

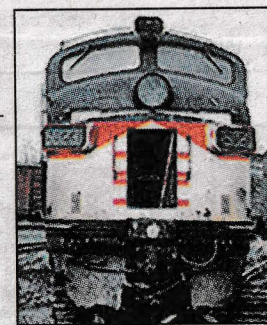


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## County hopes 'digester' turns scraps into bucks

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GREENPORT—This is a quiz:

•How much organic waste does the country generate each year?

*80 million tons; or, 400 pounds of food per person per year*

•How much food does the average American waste every day?

*Two-thirds of a pound per person per day; the amount has doubled since 1970*

•How much of what we send to the landfill is food scraps (much of it edible food)?

*20 percent*

•Why would it be a good idea to divert food from landfills? *When decaying in a landfill, food emits methane, a major contributor to climate change*

•How much does it cost annually to dispose of food scraps in transport and fees?

*\$1.3 billion, because of the bulk of what must be transported*

•Can we do anything to better use these scraps and relieve the volume of food in the landfill?

*Yes. Read on.*



On Friday, April 21, the county intro-



# Spring cleaning at historical society

By PETER FLIERL

CANAAN—From the complete skeleton of a rat to loads of bat guano, Dodie Gearing and John Rivard have begun a complete cleaning and reorganization of the Canaan Historical Society collection housed in the 1829 Meeting House at 13 Warners Crossing Road.

Visitors will see exhibits reflective of life over the centuries. The Domestic Room contains a sewing machine, looms, ironing boards, dress forms, baby carriage, high chair, and toaster. Victoria House shows a typical array of furniture. A Music Area holds a pump organ and victrola. The front entry has items reflective of railroads and fire services.

Ms. Gearing and Mr. Rivard are creating a digital listing of all items in the collection, a herculean task supported in part by a \$500 grant. A recent addition to modern functioning is the placement of four fire extinguishers.

Ms. Gearing is Canaan Town Historian and curator for the Canaan Historical Society. Mr.



Peter Flierl

*Dodie Gearing and John Rivard at the Canaan Historical Society.*

Rivard, a Canaan resident and new volunteer, provides make-up and hair services for Broadway. We caught them dressed to the nines in period dress.

Watch for news of Canaan Historical Society programs through the warm spring and summer months. For information and to get on the mailing list, email [canaanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:canaanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

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