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Affordable housing: What we have and what we need

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By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — Jocelyn Ayer and Janell Mullen of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOCG) provided a concise overview of affordable housing in an online session on Wednesday, March 31. The NHCOCG is an association of the first selectmen of 21 regional towns.

Mullen highlighted bills currently working their way through the state Legislature. Senate Bill 1024, among other things, would make it easier to create accessory dwelling units within single-family homes.

It would also require additional training for members of zoning boards and commissions.

Much of SB 1024 concerns “transit-oriented development,” which doesn’t apply to Northwest Corner towns with little or no public transportation.

But the bill also redefines the word “character” in land use applications, to mean physical characteristics of buildings and not people.

Much of SB 1024 is based on recommendations from an advocacy group, Desegregate Connecticut (www.desegregate.org).

Mullen demonstrated how to use the bill-tracking feature on the state Legislature’s website, www.cga.gov.

Ayer provided a “power-pointy” presentation on affordable housing, including definitions and the results of research on how much affordable housing exists in the 21 towns represented in the NHCOCG, and how much is needed.

The information will soon be available in a hard copy report. It is available online now at northwesthillscog.org/housing, along with other affordable housing data.

What is ‘affordable housing’

Ayer noted that the housing landscape has changed considerably in the last year or so, with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part-time residents are now full-time, and many homes have been purchased by

people anxious to leave densely populated areas such as New York City.

This has resulted in a significant reduction in available properties, higher overall home prices and far fewer rental options.

Ayer said that people on waiting lists for what affordable housing exists spend between one and five years on such lists until something becomes available.

Ayer spoke about the definition of “affordable housing.” It means housing that costs less than 30% of the income of a household earning 80% or less of the area median income. In Connecticut, area median income is figured by county.

So for Litchfield County in 2020, 80% of area median income for a one-person household is \$57,456. For two people, \$65,664. Three people, \$73,872. Four people, \$82,080. Five people, \$88,646.

To be counted as affordable, the housing must be monitored in some way to ensure the cost remains at or below the affordability threshold.

What is here, what is needed

Ayer presented data on how much affordable housing is needed in the NHCOCG towns.

In the 21 towns, there are 18,456 households that earn below 80% of the area median income for Litchfield County; 10,568 households are paying more than 30% of their income on housing.

In the 21 towns, there were 3,357 units of affordable housing in 2020.

It is estimated that the 21 towns require an additional 3,498 units of affordable housing to house the most “housing cost burdened” households — those spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs.

And 1,520 households were on waiting lists as of November 2020.

Between 2010 and 2020, nonprofit organizations and housing authorities created 84 affordable rental units and 20 home ownership units.

The state has set a goal of 10% affordable housing for municipalities, and

towns are required to create an affordable housing plan.

Most of the 21 NHCOCG towns are nowhere near the 10% figure. In Region One, only North Canaan, with 162 units, is at 10%.

Falls Village currently has 11 units (1.41%). Cornwall has 36 units (3.57%). Kent has 67 units (4.02%). Salisbury has 42 units (1.62%) and Sharon has 36 units (2.03%).

Dramatic increase in sale prices

Ayer said that over the past five years median home prices have risen in all but one NHCOCG town, and the average change for all 21 towns was an increase of \$115,000.

And average sales prices in 2020 were higher than median sales prices in all the towns. (This average is somewhat skewed by sales of some very expensive homes.)

In Region One towns, the median sales price for homes between 2016 and 2020 rose by \$122,500 in Falls Village; \$249,500 in Cornwall; \$23,750 in Kent; \$16,000 in North Canaan; \$221,000 in Salisbury; and \$142,500 in Sharon.

Thus the median sales price in 2020 for Region One towns was \$257,500; Cornwall, \$547,500; Kent, \$368,750; North Canaan, \$175,000; Salisbury, \$646,000; and Sharon, \$475,000

Average sales prices in 2020 in Region One: Falls Village, \$352,530; Cornwall, \$718,029; Kent, \$612,925; North Canaan, \$205,309; Salisbury, \$912,600; Sharon, \$960,953.

Ayer noted that many homes that sold recently at or below the median price are older and require significant improvements, which makes them less affordable than the sales price might indicate.

Ayer said the region needs more housing options — “not just single-family homes.”

Also needed: units with three bedrooms or fewer; more rentals; and, simply, more units that meet the “affordable housing” definition.

HVRHS Class of 2021: 'We're just getting started!'

June 24, 2021

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Class of 2021 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School's (HVRHS) graduation ceremony was as traditional as could be managed, given the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The graduation was held under a large tent on the grass in front of the high school on Thursday evening, June 17.

HVRHS Principal Ian Strever noted that the seniors specifically asked for the most traditional event, and contrasted this year's graduation with last year's, a drive-in event held at Lime Rock Park.

Strever praised the seniors for their adaptability and willingness to work with the administrators during the pandemic.

"Everything has been different," he said. "And they've adjusted to every challenge."

Strever said valuable lessons can be taken from the pandemic experience.

"We learned something about control. We have a lot less of it than we think."

Salutatorian Mia Tittmann said her success in high school was not a solo endeavor.

"I did not do it without the help of many people," she said. "Our collective efforts will make change. Please keep working together to make this world — our world — a little brighter."

Region One School District Superintendent Lisa Carter started by saying how nice it was to see everybody "in 3D."

"Kudos to all of you for your perseverance and patience over the last 16 months," she said.

And she reminded the seniors that their peers have all been through the same disruptions.

"You will be poised to rebound from this experience with confidence."

Former class president Aidan McCarthy said that looking back, her school career "feels like a sprint."

"We've had great triumphs and failures," she continued. "And we maintained a sense of community."

Class president Sara Upson said during the pandemic the seniors missed out on things like the prom and field trips.

But "this day isn't about what the pandemic took from us. It's about what we took from it."

She said there was only one way to meet the challenges of the pandemic — or anything else: "Head on."

Essayist Emerson Rinehart had the crowd laughing as he issued a "confession," admitting to damaging a ceiling tile in the auditorium, promoting a rumor that a teacher was actually a "Lizard Man," and using a bench as a toboggan, among other misdemeanors.

Commencement speaker Kianjai Huggan (HVRHS Class of 2017) told

the graduates to "open yourselves up" as they move through the next phase of their lives.

She said when she first came to HVRHS from Georgia, she resisted joining the FFA.

But she did join, and counts her participation as a valuable experience.

She urged the seniors to remember that "there is so much we don't know."

Realizing this will "allow you to see the variability in people's lives."

"I am confident each of you will be an advocate for positive change."

Valedictorian Charlotte Clulow said she struggled to find the "golden words" for her remarks, only to "realize I have yet to find answers."

She praised her classmates for their hard work and accomplishments in and out of school.

"Are we there yet? No, we're not. We're just getting started."

Class of 2021 Awards:

Good Sportsmanship Medal: Micah Matsudaira, Marguerite Bickford

Good Citizenship Medal: Justine Allyn and Brandon Sorrell

Chamberlain Arts Achievement Award: Cassidy Knutson and Aidan McCarthy

Community Award of Merit: The faculty, staff and administration of HVRHS (accepted by Social Studies teacher Peter Vermilyea).

Which COVID-19 vaccine should I get?

March 10, 2021

Guest Insight

By Dr. James Shepherd

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Should I try and get an mRNA vaccine? They are better than the others, aren't they? If I show up at the clinic can I choose?

These are some of the questions that we didn't even know we would be so lucky to ask just three months ago.

The speed at which multiple vaccines to choose from has come about is unprecedented.

The first genome sequence of a previously unknown virus was published in early January 2020 and the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, tested over the summer and fall of 2020, were approved for emergency use in early December.

These are the quickest vaccines ever developed. Their very speed has raised a lot of questions around their safety. It is true that all previous vaccines have taken years to develop and the cumulative experience of their use over time is reassuring.

Moderate reactions

Nevertheless the COVID-19 vaccines have been tested in very big trials. As a comparison, the widely used and "uncontroversial" Shingrix vaccine for prevention of shingles was tested in 32,000 participants prior to submission for approval in 2017. The total number of patients in COVID-19 vaccine trials that have reported results so far is 170,000 and growing rapidly.

The safety results have been reassuring — both in the trial participants and now in millions of people worldwide who have been vaccinated and reported to national monitoring systems.

Rates of severe side effects, mainly

anaphylaxis, have been very rare — a handful in every million vaccinated — and the more common reactions such as arm pain, fever, fatigue and muscle aches have been over very quickly.

The brief discomfort of COVID-19 vaccines seems to be greater than for the annual flu shot. This probably reflects a combination of both the "prime-boost" two-shot strategy to provoke maximum stimulation of the immune system; and the large group of vaccinees who were recently infected naturally with SARS-CoV-2 and already have a naturally primed immune system ready to react. Maybe the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine will have fewer reactions?

Don't compare the numbers

There are now three vaccines available in the USA (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) and several more globally, with more to come.

Inevitable comparisons between the different vaccines, using their "headline" efficacy numbers, is a favorite media story at the moment. This has stimulated "vaccine shopping," which has reached damaging levels in places like Germany, where the UK Astra-Zeneca vaccine sits un-used in warehouses whilst people wait, unprotected, for the Pfizer vaccine.

The efficacy numbers attached to the two shots is responsible for this: 95% for Pfizer versus 62% for Astra-Zeneca.

These numbers are a snapshot in time and can't be compared with each other.

Different vaccine trials

The Pfizer number was generated from a trial mainly in the USA, where most of the patients were recruited in the summer and fall of 2020.

The Astra-Zeneca number was reported from a trial that included a substantial mixture of patients from the UK, South Africa and Brazil.

The Pfizer and Moderna trials closely

adhered to the three- or four-week interval between doses, whereas the Astra-Zeneca trial had a less strict timing.

The different trials measured infection and symptoms in different ways at different time points.

In more recent trials — for example the Johnson & Johnson and Novavax trials — there were large numbers of infections with new virus variants included as well.

The efficacy result of each trial is reflective of the performance of the vaccine WITHIN that trial compared with a placebo — but not comparable OUTSIDE of the trial with the other vaccines.

Real-world results

To emphasize this, we have recent large-scale program results from the Scottish National Health Service.

The Astra-Zeneca vaccine has been 94% effective in reducing hospitalizations so far compared with the Pfizer vaccine, which has been 85% effective.

This reversal of efficacy rankings in a real-world observation simply emphasizes that both vaccines are great.

The most important number of all to remember is that in the thousands and thousands of trial participants who received any of the vaccines there were no COVID deaths and almost no hospitalizations for COVID.

So when you have finally managed to find your vaccine appointment after refreshing the sign-up page a hundred times and been booked four weeks hence, don't worry about which vaccine you will get. Just pick the one with the smallest needle.

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Police search river after man disappears near Great Falls

May 19, 2021

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Updated May 19, 2021 at 9:15 a.m

AMESVILLE— State Police are continuing to search for a man described as a 38-year old white male, who went missing in the Housatonic River on Saturday, May 15.

As of Tuesday morning, May 18, the police said they had temporarily stopped searching the water but that the Dive Team would return on Friday, May 21. They gave no reason for the delay, but simply said it was the decision of the Dive Team.

Lakeville Hose Company Assistant Fire Chief Jason Wilson said on Sunday, May 16, that the Lakeville Hose Company, the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, North Canaan Volunteer Fire Department and Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service responded to the 2:30 p.m. call of a man lost in the water on Saturday

Wilson said the incident took place near the boat launch above the falls, on

Housatonic River Road in Salisbury.

Apparently the missing man used a rope swing tied to a tree on the west bank of the river, Wilson said. According to the State Police, the man “never resurfaced after entering the water above the Great Falls Dam.”

The regional volunteer rope team and dive team also responded, at approximately 3 p.m.

Using sonar, the rescuers tried to find the missing man, to no avail. “There’s a lot of debris in there, and it’s deep,” Wilson said.

At 5 p.m., the search was turned over to the State Police Dive Team.

In addition to the State Police, the State Police Dive Team and the volunteer fire and ambulance services, support was also provided at the scene from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (which has its own police) and the regional dive and rescue teams.

The Housatonic River has proven fatally attractive to unwary swimmers and boaters through the years, with as many as three drowning deaths per year at the Great Falls and the rapids at the Bull’s

Bridge area near Kent.

The Housatonic appears to be much more placid than it actually is, especially in spring when the water is at its deepest. In addition to deep water, there are also rocks, downed trees and silty stretches, all of which pose hazards to swimmers.

Extreme caution is recommended at these sites. State and local officials as well as nearby property owners remind visitors that parking is not allowed on the narrow roadsides near the river. When cars are parked along the shoulder of the roads, it becomes extremely difficult for emergency and rescue vehicles to get by.

Visitors are also asked not to leave trash along the sides of the rivers, and when possible to stay at public recreation areas, where there are parking areas and trash bins.

Last summer, many public recreation areas at rivers and lakes were closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, many parks and swimming areas have opened again to the public. A public access point is being planned along the Housatonic River in North Canaan but is not available yet.

The magic of making friends on the AT

August 19, 2021

By Sadie Leite

The Appalachian Trail stretches through 14 states, from Maine to Georgia — an impressively long walk of 2,193 miles for anyone who chooses to traverse its full length. Each year, more than 3 million people choose to either hike the whole trail, as “thru-hikers,” or walk it in sections.

Beginning in late spring, hundreds of thru-hikers, section hikers and day hikers pass through the Northwest Corner, mainly showing up in Salisbury, Kent and Falls Village. They are notable for their large backpacks, long hair and muscular legs. All have interesting stories to share from their days/weeks/hours on the trail and most are happy to chat. And while most will happily tell you their legal names, their first impulse will be to share a “trail name,” usually bestowed on them by fellow hikers.

Trail name Paddle

On Aug. 11, Paddle came through the trees shrouding part of the Connecticut portion of the trail to Lion’s Head, a famous Salisbury peak. Over the edge of some precarious rocks is a fantastic view of the Berkshires, which Paddle chose to take in before chatting about his experience.

Paddle is not a normal name for anyone — except a hiker. Most Appalachian Trail hikers have trail names, which become integral to their identities as they hike. The idea behind the trail names is to give the hikers a sense of anonymity — but also to allow them to shed their regular identity. In life, a hiker might be a doctor, lawyer or auto mechanic, a teacher, a nurse or an artist; but on the trail, everyone is first and foremost a hiker.

Paddle went on a side canoe trip back when he was in Maine — his trail name becoming clear after that adventure.

It wasn’t until Paddle started to talk about his name that the friends he’d been hiking with realized — for the first time — that their companion had a paddle tat-

too that he just hadn’t chosen to tell them about before.

Trail names Bear! and Bugs

Paddle’s friends had trail names of their own: Bugs and Bear!.

“The exclamation point is necessary if you’re going to write it down,” said Bear!, who has a tidy ginger beard after his weeks on the trail.

And where did his name come from? “When I was starting out on the trail, I got chased out of the woods by a mama bear and her four cubs.”

“For me, I got my name because I carried a full bug net for 100 miles. I set it up — and got trapped. I learned what it felt like to be a bug caught in a trap, and it wasn’t very fun. After that I ditched the net,” said Bugs.

Though that wasn’t one of her best days on the trail, Bugs said, “Today’s been great. We got to hike Bear Mountain with Bear! himself.”

This group of hikers had just crossed into Connecticut that day. Bear Mountain is the first peak in the state for hikers coming from the north, and it’s also the highest point in the state.

“The last three states we have been in, we’ve been able to hike to the highest points first. It’s nice to get them out of the way,” Bear! said.

Trail name Taco

“I should really call whoever is in charge of Connecticut and thank them,” joked Taco, the last of the hikers to stop at the trail head.

Even with a heat advisory out for the day, she was in great spirits, enjoying the great views in Connecticut so far. To keep spirits up (and remain hydrated) they were all chugging large amounts of water.

Taco’s name came from an experience with “trail magic.” Trail magic is when something extraordinary happens. It can be anything from snacks or drinks left along the trail by local people, or a show of generosity from another hiker, or experiencing a rarity, such as a once-in-a-lifetime view.

In Taco’s case, she came upon some

people offering free tacos to thru-hikers.

Trail name Wizard

Also walking with Bear! and Bugs was Wizard, whose trail name did not originate from a trail magic experience; rather, he said, “I’m just a magical being. I have no tricks; it’s just the way I am.”

Paddle said that earlier in the day they ran into another Wizard, one who did do tricks including some neat ones that involved rubber bands and playing cards.

The group was also serenaded with musical instruments by some “no-bos,” a term Bugs used for north-bound hikers.

It’s traditional for most thru-hikers to start in Georgia early in the year and head north, ending in Maine before the weather gets too cold.

This particular group started at the northern terminus of the trail in Maine, at Mount Katahdin. They are headed south and will end their hike in Georgia. They are walking about 15 to 20 miles a day.

Why hikers love the PO

One consequence of racking up all those miles: broken and worn-out shoes. Taco picked at her hiking boots, which had split. “This is what happens to shoes after 300 miles. I ordered myself a new pair and am having them sent to the post office at Cornwall Bridge.”

Most thru-hikers will arrange for supplies to be mailed to post offices along their treks. In addition to shoes, food can also be delivered.

The hikers remembered their trip through the 100 Mile Wilderness, a section of the trail in Maine that is unusually difficult to traverse because it is very remote.

Bugs said she was foolish enough to try and carry the 10 days of food needed, learning quickly it was too difficult.

On most parts of the trail, Bugs can hike into town to get more food — from a grocery store or a post office where a package of food awaits her. In the 100 Mile Wilderness, there are no towns. So she had to organize food drops, where drivers deliver food to the trail and leave it on specific logging roads, the only points

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connecting the hike to civilization.

The majority of the group did drops; they applauded Wiz (their nickname for Wizard) because he carried his 10 days of food.

Bring on the cheese

When food was brought up, the friends delved into the specifics. "We just had a lunch of champions: tuna fish on Fritos and Honeybuns. With all this hiking, I never worry about my weight. I eat whatever I want," said Bugs.

Bear! agreed, "I eat so much cheese. It's great."

Taco clarified important hiking food terminology. "Raisins are 'rabbit turds' and squeezable peanut butter is 'cat turds' because of its consistency when it comes out of the pouch."

A better lunch was a feast of hamburgers in Great Barrington.

Another example of trail magic: Volunteers at a church were offering meals to

thru-hikers. The group also ran into people giving out beer and offering hacky sack lessons.

Group name:

Mountain Turtles

The Mountain Turtles is the group's hiking name. They all started out on the trail as strangers to each other. Bugs and Taco met first, and now are best friends after two months of travel together. They met Paddle at a hostel and Bear! at a bus stop. There's also Wiz, and one other (faster) friend was already down at LaBonne's Market enjoying a beer.

Between seeing moose, swimming in river pools, and surviving the 100 Mile Wilderness together, this group of strangers became friends.

"It gets weird sometimes, but we are all so close it doesn't matter," said Taco.

Bugs said, "In all, I'd give it a three-star experience. Put that in the paper."

Nature Conservancy: Causeway must remain intact

March 3, 2021

By Debra A. Aleksina

“This is a good day for conservation in and beyond Salisbury,” Kate Kimball, daughter of Mary Alice White

SALISBURY — The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut has issued a formal response to a property owner’s proposed management and stewardship activities involving an abandoned railroad causeway at 145 Taconic Road on West Twin Lake.

A portion of the property encompassing the man-made peninsula is subject to a conservation easement entered into more than three decades ago, between the late Mary Alice White of Salisbury and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

In recent months, a dispute had bubbled up between landowner Jeffrey Keenan and some area residents over whether the conservation agreement allows, among other proposed activities at the site, a shortening of the causeway to improve the health of the lake.

In response to a Feb. 10 request from Keenan seeking interpretation of the conservation easement, The Nature Conservancy granted the landowner, with contingencies, approval to remove a dilapidated gazebo and its underlying abutment located at the far end of the causeway, as well as the construction of a shallow grade ramp to primarily support the offloading of weed-harvesting material.

The Conservancy’s position, released by Andrew Benson, TNC spokesman, further stipulated that the causeway must remain intact under the easement’s terms. “There will be no reduction in the length of the causeway (noting that the removal of the gazebo and the underlying abutment is distinct), as we believe that would, among other things, be an impermissible termination of the easement as applied

to that land,” according to the statement.

The inquiry by the landowner, which prompted the Conservancy’s position statement, was not a request for amendment.

Didn’t seek to remove causeway

When reached by phone for comment on Wednesday, Feb. 24, Keenan said although he did seek TNC’s input in his Feb. 10 letter regarding several proposals, including removal of the gazebo and construction of a gravel ramp, he did not mention removal or shortening of the causeway.

In a follow-up email with additional comments the next day, Keenan insisted that The Lakeville Journal publish all his prepared quotes verbatim and in their entirety — or not at all. Because a portion of his quotes were derogatory to the newspaper and to some area residents, the newspaper chose to paraphrase his comments rather than to directly quote him.

Keenan indicated that he never sought permission to remove all or any portion of the causeway under easement, either from The Nature Conservancy, the Inland Wetlands Conservation Commission or any regulator, and although he proposed an impact study of the West Lake causeway, he has abandoned that plan.

The landowner lauded TNC’s position that he was found to be in compliance as a result of annual monitoring of the property.

Benson confirmed that, “Mr. Keenan did not submit a formal proposal for shortening or removing the causeway. We are aware, however, of the speculation in the community concerning this point, and thus we shared this position with Mr. Keenan and the public in an effort to make clear that our conditional approval of the gazebo removal was not misunderstood as a preliminary step in efforts related to shortening or removing the causeway.”

‘Found to be in compliance’

The Conservancy said that it had conducted annual monitoring of the property and subject to the Conservation Easement held by TNC, it was found to be in compliance.

“TNC notes that there was activity on a building envelope owned by Mr. Keenan and adjacent to the property subject to the easement, but would like to clarify that this building envelope falls outside the easement and is not subject to its terms.”

The Conservancy noted that several of the items will require additional review. For instance, final approval for the removal of the gazebo and underlying abutment will be “contingent upon TNC’s review of plans for the removal; confirmation that removal is possible without causing material ecological damage to the immediate area, and securing by Mr. Keenan of all necessary local regulatory permits and approvals.” TNC further noted that such work must ensure compliance with “appropriate environmental safeguards and the conservation values of the easement.”

Although there is “no categorical right” to rebuild the gazebo once removed, the Conservancy indicated that it would consider a request with additional detail to do so at a future time.

Similarly to the gazebo request, approval of the gravel ramp, according to TNC, is allowable “provided that it does not disrupt the natural flow of the lake, cause siltation or erosion, or compromise the conservation values of the easement,” and is contingent upon review by the Conservancy of the plans for the ramp and the process of its construction, as well as confirmation that the construction is possible “without causing material ecological damage to the immediate area.” Also required is the securing by the landowner of all necessary local regulatory permits and approvals.

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The Conservancy concluded by noting: “We appreciate Mr. Keenan and [his consultant] Mr. [Tim] Abbott’s good faith engagement on this matter.”

‘TNC did the right thing’

Christopher and Kate Kimball, the children of Mary Alice White, said in a joint statement that they are pleased with the Conservancy’s position regarding their mother’s easement, particularly the protection of the causeway.

“In the past we have criticized The Nature Conservancy for being silent. We are delighted that TNC has publicly stated that reducing the length of the causeway our mother protected would be ‘an impermis-

sible termination of the easement.’ Our mother, never one to mince words, would have applauded this clarity. TNC did the right thing by ending that discussion now, as it had no hope of success.”

“This is what it looks like when a conservation easement holder honors the promise made by the original grantor. This action is reassurance to landowners who have granted a conservation easement, or are considering one, that their easement will be honored down the line,” said the Kimballs, who thanked “everyone in Salisbury who has taken action to honor our mother’s most cherished legacy, and some of our fondest memories.”

Kate Kimball said she feels that TNC

“properly exercised its right as easement holder” by allowing removal of the gazebo and abutment “contingent on compliance with all applicable rules and safeguards to protect the conservation values of the easement.

“TNC’s statement means that our mother’s causeway and all easement-protected lands can continue to offer refuge to plants and animals that face dwindling habitats and increased threats from human interference,” said Kimball. “This is a good day for conservation in and beyond Salisbury.”

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Sold! So what's next for the Kaplan Farm?

June 10, 2021

By Whitney Joseph

NORTH EAST — The farmland on Route 22 in North East/Millerton that was owned for many years by Sam Kaplan and his father before him has been for sale for so many years that Linda Kaplan has lost track.

But however long it's been since her late husband's family farm was put up on the market, she said she's just thankful that it finally sold.

"Yes, I'm mostly relieved," she said on Friday morning, June 4, after word had spread around town that all three parcels of the former Joseph Kaplan and Sons, Inc., Dairy Farm had been sold to NML LLC, which is registered in New York City. "Oh goodness, it's probably, I don't know, 10, 15, 20 years [that it's been for sale]."

Her husband, Sam, died in 2017.

The three parcels are south of the village of Millerton at 5681-5705 Route 22, across from the Harney Tea factory and near Silamar Farm.

The buildings include a small concrete building, a small residence, a red barn with fading paint and a similarly aged white Victorian-style residence, whose white paint has largely turned black.

In total, according to the website for real estate agency Douglas Elliman, the property is 466 acres.

Kaplan said she sold the farm as two separate parcels, to two separate buyers in two separate transactions: 148 acres on McGhee Hill Road sold in April and the larger more visible property, on Route 22, sold in November.

Both buyers were from New York City, Kaplan said. "I never got to meet them. In these days of COVID-19, the closings were done by the attorneys, and the papers were signed ahead of time by both parties."

While she didn't want to disclose the selling price, Kaplan did say she got what she asked for on one of the sales, and close to what she asked for on the other.

The real estate website Trulia says the property, which dates to 1888, sold in November 2020 for \$2,375,000.

When asked if she was satisfied with the way things turned out, she said absolutely.

"Yes, I was surprised, to so quickly have one offer after another. I had hoped for that, because so much was selling around here," she said, adding she thinks the COVID-19 pandemic was a motivating factor in hastening the pace of the sales.

Fears of development

Not everyone is as happy as Linda Kaplan about the sale, which has led to concerns that a large-scale residential development is being planned for the property.

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said he had heard rumors surrounding the farm's sale and future but could only confirm the sale itself as he "didn't want to traffic in rumors."

He did verify an LLC purchased the Kaplan Farm, which he said troubles him.

"The problem with an LLC, is that people's identities are not known," explained Kennan. "I have a real problem with this. I have no problem with people having an LLC; it's not having the LLC, it's just that I hate that people should be anonymous."

Linda Kaplan appeared before the North East Planning Board in October 2020 after submitting a minor subdivision application that July.

That application was described as "no big deal" at the time by Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver, who said at the time that "the land is cleaved by two different roads already ... there isn't even a line to draw really, in some sense, because the road is the line delineation."

As for what the new owners' plans may be for the properties, Kaplan again said she doesn't have any first-hand information from the buyers. She has heard that one buyer may pursue "organic farming on the tillable land on the main farm and 49 acres" and another may build some homes on the McGhee Hill Road parcel.

When asked how many homes, Kaplan said she heard from neighbors around three or four.

"I think it would make Sam very happy to see the land remain in farming, and me, too," she said.

Yet there is talk in the community that one of the buyers may develop one of the parcels into a housing development, with as many as 43 homes. When Kaplan was asked if she heard any talk of such plans, she scoffed at the idea.

"Oh, no, absolutely not," she said.

Kennan, meanwhile, confirmed there are currently "no applications in front of the Planning Board; that I can tell you. I think it would be long time" before any type of large housing development could be planned or executed, he added.

The land is zoned for agricultural and residential use.

Cricket Valley partners with GE to convert to green hydrogen fuel

Critics call power plant's move 'greenwashing'

July 22, 2021

By Kaitlin Lyle

DOVER PLAINS — Several months since the controversial Cricket Valley Energy Center (CVEC) last made headlines, the Dover Plains natural gas power plant announced on Thursday, July 15, that it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with General Electric (GE), to help reduce carbon emissions at CVEC's combined cycle power plant by converting it to a green hydrogen-fueled power plant.

Included in their agreement, CVEC and GE outlined their intent to “develop a green hydrogen technology roadmap” and “advance a demonstration project to reduce carbon emissions at CVEC's combined cycle power plant... initiating the first step toward the conversion to a 100% hydrogen fuel capable plant,” according to a press release issued by CVEC on the 15th.

Also included in the agreement, the project will have consultation from both New York State and federal agencies to develop policy guidance related to the production, transport, delivery and storage of hydrogen, as well as guidance from leading hydrogen providers.

Scheduled to start in late 2022, the project is touted as being able to demonstrate the feasibility of converting CVEC's natural gas-fueled facility to utilize hy-

drogen. This step is to support New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which Governor Andrew Cuomo signed in July 2019 with the goal of reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030.

Leveraging GE's knowledge of combustion technology using hydrogen and low-British thermal unit (BTU) fuels, CVEC states the project will be conducted on one of the three GE gas turbines currently operating at CVEC by introducing 5% hydrogen blended with natural gas for several weeks.

Meanwhile, the hydrogen technology roadmap will be used as a research and development plan for the technical changes necessary for increasing the percentages of hydrogen utilization at the power plant.

The CVEC power plant has come under fire on multiple occasions since it was first proposed and after its construction. This new proposal to convert the plant from natural gas to hydrogen was met with both concern and skepticism from those who have voiced opposition about the power plant in the past.

A member of Stop Cricket Valley Energy (SCVE), North East resident Bill Kish sought to educate residents about the difference between green hydrogen and its “cousins” blue and grey hydrogen by posting information to the SCVE website, www.stopcricketvalley.org/press.

Likening CVEC's proposal to a type of “greenwashing,” Kish said, “They're still burning methane — they're just committing to experiment with hydrogen a year-and-a-half from now.

“From the standpoint of climate change and the climate emergency, how does it make sense to use renewable energy to produce hydrogen that would then be transported from its source in Dover and then burn that energy to produce electricity?” he asked. “It's a form of insanity and it truly doesn't make sense.”

By deflecting the focus away from the pollution and climate disruption taking place at CVEC, Kish said, “The danger is that people will turn their eyes away from Cricket Valley looking at what they see as more pressing problems... People who aren't informed will treat this as things are moving onto a better track when in reality things are not moving onto a better track.”

Drawing from his expertise as a former director of the New York City Energy Office, Wingdale resident Robert Herzog spoke of how hydrogen is produced. While hydrogen is a cleaner burning fuel, he emphasized that it's a solution “that's a long way off and in its very early stages.”

Despite multiple requests for comment, CVEC did not return any of this newspaper's calls or emails before press time.

Multiple agencies rescue two tubers from Ten Mile River

July 22, 2021

By Whitney Joseph

WASSAIC — With sirens howling and lights glaring, numerous fire and rescue trucks raced along Route 22 at around 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, July 18, after Dutchess County 911 dispatched the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), the Wassaic Fire Department and the Town of Amenia EMS to the Ten Mile River following the report of a male and female in the middle of the river holding onto a log.

According to the DCSO, "due to the complexity of this technical water rescue, a unified command system was established and additional resources were requested to the scene, including swift-water rescue technicians from the Arlington and LaGrange Fire Departments; Sheriff's Office Marine, Underwater Search & Recovery and Unmanned Aerial Systems [UAS] Units; Millerton Fire Department with a Utility Terrain Vehicle; Kent, Conn., Fire Department with a boat; and personnel from the Ame-

nia, Dover and Pine Plains Fire Departments; Town of Dover EMS; Millbrook Fire EMS; Northern Dutchess Paramedics; Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response; Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police; and the New York State Police."

Due to the spate of recent heavy rainstorms, flooded areas and the general terrain, rescue efforts were difficult for first responders, who had a tough time accessing the river and locating the victims.

Dutchess County 911 dispatchers were able to stay connected with the victims on the phoneline, and therefore simultaneously help first responders pinpoint their exact location via GPS information from one of the victim's cellphone.

Once rescuers could gain access to the Ten Mile River, swift-water rescue technicians set up a highline system, deployed rescue boats and were then able to rescue the two victims from the swift-moving river. Both the man and woman were then transported to Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie via ambulance.

The male was a 27-year-old from Dix

Hills, N.Y., and the female was a 25-year-old from Melville, N.Y., who decided to go tubing down the Ten Mile River despite the recent torrential downpours.

According to the sheriff's report, the female started to struggle in the water; the male helped her, but then injured his own shoulder. The two grabbed onto a downed tree in the river until they could be saved by swift-water rescue technicians. Neither was wearing a lifejacket.

The DCSO reminds everyone of the following: "Avoid rivers, streams and creeks after rainstorms. Do not engage in recreational water activity during such dangerous conditions. Increased water levels and powerful currents are extremely treacherous. Other hazards such as debris being washed down stream, water obstructions and strainers create a life-threatening situation for anyone in storm waters."

For more on how waters in the region have risen to dangerous levels and flooded in recent days, read this week's Lakeville Journal and go online, to www.tricornernews.com.

Silo Ridge residents re-file 42 lawsuits against Amenia

July 29, 2021

By Whitney Joseph

AMENIA — A minimum of 42 lawsuits have been re-filed against the town of Amenia by residents of the exclusive Silo Ridge Field Club, located off of Route 22 not far from the Wassaic Metro-North Train Station. The suits claim the homeowners have been unfairly assessed, costing them millions of dollars in property taxes.

According to town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, technically the 42 lawsuits are not new, but rather have merely been resubmitted following the town's Grievance Day.

Grievance Day is held on the fourth Tuesday in May in the town of Amenia and allows property owners to voice complaints about their property assessments before the town's appointed three-member Board of Assessment Review (BAR).

Perotti said the Silo Ridge homeowners "want to pay less taxes and have their assessments lowered. Apparently they don't feel that fair market values and sales are a good indicator of what they should be paying in taxes."

The roughly 42 lawsuits were all filed individually rather than as a class action, the majority by the same law firm, Herman Katz Cangemi Wilkes & Cly in Tarrytown and Melville.

"I have no idea why they're not filing as a class action lawsuit," said Perotti. "All I know is it's costing the taxpayers a lot of money... the lawsuits are not settled and the attorneys' fees are just going to be building. We already did a settlement once in 2019, and they're still suing. I think it shows that they did not agree to the settlement in good faith, and they really don't care about how it affects the local taxpayer because they want what they want."

A bit of history

In fact, in 2019, Silo Ridge challenged

the town's community-wide reassessment, which included raising the luxury development's assessment by \$300 million. The Town Board later agreed to reduce that figure by \$90 million, and yet the development returned with another plea for a lower value. It emailed Assessor Christopher Boryk on April 13, 2020 with the request, which he forwarded to the Town Board shortly afterward.

"Attached please find a proposal from Silo Ridge requesting major reductions in their assessments," Boryk wrote. "As the letter from Discovery indicates they are struggling and may pull out of the project. The PDF presentation equates to roughly a 55% reduction in the single family lots. There are no sales to support this claim. I believe that the request for 55% reduction is excessive."

According to Perotti, Boryk doesn't think Silo Ridge or its residents have a leg to stand on.

"Actually, the assessor went through every property and did an evaluation of every property and we're at 100% valuation, so every property has been looked at," she said. "That's exactly what we're trying to do; that's why this Town Board has dug in its heels and has been adamant about defending Amenia against the outrageous claims. In order to protect all the local residents, the Amenia Town Board declined to renegotiate a lower settlement."

A statement from Silo Ridge

Juan Torres, a partner with Silo Ridge Ventures LLC and a principal for Stone Leaf Construction, the builder behind Silo, stressed the development itself is not suing the town. He made the following comment about the lawsuits that were recently re-filed by Silo residents.

"I have not filed any cases for Silo Ridge, although I am aware of many that have been filed by owners who believe they are over-assessed," said Torres. "I do not know the status of those cases but

assume they will work their way through the judicial process. While Silo Ridge as developer cannot comment on individual owners' views about pending tax appeals, it is our understanding that, by law, the basis for local taxation is limited to the value of real estate alone..."

Initial lawsuits

The tension of the June 22 Amenia Republican Primary and the birth of the new independent party that was formed for the 2021 election season, Amenia Strong, highlighted the assessment issue and an original set of lawsuits against the town. Amenia Strong was heavily backed by Silo Ridge and put forth candidates with deep Silo connections. Both the Silo Ridge Field Club and three individual residents (two of whom work for and with Silo, including Torres) have filed lawsuits against the town.

The first lawsuit that was filed was the matter of the Application of Silo Ridge Condominium I, Petitioner, against the Board of Assessors and/or the Assessor of the Town of Amenia and the Board of Assessment Review, Respondents, filed on June 7, 2020, Index Number 2020-51739. It was filed by the Silo Ridge development.

Torres said Silo wasn't suing the town but rather filed a "legal challenge" against Amenia. Filing a legal challenge is typically the first step in filing a lawsuit.

The second lawsuit was the filed by Juan Torres, Julie Doran and her estranged husband, Peter Doran, for a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice of Law and Rules against the Christopher Boryk, Assessor of the Town of Amenia, Town of Amenia Board of Assessment Review, Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk/Records Access Officer, Town of Amenia and Town Board, Town of Amenia, Respondents. It was filed on Oct. 19, 2020; the Index Number for that case is 2020-53511.

Both Torres and Julie Doran, who also happens to be an Amenia Strong candi-

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date for town supervisor (she lost the Republican primary to Perotti, 120 to 109, but as an independent candidate secured a spot on the November ballot), told this newspaper the suit was filed on behalf of all town residents to appeal what they believed was an unfair assessment process.

“Any system of assessment should ensure fairness,” said Torres. “I don’t believe what Amenia does is fair. On top of that, when I have asked Amenia for information through FOIL [Freedom of Information Law], the town largely ignored the requests. This shows a complete lack of transparency. Government should work for its citizens, not the other way around.”

Torres went on to state that “I filed a tax case for my personal home in Amenia, where I live. In addition, I and others filed a case challenging the entire system of assessment. I am convinced that the system is unlawful, because it picks ‘winners’ and ‘losers’ based on no system at all across the entire town. A court will decide if I am correct or incorrect. Filing such cases is the right of any property owner and, you will see if you look, I am not alone in thinking

that our town officials have not addressed a serious problem.”

When asked for clarification on his statement, Torres, who lives on Route 22 and not inside the Silo Ridge development, expanded.

“Across the entire town, constituents are being over-assessed or under-assessed without rhyme or reason,” he said. “So some people are overpaying and others are underpaying.”

Lawsuit status

Currently the Article 78 lawsuit filed by the three co-litigants is in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Dutchess.

According to Warren J. Wheeler, executive director of the New York State Assessors Association in Liverpool, N.Y., the only way to challenge a grieved assessment is through the courts; only a judge can reverse a BAR’s decision.

Additionally, Wheeler said cases like the 42 lawsuits that have been re-filed by the Silo residents are often seen by the courts as “frivolous.” Many of those lawsuits are seeking their property values be

reduced from the multi-millions of dollars down to the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In one instance, a homeowner is suing the town for his home to be revalued from \$3,050,000 to \$305,000 and in another a pair of homeowners are suing for their house to be reappraised from \$4,499,800 to \$449,980. Those are just two among many very similar examples.

“Courts do not look lovingly upon litigants who profess that kind of damage,” said Wheeler. “When the BAR makes their decisions, in almost all instances they are upheld by courts. It wouldn’t be unusual for someone to say they should have been 10% lower, but for something like this, it is looked upon as being frivolous.”

Dollars and cents

At last count, the two initial lawsuits had cost town taxpayers roughly \$75,000 in legal fees, and that was only as of June. By mid-July, more attorneys fees had added up for the town, including another \$30,560.35 worth.

Century farmers offered much-needed support

August 19, 2021

By Kaitlin Lyle

STANFORDVILLE — Raised on her family's 100-acre hay farm in Stanfordville, Emily Hay understands just how indispensable farms and farmers are to their communities. Having observed the hardships many longtime farming families endured during the COVID-19 pandemic, Hay and her husband, Bradley, sought a way to strengthen the roots many farmers planted in the region centuries ago. So they created the Centennial Farms Foundation (CFF), which operates out of Pine Plains.

As fourth-generation farmers, Hay and her siblings, John Jr., Leif, Victoria and Kristin, grew up throwing hay at Kemmerer Farm from when the sun came up. Today, the Kemmerer siblings (save Kristin, who passed away in 2019) can be still found on the family farm helping out alongside father John and mother Clara.

At age 17, Hay ventured off to open her own feed store in Stanfordville, Hay's Country Feed 'N Needs, and later in Pine Plains on Church Street, which closed during the COVID crisis.

Now raising a fifth generation of farmers — her daughters Mila, 9, and Addisyn, 5, and son Corbin, 3 — Hay said they go to her dad's farm as often as possible. She tries to instill in her children a sense of responsibility, not to mention the pride and satisfaction of hard work.

When the pandemic hit, Hay also lost all of her online business. As COVID-19 raged on, she helped her father run his farm, which celebrated its centennial anniversary this March.

Hay said the health crisis led her to evaluate how so many farms have struggled over the past year-and-a-half, as her family's farm did. She said she realized something needed to be done — thus CFF was born. Its focus is specifically on cen-

tennial farms and their owners.

"They are truly the founders of our country, our nation," Hay explained. "They put food on everybody's tables and they're very under-appreciated and very under-supported."

Admiring their contributions, Hay said, "They are a longtime staple that have, of course, been here longer than others. Their families are reputable members of the community; they're supportive — I don't know a single farmer that hasn't offered their hand or service. They're a necessity; they're a staple."

The goal of CFF is to help support centennial farm workers through debt fulfillment grants along with business planning for the future and property tax aid assistance. In addition to financial support, Hay said CFF wants to provide emotional support to the farmers.

A psychologist with 30 years experience has already volunteered to provide her services to farmers free of charge through CFF. As the demand increases, Hay said she hopes to partner with other nonprofits that provide similar services.

Donating to CFF is simple, said Hay, who hopes to spread the message through word of mouth.

"It's as easy as saying you can dedicate \$5 a month to help a farm family in need," she said.

Sponsors can donate any amount of their choosing as often as they can. Donations via debit or credit card may be made online at www.cff100.org, and checks can be mailed and made payable to CFOSNY Centennial Farms Foundation, P.O. Box 42, Pine Plains, NY 12567. All donations are tax deductible and donors will receive the appropriate forms following their donation.

Asked how they plan to allocate the funding to local centennial farms, Hay said they're starting in Dutchess County with its 31 registered century farm

owners, and will then spread funding throughout counties in New York as their funding increases.

"I hope that the support for such a cause will be so overwhelming that we can do this from state to state and nationally," she said.

Going in order of hardship, Hay said CFF will help the farms with the worst financial situations first to help to prevent farmers in dire financial straits from losing their farms.

Given how many century farms exist in the area, she said, "I don't think people realize that just one local farm may support a farm stand that they have at their community events. It might support the restaurants in their towns, it provides at least a few jobs and provides food to the neighboring animals. Where would all the local shelters get donated items?

"There's a huge [snowball] effect," she stressed, "and then, over time, it might be just one small farm, but when enough of the farms go out, it's giving power to some of the larger farmers. It might just be one, but it's a huge effect."

CFF will hold a fundraiser, Centennial Hay Days, on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Kemmerer Farm, located at 391 Shuman Road in Stanfordville.

On top of breathtaking views of the Catskills, there will be live music from by the popular local singer Wanda Houston and the Band.

Hay said CFF will hold future community events, including silent auctions on the farm and other activities there during the warmer months, such as open-air markets. She added the primary sources of funding she hopes for to support CFF's efforts will include individual donations, federal grants and county grants.

For more information, go to www.centennialfarmsfoundation.org.

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Finding Time in a Bottle with the Music of A.J. Croce

February 18, 2021

By Cynthia Hochswender

Sometimes it's hard to find the "click" with a new singer, one whose work isn't presented to you on a platter by the radio, or a streaming channel or your kids or a friend or... And without someone to help you make a link to a song or a performer, sometimes you never find your way in.

So I don't feel guilty about first being attracted to the singer-songwriter A.J. Croce because he is the son of Jim Croce because who of a certain age didn't love Jim Croce? The answer is no one. Jim Croce was the greatest.

And while most people of my generation don't agree on much, all of us at some time in our lives have thought, "Gee, I wish Jim Croce hadn't died in that plane crash in 1973 in Louisiana."

There were so many songs by him to love. But really you can only play them over and over again so many times.

And so it was a happy revelation to learn that his son, A.J. Croce, is coming out with an album this month that's called "By Request."

By a fluke, which I'll explain in a minute, it is all covers of songs from the second half of the 20th century. They're songs, he said in an interview, that his friends always ask him to play when he sits down at the piano or picks up a guitar.

It's interesting to note that none of the songs was written by his father.

He does cover a song by his father's good friend Randy Newman. He does "Nothing from Nothing," made popular by Billy Preston; he's got Neil Young's "Only Love Can Break Your Heart;" he's got "Ooh Child" by the Stairsteps, ubiqui-

tous on the radio for so many years.

They're all good. He's a great guitar player and has a flexible voice that can be folk-y, ballad-y or have a deep bluesy growl.

I'll confess though that even though I enjoyed every song by him on Spotify the first time I heard it, what will send me back to his music is the way he sings his father's songs.

You have to search around a little to find a Croce cover of Croce. Mostly you can see them on YouTube. A.J. has had a long career in the music business, and for most of it he has not played his father's music.

But when he does, it lights up a special nostalgia pleasure center of your brain. His voice sounds much like his father's voice. But curiously, A.J. Croce's life has been so full of tragedy that his renditions of his father's very moving songs is grittier, bluesier and more soulful.

Croce has had a hard life. It's not just that his father died when he was about 2. He also lost his sight when he was 4, either because of physical abuse by his mother's boyfriend or because of brain tumors, depending on whose version of the story you hear (he did regain vision in his left eye many years later).

When he was a teen, the home he'd lived in with his mother for a decade and a half burned down.

Two years ago, his wife of 24 years died from a heart virus. That happened at a time when he was preparing this new album; he found he just couldn't get himself to sit and write new songs, and so he decided to do an album of all cover songs, all performed live with a band of his friends (all experienced blues musicians).

This is a man who has a right to sing the blues, and he does it beautifully. Go to YouTube and find the unplugged version of Croce and a friend singing his father's "Time in a Bottle," out in the backyard (a song that his father wrote when he learned his wife was pregnant with A.J.). You might never go back to the original version.

Or find the YouTube video of him performing his father's "I've Got a Name." It's about living the dream that his daddy kept hid, as he moves on down the highway, past all the tragedy that time has tossed at him.

These performances stand alone, but they touch me more profoundly because they're songs I've heard a thousand times, and now they sound new again to me. The voice is almost the same, but has more patina.

If the videos move and intrigue you, or if you want a different access point to A.J. Croce, watch two live performances hosted by The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., on March 18 and 25.

The first concert is a debut outing for the new album, "By Request," which is scheduled for release by Compass Records on Feb. 27.

The second Mahaiwe show, on March 25, will be Croce and his band playing songs from the 10 albums he's released in the past 30 years. He does blues, jazz, soul and rock 'n' roll, but in his hands really everything has a bluesy quality.

Tickets for the two Mahaiwe online shows are \$15 for a single performance or \$25 for both. To order, go to www.mahaiwe.org.

Climbing Music's Mount Parnassus, Again (and Again)

February 18, 2021

By Fred Baumgarten

Yehuda Hanani, cellist, educator and artistic director of Close Encounters With Music (CEWM), has returned countless times to the Bach Suites for Unaccompanied Cello — what he calls a musical “Mount Parnassus” (home of mythology’s Muses).

“I’ve been living with this music for over 50 years,” Hanani told me recently. “It’s forever new, forever fresh. You always discover something new” every time you play it. “This is the Bible for cellists,” he continued. “Every composer who writes for unaccompanied cello cannot escape its influence.”

We discussed how Bach, in his time, could not have been thinking that his works would live on in posterity. “In the 18th century, composers were like the bakers, barbers and candle-makers. If you think of his cantatas, he wrote a new one every Sunday. That was his job. It was expected. Last week’s cantata was old news.”

Yet here we are, with these six timeless cello suites, each one exploring a vast range and depth of feeling — of human experience.

“It’s an incredible body of work,”

Hanani said.

And starting on Feb. 28, Hanani will return to the cello suites in a live performance recorded on stage at the Mahaiwe theater in Great Barrington, Mass., to be shown online. It’s the first in CEWM’s winter/spring series, “From the Mahaiwe Stage to Your Screen.” The program will be free and available at the websites www.cewm.org and www.mahaiwe.org, as well as on YouTube.

As a performer and teacher, Hanani is making the best adjustment he can to the pandemic. He misses the live interaction of playing before people. “It’s an eerie feeling. You sit on the stage, but instead of 750 people breathing and sharing with you, you have to assume they’re online in their homes, that you’re actually playing for someone.”

Ever erudite, Hanani quoted from the Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges: “‘The taste of the apple lies in the contact of the fruit with the palate.’ Between us playing and someone out there reacting to it — this is what consummates the cycle. The audience is part of the act; it’s an active, not passive, experience.

Giving lessons remotely has come somewhat easier. “We usually have 50 students from around the world at our

High Peaks Summer Festival. This year we did it virtually for the first time. We had 50 students, and we managed to create a sense of community and togetherness.” To a real extent, it has made it easier for the many students he teaches in places like Japan and China. Still, he said, “I’d rather be in the same room with them.”

Returning to the subject of Bach, Hanani dropped a tasty morsel: “My last teacher was [Pablo] Casals,” the legendary Spanish cellist who made the suites famous and was the first to record them. “He approached them with reverence, and called them ‘miraculous.’”

Hanani is hoping for another miracle this summer — as are we all: a return to live, in-person music. CEWM has plans underway for two programs at The Mount, Edith Wharton’s historic home in Lenox, Mass., as well as two more “From the Mahaiwe Stage” online concerts this spring.

“Forever Bach—The Celestial Suites for Unaccompanied Cello,” with Yehuda Hanani on cello, will be available online on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.cewm.org or www.mahaiwe.org.

Understanding land trusts, conservation easements — and what we lose when we don't have them

May, 2021

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Throughout northwest Connecticut and neighboring Dutchess County in New York lies a vibrant network of conserved acreage, including miles of maintained trails open to visitors seeking respite from the stresses of everyday life.

These undeveloped parcels — from fields and farms to forests and wetlands — aren't here by accident. Generous landowners sought to protect these lands into the future, through partnerships with conservation organizations that are designed to protect not just beauty and views but also an area's history, drinking water and ecological integrity.

The region between the Hudson and Connecticut Rivers has millions of acres of connected forests that are among the most resilient and diverse wildlife habitats in North America, recognized with numerous federal and state designations, including the Highlands Conservation Act, which has been the single greatest source of federal conservation funding in Northwest Connecticut for much of the last decade.

Land is considered permanently protected if it is owned by a conservation organization or agency, or if it is subject to a conservation easement. Much as the land under protection is unique, no two conservation easements are alike.

Conservation easements

These legally binding contracts are entered into voluntarily between a landowner and an organization such as a land trust that agrees to uphold its terms and conditions. Landowners choose to place conditions on future use of their property

for many reasons, including to restrict development, protect wildlife habitat, water quality, open space, agricultural land or the natural character of the area.

All conservation easements share a common goal: to safeguard land in its natural state, and, in some cases, to revert developed properties back into green spaces.

They may also be tax deductible, in recognition of the public benefits they provide and the loss of real value to property owners in terms of extinguished development rights.

In our region, more than half the conservation holdings of local and regional land trusts are conservation easements.

A benefit to communities

A conservation easement is created as a deed and recorded in the land records.

After it is placed on a property, each successive generation of new owners must adhere to its terms.

A land trust is entrusted with safeguarding the land in perpetuity while adhering to federal and state requirements. After donating or selling an easement, landowners may continue to enjoy their property as long as they adhere to the restrictions placed upon it.

They also pay taxes, which is helpful especially to the small rural towns in this area, which often choose to limit development and, as a result, have limited income from property taxes.

Among humans, it's not just hikers, bikers and paddlers who reap conservation's benefits. Forests, parks, green spaces and trails also have a direct link to a community's economic vitality. Home values rise and commerce blossoms, two more reasons to support a local land trust's con-

servation efforts.

These protected lands, according to Catherine Rawson, executive director of the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy (NCLC), benefit communities in the Tri-state region and create a lasting legacy for future generations.

"When our lands, waters and wildlife are healthy and thrive, so do our communities. The warming climate and pandemic have shown us that protecting our lands close to home, the lands we love, is more important than ever."

What is a land trust?

Land trusts are nonprofit, community-based organizations dedicated to the stewardship and permanent protection of land for public benefit.

These groups, supported through charitable donations, work closely with landowners to conserve land through acquisition and conservation easements. If a property has been purchased, the land trust assumes responsibility for its perpetual care and management. If the trust holds an easement, its responsibility is to make sure the easement is upheld.

According to Tim Abbott, Regional Land Protection Director for the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), more than 137 conservation organizations serve the communities of Connecticut, representing the third most land trusts of any state in the country. These groups run the spectrum from small, all-volunteer outfits to large organizations with professional staff — like NCLC, which has seven full-time and one part-time staff member.

Every land trust in The Lakeville Journal Co.'s coverage area has been accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, said Abbott, and a number have also achieved

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accreditation renewal. Those include the Cornwall Conservation Trust, Norfolk Land Trust, Sharon Land Trust, Kent Land Trust and the Salisbury Association Land Trust in Connecticut.

In Dutchess County, multiple towns are under the protection of the Dutchess Land Conservancy.

Accredited land trusts now steward almost 20 million acres across the United States; that would be a land mass the size of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont combined, according to Rawson.

Stronger through collaboration, mergers

As new challenges and opportunities arise, there has been a movement toward mergers and other types of formal partnerships among land trusts. As they have professionalized, growing from all-volunteer organizations to those that invest in staff and consultants to ensure that they meet or exceed Land Trust Standards and Practices established by the Land Trust Alliance, they have also had to scale up their operation capacities.

By joining forces through regional conservation partnerships like the HVA's Litchfield Greenprint Collaborative, land trusts in our region are pooling their resources and expertise. Not every organization needs to hire a professional Geographic Information System (GIS) planner or administrator if those services are available through partner land trusts. Three land trusts in northwest Connecticut, according to Abbott, actually share an HVA staff member who provides dedicated administrative and operational support.

Abbott, a well-known environmentalist, has been a quiet, yet effective organizer for decades, of many of the region's most significant and complex conservation deals. Thanks to support from the Litchfield Hills Greenprint, said Abbott, this region of Connecticut outperforms the rest of the state in terms of the quality of the land protection projects that are

submitted by local land trusts each year for competitive funding through Connecticut's Open Space Watershed and Land Acquisition (OSWA) grant program.

Last year, eight out of the top 10-ranked projects were from northwest Connecticut. Many of these projects will leverage matching funding from the federal Highlands Conservation Act, which is now up for renewal by Congress.

Connecticut Sen. Chris Murphy (D) has introduced a bill that would not only extend the term of the Highlands Conservation Act but also provide a means to expand eligibility and double the amount of funding available.

According to Abbott, since 2007 more than 21 Highlands projects have been completed in our region, and there are near 20 more in progress.

Shelley Harms, a land trust consultant and vice president of the Norfolk Land Trust, said that while challenges remain, she is excited about the future. Reflecting on emerging trends, Harms cited a focus on climate change, accreditation and land acquisitions through donations.

"Little land trusts don't have a lot of money, so they're not going to buy everything. As a result," she said, "they are identifying contiguous parcels and environmentally rich properties. They are starting to prioritize more."

Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy

In June 2020, a merger between Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust (in Kent), Connecticut's largest land trust — serving all of Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties — and Naromi Land Trust (Sherman) created the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy. The new name was selected to more clearly reflect its regional scope.

Weantinoge and Naromi had worked in tandem for several years and were in a strong financial and governance positions. In a statement at the time of the merger, Rawson called the partnership a "momentous" and exciting time for

Weantinoge, which was founded in 1965. As of this year, NCLC protects 12,500 acres across northwest Connecticut, including 21 public nature preserves and 30 working farms, said Rawson.

In February, NCLC reported the protection of five new properties in in Salisbury, Cornwall, Roxbury and New Milford. These lands include climate-resilient areas, habitat for rare species, drinking water resources and working farmland. NCLC works closely with Litchfield County communities by assisting the work of local land trusts and regional partners through funding and technical assistance for acquisitions and stewardship, as well as providing shared staff.

While many Connecticut communities have a dedicated land trust, and others are merging or considering mergers, there are some small towns, North Canaan, for example, which relies on the neighboring Norfolk Land Trust or regional/state land trusts for conservation assistance.

Local stewardship has its merits

In certain instances, a regional or national land trust will determine that stewardship of a particular property is better served on a community level, according to Abbott. Assignment of such conservation lands or easements to a successor land trust may be the most appropriate way to ensure those properties have local advocates and resources to maintain them.

The Housatonic Valley Association recently assigned a property it acquired in the 1980s to the Norfolk Land Trust, which did not exist at the time the property was protected. Unless there are especially vulnerable habitats that require specialized care, said Abbott, local stewardship and oversight can be a great option for such properties.

Last November, The Nature Conservancy turned over stewardship of the 42-acre Cathedral Pines to the Cornwall Conservation Trust in Connecticut. The property, a white pine and hemlock forest,

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had been donated to The Nature Conservancy in 1967 by the Calhoun family — who had purchased it in 1883 to prevent logging.

Harms praised local land trusts for their “exceptional care” and familiarity with the lands entrusted to them. “The local land trust is people from the locality who care deeply about their lands, who drive by or walk these properties all the time, who work hard to address any issues that arise, and who take seriously the charge to preserve the lands forever. That’s the benefit of local stewardship.”

Protection is forever, but the devil is in the details

How effective and binding a conservation easement will be in the future, sometimes decades after it has been created, depends on the amount of effort and detail that go into drafting the legal agreement, said Harms. “If you are making a donation to a land trust, you need to make your intentions known to that land trust. You’ve got to be careful what it says.”

For instance, landowners have the op-

tion of allowing public access on protected lands — or restricting it. And they can impose term limits, or have the easement continue forever. “Perpetuity is one of the strongest commitments that a nonprofit can make,” noted NCLC’s Rawson.

Conservation easements have evolved over time, influenced by new case law and hard-learned experience. They remain in place with successor land owners, and interpretation of some easement terms can become challenging.

Although it is not something a land trust considers lightly, said Abbott, there are times when amending the terms of an easement can better serve its conservation purposes, clarifying ambiguities or even adding restrictions. In Connecticut, all easement amendments must be reviewed by the attorney general, and there are additional requirements, from the Land Trust Alliance and the IRS.

Is there such a thing as too much conservation?

HVA’s Litchfield Hills Greenprint

maintains a database of permanently protected conservation land in our region. According to Abbott, there are nearly 150,000 acres of protected land in Litchfield County — 80,000 of which are protected by government entities and 70,000 by land trusts.

Yet even communities that have large percentages of protected lands have places whose loss to development would be deeply felt. Although the state has a longstanding goal of protecting 21% of Connecticut by 2023, Abbott said, that amount may be insufficient to safeguard conservation resources in places like northwest Connecticut with its mix of farmland soils, rare habitats, clean fresh water and extensive forested uplands.

“With a changing climate,” said Abbott, “land protection is a vital tool and resource for local communities who, with land trusts as strong conservation partners, are working to mitigate its impacts and conserve what makes our region so special and so loved by those who live and visit here.”

Lessons from a Master — About Fiction, Writers and Life

January 28, 2021

By Peter B. Kaufman

This is a masterclass in a book. In “A Swim in a Pond in the Rain: In Which Four Russian Writers Give a Master Class on Writing, Reading, and Life,” George Saunders, fiction author extraordinaire and professor of creative writing at Syracuse, takes us through a close reading of seven short-story masterpieces, all by Russian writers. Those of us who remember diagramming sentences in grade school will be knocked over by Saunders’ diagramming plots and narrative turns and syntax and word order, and damn if 420 pages later we don’t emerge as better writers. It’s a must-have, must-read book.

If you’ve ever taken a good online course, this is better. Saunders talks to you in direct address, like a lecturer; and it’s as interactive, believe it or not, as a seminar. There are exercises, quizzes, brain teasers, diagrams, and charts. If more professors turned in books like this, education would be revolutionized. Get this book. It’s going to snow soon. Get this book.

First of all, it’s about big questions. As Saunders lists them, and discusses them: How are we supposed to be living? What were we put here to accomplish? What should we value? What is truth? How can we be at peace when some people have everything and others have nothing? “You

know,” he writes, “those cheerful Russian kinds of big questions.”

The stories, provided in their entirety, annotated, dissected, are from 1836, 1852, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1905. Three by Anton Chekhov. Two by Leo Tolstoy. One each by Nikolai Gogol and Mikhail Lermontov. “Resistance literature,” as Saunders calls it, written by progressives in a repressive culture. They are timeless, and, for us who are weathering insurrections, pandemics and revolution-worthy financial crises, fairly timely.

Get this book.

Has anyone had the experience of going to an action movie — when we went to movies — and leaving the theater ready to take on giant monsters in the dark, on the way to the car? You close each chapter ready to roll here, too. OK, to maybe ride in a horse-drawn carriage, sing in a tavern, receive a deadening telegram or flirt with a chambermaid. And these stories are made timely by the way Saunders engages. He’s funny. He enlists our experiences watching films and television. He yells at the characters in the stories (“Kukin, you pig!”). And for all his talents, he’s modest, so he doesn’t scare you. “A writer,” he quotes Donald Barthelme, “is one who, embarking upon a task, does not know what to do.”

How do stories — fiction, after all, pure invention — change us? Saunders

talks about how they change him. “I am reminded,” he says, “that my mind is not the only mind.” “I feel an increased confidence in my ability to imagine the experiences of other people and accept these as valid.” “I feel luckier to be here and more aware that someday I won’t be.” (Hmm. Is he ... Russian?) “My capacity for language is reenergized.” Useful effects, after the assaults we’ve suffered in 2020, and maybe those we have suffered longer. Helpful, too, as we rebuild, revisit empathy, atomized these days, unable to worship, even to congregate, even to meet as freely as we want in society.

The greatest story in this book is — I won’t tell you. But it’s about a snowstorm. It’s a story that achieves, as Saunders puts it, “cinematic propulsion.” Together the forces of these stories remind you how forceful storytelling is. Saunders takes us to that place with a lamp or a candle, the desk, maybe, where, as another Russian master, Isaac Babel, put it, “no iron spike can pierce a human heart as icily as ... a period in the right place.” So, go.

Check it out.

Peter B. Kaufman works at MIT Open Learning and runs Read Russia, a non-profit that promotes Russian literature in translation. His new book, “The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge,” publishes in February.

Off the Beaten Path

March 3, 2021

By Ed Ferman

I don't know the average age of a Lakeville Journal reader, but my guess is that most of us were in the second group to get the COVID vaccine.

So why would any of us want to watch "Pen15," in which two 30-year-old actresses play two 13-year-old kids, starting seventh grade, surely the depth of darkest adolescence. Perhaps because we've already watched "The Crown," "The Queen's Gambit" and the other usual suspects, and we have a lot of streaming time on our pandemic schedule.

But the main reason to catch this show is to see amazing performances by the show's creators and stars, Maya Erskine and Anna Konkle. Erskine plays Maya Ishii Peters, a Japanese-American girl with a bowl cut, and Konkle is Anna Kone, blonde with braces, her best friend.

Their classmates are real-life seventh graders and are perfect. The show's tone is mostly charming and hilarious comedy as Anna and Maya discover beer, masturbation, boys and fashion.

But there are serious moments when Maya confronts racism and Anna deals

with her parents' divorce. Their show won a Critics' Choice TV award for best comedy series, and I'd be surprised if you did not fall in love with these two gals. Two seasons on Hulu.

A more obvious fit for readers of this paper is Steven Soderbergh's new movie, "Let Them All Talk," starring Salisbury's Meryl Streep and featuring Cornwall's Dan Algrant.

Soderbergh shot the film aboard an actual voyage of the Queen Mary 2, and much of the dialogue was improvised. Streep plays Alice Hughes, a renowned literary novelist on her way to the UK to receive an award.

She's accompanied by two college friends, Roberta (Candice Bergen) and Susan (Dianne Wiest), and Alice's nephew, Tyler (Lucas Hedges).

Be warned that the film takes some time to gather steam, as Soderbergh aims his camera at the three ladies and, well, lets them all talk. You may find yourself wishing you were aboard the Lusitania instead, with a U-Boat lurking off the starboard bow. (Is starboard right or left?)

Patience will be rewarded as the plot heats up quickly enough. Tyler falls for Alice's lovely literary agent, Karen (Gem-

ma Chan).

Then the ladies form an attachment to another writer on board, Kelvin Krantz (Dan Algrant). Krantz writes trashy thrillers that soar to the top of the best-seller lists. Alice initially sniffs at Krantz, who says his books take three months to write. "That long?" Alice asks.

But Krantz turns out to be quite a gentleman and a big fan.

Finally, who is that man seen leaving Alice's room early in the morning? After the ship arrives, the film moves to a surprising and even shocking conclusion.

Soderbergh is hard to pin down because of the variety of his work, but he is probably best known for crime thrillers such as "Traffic" and "Out of Sight." Don't expect anything like that, but this film is surely worth streaming to see three of our finest actresses at work in an unusual setting. On HBO Max.

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Why I Fish Where I Fish

June, 2021

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Patrick L. Sullivan is The Lakeville Journal Company's award-winning fishing columnist (in addition to being the newspaper's senior reporter). Every year when fishing season begins, Sullivan again journeys to his Prized, Secret A1 Litchfield County angling spots (and no, we won't tell you where they are).

But as summer comes, he begins to disappear to Phoenicia, N.Y., where he fishes in the Esopus Creek.

In this article, he explains the differences between his two favorite destinations.

My trout fishing is centered around the Housatonic watershed in Litchfield County, Conn., and that of the Esopus Creek in Ulster County, N.Y.

These systems have some similarities and some important differences.

Both rivers are on the big side and wading can be tricky.

Both rivers have abundant public access.

Both rivers have a good network of tributaries that in turn provide good access to anglers.

And as a general rule, if something's hatching in New York, it's probably hatching in Connecticut, too.

The differences start with water temperature. The Housatonic gets warm in the summer and is full of bass, pike and other warm water species.

The Esopus below the Shandaken Tunnel (aka "The Portal") is a tailwater and has more in common with Connecticut's Farmington River than the Housatonic. A steady flow of cold water comes from

the north through a long tunnel and empties into the Esopus in Allaben. The 11 or so miles between the Portal and the Ashokan Reservoir remain cold (or coldish) throughout most of the season. You might find some dinker smallmouth down by the reservoir, but nothing like the Housatonic's abundance of bronzebacks.

The Esopus has wild trout — rainbows, to be specific. They are known locally as "silver bullets." They are small and feisty.

And they are about to become the dominant species, because New York state has finally listened to anglers and agreed to stop stocking the Esopus with hatchery browns.

Without these interlopers competing for the same food, the rainbows will thrive.

There will still be brown trout, but they will run up from the reservoir in the fall to spawn. So after a few years Esopus trout of any sort will be, if not wild in the strictest sense, at least wild-ish. What they won't be is fresh from the hatchery.

There are other significant differences.

Phoenicia and environs have far more Buddhists than the Region One School District in Connecticut's Northwest Corner. There's a Buddhist retreat center next door to my place, in fact, and another one downstream in Mount Tremper, N.Y.

Cell service. If you think it's spotty in the Tri-state area, consider that it is essentially illegal to build anything like a proper cell tower within the Catskill Park. It's not completely devoid of service, but if you are traveling west on Route 28 it conks out around Boiceville and doesn't return until you get near the Delaware County line, a distance of some 17 miles.

Hipsters. Like Marlin Perkins on "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom," I observe from afar, and send Jim in to actually wrestle the alligators or buy the small-batch heritage vintage artisanal whatever. I have concluded that the eastern Catskills have more hipsters than the Northwest Corner.

However, the Northwest Corner has more art galleries and retired investment bankers.

Things have gotten livelier in Ulster County in recent years. The Phoenicia Diner on Route 28 used to be the greasiest of spoons, but the new owners fixed the joint up and it is always packed. With hipsters, but still.

Phoenicia also has not one but two fly shops, which has not been the case for decades.

The Esopus has several prominent hatches. The Hendrickson hatch. The sulfur hatch. The isonychia hatch.

And the rubber hatch.

Because the flow in the 11 miles between the Portal and reservoir can be easily manipulated, the Esopus has for years been home to whitewater events — kayaks, mostly — and to a tubing industry.

The COVID-19 pandemic took out the oldest and most prominent tubing concern, but I have no doubt that sometime this summer I will have to stop fishing and watch as a flotilla of pleasure-seekers bobs by in their rented tubes, intent on sunburn and hypothermia.

The Housatonic's recreational boaters tend more toward the raft, canoe and kayak.

So which watershed do I prefer?

The one I have time for.

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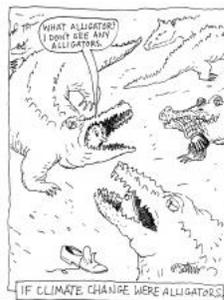
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If you want to hear Peter Lerman's raspy, folksy delivery as an accomplished audiobooks narrator you can easily go to his website at www.lermanvo.com. There he promises "the truth and nothing but the truth" — as he specializes in nonfiction (and has done the audio recording for nearly 100 books). [Read more](#)

When Art and Books Collide

August 25, 2021

The response has been positive and enthusiastic to our August special Compass Arts and Entertainment section, with profiles of artists in their studios (and a selection of their favorite books). [Read more](#)



'The North Water' and 'The White Lotus': Sui Generis

August 25, 2021

Most TV shows slide easily into one genre or another, but occasionally something unique comes along. Here are two remarkable new shows that resist any kind of label. **The North Water** [Read more](#)

History, Architecture, Industry, Edibles and More, Explained

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A Beloved Local Band, The Joint Chiefs Perform on Aug. 20

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If the Tristate region can be said to have a “house band,” then that band is probably The Joint Chiefs, a perennially popular quartet featuring Eliot Osborn, Louise Lindenmeyr, George Potts and Diana Herold. [Read more](#)



The End of Summer Isn't the End of Farming

August 19, 2021

August is wonderful because it's the peak of summer but it's sad because you know that autumn is on its way. I often wonder why autumn can't be the same as spring, with that same sense of anticipation I feel as I wait for my seedlings to turn into full-fledged plants. [Read more](#)



Billy Collins, Former Poet Laureate, Comes to Winsted and AMP

August 19, 2021

It's hard to comprehend that boyish and wryly hilarious Billy Collins, the former poet laureate of the United States, is 80 years old. [Read more](#)

Two Great British Series that Veer Toward the Fantastic

August 19, 2021

Inside No. 9 might be the best show you've never seen. BBC keeps it going despite its small audience, perhaps because of critical acclaim or pressure from devoted viewers who love that this show does something new and does it brilliantly. [Read more](#)

When it Rains, There Are Fishing Books

August 11, 2021

Like many fanatic fly-fishers, I have lots of books on the subject. I buy them. People give them to me. Some are wonderful. Some are outdated. Some are ridiculous.

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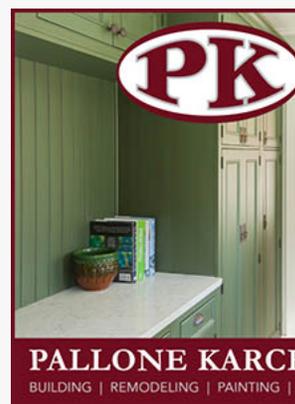
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An Artist Finds his Place in the World Through his Portraits

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One of many patches of forest in Lakeville, Conn., featuring a steep hill, is painter Christopher Pouler's "Little Walden Pond without the pond." Three years ago, Pouler and his wife bought the property, which measures 3.5 acres. [Read more](#)

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Frederick William Barna

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DOVER PLAINS — Frederick William Barna, 85, a 45-year resident of Dover and formerly of Millerton, died peacefully at his home on Aug. 18, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer. [Read more](#)



Wallace W. Kaye

August 25, 2021

MILLERTON — “The Last of the Original Rounders of Riga,” Wallace W. Kaye, 81, died Aug. 19, 2021 at Sharon Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. [Read more](#)



Rosemarie Flinn

August 18, 2021

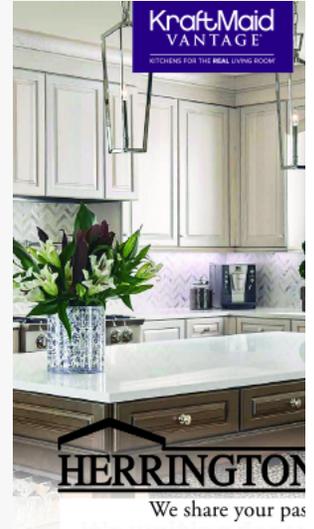
MILLERTON — Rosemarie Flinn, 84, a three-year resident of Conway, S.C., and a 60-year resident of Millerton, died Aug. 15, 2021, at Conway Medical Center following a brief illness. [Read more](#)



Carl Holst-Grubbe

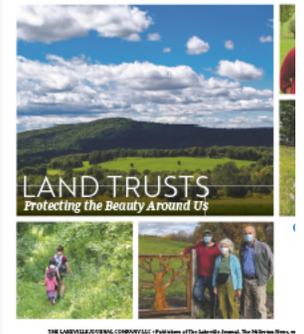
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SALISBURY — Carl Holst-Grubbe, 79, of Ocala, Fla., passed away on Aug. 5, 2021, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Holst-Grubbe; and his siblings, Charlotte Shipley, Richard Wrigley, Reginald Lamson Jr. and his wife, Roseann, and Roger Prindle. [Read more](#)



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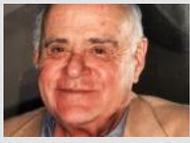
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David W. Moore Sr.

August 18, 2021

CORNWALL — David W. Moore Sr., 77, died Aug. 12, 2021, at Sharon Hospital. He was the loving husband of Shelia (Green) Moore. [Read more](#)



Robert H. Darden

August 18, 2021

LAKEVILLE — Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and Lakeville resident Robert H. Darden, passed peacefully at home in his sleep on Aug. 15, 2021. He was 101. [Read more](#)



Elizabeth J. Fontaine

August 18, 2021

LAKEVILLE — Elizabeth J. Fontaine, 74, a resident of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., for more than 27 years, passed away on Aug. 12, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She previously lived in the Bronx and Manhattan. Born in Manhattan on April 16, 1947, Elizabeth was the daughter of the late Rachel (DiAngelo) and Antonio Martucci. [Read more](#)



Jacqueline Hill Kuhn

August 11, 2021

SALISBURY — Jacqueline Hill Kuhn, 60, died on Aug. 2, 2021, at Yale New Haven Hospital. [Read more](#)



Claude Norman Poucher

August 11, 2021

MILLERTON — Claude Norman Poucher, 86, passed away Aug. 6, 2021, at home under the care of GHC Hospice. A resident of Jesup, Ga., for the past 24 years, Claude was born on April 29, 1935, in Greenport, N.Y., to the late Claude and Bertha Schneider Poucher. [Read more](#)



Christine Francis (Neri) Hervieux

August 11, 2021

NORFOLK — Christine Francis (Neri) Hervieux, 82, of Norfolk died peacefully July 26, 2021, at Geer Village. She was the loving wife of the late Wilford "Willie" Joseph Hervieux Jr. [Read more](#)

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HARLEM VALLEY — The question as to why participation in many of the region's high school football programs has dropped so dramatically in recent years has been raised by parents during the coronavirus pandemic — and even beforehand — causing a number of local athletic directors (AD) to respond. [Read more](#)

Visitation rules tighten again as infections climb

August 25, 2021

Citing concern over the escalation of positive COVID-19 community infections, Sharon Hospital has once again suspended social visitation. [Read more](#)



COVID-19 Notebook: Myths and facts about the vaccination

August 25, 2021

Last Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Boston Globe newspaper published a special section dedicated to reassuring Americans that COVID-19 vaccines are both safe and necessary. Other newspapers across the country were invited to take part and to share some of the Globe's content. [Read more](#)

Old-fashioned fun at the Goshen Fair

August 25, 2021

Labor Day weekend is one of the big event weekends of the year in the Northwest

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Century farmers offered much-needed support

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STANFORDVILLE — Raised on her family’s 100-acre hay farm in Stanfordville, Emily Hay understands just how indispensable farms and farmers are to their communities.

[Read more](#)

Schools left to prepare for fall without state guidelines

August 18, 2021

WEBUTUCK — With the start of the 2021-22 school year only weeks away, Harlem Valley school districts are preparing to welcome students and staff back into their school buildings. But there’s been precious little guidance from the state offered thus far as to the best way to do so. [Read more](#)



The magic of making friends on the AT

August 18, 2021

The Appalachian Trail stretches through 14 states, from Maine to Georgia — an impressively long walk of 2,193 miles for anyone who chooses to traverse its full length. Each year, more than 3 million people choose to either hike the whole trail, as “thru-hikers,” or walk it in sections. [Read more](#)

Investigation continues on bank robberies, despite two arrests

August 18, 2021

Two arrests have now been made in connection with the attempted robbery of the National Iron Bank on Aug 6. On that date, the Connecticut State Police had arrested Jay William Puzinski, 48, a resident of Winsted, in connection with the robbery. [Read more](#)

Property Transfers - Aug. 19, 2021

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The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020. **Cornwall** Nov. 2, 159 Valley Road from the William G. Coll Family trust et al to Edward P. Gallagher and Edward Earnest Deluca for \$749,000 [Read more](#)

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Beekeeper teaches all about honeybees

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COPAKE — Remembering the impact that “wilderness” speakers had on him when they visited his school as a child, local beekeeper John Jasmin explained why he chose to bring the world of bees to the Roeliff Jansen Community Library for a presentation on Friday, Aug. 6. [Read more](#)

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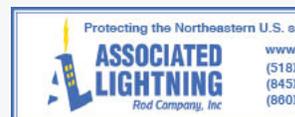
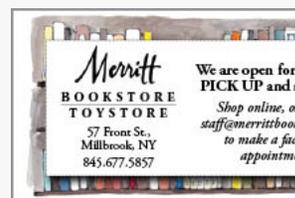
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