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

North Canaan keeps resident trooper

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Residents of the town of North Canaan gathered at Town Hall on April 26 for a special town meeting to vote on the future of their resident trooper. After a contentious discussion, the 55 residents in attendance voted 37 to 18 in favor of keeping the program for another year.

The special town meeting was called following a \$30,000 increase in the resident trooper's budget for North Canaan next year. Keeping the resident trooper would cost \$158,000 in 2023-24, up from \$128,000 in 2022-23.

Lieutenant Cori Swift and Trooper First Class Jeremy Ribadeneyra (current resident trooper in North Canaan) from the State Police Troop B barracks presented their case for why North Canaan should keep the program in place.

"North Canaan's a very busy town. For instance, last year, 2022, we made 56 arrests in the town of North Canaan. Salisbury is twice



From left, Terry Aitken, an election day poll worker, and voter registrars Patricia Keilty and Rosemary Keilty count ballots during the special town meeting on April 26.

PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

the size and has more people. They made 18," said Ribadeneyra. "Of all the towns in Troop B's jurisdiction, the town of New Hartford is the only town that creates more case numbers."

"There is a lot that goes on in this town behind the scenes that people don't know about. Jeremy's here in the middle of the night trying to catch drug dealers that are on the street," said Swift. "Him being here

is great. To me, it's irreplaceable."

Supporters and opponents aired their position and asked questions of the troopers.

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A banner in front of the National Iron Bank in Lakeville urges local banking.

National Iron Bank raises \$6 million

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — In the wake of an April 12 shareholder vote on the planned merger between Salisbury Bank and Trust Co. (SBT) and NBT Bancorp Inc., the president and chief executive officer of the Salisbury-based National Iron Bank reported a recent completion of a \$6 million common stock offering.

President and CEO Steven T. Cornell, in making the announcement on Monday, April 24, said the offering will allow his institution to "fill a void" in the community created by the merger.

"National Iron Bank has experienced historic levels of growth since 2020, and we will use the new capital to continue to serve the needs of customers in the Litchfield County communities," said Cornell.

Iron Bancshares, Inc., the bank holding company for National Iron Bank, completed the \$6 million common stock offering in a private placement to accredited in-

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Windup

Anne Moran pitched for Housatonic Valley Regional High School against Litchfield/Wamogo on April 26. HVRHS won, 9-4. For full story and more photos, turn to page A6.

Major land gifts expand habitat protections

By Debra A. Aleksinas

FALLS VILLAGE — Two Northwest Corner land donations to The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut (TNC) in areas of "high ecological importance," totaling 346 acres, will expand protections for critical forest and wetlands habitats, environmental officials announced on Tuesday, May 2.

The multigenerational land gifts, at preserves in Winchester and Falls Village, are connected to what scientists at TNC have labeled the "Resilient and Connecticut Network," areas of lands across North America with limited human disturbance, robust microcli-

mates that can withstand climate change and linkages to other sites in the network.

Mapping out these habitats and the natural pathways among them shows where plants and animals have the best chances to find new places to call home. Similar initiatives are part of a national and international movement to improve connectivity across human-dominated landscapes.

In Northwest Connecticut, the Berkshire Wildlife Linkage serves as a key corridor of the Appalachian Mountains and includes "the most intact forest ecosystems in southern New England and some of its highest carbon stocks," according to the nonprofit TNC.

"The communities of Northwest Connecticut have a long tradition of embracing land conservation," said Frogard Ryan, state director for TNC.

In a land deal completed at

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Vital social workers come in short supply

Editor's Note: This is the second and last of a series examining the role of town social service directors in the Northwest Corner.

In the first report on town social services in Sharon, Kent and Cornwall, there was consensus that communities are safer, happier and healthier when their residents' basic needs are met at both state and local levels. Still, despite the need

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and projected positive outlook for employment growth in the social service field, a severe shortage of providers remains across the board.

Reasons for the shortage include lack of funding and incentives for workers in rural areas, extreme professional demands, and an increase in complexity of challenges. In a nation short on universal programs,

American social service providers help bridge gaps in health and human-service care, thereby improving health equity.

Rural settings are considered disadvantaged when it comes to care access. According to the Journal of Community Practice, rural communities face specific challenges in addressing problems, including social and spatial isolation, the lack of resources and trained practitioners.

The Northwest Corner, a region with a strong culture of volunteer-

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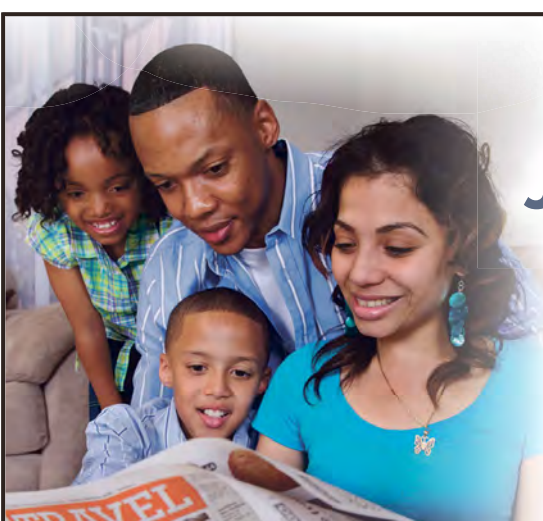
New Tricorner Calendar

This week The Lakeville Journal begins a weekly calendar feature that covers a wide range of events and activities that are both coming up and ongoing in the Northwest Corner and beyond. Please see Page B4.



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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Disorderly conduct, harassment, threatening
On Thursday, April 20 at approximately 8:50 a.m. Troopers from Troop B conducted an investigation after a complaint was made by a female victim involved in an incident on East Canaan Road in North Canaan. The woman said she had received text messages from her ex-husband in which he stated that he wanted to kill her. Investigators located the subject, who was identified as Richard Stiewing, 62, of Torrington, who was taken into custody without incident. Stiewing was processed at the Torrington Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct, harassment in the second degree and threatening in the second degree. He was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Operating under the influence
On Thursday, April 27,

at approximately 7:30 p.m. Troop B responded to a suspicious incident involving an individual asleep at the wheel on Milton Road in Goshen. The investigation led to the arrest of Jereme Gee, 40, of Goshen, on a charge of operating under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Gee was released on a \$1,500 bond with a court appearance set in May.

Overnight burglary
On Saturday, April 29 at approximately 7:15 a.m. Troop B Troopers responded to the Riverton General Store in Barkhamsted for a non-active burglary. An initial investigation determined the crime occurred between Friday, April 28 at approximately 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 at 5:50 a.m. The investigation is active. Anyone with information may contact Troop B barracks in North Canaan.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to johnc@lakevillejournal.com.

Norfolk Icebox Cafe plans opening on Memorial Day at Station Place

By Michael Cobb

NORFOLK — After more than 10 years owning and running Rex Cafe in Hell's Kitchen and five years managing the iconic Mermaid Inn in Chelsea and Red Rooster in Harlem, New York City restaurateur Peter Crippen and his wife, Marinell Madden-Crippen, plan to bring their culinary expertise to the historic Station Place in downtown Norfolk.

"Every town, every city, every neighborhood needs a meeting place, a local comfort place, a happy place where you can go and know you will be treated like a regular on your first visit," Peter Crippen says. "But even more important, it's where you can have great food and coffee every time."

The Crippens have balanced life in New York City and Norfolk for several years but recently made the defini-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Marinell and Peter Crippen are looking forward to welcoming the community to their new cafe in Station Place in Norfolk.

itive move to Norfolk. Embracing New England's four seasons and celebrating Norfolk's harsh winters, they plan to name their establishment the Icebox Cafe.

The menu will feature

coffee from specialty roaster Counter Culture; Rishi tea; breakfast sandwiches and burritos; breads, including sourdough, banana and pound cake; and muffins, vegan bars, scones and yet

to be announced specials by local chefs.

Though they are still in the final phases of planning, the Crippens are aiming to open their doors by Memorial Day. During the summer, Icebox Cafe will be open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; winter hours will be adjusted slightly to six days a week.

When asked about their overall vision, Crippen offers that "the idea is to keep it simple, both with the layout and with the food. Instead of making 12 good items, we'll make five great items." His wife is in charge of the layout, he says, and will create "a warm welcoming vibe."

The couple is fully committed to life in the Northwest Corner. A talented actor and playwright, Marinell Crippen debuted her autobiographical one-act play "Let's Play" at the Norfolk Library in February with her husband in one of the leading roles.

"We live in the community and want it to be community friendly," says Crippen. They see the Icebox Café as a place where they can invite local artists to showcase their art and will even put their own mixing spoons down so that "local home bakers can show off their showstoppers that all their friends love."

—Courtesy of Norfolk Now

Trade Secrets seeks volunteers for May 21

LAKEVILLE — Project SAGE, the Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale organizers, is calling for volunteers to support the 2023 event on Sunday, May 21, at Lime Rock Park. Volunteers will be needed to assist with a variety of tasks.

Volunteers receive free admission to the sale event on Sunday, May 21, complimentary lunch and refreshments on the day of the event,

and access to all available garden tours on Saturday, May 20.

Volunteers are needed for check-in greeters, garden cart captains, hospitality tent assistants, pick-up and drop-off assistants, signage clean-up, site clean-up, supplies transport, and more.

Trade Secrets is an annual event that brings together garden enthusiasts, nature lovers, and those seeking inspiration for their outdoor spaces. The event features a variety of vendors selling rare plants and garden antiques. Proceeds from the event benefits Project SAGE, a non-profit domestic violence agency serving Northwest Connecti-

cut and the surrounding New York and Massachusetts communities.

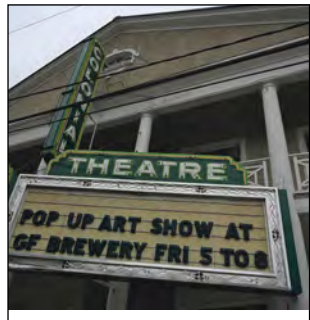
If you're interested in volunteering for Trade Secrets 2023, please visit www.tradesecretsct.com/volunteer or call 860-364-1080 for more information.



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Art pop-up

The crowd was hungry for art, hors d'oeuvres and Great Falls Brewing Co. beer on Friday, April 28 at the Canaan Union Depot in North Canaan, where local artists' work was on display for sale to benefit Douglas Library. The room was filled with lively tunes played by Paul Ramunni, who runs an accordion museum on the Depot's first floor.



At left, the new owners of the Colonial Theater in North Canaan, which has sat dark and silent for several years, advertised the art pop-up on its marquee.

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Our Towns

Sharon school budget advances, with conditions, to town vote

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — In a special meeting immediately following the public hearing on the proposed budgets submitted by the boards of selectmen and education, held on Friday, April 28, the Board of Finance voted to send the budget proposals to a town meeting and vote Friday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

The budget submitted by the Board of Selectmen received minimal discussion from the Board of Finance, mostly points of clarification covered at the public hearing, and was unanimously approved to go to town meeting.

The selectmen's town operating budget proposes total town expenditures of \$4,722,669, an increase of \$317,878 over the current year, or 7.21%.

The budget submitted by the Board of Education proposes total Sharon Center School expenditures of \$4,514,327, an increase of \$1,756 over the current year, or 0.04%.

Board of Education chairman Doug Cahill explained at the public hearing that the \$1,756 was necessary to satisfy the state's Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR). According to the state website, "The Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) prohibits districts from budgeting less for education than the previous year. There are exceptions where a district can reduce their appropriation such as a decrease in enrollment, a decrease in Education Cost Sharing (ECS) aid, a closure of a school or increased efficiencies which need to be approved by the commissioner of education."

By depositing the \$1,756 in the school's capital account, the funds are likely to be returned to the town as unspent surplus at the end of the year, Cahill said.

Responding to residents' confusion about the state's MBR and how the elaborate formula relates to the local education budget, the Board of Finance spent consider-

able deliberative energy on that point, trying to understand how the MBR might be lowered through cost savings at Sharon Center School without compromising quality of education.

Recent finance board meetings have engaged in lengthy debate about the MBR, focusing on what opportunities might exist for school expense savings to reduce the amount mandated by the MBR formula.

Board of Finance member Cody O'Kelly led the discussion at times, indicating that the local Board of Education has not sought to lower its MBR by sending a request letter to the state education department. Such a letter would need to list what are called "efficiency savings" as defined by the MBR regulations. If those efficiency savings are paired with demonstrated enrollment decline over time, the MBR could be reduced, O'Kelly maintained.

At first, O'Kelly favored withholding Board of Finance approval from the proposed Board of Education budget, but a compromise suggested by finance board member Jessica Fowler brought the finance board to agreement.

Favoring the compromise position, the finance board voted unanimously to approve the Board of Educa-

tion's proposed budget so that both the town and the education budget could be given required public notice and be presented together at the town meeting May 12.

The approval, however, is bound by a stipulation. Board of Finance chairman Tom Bartram needs to notify Cahill that the finance board must receive a letter of intent from Cahill. Cahill's letter of intent needs to specify that the Board of Education will send a letter to the state Department of Education formally requesting an MBR reduction based on a list of "efficiency savings."

In addition to these moves, the Board of Finance proposes a meeting in coming months with key administrators as a means of understanding the MBR requirements, expecting to create a tighter, lower budget for the next cycle.

The finance board decision goes on to warn that if their required letter of intent is not received in advance of the Town Meeting date, then the Board of Finance is likely to rescind its conditional approval of the Board of Education's budget.

During finance board discussion, Bartram had expressed his concerns about the action, saying that while he appreciated the ideas put forth to find savings, or to

change the budget process, he felt the time was too short before the Town Meeting was to be held.

"We're going to have to keep pushing," Fowler said.

As a near term next step in implementing the expected letter of intent, O'Kelly suggested a meeting to include the Board of Finance, Sharon Center School Principal Carol Tomkalski, Board of Education chairman Cahill, Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter, and Region One Business Manager Sam Herick.

The public hearing held earlier in the evening had drawn a capacity audience to the Town Hall meeting room to hear an overview of both proposed budgets. Retired Region One Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain served as moderator for the hearing.

Reviewing the Board of Education budget, Cahill praised the recently implemented marketing initiative designed to attract more students to Sharon Center School, and he cited increasing enrollment numbers as a direct effect.

Near the close of the public hearing, First Selectman Brent Colley spoke of the annual budget process as being a community effort of many facets.

"We do this together," Colley said.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Seeking an artist's vision to create a mural for this blank space at the Sharon Center School, Allison Bryant's kindergarten class agreed to help on Friday, April 28, by pointing out the wall that needs a mural. Art teacher Lilly Rand Barnett is at right.

SCS seeks an artist for a school mural

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Sharon has some of the most luxuriant scenery to be found anywhere. Generations of artists have been drawn to the town and its environs, fueled by inspiration and settling into studios to join a vibrant art scene.

Similarly inspired, Sharon Center School (SCS) art teacher Lilly Rand Barnett, since coming to Sharon nine years ago, resolved to enhance the SCS art program, tirelessly promoting the idea of a mural to brighten a public-facing blank surface on the school building's exterior.

"I have come to love the program I've built," Barnett said, responding to questions on Wednesday, April 26, "because it incorporates the rich cultural connections in the community where we live." She added that class sizes are perfect for the art program where the needs of each student can be addressed and nurtured.

The mural project represents the start of a multi-year art upgrade at SCS, Barnett said. Students will participate in the project and learn from a professional artist how a mural is created. Once an artist has been selected, a team of students, teachers, administrators and residents will confer with the artist to devise a plan for student involvement and structure the project.

"We are looking for an artist who is familiar with our town to create a mural

to bring color and life to the exterior of our school building. The mural should reflect a spirit of creativity, illustrating the artist's vision of the school relative to a broad theme of 'Garden,'" Barnett said.

"How you choose to respond to this theme is entirely up to you," according to a "Call for Artists" notice prepared by the committee for distribution to Sharon's community of artists.

"I am hoping that in the future, my students will send their children here and point to the work they were a part of in their time at SCS," Barnett said.

Funding for the project has been provided by the town in the form of a \$15,000 grant to cover all materials and the artist's fee.

Artists are asked to submit proposals before Monday, June 5, including a preliminary sketch, a statement detailing interest in the project and ideas for how it would be executed. The mural itself will be painted by the artist alone.

At present, the call indicates that the committee is accepting only proposals from artists local to Sharon, but this could include an artist who might be originally from Sharon or living in town now or perhaps living in the area with ties to the Sharon community.

For more information, artists are invited to contact Lilly Barnett by phone at 860-309-8226 or at lbarnett@sharoncenterschool.org.

In reversal, Sharon okays ARPA funds for air conditioning at Legion Hall

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — After an earlier decision to deny a request from American Legion Post 126 for additional ARPA funding to add an air conditioning component to its new HVAC heating system at Legion Hall, the Board of Selectmen reversed its position and gave approval for the expense at their meeting on Tuesday, April 25.

Convinced that their request would ultimately benefit the town, representatives of the American Legion attended the meeting to make their case, represented in the presentation by Post Commander Bob Loucks.

ARPA committee chairman, Jill Drew, said that it is a selectmen's decision whether to grant the veterans' request for the additional ARPA funding.

"The selectmen know the rationale," Loucks said, speaking of the \$8,000 request to add the air conditioning component. "This is the time to do the work to add the evaporator to the heating system," Loucks said. In their decision, the se-

lectmen specified granting \$7,650, the amount given in a contractor's estimate, rather than the \$8,000 rounded amount of the request.

Selectman Casey Flanagan indicated that he understood that adding the A/C when the heating is being installed is cost effective, but he mused about why the building needs air conditioning when it functioned without it for 50 to 70 years.

"There was probably a need, but it was not put in," Loucks replied, adding that if the town takes over the building in the future, the air conditioning will be there.

"The town is likely to end up with the building," select-

Cornwall Kindergarten registration to be held May 24

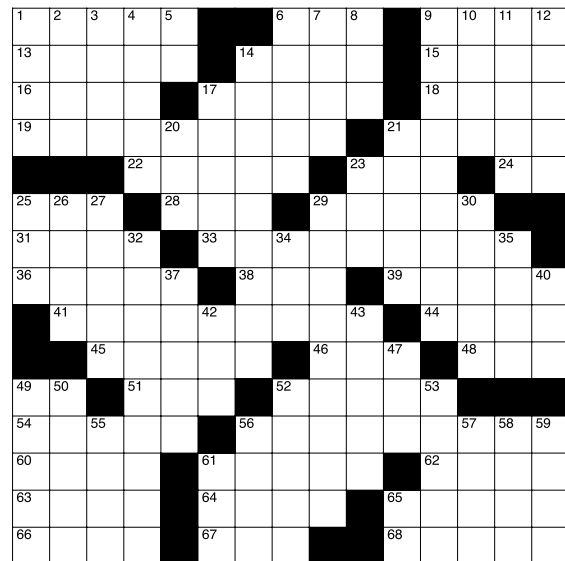
CORNWALL — Cornwall Consolidated School Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2023-2024 school year will be held Wednesday, May 24. All children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of Janu-

ary 2024 are eligible (born during the calendar year of 2018). Parents should call the school office at 860-672-6617 to schedule a time. Please bring for official immunization records, birth certificate, and proof of residency on the day of registration.

Brain Teasers

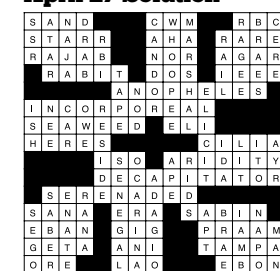
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6. Baking measurement (abbr.)
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13. Not behind
14. Runners run them
15. Japanese ankle sock
16. Grave
17. Japanese industrial city
18. People of southern Ghana
19. Particular designs
21. Device fitted to something
22. Infections
23. Pirates' preferred alcohol
24. Expression of sympathy
25. Rock guitarist's tool
28. Neither
29. Ancient city of Egypt
31. You — what you sow
33. Ruined
36. Narrations
38. Body art (slang)
39. Fencing sword
41. Apartment buildings
44. Type of missile
45. Fathers
46. Extremely high frequency
48. Type of school
49. Incorrect letters
51. Two-year-old sheep
52. Nasty manner
54. One who accepts a bet
56. Indian prince
60. Asian country
61. Rhythmic patterns in Indian music
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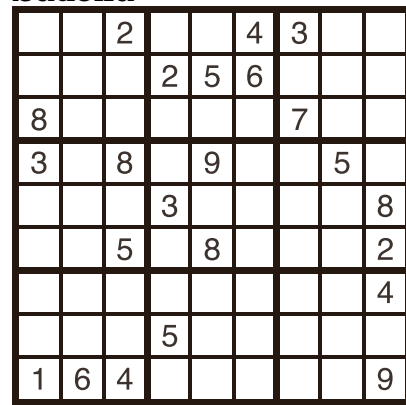


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17. 18-year period between eclipses
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21. Synthetic rubbers
23. Unwelcome rodent
25. Expression of creative skill
26. Some is red
27. Seems less in impressive
29. Harry Kane's team
30. Gland secretion
32. Action of feeling sorrow
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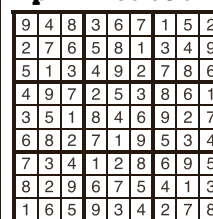
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Woodland games

The Ungardener keeps her eye on the prize as she gamifies the most mundane of tasks



The Ungardener
Dee Salomon

The 'playing field' is a five-acre patch of woods adjacent to the house cleared of woody invasives several years ago and reset with dozens of trees and large branches that fell over the winter. I am not at all happy about this situation; my time in the woods is dedicated in large part to preserving the life of trees. The fallen debris ups the challenge; landmarks that I counted on for my bearings been erased; a new obstacle course created.

The 'mission' is to root out the invasive weeds before they go to seed. This must be done while minimizing any collateral damage caused by a heavy foot on the woodland floor. It is risky walking in the woods this time of year when the ferns have sent out only an inch or two of frond. The mission also requires reconnaissance to identify new inhabitants — native and not — and the spreading of spring ephemerals and other native plants which, of course, is the end game.

The easiest to spot are the garlic mustards, *Alliaria petiolata*. They are also the first to develop a flower head and so must be pulled asap. I have written about these villains before — they use a kind of chemical weapon, allelopathy, to stop other plants from growing in their vicinity.

Even the recognizable rosettes of garlic mustard

can hide in plain sight, but the narrow-leaf bittercress *Cardamine impatiens* are especially adept at this camouflage. The ones that have planted themselves under last year's fern fronds are well protected from detection but the smallest slice of bright green next to the dark green gives them away. An easy win.

It requires a keen eye to spot the 'imposter weeds' — those that look like natives but are non-native invasives. The amount of wild strawberry *Fragaria virginiana* has quadrupled over the past year but *Duchesnea indica*, false or mock strawberry, a cunning non-native doppelganger, has infiltrated the field. It is easy to spot when its yellow flower has blossomed — strawberry has a white flower. I figured out how to tell them apart before they flower and now it seems so obvious: the mock strawberry has a rounded, almost frilly, tooth-edge unlike the straight tooth-edge of native strawberry. The habit is also different — a denser cluster of leaves.

Also looking like a strawberry, but with five leaves, *Potentilla simplex*, common cinquefoil looks almost identical to native *Potentilla canadensis*, dwarf cinquefoil. I am sure that I have wrongly taken out the native or left the non-native. There is a good

comparison of the two on Elizabeth's Wildflower Blog, an informative website: www.elizabethswildflowerblog.com/2017/04/29/cinquefoils-and-false-strawberry/

In my woodland workshop visits to people living in the Taconic and Twin Lakes areas, *Ficaria verna*, or lesser celandine, is already in flower, causing consternation due to its mat-forming spread. It requires a shovel to dig out and a few years of perseverance. To my untrained eye, lesser celandine looks just like marsh marigold. Fearing that it had rooted in a marshy area here, I removed two suspects only to find, using an app on my iPhone, that they were innocent (and increasingly rare) marsh marigold! I quickly planted them back. Points lost.

What is different this year? I spy many more *Viburnum plicatum* double-leaf *viburnum* saplings than ever. These common garden shrubs have jumped the garden gate into the woods throughout the region. In this case, I am most likely the guilty party as there are still two shrubs on the land and they are rather important to the landscape; I have resisted getting rid of them.

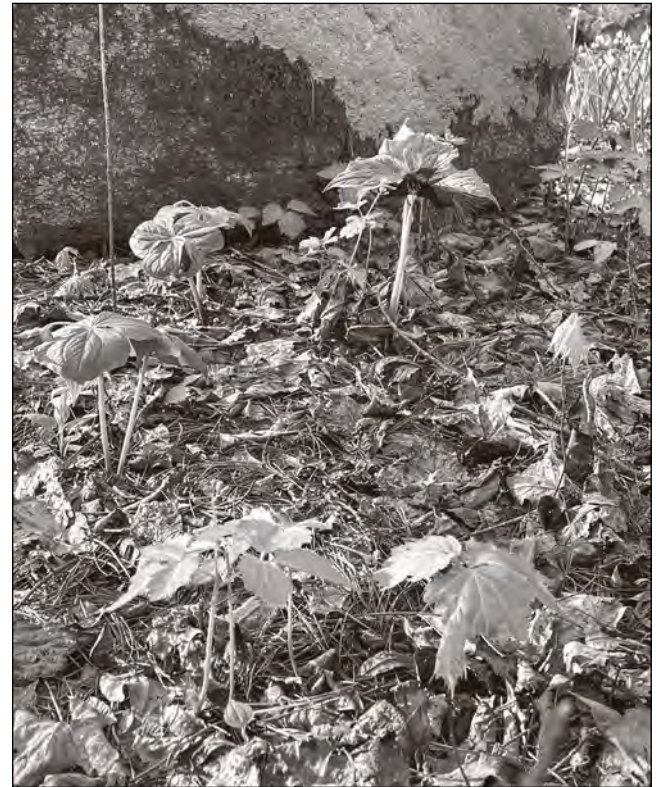
I pluck out 20 or so out of the woods and into my trug. More points lost.



PHOTOS BY DEE SALOMON
Above, Narrowleaf bittercress hiding alongside a fern. Left, Strawberry and imposter. Below, The prizes: Trillium and two leaved toothwort

Clambering over tree trunks, stretching through branches, balancing on rocks, leaning over steep slopes, ruffling under trees and ferns. Dangers lurk. While not The Hunger Games, my kind of weeding involves parkour, spy craft and a touch of 'Where's Waldo.' And the prizes get better each year: swaths of tiny *Maianthemum canadense* Canada mayflower dappled with *Lysimachia borealis*, star flower. *Cardamine diphylla*, two leaved toothwort, a small colony of *Caulophyllum thalictroides* the delicate blue cohosh. Two leaf mitrewort! Trillium!

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.



LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT WARNING

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Budget Meeting of the said District will be held at the North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items:

1. To approve the District budget proposed for the 2023-2024 fiscal year by the Executive Committee of the District; and

2. To transact any other business proper to come before such meeting.

Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 4th day of May, 2023.

Anthony J. Nania
Warden
05-04-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2023-0215 by owner Project Sage Inc for a use rendering more than 30% of the lot impervious in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District at 13A Porter Street, Lakeville, Map 45, Lot 39 per Section 403.4 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us.

us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
05-04-23
05-11-23

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 24, 2023:

Approved - Subject to Conditions—Application 2023-IW-005 by William & Kathleen Reiland for an access path, utilities and concrete mooring and dock. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 67 as lot 02-2 and is known as 63 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is William & Kathleen Reiland.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

05-04-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LAUREN AMERIGHI Late of Sharon (23-00151)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 18, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Michael F. Amerighi
c/o William Jeffrey Manasse
William J. Manasse, PLLC
27 No. Main Street
P.O. Box 460
Kent, CT 06757
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
05-04-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PAUL J. DUFFY Late of Canaan AKA Paul Joseph Duffy, Jr. (23-00144)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 18, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Richard Yurko
c/o Andrea Doyle Asman Litwin Aswan, PC
1047 Bantam Rd.
P.O. Box 698
Bantam, CT 06750
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
05-04-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JAQUELINE HERITEAU HUBBARD Late of Canaan (23-00090)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated March 16, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss

of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are:
David Sutherland Hunter and Holly Hunter Stonehill
Maureen Elizabeth Donahue
One Torrington Office Pl Suite 307
Torrington, CT 06790
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
05-04-23

Town of Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority Notice of Public Hearing immediately followed by a Special Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023 5:00pm

A public hearing called by the Water Pollution Control Authority will be held virtually on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm with the following agenda:

1. To receive public comment on 8% rate increase to go into effect July 1, 2023.

There will be a Special Meeting immediately following the public hearing.

This public hearing and meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The agenda and meeting instructions to join via Zoom will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas. Written comments may be submitted to the WPCA, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT 06068 or via email to townhall@salisburyct.us.

04-27-23
05-04-23

WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—TOWN OF SHARON MAY 12, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings

of said Town are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Town Meeting concerning the budget and other items of said Town, will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, regarding the following, as approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To adopt the annual budget of the Town of Sharon. Copies are available at Town Hall and on the Website

2. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, regarding the following as approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of TOWN AID ROAD funds for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of our Town roads and bridges;

b. To authorize expenditures of up to \$18,100.00 from the Sharon Cemetery Fund;

c. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any state, federal or other funds or grants for educational purposes;

d. To authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 in interest from the Virginia Brown Fund for Nature's Classroom;

e. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any funds or grants for general municipal purposes;

f. To authorize the expenditures of up to \$5,000.00 from the 67 Main Street Account for general maintenance of that building; and

g. To authorize the expenditures of up

to \$288,000 from the Equipment Replacement Account for a new MACK truck.

3. To see what action the Town will take to adopt the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as approved by the Board of Finance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

4. To what action the Town will take as: The Town of Sharon proposes to file an application for federal financial assistance with the USDA, Rural Development. This application for financial assistance will be for funding under the Rural Utilities Service, Part 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grants (CFDA 10,760) and is anticipated to be submitted on or before May 30, 2023. The specific elements of the project includes: replace and consolidate water system crossings of the State roads to include Main Street, West Main Street, New Street and Route 4. In priority Order. Extent of project will ultimately be dictated by actual costs. The project is anticipated to cost \$1.3 million with collateral being a general obligation bond. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to the Sharon Sewer and Water Commission at any of its' monthly meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00PM in the Town Hall. The Town Meeting for this project is scheduled for May 12, 2023. Dated at Sharon, Connecticut this 28th of April 2023.

Selectmen Town of Sharon
Brent M. Colley
Dale C. Jones
Casey T. Flanagan
05-04-23

OBITUARIES

Madonna Theresa (Althoff) Hundt

MILLERTON — Madonna Theresa (Althoff) Hundt, 94, of Bangor, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2023, with her husband of 75 years, Arnold, holding her hand. Madonna was born in Lansing, Iowa, on Nov. 30, 1928. Madonna and her twin brother Donald were the sixth and seventh children of Henry and Anna (Teeling) Althoff.



a bucket of worms and a bobber. She would later pass her love of fishing to many of her grandkids and great grandkids.

Madonna loved playing cards with the extended family, dancing, especially when Howie Sturtz was playing.

She and Arnie traveled often to California to see her brothers and to see their children across the country including winter trips to Arizona, Atlanta, summer trips to Minnesota to visit family and fish, and a trip to Germany in 2005.

Madonna was known for her wry sense of humor and her "Madonnaisms." She revealed in her constantly growing extended family. She had a magical ability to make a meal for a surprise crowd out of nothing, and to calm a restless baby that no one else could calm.

Madonna was dedicated to her faith and was known for lighting candles at church and at home to keep her family safe and protected. It was common to find a candle glowing on her stove for a loved one she had in her prayers and would often fall asleep with a rosary in her hand.

Madonna is survived by Arnold, her husband of 75 years, her children Jean (Roger) Mashack, Richard (Lyn) Hundt, Charlene (Tom) Mashak, Donald Hundt, Bonnie Hundt (Mary Murfitt), Carol (Alan) Nicolai, Rod (Jane) Hundt, Greg (Kelley) Hundt, Tim Hundt (Lisa Henner), daughter-in-law Susan Hundt, brother Henry (Jackie) Althoff, sister-in-law Betty Althoff, sister-in-law Delia Bina, and many loved ones, friends and family members.

Her spirit will live on in 24 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son Gerry Hundt, her parents Anna and Henry Althoff, siblings George (Delores) Althoff, Mary (Wilbert) Hammes, Anna Mae (George) Hammes, Rosella Kammel (Bill Hundt), Gerald Kammel (Bill Hundt), James (Agnes) Althoff, Donald (Jean) Althoff, Leo Althoff.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers at Vernon Memorial Hospital and Vernon Manor in Viroqua, for all their assistance and incredible care given to our mother over the last several months.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, April 1, 2023, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Middle Ridge, Wisconsin. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A visitation was held Friday, March 31, 2023, at St. Peter's Church. Memorials may be given in Madonna's name to the St. Peter's Catholic Church; or to a charity of your choice.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Cashton, Wisconsin, assisted the family with details. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

She often easily out fished the surrounding fishermen with thousands of dollars' worth of equipment with

George Marshall Howard

SALISBURY — George Marshall Howard, M.D., 92 (almost 93) of Dobbs Ferry New York, and Salisbury, recently moved to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He passed away on April 22, 2023, at Harbor Point in Center-ville, Massachusetts, surrounded by his loved ones.



George was born on June 12, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan. He is the first child of Mary Isabell Marshall Howard and Philip Jay Howard, M.D. He was a brilliant and much-loved man by all who knew him and had too many accomplishments to list.

He was valedictorian of his Highland Park High School Class, a member of its orchestra and leader of a jazz band he created and starred in as trumpet player for high school dances. He was an accomplished trumpet player who idolized Harry James and played in jazz bands well into his later years.

George graduated from Dartmouth College in 1952 and attended Union Theology Seminary from 1952-1953. Then he followed in his grandfather's footsteps and pursued ophthalmology. Graduating from Albany Medical College in 1959 and then onto Harvard University Mass Eye Infirmary 1960-1964.

George began his lifelong ophthalmology career in 1964 at the Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and retired 44 years later in March 2008. He was also the Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology for many years.

He was a knight of the American Society, Royal Order of St. John, appointed by Queen Elizabeth II.

He was an active member/lector of the St John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

He was a life-long member of the New York Athletic Club, the New York Yacht Club, and the Ardsley Country Club in Ardsley Park, New York. As you can tell, he led a very rich life.

George loved traveling, especially on cruise ships with the QE II being a favorite. He had an infectious smile which endeared him to the many wonderful people who cared for him over the last few years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Nancy Colean Howard, his adoring daughter, Camille Angela Howard Alberico, his son in law, Bruce Michael Alberico, his grandchildren, Victoria Patricia Alberico, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Nancy Alberico, and his siblings, Julie (& Peter) Parker, Philip (Jay) Howard, Charlie (& Kathy) Howard, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He also had many very dear friends who he held close to his heart and cared about deeply, Peggy Suchanyc, Bill Furey, and Eric Johnson to name just a few.

I cannot properly express how much he will be missed, but I certainly want to thank the wonderful staff at Brookdale, Harbor Point & Hospice. They have all been incredible, kind, loving, caretakers that I am forever grateful to, and am sure extended his life expectancy, and guided me/us through the very difficult process of saying goodbye to a loved one, my sweet dad. A memorial service and burial in Vermont will be held at a later date. For online guest condolences, please visit hallettfuneralhome.com.

Todd Francis Belfiore

KENT — Todd Francis Belfiore, 53, entered into eternal rest on April 22, 2023, in New Milford, Connecticut. He was born June 9, 1969, to Tamara Potter and Roger F Belfiore. Todd was both creative and mechanically talented and as owner of Belfiore Fine Finishing provided painting, decorating and antique restoration services. He had an adventurous spirit and loved to ski, bike, cook and hike. He was a car and motorcycle enthusiast and sports fan, especially of the New England Patriots. Todd deeply loved his family and friends and those closest to him will remember his warm smile, witty sense of humor



and love of history.

Todd was preceded in death by his father Roger F. Belfiore, and grandparents Mary and Frank Belfiore and Helen and Edward Ostrander.

He leaves to cherish his wonderful memory: mother, Tamara Potter and her

husband William Potter; daughter Claudia Belfiore Gonzalez, brother Andrew Belfiore and spouse of Roger Belfiore, JoAnn Belfiore. His family will host a celebration of his life on Saturday June 10, 2023, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 20 Lane Street in Kent, Connecticut. Lillis Funeral Home, 58 Bridge Street in New Milford, has care of the arrangements.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com



Worship Services

Week of May 7, 2023

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.
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www.stjohnssalisbury.org
860-435-9290

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The Lakeville United Methodist Church
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9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"
Pastor Joy Veronesi
860-435-9496
lakevillemethodist@snet.net

The Sharon United Methodist Church
112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green
Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits
10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care
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Pastor Sun Yong Lee
860-364-5634
sharonumc5634@att.net

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Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.
Lenten Services online
Rev. John Kreta
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Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com
for an invitation to the Zoom service
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The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera
trinity@trinitylimerock.org
(860) 435-2627

Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT
Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons
The next meeting will be
Sunday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Apology - A Possible Access to Belonging
For information, contact Jo Loi at joikiuoloi@gmail.com
All are Welcome

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St. Bernard, Sharon
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4 PM - St. Bridget
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8 AM - St. Bernard
10 AM - Sacred Heart
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Monday & Friday
9 AM - Sacred Heart
Tuesday
9 AM - St. Bernard

Millerton United Methodist Church
6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812
Millerton, NY 12546
Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M.
518-789-3138

Carol Lynn Schnall

SALISBURY — Carol Lynn Schnall (née Singer) of New York, New York, and Salisbury, passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at the age of 81, due to heart failure.



The only child of Samuel ("Buddy") Singer III and Lillian (Chait) Singer, Carol is survived by her beloved and devoted husband of almost 58 years, Norman, her children Marianne (Tom Kay); Eric (Shax Riegler); her grandchildren Jazmin and Lotus, and many relatives and close friends.

A lifelong New Yorker, Carol was born in Manhattan on Jan. 16, 1942, and was raised on the Upper West Side. She was a graduate of P.S. 87, Julia Richman High School, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she received a BA in Political Science. She served as the President and CEO of Specialty Products Company, of Jersey City, New Jersey, which supplied lubricants to the Glass Container Industry. She was one of the only female executives in the industry and served as the first female chair of the Phoenix

Awards Committee along with other related industrial organizations.

Carol had a deep interest in many social and political causes including women's rights and racial justice. She loved the arts and culture, especially theater and world

travel. Carol and her husband Norman bought their house in the Amesville section of Salisbury in 1986. Their son Eric and his partner Shax, also Manhattanites, have had their own home in Salisbury since 2013. Carol loved so much about the Northwest Corner, and especially adored spring and summer when she could be in nature and tend to her garden. She had the ability to make people around her feel both at ease and accepted. She will be greatly missed.

Private services were held on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Temple Israel Cemetery in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Donations in her memory may be made to her favorite non-profit organization, The League of Women Voters of The City of New York.

Scott Krizman

SALISBURY — Scott Krizman of Fowler Street passed away on April 4, 2023, at Sharon Hospital. He was the loving husband of Sandra Krizman and father of Karen Krizman and father of Karen Krizman Saver of Spain.

Scott was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Glasgow, Scotland, the son of the late Morris

Krizman and Rachel Miller Krizman.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Monday, May 8, at noon at the Kenney Funeral Home, 41 Main Street, Sharon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Ambulance, P.O.Box 357, Sharon, Ct. 06069.

Canaan Child Care Center grant

NORTH CANAAN — A check in the amount of \$11,000 was recently given to the Canaan Child Care Center, to support general operating expenses.

This grant was made possible by funding from the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation's Karen M. O'Connor Fund and the Khurshed Bhungara Fund.



Anne Moran hit a solo home run against the Warriors.



The Mountaineers celebrated Moran's home run.



Abby Hogan was ruled out at home on April 26.

Mountaineer softball beats Warriors 9-4 at home

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Mountaineers softball team hosted the Wamogo/Litchfield Warriors' co-op team on April 26. After a hard-fought battle between the two teams, HVRHS prevailed in a 9-4 victory.

Lawn chairs filled with fans from each side lined the foul lines near their respective dugouts as the action got underway. Temps were around 50 degrees when Mountaineer hurler Anne Moran took to the mound.

Moran had two strikeouts to help put the Warriors out

in order in the first. Wamogo/Litchfield pitcher Diana Squires threw a pair of Ks as well to keep the first inning scoreless.

HVRHS' fielders were on the money in the top of the second and secured three putouts. HVRHS' Abby Hogan got the Mountaineers on the board in the bottom when she brought Daniela Brennan home to go up 1-0.

The Warriors responded in the third with a pair of runs to take a 2-1 lead. HVRHS' Kaitlyn Cunningham tied it up in the bottom of the inning when she came home on a sacrifice fly from Grace Riva. Moran then

retook the 3-2 lead with a colossal home run over the head of the Warriors' center fielder.

In the fifth, Wamogo/Litchfield evened the score at 3-3, but Cunningham and Riva both found home for HVRHS in the bottom of the fifth to pull ahead to 5-3.

Savannah Dildy logged an RBI for the Warriors in the top of the sixth but then, up 5-4, the Mountaineers turned on the gas in the bottom of the inning.

"No matter what we do with the sticks here, we have three outs and a handshake," said HVRHS Assistant Coach Peter Foley.

With Hogan and Abby White on base early in the sixth, Cunningham stepped up to the plate and brought them both home with the second home run of the game for HVRHS and an 8-4 lead. Moran scored the game's final run shortly after.

The Mountaineers put the Warriors out in order in the

seventh inning to end it.

"Two home runs. It was beautiful," said HVRHS Head Coach Kaleigh Selino. "The other pitcher did fantastic. It was a tough strike zone, and she did great."

"It's a young team but we're getting there. We're figuring it out," said Wamogo/Litchfield Coach Bill Simmons.

Offensively for HVRHS, Cunningham went 2 for 4 with a double and a three-run home run. Moran hit 3

for 4 with two singles and a solo home run. Abby Hogan went 2 for 3 with two singles. Moran finished with four strikeouts for the Mountaineers.

Squires pitched eight strikeouts for the Warriors and had three putouts. Shea Higgins hit 2 for 4 with two singles and scored once for Wamogo/Litchfield.

HVRHS softball (4-4) will be back on their homefield on May 8 when they host Northwestern at 4:15 p.m.

HVRHS tennis defeats Gilbert in straight sets

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — Housatonic Valley Regional High School's boys and girls tennis teams played a meet against Gilbert High School at Pinewoods Racket Club in Torrington on April 27. HVRHS won in straight sets in each match of the day.

A reduced Gilbert lineup forced a majority of the matches to be forfeited due to lack of players. Gilbert produced one singles player for the boys team and two doubles teams for the girls.

Mountaineer Spencer Jasmin played singles for HVRHS' boys team and defeated Gilbert's Shawn Coon 6-1, 6-0. Jasmin's serve proved too powerful for Coon in the match and led him to a quick win in the only singles match of the meet.

Zoey Greenbaum and Ella Hewins didn't drop a game when they faced Haelynn Derby and Madelin Derby in the first doubles match. HVRHS won 6-0, 6-0 against the sisters from Gilbert.

In the second doubles match, Mountaineers Elena Piselli and Ilena Carter won 6-1, 6-0 against Shania Isaac and Carey Teixeira.

All four HVRHS girls singles players won by forfeit and decided to play a friend-



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Elena Piselli won her doubles match with HVRHS teammate Ilena Carter.

ly doubles game in place of their matches. Melody Matsudaira teamed up with Dana Saccardi to play Yaritza Vega and Victoria Brooks for practice while the official games wrapped up.

"We're working hard. They improve every game," said HVRHS Coach Mo Dore after her team's victory.

The result put HVRHS' girls tennis at 6-3 for the season while Spencer Jasmin's win brought the boys team to 4-4. Both teams will play Wamogo High School on May 4 with the girls hosting on the HVRHS courts at 3:45 p.m. and the boys traveling to Wamogo for the meet.

Let us open the Tangled Lines mail bag and see what's on offer.

It's been so cold and rainy that instead of fishing I am watching documentaries about secret societies. I even joined an order of guys who call themselves Templars. Am I going crazy? Linus J. Scrimshaw, Perth Amboy, N.J.

Be of good cheer, Linus. Or at least as cheerful as a guy named Linus can be. Yes, the Housatonic has been too high to wade lately. And yes, that was the case for much of 2022. But bear in mind that the state put 18,000 trout in the upper Housatonic Trout Management Area (between Cornwall Bridge and the Salisbury/Falls Village line) last year, and another 9,000 recently, and none of these fish have experienced the standard Housatonic summer doldrums of high water temperatures and low flows. At some point the flow is going to come down, and there will be a LOT of active trout going after the same food, and flies. So tell your fellow Templars about this at the next meeting, and maybe they'll lighten up. P.S. Never mind the drain in the floor of the secret chamber.

I really like the idea of fishing little blue lines for wild brookies, but every time I try I spend all of my time getting hung up in the trees. Plus I can't find the streams you talk about. What should I do? Melvin Potzrebie, East Quahog, N.Y.

Melvin, part of your

Tangled Lines tackles the hard questions



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Andrew Corrigan shows how to keep a low profile on a brook trout stream.

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

problem is you are treating the small stream the same way you approach a river. Think in terms of visiting neighborhoods. Start with a nice-looking plunge pool. Fish it hard and fast, and if nothing happens, move on.

In close quarters, get out of the habit of rearing back with a full backcast. Instead

approach the stream from the sides, rarely getting out into the water at all. Keep the rod in front of you, and learn to execute sidearm, backhand and snap casts. And keep a low profile. Wild brook trout are almost suicidally eager to take flies, and equally skittish when they get a glimpse of an angler.

You don't necessarily need a short rod for this, although anything over 8 feet is going to be a pain. You do need a rod with a little heft to it — a 4 or 5 weight that can turn

over a weighted fly and still land softly enough to fish a dry without a fuss.

As far as finding the streams, get a De Lorme atlas for your state and pore over it. See those little blue lines? That's why we call this kind of fishing "blue-lining."

Exploring the streams is hit-or-miss, emphasis on the latter. But when you find one, and catch a couple of wild beauties, while noting the absence of beer cans and styrofoam bait cups, you will be happy. And don't tell anyone.



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Our Towns

NCES plants tree for Arbor Day

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Students at North Canaan Elementary School (NCES) added a northern catalpa to the school's arboretum on April 28 in honor of Arbor Day. For the 33rd year, NCES celebrated the annual tradition before a crowd of relatives and loved ones.

Tom Zetterstrom and Selectman Christian Allyn provided information on the history of Arbor Day and a review on the various trees found in North Canaan.

"One hundred and fifty-one years ago, Sterling Morton started Arbor Day in Lincoln, Nebraska, of all places," said Zetterstrom as he stood next to the new catalpa. "Would anyone like to guess how big Canaan's champion catalpa is? How many inches?"

"1,000," said a student. "That's a little high. Next?" asked Zetterstrom.

"Sixty-three," said a differ-

ent student.

"Yay! Winner!" said Zetterstrom as he showed the comparison of a 63 inch ruler next to the Catalpa sapling.

"We've talked a lot about trees today and in particular champion trees. But you guys are people, and what are you doing here at Canaan Elementary School but becoming champion people," said Allyn. "Let's start growing you as champion people today!"

Students prepared poems and songs in honor of Arbor Day and performed for attendees gathered around the newly planted catalpa. Representatives of each grade then took turns mulching and watering the tree.

"Every time you drive by and see this tree you're going to remember this ceremony and how much fun you had and how important it is to be outside and celebrate the Earth every day," said NCES Principal Alicia Roy.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Representatives from each grade took turns mulching and watering the newly planted catalpa at NCES.



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Members of the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department dropped student-designed egg protectors from varying heights at Lee H. Kellogg School.

Student designs offer egg-cellent protection

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Eggs flew from heights a chicken could only dream of at Lee H. Kellogg School on April 25. Students tested their custom-built egg holders and watched as they were dropped from increasing heights by local firemen.

Seven groups of kindergartners, first graders, and second graders worked together to create protective egg holders using exclusively recycled materials.

"It promoted collaboration within the groups," said K-2 teacher Jen Calhoun.

The teams first strategized and planned their approach before presenting their designs to the other groups. All designs had to fit within one cubic foot, including parachutes.

The students held a vote on which designs they thought could withstand

the greatest impact. Each team handed their egg holders over to Bill Beebe of the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Company to be dropped from the tower ladder. First up was a 25-foot fall onto the grass.

"There will be no scrambled eggs at this moment," said school librarian Nikki Blass after all seven eggs survived the first drop.

Each team also advanced past the 50-foot drop onto grass before the ladder maxed out at 100 feet for the final falls. Two groups' eggs cracked under the pressure, but five teams successfully protected their egg from a lofty drop onto the blacktop.

"What is Mr. Olsen feeding those chickens? Something full of calcium I'm sure," said Principal Stacy Calo. "How exciting. They'll definitely have a lot of dinner conversation to fill their families with tonight."

Kent plans food waste diversion pilot

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Acting to address the issue of reducing the volume of household waste being shipped out of state in the wake of the closing of the MIRA trash-to-energy facility in Hartford, the Board of Selectmen heard an introductory report announcing its participation in a pilot program.

As described by Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Executive Director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA), the town will re-

"This is a great way to prepare for the future."

- First Selectman Jean Speck

ceive \$55,000 to implement the pilot program that will collect recyclable household waste at the transfer station and process it locally into compost.

The funding comes through the Sustainable Materials Management grant program. The HRRRA will collaborate with the town of Kent within the pilot program.

The State of Connecticut produces 3.5 million tons of trash annually with a large portion of that waste trucked out of state, Heaton-Jones said.

The non-mandatory pilot program will implement food scrap collection where residents will bring food

scraps to the transfer station to be processed off-site into compost that will be distributed to local residents.

Heaton-Jones emphasized that participation in the pilot program will be voluntary for residents. It will not be mandatory, she emphasized.

An information presentation is planned for Friday, May 12, in person or by Zoom, when Heaton-Jones will detail the program for residents. Information about the meeting can be found on the town website.

"It's a great opportunity for the town to learn more about managing waste," Heaton-Jones said.

To selectman Glenn Sanchez' question about other

towns participating, Heaton-Jones replied that Bethel is implementing the program simultaneously with Kent and therefore represents the best example of a town of similar size to Kent.

"This is a great way to prepare for the future," said First Selectman Jean Speck. "Since the shutdown of the MIRA program, we have to figure out a way to do this," she added.

Speck announced that the Board of Finance had acted to add \$13,900 needed for a Swift House needs assessment to the town's 2023-24 budget proposal. The funding will then be considered as part of the town budget at the annual public hearing on the budgets, scheduled for Friday, May 5, beginning at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY DANIELLE MELINO

HVRHS students wore yukata robes for a traditional dinner on their recent trip to Japan over spring break.

HVRHS travel club recalls 11-day spring trip to Japan

By Ella Hewins

FALLS VILLAGE — Japan became a home away from home for those of us who ventured there during spring break with the Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders travel club from Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Thirty-six students and five teachers went on the trip. The club raised travel funds through last fall's Wine Dinner and Auction at the White Hart in Salisbury.

From Tokyo to Kyoto and Osaka to Hiroshima, we made certain to cover as much of the Land of the Rising Sun as our 11-day expedition would allow.

Upon our arrival in Japan, we were introduced to our tour guide, Atsushi, whose love and knowledge

of the country were palpable. He ushered us through enormous crowds in Tokyo, pointing out popular hotspots that locals are fond of and familiarizing us with common Japanese phrases.

After attending a traditional Japanese-style dinner in yukata robes and slippers, we were able to properly unwind in Hakone on shikibutons, mattresses meant to be rolled out on the floor.

There was something magical about visiting Kyoto in the springtime. After arriving there by bullet train, we were awestruck by the dazzling cherry blossom trees coming into full bloom and marveled at the bamboo forest that made Japan feel like a whole other universe.

We took to the streets of Osaka to indulge in delicacies like fried octopus and

squid leg kabobs, and then topped the night off, like many others, with a visit to the konbini for a late-night sweet treat.

After attending an emotional lecture on the atomic bomb, we walked through the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum filled with poignant reminders of Japan's past filled with tragedy.

Although appearing untouched by time to the eye, every shrine and temple we visited held a marvelous amount of history. Throughout our time spent exploring Japan, students and chaperones alike made it their mission to soak up every bit of culture possible.

Ella Hewins is a senior at HVRHS who plans to study political science and journalism and hopes to return to Japan one day.

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TROOPER

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"It's a wonderful story but the bottom line is our taxes are through the roof and we're paying now for this when the barracks is right down the street," said resident Stacey Dodge.

"There's much better ways the money can be spent," said resident John Considine as he noted that the town could benefit from services like a grant writer or a town planner. "We're a town of 3,400 people in a rural community. I don't see it as a high-crime district."

Resident Penny Terry, who worked in the barracks for 27 years, said, "Just because the building is there does not mean there's anyone in



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

North Canaan's resident trooper Jeremy Ribadeneyra (in rear) answered questions from residents before they voted on whether to keep the resident trooper program in North Canaan during a special town meeting on April 26.

it who's going to be able to get from that building to our school in a matter of minutes." She added, "This is the busiest town next to New

Hartford. That's the gospel truth."

Towns rely on Troop B for local police services.

As the discussion heated

up, moderator Brian Allyn slammed the gavel.

"It's a service to the town in an area where police resources are scarce as it is," said Ribadeneyra after the hearing the result. "I'm glad the town is getting another year of it."

Second Selectman Craig Whiting called the question and the residents then voted by paper ballot. Once the ballots were tallied, Allyn announced that North Canaan would keep its resident trooper for another year.

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SOCIAL WORKERS

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ism, also has a relatively long history of town social service employment providing information, referrals and support to assist residents seeking a variety of local and state services.

Salisbury

It was a fast-paced day for Patrice McGrath when I spoke to her. McGrath fills a large role in the town of Salisbury. She works full-time as a part-time Social Service Agent for the town and also as Director of the Salisbury Family Center.

While her town position is funded by Salisbury, the position at the Salisbury Family Center is based on private donations, which fund the nonprofit. The Salisbury Family Center, started in 1930, describes itself as a "not-for-profit charitable organization that offers support for residents of Salisbury who are struggling with financial or other difficulties."

The Center offers a wide array of services for all ages. McGrath informed me that "Salisbury is unique in that in addition to town social services, residents have access to additional resources provided by Salisbury Family Services."

McGrath summarized a snapshot of her town position responsibilities that include medical referrals, help with utility bills, rental assistance applications, emergency services that address electric, home and work terminations before she directs me to her colleague, Lisa McAuliffe, who is the head of Salisbury's Senior Services and the town's Recreation Director.

McGrath can be reached at 860-435-5187 and email at pmcgrath@salisburyct.us

McAuliffe has been the director of Senior Services since 2018 and the Recreation Director beginning in 2005. In her role as Recreation Director for the town, she runs youth and adult recreation programs for the community at Trotta Field, Community Field, and Town Grove. Stacey Dodge works with McAuliffe to oversee the Town Grove, which was donated to the town of Salisbury by the Belcher family. She serves as a lifeguard at the Salisbury Recreation Adult Laps Swim Program at the Hotchkiss pool and teaches the lifeguarding course with Jacquie Rice, Rhonda Rinnisland and Pat Kelly.

McAuliffe expressed particular passion in her role as Senior Services Director, which she took on from her predecessor, Mike Beck. She credits him with working very hard to obtain a state grant which enabled the town to build an updated senior center. Examples of programming at the senior center include exercise classes, nutri-

tion resources, Medicare and prescription open enrollment guidance, and the AARP Tax Center.

The AARP Tax Center at the senior center is run by volunteers including Beck, Tom Cunningham and Emily Eagan. Last year they helped provide free tax assistance to 150 people from Salisbury, Lakeville and other neighboring towns.

The center is important for a town whose majority of residents are over age sixty. McAuliffe stated that "Sometimes people won't reach out due to pride or shyness but social connection is very important — and especially

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Sharon Kelly-Levesque, North Canaan

so during the pandemic. We welcome everyone."

McAuliffe can be reached at 860-435-5186 and email at lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us

North Canaan

North Canaan is an area in high need, but with a part-time social service agent position. That role is filled by Sharon Kelly-Levesque. Before her hire, the turnover rate in that position was high, but Kelly-Levesque informed me that she plans to stay. "I love what I do," she said. "Bottom line is that you have to care. It's not an assembly line, you have to get to know the person who you are helping. Some people are leery to seek help but the need here is massive."

As in all towns, the issues of poverty, homelessness, mental health and addiction challenges persist.

Assisting residents with Energy Assistance, Renter's Rebate, Social Security, DSS Benefits, and Housing Applications for the Homeless Programs are services that Kelly-Levesque provides on a regular basis. She makes referrals to Western Connecticut Area on Aging and Project Sage.

Kelly-Levesque works with schools to assist children and families as referrals reach her.

"Whatever the need is when they walk in here, I do everything possible to help," she said. It is clear, as it is with other town social service providers, that her role is not only her job, but her calling.

Kelly-Levesque's office is located in the North Canaan town hall. She can be reached at 860-824-3133 ext 110 and email socialservice@north-canaan.org

Falls Village

Theresa Snyder Graney, Town Social Service Agent, has been in her part-time position for fourteen years, serving Falls Village.

"I love my job, we are blessed to have all so many resources like the Jane Lloyd Fund, The Blue Horizon Fund, The Prescription Assistance Program, Fishes & Loves, just to name a few, in our rural area to help families.

"We all collaborate and support each other," she said.

As with her colleagues in other towns, Snyder Graney provides a wide range of services funded by state, federal funds and grants, as well as local donations.

Snyder Graney told me about her work with both families and senior citizens. She has the dual role of Town Social Services Director, and Coordinator of the Falls Village Senior Center. At the senior center there are weekly Thursday lunches served, and activities and events. Recently, A Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon was held. Once monthly, the senior group takes a field trip to explore greater Connecticut cultural centers and institutions. Lunch is included in the trips.

North Canaan residents have been welcomed and have participated in the Senior Center for many years. Informative educational events such as Medicare fraud awareness, navigating Medicare choices, senior nutrition; as well as clinics such as blood pressure checks and flu vaccines are provided.

"I enjoy working with the seniors. We have an aging population in our town. This is an important place for seniors to gather. We are like family here," she said.

Snyder Graney also works collaboratively with the local elementary school, the Lee H. Kellogg School, providing opportunities for children and seniors to connect. Kindergarten, first and second grades at the school have visited with seniors to socialize and play board games. Recently, a three-month program with seniors and seventh graders was completed, during which time kindness, compassion, and wisdom was exchanged. As part of the program, seventh graders taught Spanish to seniors. Snyder Graney also informed me that part of her role with children and families is to organize Back-to-School Supplies/Shoes and Holiday Programs, in which many children participate. While things get busy during the holidays, services and support for families are year-round.

Snyder Graney can be reached at 860-824-9855 and email at socialservices@north-canaanfalls.village.org

Isabelle Clark Foster is a licensed independent clinical social worker.

BANK

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vestors in March.

Cornell said in order to position itself for growth, National Iron Bank needs to have enough capital to be able to absorb that growth.

Referring to the capital raised through his bank's "successful" stock offering, "We are reinvesting it back into the community," said the National Iron Bank president.

"We plan to continue to support the local community with its credit needs and deposit needs," and keep those funds local, "not in upstate New York," said Cornell. "We were established here. It is our home."

Pending regulatory approval, the Salisbury-NBT transaction is expected to close by the end of June. Salisbury Bank and NBT Bank have informed customers that the organizations have been planning for a seamless integration.

While insiders at many other banks around the country are selling their stock, Cornell said his bank's directors and investors were "significant purchasers" of

the company's newly issued stock.

"Our investors, both new and existing, have strong ties to the local community. We were able to complete this stock offering without the help of a placement agent or other intermediary, which saved the bank a considerable amount of money."

National Iron Bank was established in 1847 in Falls Village. Known as The Iron Bank at the time, it is New England's oldest private bank. Today it maintains branch offices in Salisbury, Washington Depot, Norfolk and Cornwall Bridge, as well as loan offices in Litchfield and New Milford.

As of March 31, the bank had assets of \$292 million. Cornell said National Iron Bank's board is committed to "keeping us independent and a strong community bank."

As part of its strategic plan, the bank is in the process of opening a new branch office in Litchfield, said Cornell, "and maybe a branch in Kent or New Milford. Our focus is on Litchfield County."

LAND GIFTS

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the end of 2022, Julia and Eric Wilson donated 16 acres in Falls Village to expand Wangum Lake Brook Preserve, where TNC has already protected 435 acres through a combination of ownership and easements.

The preserve is close to an extensive complex of more than 7,000 acres of protected land which includes Housatonic State Forest, Canaan Mountain, Robbins Swamp and TNC's Hollenbeck Preserve, among others.

The Wilsons' gift was made in honor of Julia's father, John Shelton Sinclair, and Eric's mother, Laura Louise Foster, whose land donations first created the preserve.

"This area deserves to be protected and maintained alongside the land donated by our predecessors," they said in a joint statement.

"Three generations have worked to help TNC CT protect these lands, and their latest donation will help us expand protections in a key, climate-resilient region as we prepare for a warmer world," TNC's Ryan said.

Holly Atkinson and Stephen Plumlee donated 330 acres in Winchester, which will more than double the size of the existing Silas Hall Pond Preserve and contribute to TNC's ongoing work in the Berkshire Wildlife Linkage.

The preserve is situated in the town's northwestern corner, to the west of Grantville Road, near the Norfolk town line.

"The gift expands a protected area that was initially created through donations from an earlier generation of

the family," TNC's Ryan explained. Atkinson and Plumlee said in a joint statement that they are happy to be able to significantly contribute to the preserve's expansion.

"Silas Hall Pond Preserve is part of our family legacy, and we were inspired to learn of its newly recognized regional importance to the Berkshire Wildlife Linkage corridor. The Nature Conservancy of Connecticut has been a reliable steward and we are eager to continue this partnership to preserve the forests and watersheds of Connecticut and the plants and animals that live here."

Silas Hall Pond Preserve, which is open to the public for hiking and underwent a significant trail expansion in 2018, is part of a larger network of open space, including Winchester town watershed land, land trust and other privately protected land, and Algonquin State Forest.

A unanimous town vote in spring 2022 approved protecting 1,300 acres of Winchester's municipal water company land in the area with easements funded through the Highlands

Conservation Act and the Housatonic Valley Association's Greenprint Partners Pledge Fund, according to TNC. It is expected to close by January 2024.

The forests of the Berkshire and Taconic Highlands of Western Massachusetts link the Green Mountains of Vermont to the Hudson Highlands of New York, creating a connected corridor of habitat for a wide range of species such as black bear, moose and bobcat.

This geography, known as the Berkshire Wildlife Linkage, has an estimated 75 percent forest cover and includes the most intact forest ecosystem in southern New England, according to TNC.

The Nature Conservancy and its partners have been protecting this landscape for decades because of its ability to support rare species, ensure clean air and water, provide natural areas for recreation and store carbon. Forest cores like these often overlap with critical wetlands surrounding streams and rivers, all of which are some of the most resilient to climate change.

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Charting The Reign of King James

Sports Illustrated writer Jeff Benedict has an eye for the greats, or as they're commonly referred to by fans, G.O.A.T.s — the greatest of all time. His biography, "Tiger Woods" was the basis for a two-part docu-series on HBO, and his book "Dynasty," covering the unbeatable New England Patriots team led by Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick has been ordered as an upcoming series for Hulu. His latest biography of an American superstar is "LeBron." Known as King James to his NBA fans, LeBron James is undeniably one of the greatest to ever play the game. I spoke with Benedict ahead of a talk he'll give at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Friday, May 5, at 6 p.m.

Alexander Wilburn: When we talk about these larger-than-life sports figures you've written about — Tiger Woods, Tom Brady, and now LeBron James — who almost transcend their role as just athletes to become pillars in the culture, what makes an icon?

Jeff Benedict: To me, those three are the transcendent athletes of the 21st century. I'd add a fourth in Serena Williams. The reason I wanted to write about Tom, Tiger, and LeBron is that they're not just athletes, they're global figures. In order to be interesting enough to write a book about someone they have to be more than just a great athlete. Tiger and LeBron were certainly helped by being

the two global spokesmen for Nike — Michael Jordan was in the '80s and '90s — Tom was helped by leading the greatest sports team that we've seen in this century. There have obviously been a lot of endorsements and business opportunities. Tom Brady has built a brand as a businessman. That's also what separates them, they built businesses while they were playing at the peak of their careers. Traditionally most athletes have waited until they retired to try and start a business.

AW: The movie "Air" directed by Ben Affleck is out now about the creation of the Air Jordan. Nike and Michael Jordan teamed up to create a cultural legacy that's still relevant 30 years later. Why hasn't LeBron captured that?

JB: Jordan was first. Whenever you're first, that's the legacy that lasts, and it should. When he joined Nike it was a low-grade sneaker company. People only bought Nikes if they were going jogging. He was really responsible for catapulting Nike into a global company. In LeBron's case, he came second, the baton was passed to him from Michael. What LeBron did differently is he really is responsible for opening up China. He has gone to China every single year since he's been in the NBA, he's really opened up the foreign markets for Nike. People in America really underestimate the significance of that. We're so insular here, most Amer-

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icans don't really recognize how much impact LeBron has had with Nike in markets that we don't pay attention to. But China is the biggest market in the world, and LeBron James is the most recognized athlete in China. Michael Jordan was a ground breaker and a trailblazer and the Air Jordan brand is never going to be eclipsed because it is so intricately married to Nike, and "Air," which I loved, did a good job of showing that. LeBron, he's more than just Nike. He's in movies and TV and HBO comedies. He owns a piece of the Boston Red Sox. His portfolio is more diverse.

AW: Just this year LeBron James broke the scoring record previously held by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Is that bittersweet?

JB: We're talking about a handful of players who become the all-time leading scorer, hit the most home runs, and won the most Super Bowls...we can count those players on one hand. When you set a record like that, you'd love for that record to stand forever. But players also realize they're always going to be someone who's going to come along and threaten the record. I thought Kareem was gracious. These records are so rarely broken, the person who previously held them usually isn't alive. So it's actually neat that Kareem was here to see that happen. That record that LeBron just broke — that record just

stood for a long time.
AW: Thinking about his legacy: Jordan was a Bull, Kareem was a Laker, Larry Bird was a Celtic — who will claim LeBron?

JB: By the way, people dismiss the fact that Kareem spent a huge swath of his career as a Buck and he didn't win there. He didn't win any championships until he went to the Lakers and paired up with Magic Johnson.

AW: But we think of him as a Laker.

JB: No, that is how we think about him, and you're absolutely right. LeBron is different from them, and different from all of the great players who came before. He's "The World Traveler." He's been to four cities and he has delivered a championship to every team he's played on. That's what distinguishes him. I wasn't knocking Kareem when I said he played for the Bucks, but he only won championships with one team [Editor's note: Abdul-Jabbar did win one championship with the Bucks in 1971]. Same with Jordan, same with Bird. There's no other journeyman, no other greatest of all time, who's in the conversation, who was able to go to all these teams and deliver.

AW: When the topic of The GOAT comes up — the greatest of all time — it's likely you'll get a different answer depending on the generation of the basketball fan. Is it actually worth trying to rank Kareem, Jordan, and LeBron, or should we let the different generation have their own

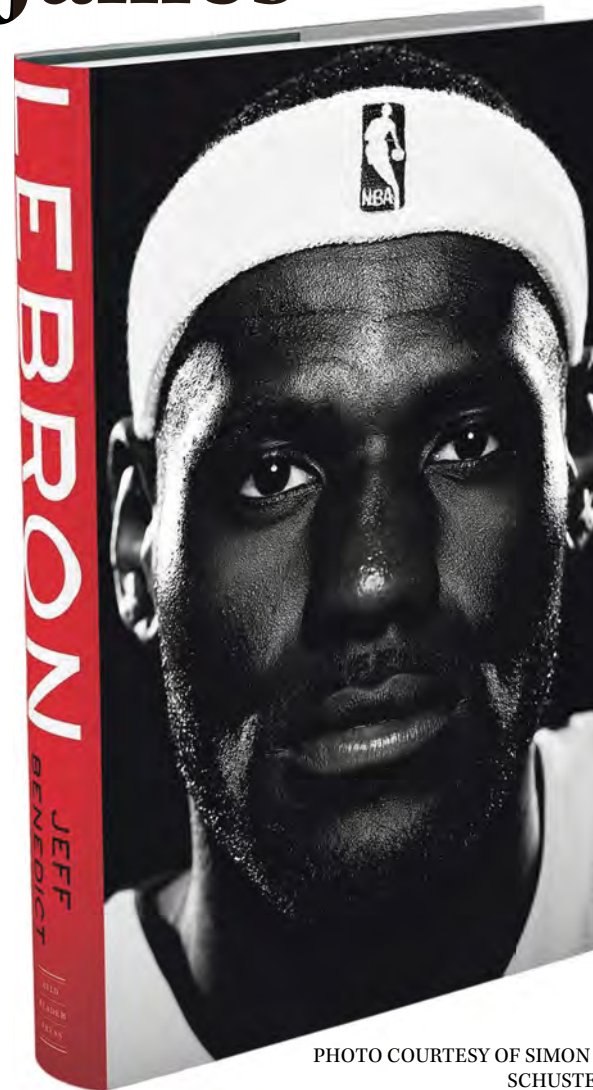


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LeBron by Jeff Benedict

GOATs and appreciate the players on their own?

JB: It's great discussion material for sports talk radio, but to me, I don't ever weigh in on that. The only people I think can really weigh in with authority are those players themselves. When you look at Michael Jordan, I like what Michael said at the pinnacle of his career and being compared to Bill Russell. He said he thought it was inappropriate to compare, because they played in different eras, and the game was very different in those eras. To me, that makes a lot of sense

with Michael and LeBron as well. Michael played his last game as LeBron was being drafted. Literally, one era closed and another opened in the same summer. Sometimes history had a beautifully poetic way of unfolding. I think in the end, LeBron will be remembered for a lot of things besides his talent in basketball. That's not a knock on Michael, he was a world-class entertainer who happened to be an athlete. LeBron has branched out into areas that Michael purposefully stayed away from, like politics and social activism. That is another form of legacy.

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Alexis England at Troutbeck

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Janis Stemmermann's solo show in Falls Village.

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Green Room

The sleek white space of Furnace - Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., is now striped in verdant swipes of paint as "Cut to Length" opened last weekend, featuring Janis



Hangout Hollow by Jimbo Blachly

Stemmermann's viridescent prints. The series by the Brooklyn-based artist, which blends rich broad strokes of green — from the warm hue of an avocado skin to sea glass emerald to a chilly British racing shade — takes printmaking from the flat surface of the canvas to three-dimensional ceramics. Her sculpted objects printed in the signature stripe are installed with heavy wooden stumps, showcasing both their strength and delicacy, and creating a little forest that gallery-goers wove through at the opening reception.

On view in Furnace's Vaulted Project Space are the graphic ink point landscapes by Jimbo Blachly, who finds arbor inspiration in Inwood Hill Park in Upper Manhattan, just above The Met Cloisters. His other series, prismatic works on linen canvases, with washes of oil paint colors, take on the mountainous, mysterious traits of fantasyland illustration — the swirling clouds and looming woods the mind might conjure reading Tolkien's "The Hobbit."

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Fred Hersch in Concert

Multi-Grammy-nominated jazz pianist and composer Fred Hersch will perform in concert at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains, N.Y., on Saturday, May 6, at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at www.thestissing-center.org for \$50, with a limited number of premium tickets available at \$100, which includes a special reception with Fred Hersch. Proceeds will benefit The New Pine Plains Herald.

Wassaic Project Summer Exhibition

The summer exhibition, "Counting the Seconds Between Lightning and Thunder," will open at The Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y., on Saturday, May 20, at 4 p.m., featuring 40 artists throughout all seven floors of Maxon Mills. Curated by Eve Biddle, Bowie Zunino, Jeff Barnett-Winsby, and Will Hutnick, the show will be on view through September 16. For more go to www.wassaicproject.org

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Fairyland Here on Earth

The garden in the mind of photographer and artist Anastasia Traina is alive with curious characters — fairy folk congregate with beetle and butterfly in a secret world of what Shakespeare might have called "the merry wanderers of the night." Based in Chatham, N.Y., with her husband, actor Scott Cohen, known for his roles on "Gilmore Girls," and, fittingly, the fairytale cult-classic miniseries "The 10th Kingdom," Traina spoke with me ahead of her solo art exhibit, "Alchemy and Innocent," which will open at The Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, Mass., on Friday, May 5.

Alexander Wilburn: Previously you were living in New York City, has living upstate had an effect on your art?

Anastasia Traina: It's here that I discovered a new language to tell my stories. Previously I was a playwright and a screenwriter, but I found myself at a crossroads. I wanted to tell stories in a different way. I found myself at Berkshire Botanical Garden one day and found out they had classes for botanical art. I slowly became enchanted with visual storytelling, and I ventured down to the New York Botanical Garden's program for art and illustration. From there I developed the technical ability to tell my stories about the natural world.

AW: I didn't know the Botanical Garden in New York had an art program.

AT: It's actually a very prestigious program



PHOTOS COURTESY THE ARTIST

Onna-Bug-eisha and Her Leaf Cutting Factory by Anastasia Traina

*"She slept beneath a tree
Remembered but by me.
I touched her cradle mute;
She recognized the foot,
Put on her carmine suit,
And see!"*

The Tulip
by Emily Dickinson

and it really is like going to art school, you learn from the very best. They take you through every single medium, watercolor, colored pencil, silverpoint...it's a very classical education.

AW: We see a lot of floral paintings here in the country, but yours are decidedly different. How would you describe your approach?

AT: I find a floral specimen that I love, in the forest or in a garden — recently I ventured to Emily Dickinson's garden. The house was closed and in the garden, which was being very well taken care of, was a tulip that was half alive, but it was so vibrant still, and it had this little dozing bumble bee on it. I thought this is where Emily got her inspiration. The garden was so small, and her literary world is so huge in its depth. I sat there and sketched the tulip and the bumble bee, and later at home started re-



Wait For Me

searching Emily's poems on tulips and what the colors of different tulips mean. I feel like a flower's life reflects ours in a way. They're beautiful living creatures, their lives are so brief, but they're so full of lessons and poetry.

AW: When I was looking at your work I was thinking about the Victorian illustrator Richard Dadd who was known for his supernatural illustrations of fairies.

AT: I love him, his paintings are so beautiful and intense, and so intricate in their details.

AW: The similarities I see are that your fairies and little creatures

are so well blended into nature, you have to take a second or third look to find all the little details in your work.

AT: A lot of the time in my work I'm inspired not just by the single flower but by all the dirt and little microbes and fungi around it. You can find so many things that are alive in a handful of terra. It's magical to see what's alive in the soil. Everything is so interconnected. In my art, I take a little patch of soil with mushrooms and little creatures on it, and it's my way of making it important and saying you should take care of the Earth.



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Budget Season

At Sharon's Board of Finance Budget Meeting last week, more than half the time allotted for discussion was devoted to the Connecticut statute everyone loves to hate, Minimum Budget Requirement, or MBR.

First established by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1975, it was, with the best of intentions, meant to ensure that towns and school districts, particularly those with lower- or under-performing schools, used monies earmarked for education for that purpose and no other.

But over time MBR compliance has morphed into a remarkably complicated bureaucratic process and led to a wealth of unintended consequences. The basic tenet of MBR says that a school cannot make a budget that is less than the budget it had the previous year unless it can meet a set of "exceptions." These exceptions have many requirements.

The bottom line: Schools and the towns their students come from do not control their own education budgets. They must make budgets that meet the state's requirements, and cannot make budgets that reflect the actual spending they plan to do in any given year.

The frustration this leads to — for parents, taxpayers, town officers, educators, and board of education officials — is very real. The solution lies in getting the General Assembly to change the statute to return budgetary control, or at least more budgetary control, to communities across Connecticut. Local boards of education can't fix this by themselves, the legislature has to step up.

If you are concerned about MBR, contact your state assembly representatives, Maria Horn or Stephen Harding, on their websites, or Kevin Chambers, who runs the MBR program, at kevin.chambers@ct.gov.



Another topic that surfaced in Sharon during the budget deliberations — should town governments help support the nonprofit organizations that bring services and cultural enrichment to their communities or should these groups be left to go about their own fundraising? It's an interesting and somewhat surprising question. Many U.S. nonprofit groups get support from, and work collaboratively with, government entities at the local, state, and even federal level.

Institutions such as the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon and the Sharon Historical Society help anchor and build the communities they serve, communities of passionate readers, of life-long students, of families and friends, of energetic and engaged volunteers, providing many different opportunities for Sharon residents to connect with each other around shared interests and concerns.

These activities align with the town's responsibility to promote the public good. Town support of its nonprofit partners is not frivolous, it's essential.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn about Connie healthcare database

I would think it might interest your readership to know about Connie. Connie is a new Connecticut healthcare database to which all providers from podiatrists to psychiatrists, social workers to hospitals and nursing homes must begin to connect their electronic medical records next week. The fact that there has been no coverage is unsurprising. It has been word of mouth among providers although Connie has a Facebook page extolling its virtues as well as a website.

Forty-five other states already have health databases in place. As of last Friday, none of the Connecticut doctors and therapists I talked to had heard about their mandate under Connie to share their (and your) records to this database and to begin this process by May 3. This underscores the

rather stealthy nature of the mandate. Our professional associations have advised us to sign in to be in compliance but not to dream of signing the 56-page Docu-Sign attachment that lands in your mailbox every day thereafter until it has been thoroughly reviewed by providers' lawyers.

Among behavioral healthcare providers and their patients, privacy concerns are running high. While Connie's apologists claim that HIPAA concerns will be appropriately handled, the privacy required for the handling of behavioral health and substance treatment records far exceeds HIPAA standards. Do you really want even basic progress notes from your most private and privileged conversations available in the cloud? There is a movement to have those of us who provide such treatment exempt-

ed from this database.

Supposedly these data will aid in patient care, but in fact data based such small numbers as will be gathered in the state will not be particularly strong. (It is unclear whether all the state health databases will ultimately be connected.) Better information can be gleaned through collegial interaction with other providers and the use of Cochrane Reviews and other bigger data sets. It is also claimed that this database will aid in patient care by eliminating the current Tower of Babel effect due to electronic health record systems that don't communicate thereby forcing many providers to communicate among themselves by fax, email and telephone. Which works just fine.

Marietta Whittlesey MS LPC
Sharon and Gallatin, N.Y.

Arbor Day tribute at North Canaan Elementary School

Thanks to Dr. Roy and all the North Canaan teachers who elevated Arbor Day at NCES to a high holiday on April 28th. The enthusiasm of the students was electric, especially the Arbor Day song and "My Roots Go Down." The fifth grade poems were delightful and the Recycling Challenge was very well delivered.

This year's planting of our 34th Arbor Day tree was made possible with a generous grant from the Canaan Foundation. I also wish to acknowledge the contributions of North Canaan Selectmen Craig Whiting, who trucked the tree to NCES, and Charlie Perotti, who made Town Crew foreman Bryon Carlson's excellent backhoe skills available for tree-pit preparations. Thanks too to Selectman Christian Allyn, and to Kyle Acuna, foreman for Toomey Tree Care, for their skilled assistance with the actual planting. Topsoil was provided by Laurelbrook Natural Resources and Tallon Lumber provided the bark mulch.

This year's catalpa will become a large tree with heart-shaped leaves that will emerge soon and expand to 7-12 inches. Its most notable feature will be the 6-inch clusters of blossoms that appear in June to embellish the campus around graduation. That is why historically catalpas were often planted on campuses. The tree's 10-20 inch seed beans will form in fall and persist through winter to open in spring. This fifth grade "Class of '26" tree is 2 inches in diameter at planting. Canaan's Champion Catalpa is 61 inches in diameter and is estimated to be 150 years old.

There is more that could be done to enhance the NCES Children's Arboretum as an educational resource. This includes updating Robin Cockerline's arboretum map and its data, providing Class Tree species identification signs, developing a Canaan Champion Tree Calendar, etc. Ideas are welcome.

Tom Zetterstrom
North Canaan
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North Canaan

More letters on page B4.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — May 1923

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Perin sailed last Wednesday on the President Adams. While abroad they will visit England, Scotland, France, Spain and Italy.

Miss Anna Gray of Taconic is entertaining her young friends at a birthday party this evening to celebrate her 14th birthday.

Mr. S. Culver and the Misses Hazel Martin and Marcella Heffernan enjoyed a motor trip to Hartford Saturday.

Adv. Wanted. A girl for kitchen work. Must be able to bake. Apply at The Jigger Shop, Lakeville. Telephone

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A number of trees have been planted at proper points in the park.

50 years ago — May 1973

An alert and daring woman tailed two armed bandits from the scene of a Salisbury bank robbery Monday afternoon and gave police the break they needed to capture the suspects. By Tuesday afternoon the pair, seized while trying to hitchhike out of town, had led state troopers and FBI men to the \$12,800 in stolen Salisbury Bank and Trust Co. cash. The woman has asked not to be identified.

Firemen from Millerton, Sharon and Canaan joined the Lakeville Hose Compa-

ny early Tuesday evening in fighting a roaring blaze at Hamlet Hill Farm on Prospect Hill Road, Salisbury. The flames destroyed a machinery shed and shop and their contents: two tractors, a baler, miscellaneous tools, feed corn and other farm equipment. No one was hurt and no livestock was lost, however.

Salisbury Selectmen said Tuesday night that the old recreation hall at the former Children's Colony property on Long Pond is beyond saving and should be demolished as scheduled.

"What I will miss most," says Elizabeth Smith Gandel, "is the association with the children." Mrs. Gandel has

decided to retire in June after a 20-year career as a teacher at Salisbury Central School.

25 years ago — 1998

Canaan Town Crew Supervisor Brad Shook was tragically killed this week when he was accidentally run over by a town truck. Mr. Shook was supervising excavation work for the installation of a drainage pipe on Canaan Valley Road opposite the Carlson Road intersection Monday, directing fellow crew member Earle Dakers in backing up a two-ton dump truck when he was knocked down and then run over by the truck's rear wheels. He was pronounced dead at the scene at about 1 p.m. Mr. Dakers, 30, of Canaan, suffered severe emotional shock and was taken to Sharon Hospital by North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance and later released.

Thom Bradley, the principal of Salisbury Central School for 19 years, announced that he will retire at the end of next year.

The Lakeville Journal Co. announced this week that effective April 30 the subscription prices and cover price of all three of its newspapers — The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and The Winsted Journal — are being increased. The new

prices for the Journal are \$1 per single copy, \$39 per year in-county and \$49 per year for a subscription delivered per year outside of Litchfield County.

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Turkeys at pasture

Viewpoint

Obedience class

Katie still prefers domination to submission, but I no longer mind her rebelliousness. Her growl is only a gargle, her snap is only excitement. And she is working on loving me. I will never send her back.

Physically, Katie is lean and wiry, made of springs and elastic. Agile and acrobatic, she is a prodigious jumper. She stands easily erect, the better to take control. For emphasis she hops up and down. She often takes to the air; aloft is her default. Her aerial spins and twirls suggest that she may be part dolphin, though I haven't done the DNA test. All this means that I decide to train Katie in Agility: I have visions of her hurtling between the slalom gates to win at Westminster. But to enter Agility she must first graduate from Obedience, so I sign us up at a local kennel.

The first class is dogless. Ten of us gather in a big room where we sit on folding chairs, each of us radiating the private certainty that our own dog is special. The teacher is a small mild woman with handouts. She advises us to get leather leashes, a sweatshirt with a pocket for treats and a harness for walks.

The handouts concern, among other things, raw diet, food training, and no harsh punishments. They are mainly things that I either already believe (no harsh punishments) or that I will never consider (raw diet). We listen in silence. During the class someone's cellphone goes off. The ring tone is a barking dog, and we all jump, everyone grabbing at our pockets and bags.

The second class is with dogs. We are told to bring treats, and though Katie is mostly indifferent to food I have brought a bag of something the woman at the pet store promised me Katie would love. We all go to individual stations, set at intervals around the room.

Katie and I are between a wild-eyed Aussie and a Chocolate lab puppy. The Aussie is like the CIA, on

MY DOG: PART FIVE ROXANA ROBINSON

high alert, watching everything carefully at all times. The Chocolate puppy is like an air horn. He has only one thought, and that is to make the heavens ring. He never stops barking. Not once. It is deafening.

His owner, a tall rangy man in a baseball cap, pays no attention to the continuing salvo.

We ask our dogs to Sit and Stay and Down. Katie is good at Sit and Stay, though wobbly on Down. Sometimes, when I say, "Down," she slides reluctantly into a prone position, inching her way through the last little bit, snapping her teeth in irritation and holding my eyes with a challenging stare, until her elbows finally meet the floor. And sometimes, when I say "Down" she stands erect on her hind legs and shakes her head hard and fast, to show exactly how she feels about this command, and submission in general.

Regardless of the promises made by the pet store woman, Katie ignores my treats. The Aussie's owner kindly gives me a hot dog, and I offer bits of this to Katie. She takes them in a provisional way, eating part, then dropping slimy morsels onto the floor. When the teacher comes by I explain why we're not doing better.

"Katie doesn't really like food," I say.

"See if she likes this." The teacher holds out something which Katie gobbles at once. "What is it?" I ask.

"Beef heart," says the teacher.

"Wow," I say. I didn't know you could get beef heart outside an abattoir. "Where did you get it?"

"I order it at the supermarket. I boil it for several hours and then I wrap it and freeze it. Then when I want to use it I microwave it and slice it."

I nod intently, as though

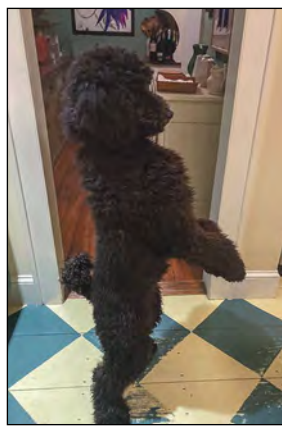


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Katie at attention.

I am memorizing this. I will never do any of it.

We do Sit, Stay and Down again. We try a little chaotic leash-walking. The Chocolate puppy responds in the same way to everything. I wonder if his owner is deaf.

At the end of class I wait until the others have left and then ask the teacher about barking. I say I would be so grateful if she could suggest that the other owners to ask their dogs to be quiet. The teacher counters by saying that she lives alone, and she wants her dog to bark if a stranger appears. Sometimes it's good to have a dog bark, she tells me. Then she says that some owners don't care that their dogs bark. But the rest of us might care, I say. I say it might be a service to the community, to ask your dog not to bark. The teacher tells me again that some owners don't mind barking, and with that she ends the conversation.

Katie has greatly enjoyed the class. She loves seeing all the other dogs, and she is eagerly hoping for an off-leash playtime. So far she has not made much progress with commands, but I am hoping that these lessons will somehow be magically absorbed, like a plant growing without you doing anything, and that Katie will become obedient.

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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MAY 6 "Luminous Voices" at Salisbury Congregational

Salisbury Meeting House, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. salisburycongregationalchurch.org

The Salisbury UCC Choir, along with guest singers and professional soloists Jennifer Oberto, Jimi James, and Steve Hoagland, will perform a spring concert entitled 'Luminous Voices' on Saturday, May 6, at 3 p.m. The concert is free to the public.

Sharon Classic Road Race

Veterans' Fields, 29 Sharon Station Road, Sharon Valley, Conn. sharondaycare.org

The 38th Annual Sharon Classic Road Race to benefit the Sharon Day Care Center will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. The hub of activities will be located at Veterans' Fields in Sharon Valley.

Native American Heritage in Salisbury Area Talk Planned

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

The Salisbury Association, Salisbury Historical Society and Scoville Memorial Library will present "Native American Heritage of the Salisbury Area" by Tim Binzen on Saturday, May 6, at 4 p.m. The program will be in-person and online, in the Wardell Community Room.

Watercolor Skies and Reflections in Water Scenes: Art Class with Collette Hurst

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

This popular art class by Collette Hurst has been extended with two new classes at The Cornwall Library on May 6 and 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

New Pathways Abstract Paintings by Jane Bevans

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

The Cornwall Library's next art show is called New Pathways, with abstract paintings by Jane Bevans. The exhibition runs from May 6 through June 25. The opening reception is May 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Register online for the reception.

MAY 11

Cary Science Conversation on Soil Health

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, N.Y. caryinstitute.org

On May 11 at 7 p.m., Cary Institute ecologist Jane Lucas will be featured in a Cary Science Conversation on soil health. Free and open to all, the event will be offered virtually and in-person at the Millbrook, N.Y., auditorium. Registration is required.

MAY 12

Discover the Story of the First Veterans' Association

Douglas Library, 108 W. Main St., Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

Join town historian Kathryn Boughton Friday, May 12, 7 p.m. at the Douglas Library for a talk on the predecessor of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

MAY 13

Lakeville Artists at Hunt Library

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

In May, the David M. Hunt Library will host an exhibition of artworks by Lakeville and Brooklyn-based couple, Millree Hughes and Sarah Davis, with a reception for the artists on Saturday, May 13, 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display through Friday, June 9.

All About Podcasts & Finding a Good Listen

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

On Saturday, May 13 at 4 p.m., The Cornwall Library will present a brief history of podcasting followed by board member Robert Becker speaking with local podcasters: Kurt Andersen (Nixon at War), Kim Cutter (The Control Variable), and Emily MacElweath (The Art Career). This is a live/Zoom hybrid event.

MAY 18

Connecticut's Witch Trials

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

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host "Witches in Connecticut" on Thursday, May 18, at 5 p.m. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of the women and men falsely accused, tried, and executed as witches.

MAY 19

Mushroom and Spring Ecology Walk

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

On Friday, May 19th at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Adamah Farm and Fellowship will host a Mushroom and Spring Ecology Walk. Registration is required for this program. The meeting place will be shared upon registering.

MAY 27

Annual Under the Tent Book Sale at The Cornwall Library

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

The Cornwall Library's Annual Under the Tent Book Sale will take place on Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, May 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Monday, May 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ONGOING

Music Programs at Center on Main

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

The Center on Main is offering two music programs for children and adults.

"Music Hear Now," for ages seven and up (including adults) offers a new approach to the traditional music lesson. Go to www.brookmartinezmusic.com for more information on Music Hear Now.

For those with children ages one to five, Dana Domenick is offering "Monday Mini Music Makers." The program is offered Mondays 10 a.m. at the Center beginning Monday, April 24, and running through May 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just Another Thursday in the U.S.

Odd going-ons have become the ordinary—a former President indicted, the daily mass shootings, FDA approval questioned by a Texas judge without knowledge or evidentiary fact, a Supreme Court Justice not financially disclosing hundreds-of-thousands \$ received. What would have been shocking to me and the public at large in prior days is just another Thursday in America.

Tap into the internet, turn on the TV, read your New York Times, New York Post and the headlines are rife with coverage of the tales of the day — tales of law and order discarded, disclosures of national security documents, violent perpetrators laden with praise and promise of pardon, women endangered, killed by the legislative whims of white men in red states.

Negative gravitational pull makes rising above it all a near impossibility.

An Australian Sheepdog hoofed his way across 150 miles of ice to a place where the locals with good 'ole American goodwill traced his home, his family, and returned him by cooperative ingenuity. A doctoral student has devised a low-cost plas-

tic window with easy install to replace windows bombed and gunned down across Ukraine. Insulin prices are down. Overall unemployment in the US is 3.5%, Black unemployment is at 5% after hovering at 17% during Covid. The pay of the lowest wage earners in the U.S. is up 7%. Two young Black state legislators ousted for supporting protests against mass gun violence are reinstated in Tennessee. In prior days tales of good news: generosity, local Samaritans, innovations were not out of place in the news — we cheered rescuers, applauded helping hands, admired a chef traveling with volunteers, food and equipment to feed the distraught, the endangered, the survivors at sites of disaster. High performance news was headline news.

Today I had to go to the Good News Network to find an actual listing of this week's good news.

Some prominent news agency have good news segments accessible on line but only when the ask includes good — not just news.

Irish headlines are Biden Joy, U.S. headlines are Marjorie Taylor Green defending the source of the recent

national security leak as "a white, male, Christian, and antiwar. That makes him an enemy to the Biden regime." Unspoken by Green is the endangerment/death to 1000's of civilians in Ukraine in war as well as their military by this leak. Whistled out of New York City when she went to the courthouse to cheer on Trump, Green possesses high regard for doing violence unto others — she seems to be casting her own do unto others golden rule.

In the U.S., Easter week

ends in a dense fog of falsity and fraud. Negative gravitational pull is undaunted. I have however found a source of good news on line — ask for good news. Perhaps soon noteworthy coverage of human triumph, human honor, and human goodness will once again fill columns, segments, and headlines.

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."

Napoleon Bonaparte
Kathy Herald-Marlowe
Sharon



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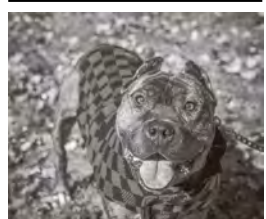
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