together with friends and family, with his dog Pepper at his side.

Stephen is survived by his brother Paul and (Lynn) Lango of Easley, South Carolina, sister MaryJo and (Terry) Baker of Auburndale, Florida, sister Karen Lango of Winter Haven, Florida, brother Thomas and (Lou Ann) Lango of Walling, Tennessee, and sister Patricia and (Mark) Hilborn of San Antonio, Texas. Stephen also is survived by four nieces, four nephews, three grand nieces and four grand nephews.

Stephen was predeceased by his father Joseph, mother Mary and older brother Joseph Lango III.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Worship Services Week of January 29, 2023. Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services. Includes listings for The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.; Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon; St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Trinity Episcopal Church; and others.

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Border control with natives, garden variety

I have been thinking about borders, those of the garden variety. The word can connote both a barrier, such as a border with the neighbors, and a gateway, as with a border along a path, or with an entrance into the woods. Aesthetically, plant borders create focus, drawing the eye toward them. The traditional herbaceous border is comprised of plants that die back in winter; typically many are non-native. Mixed borders can include trees, shrubs along with herbaceous plants and annuals; a good opportunity to go native.

Several years ago I was looking for guidance to plant a border by the river which would serve the purpose to both reinforce the river bank and enhance the view from the house. Knowing that I wanted to work only with native plants, my friend and garden guru introduced me to Robin Zitter, a Sharon-based horticulturist with extensive knowledge of, and passion around, native plants. Robin helped me create a border that could echo the more formal non-native plantings established when the house was built. Robin added a path that she describes as 'a meander through the border as one experiences the ecological and human connections of built landscape, border, and river.' Robin added structure using native dogwood, nine-bark, inkberry, fothergilla, sweet fern and witch hazel and filled in with native perennials and grasses. It was proof to me that, with creativity and ingenuity (and money of course, although some of the plants were sourced from our woods) a native plant border can be as beautiful as one planted with non-native species, preserving the riverbank from erosion and creating a habitat inviting to native bees, insects and birds.

If your property abuts the woodland, it is visually pleasing to have sight lines into the woods — to see beyond — but still bring the liminal space between shade and light to focus. According to Robin most plant diversity exists in these transition zones. At the edge of the woods nature creates its own borders as the dappled light encourages growth. This is



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

The Ungardener
Dee Salomon

where you will find, if you are lucky, the creamy flowers of a native dogwood or a serviceberry's white blossoms, though you are far more likely to see nature's equivalent of a border wall, thanks to the razor-sharp thorns of barberry, which is effectively barbed wire, keeping out humans as well as other animals who used to rely on woodland habitats. Here is an obvious place for a border between traditional gardening and ungardening. Repair this important area by removing the invasives, including the spread of non-natives from garden planting (the Japanese snowball viburnum is a common border jumper.) If you are dealing with a large woodland area you might try removing a slim layer of invasives each year so that you can also remove the herbaceous culprits; for me these are garlic mustard, narrowleaf bittercress and nipplewort. In place of these, Robin recommends installing a dense edge where sunlight doesn't come in as this will mitigate invasives. Remember that a border is

also a gateway in; don't forget to create an entrance into your woodland after which you can begin to plot out a trail throughout your woods.

Borders also exist as property lines. In fact, we call the area between our delightful neighbor's property and ours the 'DMZ' because the dogs are not allowed beyond the far end. This was easier to enforce before we took out all the invasive barberry and bittersweet. We planted Mountain Laurel and native Rhododendron, adding soil acidifier for a couple of years to counter the alkaline effect of decaying barberry leaves. This year I will add some plant 'fencing' for which Robin suggests native roses. She describes Virginia rose as 'exuberant' and also recommends the hard-to-find climbing prairie rose (try Prairie Moon Nursery) Also good for the purpose, Robin suggests, are suckering shrubs such as gray stem dogwood. We are fortunate to have neighbors who allow us to do this work and who have even shared the cost of replanting; I realize this is not always the case. Let's save a discussion around the more complicated neighbor for another time.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

Noble Horizons hires speech therapist

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons, a full-service senior living community, announces the addition to its rehabilitation team of full-time speech therapist Andrea Gamble.

Gamble is well-known throughout the area where she has worked for the past 18 years in skilled nursing, outpatient, and home care. Gamble will be serving clients from the community

Salisbury Bank annual food drive a success

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury Bank's annual food drive in November and December 2022 collected and donated more than 1,424 non-perishable food and household items, and \$524 in cash donations, the bank announced Jan. 18.

In addition to what was collected at each of the bank's 14 branch locations, Salisbury Bank also donated a total of \$12,000 among the food pantries in the area.

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Kellogg students learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Alexander Wilburn

FALLS VILLAGE — Funded by grants given by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, the Falls Village Community Development Corporation invited the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence (CTCN) to speak to the middle school students of Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

CTCN is a charitable organization based in Hartford that creates education programs and community outreach projects championing diversity and promoting nonviolent conflict resolution based on the teachings of the late civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.

King led a movement protesting federal laws upholding racial discrimination until his assassination in 1968. The morning program was held just a few days after the cele-

bration of the federal holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, on Monday, Jan. 16.

CTCN's event was led by Victoria Christgau, the founder and executive director of the organization, who spoke to the small group that makes up Kellogg's sixth, seventh and eighth grades, outlining the broad strokes of King's life. This interactive lecture, in which she asked students for input and answered questions, involved providing historical context on topics such as Jim Crow laws, segregated school systems and the Civil Rights Movement.

A large focus of the educational program was teaching the middle school students about King's "I Have A Dream" speech, a famous piece of rhetoric calling for the end of racism during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963.

Christgau was joined by two colleagues from CTCN, Gamaliel Moses and Lanea

Sellem-Collins, who led students in interactive musical and spoken word exercises, allowing students to play instruments and create a poem based on their input.

The program was made possible with the use of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) funds given to the Falls Village Community Development Corporation. Development Director Felicia Jones noted that the funds would be able to sponsor a second future educational program in the future.

"For educational programs like this we take our cues from the teachers at Kellogg, who tell us what would be valuable to the students, so they'll tell us what the next step might be," Jones said. "We had a successful end of the fundraiser, so in this coming year Community Development will be looking to invest in all four of the areas we cover — housing, equity and inclusion, the community and the local environment."

LHK students bring essentials to seniors

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Seven students and one teacher made their way from the Lee H. Kellogg School to the Senior Center Thursday morning, Jan. 19, to present gift baskets to the senior citizens.

Teacher Amelia Nichols said the seventh grade students decided to provide essential items, such as paper goods and other useful household goods. The seniors, who come from both Falls Village and North Canaan, were surprised and delighted.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

"What's this?" said one woman, hefting a bottle of dish soap. "Oh, good, my husband does the dishes, I'll give it to him."

Students brought essential items to seniors on Jan. 19.

Help Save Our ICU!



The public hearing to determine whether Nuvance will be permitted to close the Sharon Hospital ICU and replace it with a downgraded Progressive Care Unit has been scheduled for February 15. Learn about what this would mean for our community from the doctors themselves at one of our upcoming community roundtables, and testify at the public hearing against this closure.

Community Roundtables
Thursday, February 2 at 5:30pm
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Wednesday, February 8 at 6pm
Northeast-Millerton Library
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Testify at the Public Hearing

- Testify against Nuvance's application to downgrade the ICU.
- Tuesday, February 15 at 9:30am via Zoom, with public comment scheduled to begin at 3pm.
 - To provide written comment: email CONComment@ct.gov and reference docket #22-32504-CON by February 14.
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Milestones in Business

January is traditionally the month during which business owners reflect on the year that is past, and the year that is to come, trying to get a good handle on the economic future. This year, extraordinary in so many ways, has continued to be a challenge for all businesses, but especially small businesses, due to labor shortages and economic uncertainty. Yet, small businesses are an extremely important part of what makes the economy in the Tri-state region work. So, we are focusing this month, as we have for years at this time, on the businesses in our area that would like our

readers to know when they were founded, or some other milestone they feel is significant.

They are mainly what the U.S. Small Business Administration defines as "small" – but together they have real and very meaningful influence on the region's fiscal health. We salute all those who have maintained and strengthened their businesses and organizations through, and only hope for their continued success beyond.

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Our Towns

Beizers honored for HYSB service

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Lance and Ann Beizer received the Donald T. Warner Award from the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) in December in recognition of their efforts and contribution to the communities of the Northwest Corner over the past 14 years.

After representing abused and neglected children as a deputy district attorney in Santa Clara County, California for 25 years, Lance Beizer joined the HYSB board in 2009. He served first as vice president and subsequently as president.

Beizer also served as president of the Salisbury Rotary Club for three years, trustee of the Douglas Library in North Canaan for six years, member of The Hotchkiss

School Alumni Board of Governors for six years, and as priest at St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

Anne Beizer has also been an active member of the Rotary Club and St. John's Episcopal Church, and has served on the board of the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS, which provides financial support for extra-curricular activities.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) presented a general citation from the State of Connecticut in gratitude and recognition of all the Beizers have accomplished for the region.

"You have exemplified what it means to love and invest in our community," said Horn as she presented the framed citation to the Beizers outside the HYSB offices in Falls Village.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64, right) with Lance and Ann Beizer and HYSB chair Dave Barger (at left) outside the HYSB offices on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

P&Z okays art barn at Camp Isola Bella

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — An application by the American School for the Deaf (ASD) to construct a 400-square-foot art barn at Camp Isola Bella on East Twin Lake was unanimously approved by the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission on Jan. 17 on the condition it meets safety requirements of the town's fire marshal.

George Johannessen of Allied Engineering Assoc., Inc., represented ASD in the school's application.

The new structure would be used for the storage of artwork and for art instruction and would be built on the site where a \$700,000 expansion and renovation took place last summer that included construction of two new cabins, an athletic complex, picnic areas and other upgrades to the island property, which ASD has owned since 1963.

Johannessen noted that the 16-foot by 24-foot wood art barn would be built on posts and situated in the vicinity of the athletic courts.

Commissioners raised several safety concerns, including the type of materials, such as paint, that will be stored in the barn, and whether there is adequate egress for campers in the event of an emergency.

"What kind of things is it going to be used for?" asked Danella Schiffer.

Commissioner Martin Whalen questioned whether there will be adequate doors in the barn, as the artist's rendering as submitted shows only one large, 40-inch by 80-inch barn-style entry door.

Commission chairman Michael Klemens agreed that safety is of utmost concern.

The site plan modification approval, he said following about 30 minutes of discussion, "is contingent on the fire marshal's approval of the plan design prior to the zoning permit being issued. It serves the hearing-impaired, it's got to be right. I just want it to be part of our approval."

In an email communication on Jan. 19, Liz DeRosa, Director of Institutional Advancement for ASD, said that only artwork and art supplies will be stored in the art barn, along with tables and chairs for students.

"No flammables will be stored in the art barn," she said, explaining that flammable items are stored in flammable storage in a separate location at the camp.

In response to egress concerns expressed by the commission, DeRosa noted that the barn door will create a "very large entry way that opens easily. The fire marshal will review the design and if concerns are raised, plans can be adjusted."

ASD Executive Director Jeffrey Bravin confirmed via email that the art barn is also expected to feature approximately eight windows, depending on the location of interior shelving and other built-ins.

According to ASD officials, construction will begin in early spring once the ground thaws and cement can be poured.

"The intent is for the art barn to be built before camp begins. The total construction time anticipated to build the art barn is one to two weeks," said DeRosa, who noted that ASD alumni volunteers will be working on the construction project with a licensed contractor.

Housatonic Camera club show opens at Noble

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — After a three-year absence, the annual Housatonic Camera Club show opened at Noble Horizons with a reception on Friday, Jan. 20.

Gaining a fair bit of attention were two entries from Marsden Epworth, "I Am a Toaster" and "I Am Not a Toaster." Epworth said the photographs resulted from her frustration when an expensive toaster failed to live up to its billing.

Noble Horizons' Caroline Burchfield said the show was canceled in 2021 and 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2020 version closed early.

The exhibit will be open weekends 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 26.



PHOTO BY MARSDEN EPWORTH

Marsden Epworth's "I Am a Toaster" is part of the Housatonic Camera Club's show at Noble Horizons.

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you stay?”

A soft-spoken man, quick to smile and quicker still to shift the spotlight from himself, Angell reiterated throughout the day his desire for our time together to spotlight the whole of veterinary medicine rather than his work alone.

“I think about that quote from ‘The Boys in the Boat’: ‘You can’t just write about me, you gotta write about the boat!’ The whole picture, the difficult parts and the joyful parts, are what make the job what it is ... Still, for me, being a vet has always been a passionate dream.”

An average day for Angell or the other three veterinarians at Bentley often includes three to four visits — on busy days, that looks more like six or seven. While that might sound manageable, Angell’s practice offers service to an area larger than some states, from Canaan, Connecticut, to Woodstock, New York, to Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Much of Angell’s day is spent on the road between properties.

The necessity for this kind of travel can be traced to decades-long changes to the social and economic geography of the region. In 1972, there were 275 working dairy farms in Dutchess County. In 2022, there were just 15. While dairy production in the region has steadily increased, belying an emphasis on industrial-scale dairy farming, the number of working farmers has dropped steeply off a cliff.

“Growing up, on my road



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Dr. Isaac Angell, left, cleaning hooves in the barn.

alone there were 10-11 dairy farms. Now there’re none.”

Angell and his wife and five children are the fourth generation of Angells to live on his family’s property. While he loves to work with all the clients he provides service to, Angell admitted to a bit of a soft spot for those

“I was taught pretty early on the value of developing a rapport with a client. You can’t treat the animal without the client.”

Dr. Isaac Angell

who make a living working with animals: the vocational farmers that have grown rarer and rarer in the region. Helping those folks when able keeps him connected to the culture and tradition he was raised in.

Our day’s journey very

much emphasized those connections, and consisted of three farm visits and a few social calls.

Old goats, vaccine shots, and estate farming

Our first stop was at a beautiful estate farm in the Northeast Corner. Angell characterizes estate farms as those properties owned by wealthier folks with a large amount of land and a desire to use some of that land for small-scale farming. Often, these estates hire full-time workers to manage the land and care for the animals, and those workers frequently come from the pool of inter-generational farming families that used to operate farms of their own.

Two old goats, 15 years apiece, and three donkeys received Angell’s practiced care that day.

Aside from the unending stares, everybody behaved themselves — shots were administered with minimal kicking and teeth were checked without biting. In addition to providing medical services, Angell also gave the animals’ caregivers advice on what feed to use, how much to give, and even where to buy certain products at a reasonable price.

The conversation between Angell and the property managers was easy and familiar, and the importance of maintaining good relationships is an element to his work that Angell considers both crucial to his success and one of the major perks of the job.

“I was taught pretty early on the value of developing a rapport with a client. You can’t treat the animal without the client.”

Angell’s range of clients means he often has to meet

folks where they’re at in terms of the relationship they have to their animals. In addition to vocational farms, Bentley Veterinary works with three main types of clients: rescues and sanctuaries, backyard or estate farms, and equine organizations. An animal sanctuary may have thousands to spend on animal care, and a mission-driven investment in pursuing involved treatments. At a vocational farm, the reality can come down to economics, and many farms don’t have the money to spare.

Accordingly, Angell tries to approach every client with empathy and an understanding of where their decisions might be coming from, whether it’s a deep attachment to an animal or, sometimes, the lack of it. Developing a relationship with the person behind the animal helps him understand those perspectives and offer the kind of care that will align with their needs.

This clueing-in to the emotional component of veterinary medicine is an element to the job that Angell considers vitally important

as well as often underemphasized.

“Unless you let it affect you on an emotional level, you’re not doing it right. You’ve got to have some sleepless nights, worrying about a case, or you’re not going to push yourself to become better quite as hard.”

Our day required little by way of difficult decisions — and on the estate farm, it was as clear as day that the property managers cared deeply for the animals in their charge. They worried after the right balance of feed to avoid bloat, mused on the personalities of the donkeys, and remarked on some of the humorous side effects of their job.

“Working with animals, you get used to a whole bouquet of smells you never thought you’d get used to. Knowing, ‘Oh, that’s not right!’ when you catch a hoof smelling a particular way.”

Coming in Part 2: Continuing the day’s rounds with a pregnancy check and a bull calf castration.

Write to reporter Elias Sorich at elias@millerton-news.com.

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sure that our local newspapers continue to flourish and grow. Our communities depend upon them.”

Hassler is stepping down as editor-in-chief of IEEE Spectrum Magazine. She has more than 20 years experience as an editor and journalist covering scientific and technical topics ranging from neurobiology to computer engineering. During her tenure at Spectrum, the magazine won numerous awards, including a National Magazine Award for General Excellence in the Thought Leadership category.

IEEE is the world’s largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.

Manko, who began her career at the Journal on the production side in the early 1990s, was appointed associate publisher 25 years ago this month. After more than two decades at the helm when the climate for community journalism was put to the challenge, she is stepping aside.

Noreen Doyle, chair of The Lakeville Journal Foundation board, said, “Since Janet’s retirement announcement in October, the board

has conducted a search to find a successor — large shoes to fill.

“We are pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Hassler. For the past 20 plus years Susan managed the editorial operations of IEEE Spectrum, the flagship magazine of IEEE.

“She has recruited and trained journalists, mainly in the field of science and technology, many of whom have gone on to become award-winning writers and editors.”

In an editorial (see page B3), Manko wrote: “I feel the utmost gratitude for all that (Board) support and for the hard work of our stellar staff over the years. Now, looking forward to the next stage for The Lakeville Journal publications, I wish incoming CEO and Publisher Susan Hassler and all the new and ongoing staff the best, and continuing success in covering our vital towns in Connecticut and New York.”

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TAX CUTS

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ity,” Lamont wrote in a statement shortly after the report was released.

Analysts increased their projections for the current fiscal year, which closes June 30, by \$265 million on Tuesday, Jan. 17. That increase, coupled with the \$2.87 billion General Fund surplus the comptroller’s office estimated on Jan. 3, would leave a revised fiscal cushion of more than \$3.1 billion.

That 14% surplus would be the second-largest in state history, topped only by last fiscal year’s \$4.3 billion windfall.

More importantly, analysts are projecting the state’s biggest revenue engines will continue to surge during the next two-year budget cycle, despite an unstable global economy.

The consensus report increases projected resources for the 2023-24 fiscal year by \$287 million, and those for 2024-25 by \$313.5 million.

Lamont’s budget director, Office of Policy and Management Secretary Jeffrey Beckham, confirmed the good news but warned these projections only are designed to offer guidance and that the most crucial test of state finances is still months away.

State analysts from both branches develop “consensus” projections three times during the first year: in early November, mid-January and on April 30. The last forecast comes shortly after the state income tax-filing deadline and, traditionally, just before the General Assembly votes on a final budget.

“We are closely monitoring global, national and state economic forces that could positively or negatively impact the final state budget,” Beckham said. “Now is not the time for new unsustain-

able spending but rather continued sound fiscal management.”

Still, Lamont, his fellow Democrats in the House and Senate majorities, and Republican legislators all have unveiled preliminary agendas built on state tax cuts since the regular 2023 legislative session opened on Jan. 4.

The governor has said he wants to offer Connecticut its first income tax rate reduction since the mid-1990s. And while he hasn’t disclosed full details, he’s said it would be aimed at middle class households that earn less than \$200,000 per year.

The administration also is considering a reduction in the pass-through entity tax, a levy paid by the owners of many small and mid-sized businesses who used to report their earnings through the state income tax.

Democratic legislative leaders already have said there is strong support among their members to expand the state’s Earned Income Tax Credit, which benefits working poor families, and to establish an ongoing child tax credit within the state income tax.

Republican legislators, who first proposed an income tax rate cut last spring, have renewed their call for relief in this area. The GOP also has recommended: ad-

justing income tax rates to offer greater relief during times of high inflation; creating a new income tax credit to assist middle-income renters; repealing the new highway mileage tax on large commercial trucks; and lowering the retail gasoline tax.

Rep. Holly Cheeseman of East Lyme, ranking House Republican on the tax-writing Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, noted that the revenue surge reflects “historically high state sales tax collections” driven by inflation.

Analysts project sales tax receipts, which approach \$5.1 billion now, will near \$5.4 billion by 2025.

“This windfall of sales tax revenue is driven by the state’s high inflation on goods and services and shines a bright light on the financial burdens Connecticut families face daily,” Cheeseman said. “This underscores the need for the legislature to provide tax relief to state residents.”

The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, which represents most major unions within state government, renewed its call on Jan. 17 for Lamont to dramatically increase hiring within most agencies.

More than 4,400 veteran workers stepped down between Jan. 1 and June 30 — double the normal total for

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will allow the P&Z to gather more information.

Following the November vote, the P&Z would then have three months to absorb the results of the referendum, Abbott noted.

“We will continue the

public conversation,” Abbott said, “so that people will know what they are choosing to do.”

Following the meeting, P&Z member Mike O’Connor commented, “We’re being as transparent as possible.”



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HISTORY: EMILY EDELMAN

Cary Lecture Highlights Prehistoric Formation of Artistic Landscape

“Our part of the world is a gift of the Ice Age,” stated Johanna Titus during a virtual lecture on Wednesday, Jan. 18, presented by the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies. She and her husband, Robert — both of them scientists, authors, and journalists as well as longtime residents of the Hudson Valley and Catskills — discussed the landscapes expressed by artists of the Hudson River School and their geological foundations in a lecture titled “The Hudson River School of Art and Its Ice Age Origins.”

“The geologic processes of the Wisconsin glaciation, more commonly known as the last ice age, shaped the landscapes and defined the first art movement in America: the Hudson River School of Art,” said Johanna.

Blogging at www.thecatsskillgeologist.com, the Tituses have spent countless hours researching and exploring the Catskills, especially the area known to Hudson River School artist and founder Thomas Cole, who Johanna called “the movement’s heart.” Cole’s first trip to the Catskills resulted in his 1825 painting “Lake With Dead Trees,” which was created in what is now North-South Lake Campground in Hunter, one of the most popular state parks in New York.

After a bit more background and identification of other Hudson River School artists including Asher Brown Durand, Robert began his explanation of the geology of the region with

how the aforementioned North Lake and was created by a glacier.

“North Lake and South Lake weren’t always there,” said Robert. “Fifteen thousand years ago, they did not exist. But then 14,000 years ago, the glaciers came along and scoured out these basins.”

The Tituses continued in much the same vein throughout the talk, with Johanna identifying key landscape features in various Hudson River School artworks and Robert examining how said features were formed.

“The climate eventually changed . . . all that ice began melting and all that meltwater glutted the local streams, and they eroded into even more scenic landscapes,” Johanna explained, dis-

cussing the formation of glacial Lake Albany and how the valley captured in Durand’s 1848 painting “Dover Plains, Dutchess County, New York” is the lake bottom.

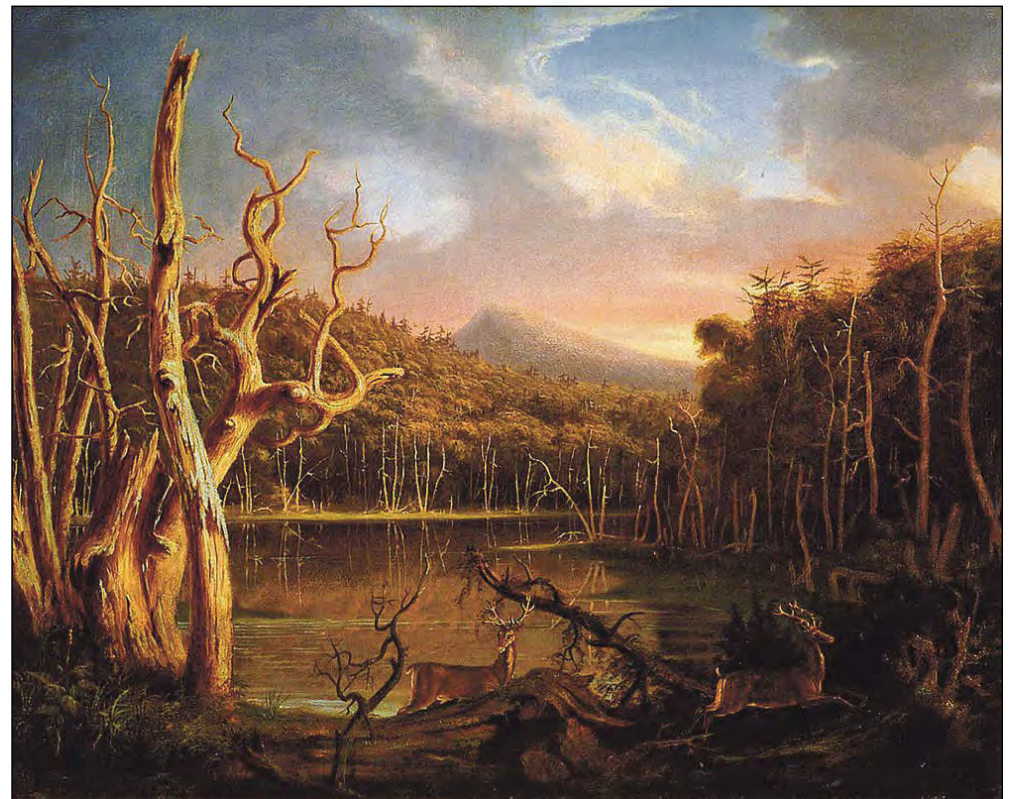
“The Hudson River School painters were painting at a place in time when a lot of science was changing,” said Johanna.

For those who were interested in seeing the physical locations depicted in the Hudson River School artworks, the Tituses pointed to the existence of the Hudson River Art Trail, a project of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in Catskill, as well as the Tituses’ own forthcoming book that will include “probably 100 locations and



COURTESY OF THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM

Dover Plains, Dutchess County, New York, 1848 by Asher B. Durand



COURTESY OF THE ALLEN MEMORIAL ART MUSEUM

Lake with Dead Trees, 1825 by Thomas Cole

directions on how to get to them and what you’re going to see when you get there,” according to Robert.

“We write mostly

about the geology of the region and how the geology influenced the culture of the Catskills and, of course, the greater Hudson Valley,” Johanna said. “We often talk about the paintings where the Hudson River

is seen and the fact that there is no industry in those paintings. . . . [They] decided to paint that stuff out, and I think it was just to encourage people to come and see the beauty of the place.”

A video of the program is available to watch at the Cary Institute’s website at www.caryinstitute.org and its YouTube channel.



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PHOTOGRAPHY: RILEY KLEIN

A Photography Series 400 Million Years in the Making

‘A stone is a thought that the earth develops over inhuman time.’

This line from Louise Erdrich’s story “The Stone” served as inspiration for photographer Sarah Prud’homme when creating her new series that is now on display at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn.

The exhibit entitled *Inhuman Time* opened to the public on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Prud’homme described the series as “a meditation on stones from New England’s coasts,” and says the natural world has always been a key influence on her art.

“I was just struck how nature could form something like this,” said Prud’homme as she held one of the roughly 400-million-year-old basalt stones. “These are from a cove which is very narrow, and because the wave action was so intense, they



Black I by Sarah Prud’homme

became very rounded.”

Many of the stones in Prud’homme’s series were found along the coast of Maine and were formed when volcanic magma erupted to the surface almost half a billion years ago.

“Mostly basalt, they have high concentrations of magnesium, iron, and calcium, which gives them a rich

black hue.”

Prud’homme hoped the series would allow viewers to “reflect on the fact that humans and stones are composed of the same minerals, that the universe is interconnected, and that our survival depends on this awareness.”

The images on display were created by



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Photographer Sarah Prud’homme at the opening of her show at The Cornwall Library.

layering up to 50 unique photographs of each stone into a “hyper-focused composition that appears both flat and three dimensional.”

“*Inhuman Time*” is

Sarah Prud’homme’s debut exhibit at the Cornwall Library and her first solo show since 2012. The prints will be on display in the library through March 4.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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Introduction to Bookbinding

A class introducing the skill of bookbinding will be led by Lily Rand Barnett on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. Materials will be provided but attendees can also bring their own paper to use in class. For more information go to www.scovillelibrary.org

House of Books Author Talk

Author Amy Poeppel will discuss her new book “The Sweet Spot” at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. She will be joined by author and head of Emerald Audio Jane Green. To register go to www.houseof-booksct.com

Learn Chinese Cooking

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon in Sharon, Conn., will host a virtual cooking demonstration on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Author Maggie Zhu will discuss her cookbook “Chinese Homestyle: Everyday Plant Based Recipes for Takeout, Dim Sum, Noodles, and More” as she guides audiences at home in making Mapo tofu, a popular spicy Chinese dish that Zhu will prepare in a vegetarian style. This instructional program is free to join, but registration is required at www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Romantic Era Chamber Music Concert

Close Encounters with Music presents “Town and Country” on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. The evening will juxtapose chamber music by early Romantic German composer Felix Mendelssohn and Romantic-era Czech composer Antonín Dvorák. Pieces will be performed by pianist Renana Gutman, violinist Xio-Dong Wang and cellist Yehuda Hanani. A reception will follow the concert. For tickets go to www.cewm.org

Whiffenpoofs concert at St. Andrew’s in Kent

The Whiffenpoofs, Yale University’s male a cappella group, will performed on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Parish on N. Main Street in Kent, Conn. Tickets are \$30. For more information go to the Eventbrite registration at www.bit.ly/whifs or contact St. Andrew’s at office.sa.kent@gmail.com.

Sharon Playhouse Announces 2023 Season

The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., announced their summer/fall 2023 season, which will include the musical “Something Rotten” from June 23 to July 9, Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town” July 10 to 26, the musical “Oliver!” based on the Charles Dickens novel from Aug. 4 to 14 and “The Lifespan Of A Fact” from Sept. 29 to Oct. 15.” Children’s productions will include “Peter and The Starcatcher,” a prequel to J. M. Barrie’s “Peter and Wendy,” “A Year With Frog and Toad” and a youth version of Disney’s stage musical “Newsies.” For more information go to www.sharonplayhouse.org

North Canaan Library Children’s Day

The Douglas Library in North Canaan, Conn. will host “Take Your Child to the Library Day” on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event was created by the Connecticut Librarians Association and is held once a year in February in participating Connecticut libraries.

There will be a story time, craft projects and a performance by Jonny G of the Music Cellar in Millerton, N.Y. Music will begin at 11:30 am. For more information, contact the library at 860-824-7863.

Bridge class on Wednesdays

Classes on the basics playing the card game Bridge are being held at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.. To join e-mail John Dippel at jvdippel@gmail.com

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EDITORIAL

25 years: It's been an honor to serve our communities

If readers take note of a small item in last week's column by Norma Bosworth, Turning Back The Pages, they will notice that I am celebrating the beginning of my tenure (this time around) at The Lakeville Journal. "This time around" refers to the fact that I spent a few years on the production side of the newspaper when it was being printed in Lakeville, in the early 1990s. Norma's column notes my hiring as associate publisher in the 25-years-ago space.

Let's consider those 25 years and the way in which the industry of newspapering has dramatically changed in that time frame. The odds were definitely against the survival of an independent and independently owned local news group during those years, when so many in the region were bought up by large conglomerates and underfunded or closed, even before the desperate financial challenges of more recent years. Yet here, miraculously, The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News still are.

The Winsted Journal, which was begun by this company in 1996, was unfortunately shut down in 2017, after our trying to find every way we could to make it work financially. We still believe that Winsted is a community that should have its own newspaper, and wish Ralph Nader and Andy Thibault the best as they begin a new venture there. Here's hoping the time is now right.

Some are thanking me for saving the two newspapers that remain for their communities, yet of course the truth is more complicated. Talk about a team effort. Every year the company had to be reevaluated to pull it along into the next year, acknowledging the extremely challenging finances and finding new ways to save money yet still pay our amazing staff enough to make it by in these expensive communities. It was kind of like a startup every year. So it took some creative thinking and action.

Luckily, our owners from 1995 to 2021, The Lakeville Journal Company LLC board of directors, were flexible and supportive of community journalism in a way that made our continuation possible. They believed in what we were doing, and we owe them the utmost gratitude for sticking with a losing, but vital, resource for the region. I will mention especially William E. Little, Jr., of Lakeville for keeping us afloat throughout that time, along with the late Whitney Ellsworth of Salisbury and the late Robert Estabrook of Lakeville. Such accomplished people, these and all on our board, who were so willing to give of themselves financially, intellectually and emotionally in order to help us maintain the service we provide for our readers.

Then, in 2019, when there was an urgent need to find another path for survival, our readers stepped up to support us going into 2020, a year that would become one of the most challenging of our long tenure due to the pandemic. If not for that support, these publications would not have made it. Then, receiving more and more votes of confidence and financial support from the community, we strove to achieve non-profit status. Once this was done, our current Lakeville Journal Foundation board of directors energetically stepped forward to support us in the next phase of life for local journalism in the region.

I feel the utmost gratitude for all that support, and for the hard work of our stellar staff over the years. Now, looking forward to the next stage for The Lakeville Journal publications, I wish incoming CEO and Publisher Susan Hassler (see front page story) and all the new and ongoing staff the best, and continuing success in covering our vital towns in Connecticut and New York. It has been a lot of fun, as well as moving and enlightening, to take part in this local journalism project for 25 years. Here is wishing for all those with the company to enjoy learning about and writing about this unique part of the world.

— Janet Manko, publisher and editor in chief

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — January 1923

Judge and Mrs. Donald T. Warner, Miss Lois Warner of Salisbury and Mr. William E. Fulton of Waterbury sailed last week on the Steamer Sytic for an extended cruise in the Mediterranean and other points in Europe.

LIME ROCK — Alfred Dunn is home from Lakeville having an abscess on his heel.

Owing to the deep snow and bad traveling, our mail carrier had to walk and carry mail.

Mrs. James Van Dyke, Mrs. Arthur VanDeusen and Mrs. Michael Dunn were the victims of an upset while driving in a sleigh near the Kenyon place on Main Street on Tuesday of last week. A car coming up on the rear of the rig with flapping skid chains caused the horse to jump suddenly overturning the sleigh. Mrs. Van Dyke received a bruised hip and Mrs. VanDeusen a bruised cheek, but fortunately no very serious injuries. The horse ran for a short distance but was quickly stopped.

50 years ago — January 1973

The proposed relocation and expansion of U.S. Route 44 between West Hartford and North Canaan will be deferred "indefinitely." Gov. Thomas J. Meskill made the announcement Wednesday night. He said the state would instead explore mass transit possibilities.

"Even the Good Lord can't provide snow when the temperature is in the 50s." With that comment, directors of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association decided last

Thursday that the annual Salisbury ski jumps, originally set for this weekend, will be rescheduled for Feb. 24 and 25.

Strange as it may seem, that reddish stuff visible under the ice on Lake Wononscopomuc is really blue green algae. This type of algae is normally found in warm weather in a band about six feet thick, about 32 feet below the surface of the lake. Edward "Ted" Davis, chairman of the conservation

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PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

Snowy Salisbury Ski Jump

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: the film 'The View From Hiroshima'

Few people in the world would be against a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the film's author is to be commended for her untiring efforts to obtain such a treaty.

However, the bombing of Hiroshima, referred to in the film, perhaps should have been put in perspective ie. a war started by Japan, the subsequent ravaging of Korea, China, The Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Indo-China and Pearl Harbor, which resulted in the deaths of millions of people, all done with

the attitude and rationale by Japan that their nation, and the Japanese people, possessed a superior culture to all others and thus they were justified in their conquests. An attitude not unlike that of Nazi Germany.

An attempt at negotiations with Japan was to begin in December, 1941, but instead Admiral Yamamoto decided to destroy the U.S. naval base in Hawaii, resulting in the beginning of a long war for America and thousands of lives lost.

The realism of parts of the film, for a good reason, "pulled on the heart strings of its viewers." At the same time, shouldn't we also recognize those millions who lost their loved ones as a result of the Japanese aggression?

In early August, 1945, terms of surrender were given to the Japanese government but they were turned down. The war had to end, Japan had to be defeated, the options were few. An invasion of their country would prolong the conflict and re-

sult in thousands more killed on both sides.

Again, terms of surrender were presented after Hiroshima and again rejected.

To end the war the way we did will always be debated, but a perspective, (a reality check) on the "why" this happened should certainly be considered and presented to the hundreds of student and adult viewers of 'The View From Hiroshima.'

Peter Smith

Taconic

In defense of the other, and ourselves

I am a covid-vaccinated and covid-boosted woman of 70 years. I am privileged to have the means and the choice to do so. I am a partner in a public-serving business in which we determined, a year ago, that staff would also be vaccinated and boosted. But we also decided that we would not limit our clientele to vaccinated persons only. During these ebbing and flowing covid times, we have sometimes required all to mask and sometimes awaited our clients wishes in that regard, depending on our perception of the general need. We're doing the best we can, as we understand it, for ourselves and our clients.

But I write today to comment on others in my life and the decisions they have made. I count among my closest friends those who have vaccinated against covid, but not boosted, and those who have chosen not to vaccinate. Each of these individuals has made a conscious choice based on their best understanding of their own body's need. None of them have endangered me nor, to the best of my knowledge, anyone else.

I am quite certain that my own behavior in the world of covid has sometimes been careless, such as not always masking in group gatherings. Just because I am vaccinated doesn't mean I can't endan-

ger myself or another. Many in the world, regardless of vaccination status, behave carelessly. And many in the world, regardless of vaccination status, behave respectfully.

We all get to make a choice about who we see and in what settings, and hopefully, all of us are respectful of those we encounter. I'm suggesting, in these difficult times, that we relinquish some of our judgments and spread a bit of kindness. We're just doing the best we can.

Janice Hylton

Millerton

Feeding the bears?

Our Falls Village Board of Selectmen has shown its compassion for animals with their go-ahead for a food waste diversion program.

Under the program residents are to bag food waste and put it out to be picked up by the company Curbside Compost. The bears will love it.

In some other towns there is a fine for feeding bears, not here. Is this a great town or what?

Craig Toensing

Falls Village

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The Hartford Witch hysteria: that's right, our Hartford, Conn.

Every year, on the weekend before Labor Day, the Norfolk Library holds its book sale. On Sunday, after 12,000 books have been picked over, oddities appear. Early Connecticut Probate Court Records, Vol. I Hartford District, 1635-1700, a record printed in the 1890's was one such book. It might engage economic historians, but it would not be riveting, we thought. It did look

THE BODY SCIENTIFIC

JEN PFALTZ AND RICH KESSIN

his help has acted things in a preternatural way beyond human abilities in a natural course, for which according to the law of God and ye established laws of this Commonwealth thou deserveth to die.

The condemnation, containing neither reasonable doubt nor presumption of innocence, was the same for other accused people, the Greensmiths being the last of 17 in

Connecticut. When they were executed on January 25, 1662, their Estate was £137-14s-01p, before the Commonwealth deducted £40 for prison expenses.

The six Magistrates and twelve men on the jury were listed by name, proud to hang two of Satan's minions on the testimony of teenaged girls. There was no appointed defense attorney, nor were there rules of admissible evidence that we found. Surviving torture (in this case drowning while bound) helped a person's case. In Colonial New England the preferred evil doers were women, easily swayed by Satan whom the Puritans took seriously as the primary source of evil.

The Puritans had fine writers. In England, John Milton (1608-1674) wrote *Paradise Lost* (1667); the descriptions of Satan and his minions falling from heaven after challenging God, are incomparable. Satan had a palace waiting for him called *Pandemonium* — a palace for a variety of demons. Satan has been a gift to literature, a stand-in for evil and temptation; he was the core of the Faust legend.

We have a New England version, Stephen Vincent Benét's *The Devil and Daniel Webster* (1936), which we read in high school. (Do students still read it?) Webster defends Jabez Stone, a New Hampshire farmer who had sold his soul to the Devil for money. The Devil stored Stone's soul in a matchbox, where it fluttered, like a pale butterfly, with many other souls. The good senator was a silver-tongued defense attorney and he got Stone's soul back, though the Devil had packed the jury with torturers and judicial monsters. The Greensmiths could have

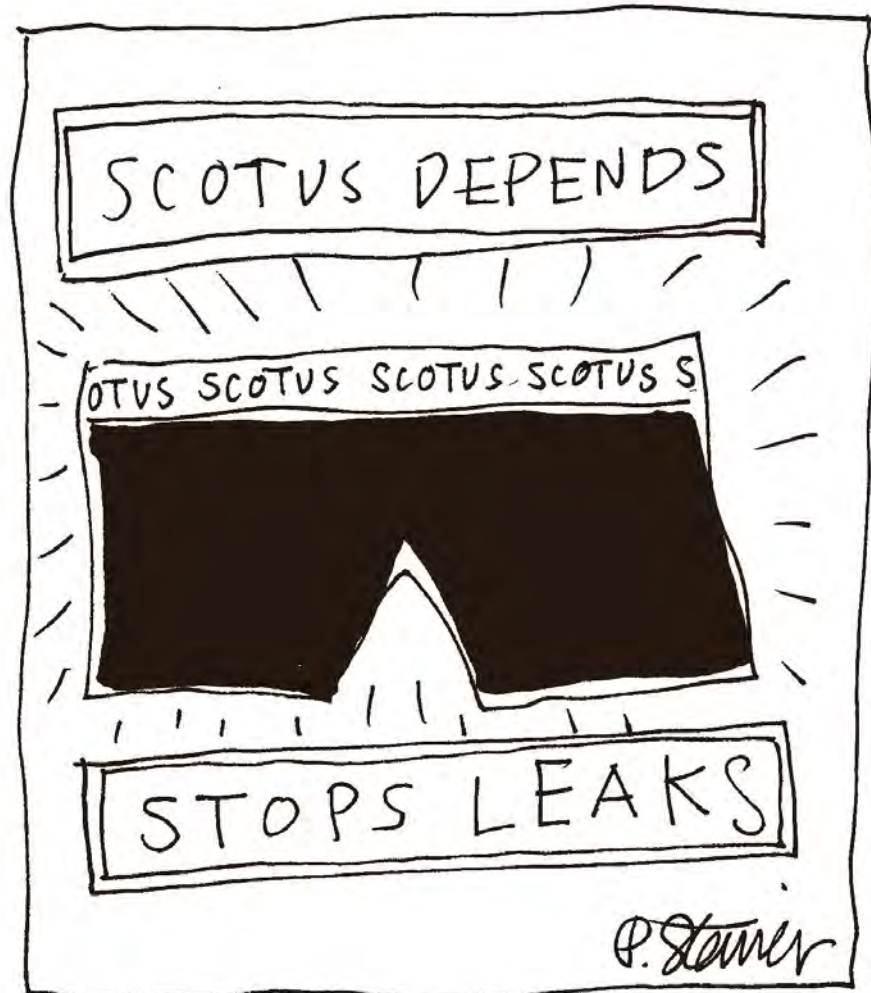
used him.

The 17th century was a calamity of religious wars and other tragedies; the Puritan and Pilgrim emigrations to New England was one result. It was the time of the little ice age, a long period of freezing temperatures and crop failures. Inflation, previously unknown, reduced living standards. In 1660, plague followed, and the population declined. Witch-burnings peaked about 1660, according to a recent essay in *The Economist*. The *Economist's* writers pointed out that hysterical responses to religious conflict, climate change, inflation, and fearsome plagues are not unique to the 17th century.

Why does this subject appear in a column titled *The Body Scientific*? The 17th century was a time of political terror and anxiety; but it also saw the uneasy beginnings of rationalism and the stirrings of science, emerging in what was still a medieval and authoritarian society. René Descartes was driven out of Paris and ended in Stockholm for his thoughts on reason and proof. "I think, therefore I am." was not calculated to please the Church. Baruch Spinoza was excommunicated by the Jewish community of Amsterdam for demanding evidence for belief and thinking more broadly than was allowed.

The Royal Society was founded in 1660 and published the first drawings of life under a microscope. Isaac Newton published *Principia Mathematica*. Other thinkers contributed, including the Baron Montesquieu, who created the idea of the separation of government powers. The movement for free thought gained force, usually a conflict with religious and authoritarian leaders, who remained. More than a century after the Hartford hysteria, the American founders, who had read these writers, knew to separate church and state in courtrooms and to divide government powers into independent branches.

Jen Pfaltz is a graduate of The University of New Hampshire's writing program. She is Program and Office Manager of the Norfolk Hub. Rich Kessin is Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia University Medical Center. We will return to the Puritan period.



How I got into Yale

In late 1965 I was applying to the Yale School of Drama. The Jesuit priest who headed the theater troupe at Marquette University where I was a graduate student was the first priest to get a PhD from Yale. I thought to secure his recommendation. I asked him to read a play I had written. He agreed. We agreed to meet the following Monday at noon. I was early, waiting on the balcony. Noon, then 12:30, then 1. No Father as everyone called him.

A young woman, a member of *The Players*, as the troupe was called, approached me. Are you waiting for Father, she asked. Yes, he's an hour late. Come back tomorrow at noon, she advised.

I did. Right at noon, 24 hours late, a black limo pulled up and out came Father. I found out from the young woman that he had been in Chicago coaching acting to opera singers at the Lyric Opera. The limo had driven him to and fro. The woman whose limo it was supplied Father with ready cash.

He wouldn't eat in community, but often frequented a local restaurant, where he was seen to order a steak and a martini. The steak was barely touched. The martini, a little more so.

He strode past me and motioned me to follow him. We went into the tiny office off the stage. We sat, both facing the same forward direction.

He started talking about Eugene O'Neill's *Sea Plays*, quite early efforts. It dawned on me. He hadn't read my

play at all.

He said, I'll write you a recommendation. Pick it up tomorrow. Meeting over.

Next day I return, again at noon. In the office was his grad assistant, a young woman who had clearly been crying. I say, awkwardly, Father said he'd write me a letter for Yale.

She said, Come back in an hour. Which I did. She hands me a letter, still holding back tears.

Only later did I find out that Father, the night before, had been picked up by the police in a sting in the Greyhound bus terminal men's room. The cops took him back to Marquette and within hours he was whisked to St. Louis, where the Jesuits had another province, next to the Wisconsin one.

Father who had brought *The Players* to national prominence with a television appearance, Father who had defined charisma, Father whose dissertation was on how the Jesuits, pre-Shakespeare, had designed and produced at its many European universities, what would become modern ballet, now gone from Mar-

SOVEREIGN STATE

LONNIE CARTER

quette, never to return.

I was also later to learn that the cops and the school had an agreement. No press. Just gone.

No press writing that previously a Jesuit had committed suicide. Hush hush.

The Father explanation? He had been on loan from the Missouri province and could be called back at any time. Like in the middle of the night.

Would he become the head of the St. Louis Opera? Perhaps. Did he? No.

The teary-eyed grad assistant wrote the letter.

I got in.

And read every word of his quite convincing dissertation.

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



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Frosty Lakeville stream

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

Continued from previous page

is "alive and growing," a phenomenon for which he can offer no explanation.

John Burne has been appointed manager of the Sharon branch of the New Milford Savings Bank. Burne, who is replacing former manager Thomas Husted, has been living in Sharon since August of last year.

Kent firemen assisted in quelling a fire on a utility pole near Berkshire Transformer on Friday which caused a blackout in Kent and Cornwall that morning.

For the seventh consecutive year Nancy Baroody of Lakeville has won the coveted "Horse of the Year" award from the American Horse Shows Association.

25 years ago — January 1998

The worst part of it was trying to walk on the ice -- "solid sheets of it." That was the sharpest memory Connecticut Light & Power men normally based in Falls Village brought back with them from Canada and New Hampshire where they voluntarily went to help af-

ter the recent ice storm. "We had to go over fence after fence," crew member Wayne Douglas said of his time in Canada. Nobody was hurt, but they were bruised from frequent falls. He and Harold Nadeau, Larry Butts and Ed Wilbur were in Canada for eight days, returning home last Friday.

The deteriorating relationship between the town of Falls Village and architect Jim Lawler disintegrated last night when he resigned from the Lee H. Kellogg School project. Mr. Lawler had be-

come increasingly disturbed by the town's refusal to accept his estimates, reworking the scope of the project, and denying additional payment for him to work with the construction management company.

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

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Sports

South Kent School tops Bridgeport Prep 72-54

By Riley Klein

KENT — South Kent School Senior guards Elmarco Jackson and Jalal McKie combined for 29 points against Bridgeport Prep on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Jackson led the Cardinals in scoring with 15 while McKie finished the game with 14 to secure a 72-54 win over the Bulldogs.

The stacked rosters of both squads made for fast-

paced, high-octane action on the court.

Bridgeport Prep's leading scorer was junior point guard P.J. James who put up 19 in the game.

The Bulldogs also had two seven footers at their disposal: 7'3" junior Mathok Majok from South Sudan and 7'1" junior Wesley Rosa from Mindelo, São Vicente.

The size and speed of Bridgeport did not faze South Kent. They played with intensity on defense and moved the ball efficiently on offense.

South Kent never trailed in the game. They secured a 16-point lead by halftime and maintained a comfortable cushion until the final buzzer.

The win came a day after the Cardinals beat Hoosac School 82-66.

Following back-to-back home court victories, South Kent advanced to a record of 16-3 this season.

Asked about his take-aways from the game, Cardinal Coach Raphael Chillious said the team was glad to be home.

"We've played on the road so much that we were readjusting to our own gym," said Chillious as he explained they had not played a home game since early December. "We're still in a nice groove but hopefully we play better this weekend."

South Kent's home stretch continued over the weekend as they hosted New Hampton on Saturday, Jan. 21 and



South Kent senior guard Jalal McKie scored 14 points against Bridgeport Prep and helped spread the floor in the Cardinal's 72-54 victory at home.



Mathok Majok, Bridgeport Prep's 7'3" junior center, warmed up with a jam session before the game against South Kent on Wednesday, Jan. 18.



Nate Guereombamba finished strong as the Cardinals prevailed over the Bulldogs.

Brewster Academy on Sunday, Jan. 22. The Cardinals won in both match-ups, defeating New Hampton by a score of 100-64 and beating Brewster Academy 81-68.

After the weekend games, South Kent's record climbed to 18-3 as they continued their 14-game win streak.

The Cardinals are scheduled to play Northfield Mount Hermon on Jan. 25 to finish off their home stretch before they go back on the road to close out the month. The squad returns to the South Kent court on Feb. 1 when they host Perkioman.

SWSA preparing for Jumpfest

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY— The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) is not worried about the mild winter weather and a lack of snow.

SWSA members were at The Lakeville Journal office in Falls Village Thursday, Jan. 19, putting the final touches on the Jumpfest 2023 program included in this week's edition.

SWSA's Willie Hallihan said the SWSA snowmak-

ing team, led by Ken Barker, is experienced in creating the right conditions in less than ideal weather.

He said the tactic SWSA uses is to make large piles of snow, to be distributed later, rather than the blanket approach used at ski resorts.

He recalled another unseasonably warm January 15 years ago.

"I was playing golf in shorts."

A couple of cold nights later, the snowmaking was "all set." For snowmaking

purposes, Hallihan said overnight temperatures of 28 degrees Fahrenheit or less is the standard.

"We've endured this challenge long enough."

In 2019, the target jumping and the Human Dogsled Race on the Friday night of Jumpfest was cancelled because of relatively warm temperatures and rain.

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