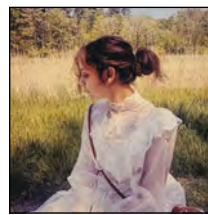


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Martha Stewart with Caleb Kane of Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring, N.Y., during the Trade Secrets event Sunday, May 21.

Gardens galore at Trade Secrets 2023

By Tara Kelly

LAKEVILLE — Trade Secrets Rare Plants and Garden Antiques Sale, and garden tours, took place this past weekend in various locations throughout the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Both days threatened rain, and Saturday delivered on that promise, but that didn't keep hundreds of enthusiasts from touring the gardens on Saturday, May 20, or attending the plant and garden antiques sale at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury on Sunday, May 21.

Trade Secrets was started by well-known interior designer, gardener, and Falls Village resident Bunny Williams 22 years ago, as a fundraiser for Women's Support Services. She has been involved

with the event and the organization it supports continuously since its inception. The garden tours, usually sold as a package of four, were sold individually this year; Williams' garden was sold out.

On Saturday Williams stood near the boxwood parterre at her home greeting visitors, who sought her out to say hello, and compliment her on the beauty of her gardens many rooms and different spaces. Guests meandered through the woodland garden, across the hedged lawn, down into the sunken garden, and out to the bird house village, snippets of conversation floating in the air behind them. "I love this!" "This is a garden I could handle." "We could put something

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Slalom stroke
The New England Slalom Series came to West Cornwall. For full story, turn to page A7.



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Veterans aim to re-energize popularity of the poppy

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — In the days leading up to Memorial Day, it is not uncommon to find veterans groups distributing red paper poppies outside stores, gas stations and on street corners in exchange for a donation in honor of fallen soldiers and to contribute to the continuing needs of veterans and their families.

The small, crimson memorial flowers, which are hand-made by veterans, providing them financial and therapeutic benefit, even have their own annual day of recognition: The Friday before Memorial Day, May 26 this year, is National Poppy Day.

But while most people over a certain age recall the tradition of wearing a paper posy or placing a poppy on the tombstones of those who served as tributes to the fallen, those decades-old rituals have lost ground to barbecues and celebrating summer's unofficial arrival, according to members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion posts in the region.

From Winsted to North Canaan to Millerton, veterans and auxiliary members said they are hoping to re-energize the humble poppy's

A Buddy Poppy, trademarked by the VFW before Memorial Day in 1922.



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

popularity through distributions on Poppy Day, along Memorial Day parade routes and at other sites throughout the region this weekend.

Kirk Harrington, commander of the VFW Couch Pippa Post 6851 in North Canaan, said his post will kick off the annual drive the week leading up to Memorial Day by setting up poppy distribution tables in front of the Post Office and Lindell ACE hardware.

"We will also be at Stop & Shop in Canaan the weekend of Memorial Day on Saturday and Sunday," and members of the local Girl Scout Troop will also assist by handing out poppies during the town's Memorial Day Parade, he said.

Harrington said his post distributes between 500 and 1,000 poppies annually, and all donations benefit veterans and their families.

Pandemic put a crimp in revenue

Molly Jenks, who serves as vice president of American Legion Post

178's Auxiliary in Millerton, said members will be distributing crepe paper poppies during the community's annual Memorial Day Parade and in Veterans Park, as well as outside various businesses, on National Poppy Day. She said her post expects to hand out about 250 crimson flowers.

Donations are not required but are welcome and appreciated.

The amount raised annually, "depends on how many volunteers we get," to participate and how many people attend the parade, said Jenks, noting that fewer people have been turning out for the patriotic festivities in recent years.

The pandemic put a damper on the annual event and poppy drives, and crowds have yet to be as robust as they were pre-COVID, she noted.

People tend to forget that there

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Spongy Moths

Spring rains needed to stave off feeding frenzy

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — State foresters and entomologists uttered the same four-letter word when asked what it would take to avoid a repeat of last year's widespread defoliation of hardwood trees by ravenous caterpillars this spring.

"Rain."

Late last May, for the second year in a row, spongy moths in their caterpillar stage chewed their way through thousands of acres of forests and hillsides the northern Litchfield County

By June, the landscape, particularly in hard-hit Sharon and Cornwall, was eerily barren.

The only thing that may impede a three-peat this spring is precipitation, as wet, moist conditions activate a naturally occurring soil-borne fungus which is lethal to only spongy moth caterpillars, said Christopher Martin, director of forestry for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Trees sport protective bands against spongy moths.

The forester said he was concerned that many trees, especially oaks, may not be able to handle the stress of three consecutive years of defoliation.

"This week does not look

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Memorial Day parade schedule

North Canaan

Parade departs from Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. at the Doughboy statue at the corner of Granite Avenue and Main Street. A ceremony is held there after the parade arrives. Parade participants are asked to gather at Town Hall at 10 a.m.

Cornwall

There are four events planned, with the first taking place at 9:30 a.m. at the North Cornwall Cemetery, followed by a 10 a.m. ceremony in West Cornwall. The main observance will be held at 11 a.m. at the Pine Street town Green with a carnival at the UCC church to follow at noon.

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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.

Risk of injury to child, sexual assault

On Monday, May 15, Troop B served an active arrest warrant at Farnum Road in Salisbury to Walter Delgado, 36, of Stamford, for allegedly impairing the morals of a minor and sexual assault in the fourth degree. Delgado was released after posting a \$7,500 cash-surety bond. He is due to appear for arraignment in Torrington court.

Loose asphalt on road

On Sunday, May 14, at approximately 8:30 p.m. Michael Wright, 16, of Lakeville, was traveling southbound on Johnson Road in the town of Canaan in a 2005 Volvo S60R when he struck

loose asphalt debris in the roadway. The loose asphalt damaged the passenger side wheel area. Wright was able to drive from the scene.

Failure to maintain lane

On Tuesday, May 16, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Margaret Chapman, 90, of Falls Village, was traveling south on Sugar Hill Road in the area of Housatonic River Road in Salisbury in a 2012 Subaru Impreza. She lost control of her vehicle after striking a rock wall, causing the vehicle to roll onto its side. Chapman was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

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.



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A house at 70 East Main St. in Salisbury has been renovated by the Salisbury Housing Trust and will be featured in an open house on May 27.

Affordable housing open house set

SALISBURY — The 16th home provided to area residents for affordable housing by the Salisbury Housing

Finance board needs alternate

SHARON — The Sharon Board of Finance is seeking candidates to fill an alternate position on the board. The applicant must be a registered voter in Sharon with certain restrictions on party affiliation or be an unaffiliated voter.

Please contact Board of Finance Chair Tom Bartram at 860-248-9785 with any questions. Send resumes to the Selectmen's Office by the close of business on June 14.

Trust will be presented with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 27, at 4 p.m. The home is at 70 East Main St. in Salisbury. An open house will follow the ceremony. There will be light refreshments provided.

The town is invited and there will be parking at Dunham Drive, just up from the property.

For more information, go to www.salisburycthousing.org/about-salisbury-housing-trust.

Read-through, sing-through for fall musical production

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, will hold a read-and-sing-through of "The Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of Twelve Hit Carols in a Pear Tree," on Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the church's Parish Hall (off Library Street).

Written by Broadway legend William Gibson, this rollicking "Christmas Entertainment" features a beleaguered angel, a mysterious adversary, a fiercely independent Mary, a smitten Joseph — along with louts, animals and kings.

Pastor John Nelson and Music Director David Baranowski will direct the production in the late fall. Roles for adults and children are available.

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.

Online This Week

Cornwall passes 2023-2024 budget

Residents passed a relatively flat budget at a May 19 town meeting. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Sharon's Kearcher to run for selectman

Lifelong resident throws her hat in the ring. Go to www.tricornernews.com.

Sharon Hospital sets livestream update for community June 5

SHARON — Sharon Hospital is scheduled to host an online community update from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5, via livestream video.

President Christina McCulloch will discuss the latest hospital developments and provide updates on the affiliation in 2019 that created Nuvance Health.

The independent monitor, engaged by Nuvance Health, will report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing matthew.austin@nuvancehealth.org or calling (860) 364-4507 with their name and phone number.

Questions can also be mailed to: Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT, 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the website: www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums.

The recorded session and a copy of the digital presentation will be accessible on the website following the event. To request a physical copy by mail, please call (860) 364-4507 TTY/Accessibility: (800) 842-9710.

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Our Towns

Local experts share work experience with students

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury's resident State Trooper Will Veras had a group of middle school students poised to summon Dexter, a German shepherd, from the police SUV.

On the count of three, the students chorused "Come on Dexter!" and as if by magic, the dog opened the car door and ran toward the ball Veras was holding.

Friday afternoon, May 19, was Career Day at the middle school at Salisbury Central School.

Representatives from all walks of life came to share their experience with the students.

Ed Norton, an affable Environmental Conserva-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Ed Norton, an Environmental Conservation officer, briefed Salisbury Central School students on his job.

tion officer from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, leaned nonchalantly against a muddy all-terrain vehicle.

He explained the ATV was dirty because it was used recently in the search for a missing Appalachian Trail hiker in Kent, and he hadn't had a chance to hose it down.

Norton said that he is responsible for 43 towns in the western part of Connecticut.

"I'm on the night shift," he said. "I work nights, weekends, holidays."

EnCon officers respond to boating accidents and problems in state parks.

And anything else that might fit their remit.

"If you can think of an animal in Connecticut, I've handled it."

Norton added that EnCon officers are police first, and must go through the police academy.

Inside the middle school building, chef Jeff Scarpa told a group that in his younger days in the business he worked hours similar to Norton.

"I worked long hours, holidays," he said.

Hours and reimbursement vary widely in the food service business, Scarpa said.

How much someone earns and what hours they work depends on whether the job is at a restaurant, an institution, or a caterer.

Interior designer Katie Baldwin, surrounded by fabric samples, told her listeners that she often designs a room around one particular piece.

She held up a neutral, taupe-colored piece of fabric and started holding more colorful samples against it.

"That's the thing about design," she said. "There are no rules."

Back up on the hillside, Veras revealed how Dexter managed to open the car door. Veras had a remote device on his belt that opens the door.

He said Dexter is trained to find missing people, whether they are lost in the woods or absconding criminal suspects.

The dogs are also trained to sniff out evidence.

"One dog is worth five troopers," Veras said with a grin.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Salisbury Rotary Club President Bill Spalding said the scheduled May 20 day of service was rained out, so the club went ahead the next day.

Rotary Club's day of service, a day later

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Rotary Club's day of service scheduled for Saturday, May 20, got rained

out. But the Rotarians were out in force the next day at Labonnes in Salisbury, loading up bags of groceries destined for local food pantries.

Rotary president Bill Spalding said other volunteers were out and about, doing cleanup work in North Canaan and Cornwall, and tree work in Sharon.

Overlooked history at Academy through June 3

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Student work on overlooked aspects of the history of the Northwest Corner is on display through June 3 at the Academy Building, home of the Salisbury Association.

"Coloring Our Past" has contributions from Salisbury Central School, Sharon Center School, Cornwall Consolidated School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Salisbury School, and Indian Mountain School.

The work was included in the recent Troutbeck Symposium.

The HVRHS section has a dramatic overhead photo of the high school campus

in Falls Village, with the Housatonic River snaking around it.

Accompanying the photo is this statement: "Housatonic Valley Regional High School acknowledges with gratitude the Wechquodnach people, the People of the Curving Channel, upon whose ancestral lands our school stands. We show our respect to the Wechquodnach ancestors whose land was appropriated by colonists, and their descendants who continue to live in Region One and beyond."

On May 6, Salisbury's own Tim Binzen, an archaeologist and anthropologist who is the Regional Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service for the region, spoke about the Wechquodnach and Weatogue communities.

Much of Binzen's research is on the colonial period, roughly 1675 to 1740. He said that as late as the 1730s, Connecticut's colonial government had very little idea of who or what was in the western part of the state.

So as settlers moved into what is now the tri-state region where Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts meet, "there was not a lot of clarity" regarding political boundaries and who was supposed to be where.

"The natives were aware that things were changing very quickly, changes that

would affect their way of life."

Trying to get an accurate idea of how many Native Americans were in the area is complicated by inconsistent town records, Binzen said.

"Natives were often ignored or not included in vital records — births, deaths, deeds."

The exhibit packs a lot of material in a relatively small space and repays repeat visits.

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Saturday, June 10, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
CURRENT FICTION BOOK GROUP
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SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:05am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Replacement of one Existing and 3 New HVAC Units (Option B) at the Congregational Church of Salisbury at 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT, 06068. This

Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.
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Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 15, 2023:
Approved—Special Permit Application #2021-0215 by owner Project Sage Inc, for a use rendering more than thirty percent (30%) of the total lot area in impervious surfaces in accordance with Section 403.4c of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 39 and is located at 13A Porter Street, Lakeville.
Approved—Site Plan Application #2022-0216 by owners William and Kristin Sheil, to construct an attached accessory apartment in accordance with section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 15 and is located at 63 Millerton Road, Lakeville.
Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.
Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
05-25-23

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.
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Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

OBITUARIES

Carol Catherine Chase

PINE PLAINS — Carol Catherine Chase of Springdale, Arkansas, died on May 1, 2023. She was born on Oct. 8, 1939, in New York City to Claire Farley Chase and Kenneth Fulton Chase D.D.S. Carol was a popular, precocious, tough-as-nails, middle child who revered her big sister, Gene and adored her baby brother, Barry. Chaseholm Farm and the small town of Pine Plains, New York, were the backdrop for her early years. In addition to farming, Kenneth and Claire ran a family dentistry business.



At the age of 50, Carol earned her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Arkansas. She spent the next thirty years at the Infant Development Center, where she went from grad student on work-study to Lead Teacher and Lecturer. She spent summers traveling back to Pine Plains and Connecticut to visit her brother and sister, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, and her daughter in New York City.

Throughout her life, Carol had a special penchant for reading children's books out loud...she was a star in this regard, delighting young and old alike. She especially loved reading to her grandchildren, Chase Hart and Adam and Alissa Stewart.

Carol enjoyed rich lifelong friendships — she seemed to have a place in her heart for everyone. She loved playing volleyball, dancing to the Cate Brothers, a cast-iron cooked steak, books and films, a good bull shot, and finally, feeding families of possums, skunks, raccoons and birds on her front porch.

Carol was beloved by so many for her humor, quick wit, her generosity of emotion and her one-of-a-kind spirit. More than once Carol kept the peace in public places by hugging angry men who had been set on fighting. We're grateful for the memories we have of Carol — "luminous traces of her remarkable life" — as a friend so aptly put it. A private memorial was held at the family home in Springdale on May 7, 2023.

Walter C. Hall

KENT — Walter C. Hall, 86, of Kent, passed away May 13, 2023, at Geer Village in North Canaan. He was the loving husband of the late Carol OBrien Hall.

Walter was born Oct. 13, 1936, in Torrington, the son of the late Donald and Mildred (Edwards) Hall. Walter graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School with the class of 1954. After graduation he attended Henry Abbott Technical School in Danbury. Upon completing technical school, Walter married Carol on May 19, 1956. He was a carpenter, who early in his career worked with Joe Gawel construction in Kent; then partnered with John Grusauski; and eventually became an independent and self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by sons, Donald Hall and Sue Sherman of Torrington; Richard and Nicolette Hall of Enfield;

Stephen and Cheryl Hall of Tennessee and daughter Katherine (Hall) and Nathan Totten of Kent; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. Walter was preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth Ann Hall, sisters Eleanor Davis and Donna Hall, daughters-in-law Diane Hall, Linda Hall and great grandson Sylvan R. Hall.

A private grave site service will be held at Good Hill cemetery in Kent, CT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent Volunteer Fire Dept. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Celebration of Life

Kent T. Kay, DVM

MILLERTON — A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held for longtime Millerton resident and local veterinarian, Kent T. Kay, DVM. Kent passed away from complications of Alzheimers in February 2023. The service will be on Saturday, June 17, at 10 a.m. at Church of St. John in the Wilderness Church in Copake Falls, New York. Following the service there will be a short reception on the church grounds.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

SPONGY MOTHS

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good. The caterpillars are hatching," Martin said in a May 15 interview.

The prior week had been sunny and dry, and the state forester said conditions are similar to the previous year where the soil moisture did not increase in time to activate the maimaiga fungus, a fungal pathogen which kills off the invasive insects.

"We're not currently in a drought, although we have been getting short, episodic seven to 10-day stretches without a drop of precipitation," said the state forester. "We need the rain early in spring to late May."

It did rain Saturday, May 20, but if that is followed by a stretch of warm, dry days it may not be enough to stop another spongy moth feeding frenzy.

"We're concerned," said Martin. "Ideally, a half inch per week would ensure continued soil moisture. Anything less than that and the chance of caterpillar survivability increases."

Gale Ridge, an associate scientist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), said "If we can get rain, and the cool nights slow them down and knock them back," there is a chance of avoiding a spongy moth outbreak, she said.

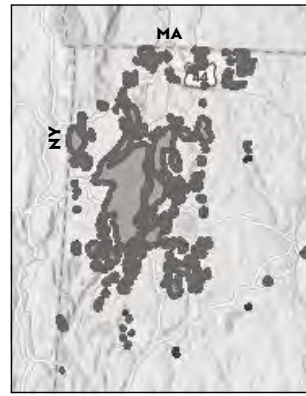
Once the caterpillars are infected with the fungus' pollen-size sized spores, it takes about eight days for them to die.

Ridgeline trees most vulnerable

Spongy moths, previously called gypsy moths, were renamed for their spongy-looking egg masses.

Spongy moth eggs generally hatch between late April and mid-May. The larval, or caterpillar, stage usually lasts about seven weeks. The larvae are the most active during May and June. Adults emerge in late June through the middle of July and can persist into August.

Oaks are the spongy



MAP SUBMITTED
CAESAerial survey map of northwestern Connecticut showing areas defoliated by the spongy moth in 2021 (45,548 acres) overlaid with the results of the 2021-2022 CAES egg mass, seven-mile grid ground survey.

moths' preferred food choice, although the voracious insects will also attack conifers and deciduous trees.

Most trees grow new leaves in July, although environmentalists said tree mortality is possible after two or three years of moderate to severe defoliation, especially during periods of drought and particularly to older, stressed trees.

The 2021 and 2022 spongy moth infestations, said DEEP's Martin, already caused significant die-off in forests, hillsides and backyards.

The outlook is grim for White oak, said the state forester.

"They need to push out a new set of leaves and put all their effort into new leaf growth, which really exhausts them, so when they shut down in September, they have not recovered necessary nutrients into their root systems."

The trees most vulnerable during spongy moth outbreaks are those on ridges and hilltops, where the soil is thinner and there is less moisture.

"They are the ones at the most risk as they lack the energy storage for winter

dormancy that trees in the lower-level valleys have due to deeper soil," said CAES's Ridge.

"It usually takes three years of severe infestation to knock out a healthy oak, and trees that are marginal could be kicked into dying."

Egg mass counts for 2021, 2022

Aerial surveillance by CAES of egg mass counts per acre in 2021 and 2022 reveals that, overall, egg masses declined in some Litchfield County towns, and increased in others.

For example, surveys counted 208 egg masses per acre in Kent in 2021, and 528 in 2022. Winchester had zero in 2021, and 48 in 2022.

Towns showing a decline in the past two years include North Canaan, where 3,200 egg masses were counted in 2021 compared to 848 in 2022; Salisbury had 640 egg masses per acre in 2021 and 48 in 2022; and in Sharon 9,600 masses were counted

in 2021, vs. 192 in 2022.

The decline in egg masses, said Ridge, is the result of fewer caterpillars making it to reproductive adults.

"This is a direct result of fungal and disease activation rates. The Northwest Corner was a hot spot last year, because clearly the area did not have enough rain during the crucial May fungal inoculation period. It's all about whether it rains or not."

There is only one generation of the spongy moth each year, according to a report written by Kirby Stafford III and Victoria Smith of the CAES Department of Entomology.

Caterpillars hatch from buff-colored egg masses in late April to early May, which may contain 100 to hundreds of eggs and may be laid in several layers. A few days after hatching, the quarter-inch long, buff to black-colored caterpillars, or larvae, ascent the host trees and begin to feed on new leaves.



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Our Towns

Rain fails to thwart Hotchkiss Library fundraiser

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Pure elegance in garden, in home and in person were evident in the gala fundraising event to celebrate the 130 years that The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has been essential to the Sharon community. The event was held on Saturday, May 20, at the Weatherstone Estate, home and garden of Carolyn Roehm, who hosted the festivities that drew a sold-out attendance of area residents and city weekenders, all fans of their local library.

That it was raining most of the time was seen only as an advantage for the garden. Guests came prepared to



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Carolyn Roehm hosted the fundraising event at her Weatherstone Estate on Saturday, May 20.

self-tour and did so either in raingear or under umbrellas. Of particular interest

were the hornbeam trees, an ancient hardwood species well suited to shearing to shape, done to perfection at Weatherstone.

Inside, where the hors d'oeuvres and beverages were circulating, music was provided by the Bob Stump Band, a country and bluegrass group.

"I think it's wonderful," said Roehm of the event. She warmly greeted guests in the area set up for the silent auction that offered an array of possibilities donated by local individuals and merchants, from cooking classes to art, to handbags and garden tours, to flowers, a hand-woven silk scarf, and even three single full-size

trees, the latter donated by Roehm herself.

The live auction was equally enticing, offering a long tour of the area on the back of Trowbridge's vintage BMW motorcycle with a promise to stop for a nice lunch. Bidders also competed for a chance to have a brass plaque carrying the winner's name affixed to the copy machine.

A framed lithograph donated and signed by local artist Jasper Johns drew considerable auction interest.

Guests also donated generously to assist with the landscaping of the Hotchkiss Library grounds now that the addition and renovation work will soon be



Auctioneer Tom Trowbridge kept the bidding lively at the fundraising gala held at the Weatherstone Estate.

completed.

Reflecting on the event as a whole and the vital place of The Hotchkiss Library, or any library, in its community, Roehm remembered her own childhood and her fondness for books.

"I was one of the kids who went to the library and read Nancy Drew," Roehm

said, adding "I love books, the fantasy of books."

Considering her early years, she credited her mother's dependence on the local library in St. Louis, Missouri, for kindling her own relationship with reading.

"She was an exceptional woman," Roehm recalled, noting that her mother had created and developed a program that would inspire handicapped children toward learning. Roehm said that her mother worked inclusively with children regardless of their circumstances or the nature of the obstacle that hindered their learning. That program relied heavily on local library resources and Roehm values the opportunity to strengthen that community interrelationship.

For information about events and programs, as well as construction progress, at The Hotchkiss Library, go to: www.hotchkisslibrary-ofsharon.org.

Tubers rescued from river in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Cornwall's Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) rescued three struggling tubers stuck in the Housatonic River in West Cornwall on Tuesday, May 16. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reviewed the incident during the Board of Selectmen's meeting later that night.

Three adventure seekers called for help after losing control of their tubes on the river. The tubers were stranded on a rock more than 30 feet from shore when CVFD arrived.

"They were certainly in what I would call a precarious situation," said Ridgway.

CVFD utilized its rescue boat to bring the group to safety near the campsite at Housatonic Meadows. Ridgway urged those going in or near the river to take caution and wear flotation

devices.

"People should remember if they go in the river to always wear a life jacket. Luckily this rescue had a happy ending, but people should beware the river is very strong," said Ridgway.

No injuries were sustained in the incident.

The Little Guild has requested assistance from the town as they work toward building a new facility for their operations. During the construction phase, they have asked the board for permission to set up a temporary facility on town land.

"They came to ask if the town would consider putting temporary quarters on town property. Initially they asked to look at the fire house," said Ridgway. "I suggested also that there may be room at an alternative site, if that's too tight for them, at Foote Field?"

Ridgway said the poten-

tial location at Foote Field on Furnace Brooke Road would not impact the courts or playing fields in the park.

"They're basically talking about bringing in three modular units. One for dogs, one for cats, and one for the management," said Ridgway. "This would be for a year and it seems like housing our town's homeless animals is a priority."

The board agreed to work with the Little Guild and assist them in establishing a temporary facility on town property.

"It's a wonderful organization and anything we can do to help them we should do happily," said Selectman Janet Carlson.

Ridgway announced that a combined memorial service for Vietnam veterans is being planned with Kent and Warren. This service will likely be held in Kent on July 25 and vets will be present-

ed with a certificate of appreciation from Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz. Ridgway said any veterans interested in participating can be included in the ceremony by calling the selectmen's office.

The board moved to begin generating asphalt bids to repave roads in Cornwall. Ridgway said the budget has allocated funding for paving town roads and has discussed the project with Jim Vanicky of the Highway Department.

"We have a list of about a half-dozen vendors we have used," said Ridgway. "Work would happen in the summer. [Vanicky] has talked to some vendors. He said they're ready to go any time."

Three town roads have been identified to start: Dudleytown Road, Everest Hill Road, and Popple Swamp Road. Ridgway said he hopes to present bids to the board at the June 20 meeting.

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Sports

Salisbury lax wraps 2023 season

By Riley Klein

SALISBURY — The Salisbury School Crimson Knights lacrosse team hosted their final home game of the 2023 season against Deerfield Academy on May 17. In a hard-fought match, the Knights held on to win 8-6.

Salisbury honored their 21 rostered seniors before the game on Wachtmeister Field. The Knights' student section turned up to cheer their side to victory with signs, inflatables, and big-head posters.

Strong winds gusted over the hills of Salisbury as the match got under way. Fired up by the crowd, the Knights started the game with a quick goal by senior midday Luke Winkler on the opening possession. Attackman Ryan Goldstein scored on the next possession to give Salisbury an early 2-0 lead.

Deerfield gathered control of the ball and looked to stop the bleeding by slowing the pace of play. An illegal deck from Luke Pisani followed by a slash from Justin DeLucia gave Deerfield a double pow-

er play and enabled them to get on the scoreboard.

Winkler responded with another goal of his own before Deerfield answered and brought the score to 3-2 by the end of the first. Deerfield opened the second quarter with a goal to tie up the game.

Salisbury settled in and dominated possession and tacked on three quick goals. Goldstein started their run with a goal before Pisani and Brock Behrman piled on two more, giving Salisbury a 6-3 lead at the half.

Deerfield came out in the third with a game-plan adjustment that altered the balance of the match. Salisbury was forced into turnovers and was put on the defensive for most of the quarter. Deerfield capitalized on the momentum shift and scored three times, tying the game at 6-6 with two minutes remaining in the third.

"We've got to control the game. Control the tempo," shouted Salisbury Assistant Coach Kevin Kiley to his defenders from the sideline.

Salisbury's long poles



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Trey Deere attacked the net and scored on May 17.

headed the call and locked up Deerfield's attackmen. Knight Trey Deere snuck in a goal as time expired in the third quarter and allowed Salisbury to retake the lead 7-6.

The Knights brought the game to a crawl in the fourth and looked to run down the clock. The final goal of the day was scored by Chris Alexis and the game ended 8-6 in favor of Salisbury.

Goalie Marco Wimmerhoff logged seven saves in net for the Knights. Captain Brady Wambach was a groundball magnet and scooped up seven loose balls throughout the game. Deerfield goalie Alex Rolfe made 10 saves but the relentless onslaught of attacking Knights prevailed in the end.

On offense, Salisbury was led by Winkler and

Pisani with two goals each. Alexis, Deere, Behrman and Pisani all scored once. For Deerfield, Owen Bunten and Tommy Augustine both scored twice while Julian Navab and Owen Brozek had one goal each.

The result improved Salisbury's record to 12-3 for the season while Deerfield moved to 9-7. Both teams qualified for Prep Nationals' Big Four Classic in Greenwich along with Brunswick School (12-3) and The Lawrenceville School (16-0). In the first round on May 19, Lawrenceville defeated Deerfield 16-8 and Brunswick beat Salisbury 15-9.

In the championship game on May 21 between Lawrenceville and Brunswick, Lawrenceville won 14-13 in double overtime.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

McKenzie Todd traversed the course in West Cornwall during the New England Slalom Series event on May 21.

Slalom race benefits from Saturday's rain

By Lans Christensen

CORNWALL — On Sunday, May 21, the New England Slalom Series came to West Cornwall for the Covered Bridge Slalom. The series consists of ten races, held throughout New England and New York. Competitors paddle all manner of downriver kayaks and canoes, both open and closed, and recreational or race worthy.

Paddlers of all ages competed in three different classes. K1 and C1 can be difficult to identify without the simple clues that give away the name. Though the boats look identical, C1 (closed canoe) paddlers knelt in the boat and used a single bladed paddle, while K1 paddlers sat in the boat and used a double bladed paddle.

The slalom course started at the covered bridge and progressed down the river for about 300 yards with

22 gates. Some gates were crossed going upriver while most were done downriver.

River difficulty and condition were different for all of the ten race series. Amy Hunt, an OC1 competitor, said the .8 inch of rain Saturday afternoon and evening made a difference.

"The course was set yesterday when the water was low. It's about 6 inches deeper now, and a tiny bit more challenging."

Nonetheless, all paddlers, in every class, navigated the course as best they could and with true enjoyment.

Clarke Outdoors, a long-time fixture on the Housatonic, was the race registrar. A well-known paddling association, HACKS (Housatonic Area Canoe and Kayak Squad) helped by manning the on-course stations.

Results for all competitors and classes can be found online at www.nessrace.com

Region One athletics seeks coaches for sports in fall

FALLS VILLAGE - The Region One athletic department is seeking several coaches for their sports programs in the 2023 fall season.

At the high school level, coaches are needed for volleyball and boys and girls junior varsity soccer. At the middle school level, Region One is seeking coaches for both boys and girls soccer.

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- Digits
- Trillion hertz
- Snap up
- Classical portico
- Residue after burning
- Large integers
- Free agent
- Where ballplayers work
- Blood type
- Scottish city
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Serbian monetary unit
- Make a sudden surprise attack on
- Wood or metal bolt
- Relaxing attire
- Famed neurologist
- Dullish brown fabrics
- Member of ancient Jewish sect
- Griffith, Rooney
- Lawmakers
- Government lawyers
- The arch of the foot

CLUES DOWN

- Nonflowering aquatic plant
- Britpop rockers
- National capital
- Consumed
- The habitat of wild animals
- Sun up in New York
- Cygnus star
- Male parents
- Talk to you (abbr.)
- A place to clean oneself
- Southwestern US state
- South Korean idol singer
- Pirate

17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)

18. Mistake

20. Promotions

23. Prepares

24. Partner to flowed

25. State lawyer

26. Patti Hearst's captors

29. Pound

30. Electronic data processing

31. Sports player

32. Treats with contempt

35. Apprehend

36. Excessively talkative

38. Highways

40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

41. College organization for males

May 18 Solution

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May 18 Solution

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TRADE SECRETS

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Visitors to Bunny Williams' garden on Saturday, May 20, wandered around the boxwood parterre.

like that in the meadow." "You guys need these," a woman said to her friends, pointing to a tree peony.

"Ideas and inspiration," said Sally Hamilton, when asked why she came on the garden tour. Hamilton, from Athens, N.Y., more than an hour's drive away, was wending her way around Michael Trapp's magical, gravity defying, Mediterranean-inspired reverie in West Cornwall. Trapp opened his store and started his garden 33 years ago. "Though it looks like it's 1,000 years old," Trapp said.

That's intentional. Narrow cobblestoned paths hedged in boxwood, towering cedars, ancient terracotta pots, chunks of statuary, a reflecting pool tucked into the hillside, Trapp's garden is inspired by his travels around the world.

Trade Secrets began as a plant sale on Williams' Falls Village estate, and the next year antiques were added. It quickly grew in popularity, necessitating several venue changes. Last year it was held at Lime Rock Park for the first time, and the venue seems large enough to handle the crowds. More than 35 vendors displayed a wide variety of wares.

Nancy Henze from Pine Plains was admiring the selection of handwoven baskets displayed by Wendy G. Jensen Basketmaker. "These are fabulous," Henze said.

Jensen of Monterey, Massachusetts, is an expert weaver. Asked if she designed the baskets for specific uses, she said, "Sometimes I just like a particular shape, but for instance this one, was inspired by a student of mine who wanted something to use when she was picking blueberries." Jensen handweaves the baskets out of rattan, and also basket willow that she grows herself. After its harvested she dries it for nine months or so, then soaks it to make it pliable for weaving.

Vicki Salnikoff, from Millbrook, confessed that it was her first time ever at Trade Secrets. She came with a trio of friends who are longtime supporters of the event. Salnikoff, despite being new to the scene, had scoped out



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Kirk Henckels from Millbrook rarely misses Trade Secrets. He was thrilled to find some lupine. "Very tricky to grow in this area," he said.

the good coffee from Batchy Brew, a food truck positioned on the periphery, and she was enthusiastic about the topiaries she had purchased from Atlock Farm, and "the tablecloth from the linen lady," she said. Then she was off to buy peonies from Peony Envy, a Trade Secrets participant for more than a decade.

Women's Support Services was rebranded a few years ago, "to recognize that relationship violence affects people regardless of gender," said Betsey Mauro, executive director of Project SAGE (which stands for "Support, Advocate, Guide, Educate"). "We want everyone to know that our services are available to anyone experiencing intimate partner violence."

Jonathan Bee of Hunter Bee, the vintage goods shop in Millerton, is not only a longtime vendor, but also a volunteer of many years. He is passionate about the need for the programs and services SAGE offers. "SAGE does a lot of great work, and I'm very glad they changed their name and expanded their reach. It's really important to have an organization that deals with domestic violence issues."

Mauro also talked about the importance of Trade Secrets as a fundraiser for their organization and the dedication of the volunteers and vendors. "I want to note the generosity of our vendors, who are very supportive of our mission; and our more than 250 volunteers, many of whom start working on next year's Trade Secrets, months beforehand."

To volunteer or support Project SAGE go to: www.tradesecretsct.com/project-sage

POPPIES

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are soldiers currently deployed overseas, said Jenks, who are often in harm's way.

"If you don't know someone who is serving in the military it's not at the forefront of your mind," said Jenks, whose personal view "changed being married to a soldier." She is the wife of Robert Jenks, past commander of Post 178.

All proceeds raised annually from the Millerton Post's poppy drives are used to aid veterans and their families through distribution of gas cards, oil fill-ups to help heat their homes and mail overseas care packages, said the Auxiliary vice president.

"We sent a care package to one soldier's wife who was home alone with a 2-year-old. It contained some tea, soap and a gift card and a note saying, 'thinking of you' and thanking her for her sacrifice."

Welcomed back at Stop & Shop in Winsted

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not uncommon to see veterans seated at a small table outside of the Winsted Stop & Shop with a collection can and bundles of poppies in the days leading up to Memorial Day, greeting shoppers and youngsters. But the novel coronavirus put a halt to such social interactions until this year.

"This is the first time we will be allowed back," said Daniel Matthews, commander of the VFW Seicheprey Post 296 in Winsted, where more than 1,000 poppies are distributed annually by members.

"The VFW requests that members distribute five poppies per member each year, and we have approximately 100 members," noted Mat-

thews.

"Overall, we have definitely seen an increase" in donations following a dip in revenue from 2020 to 2021, he said. A stand of VFW-trademarked "Buddy Poppy" flowers are also on display and available to the public year-round on the bar at the Winsted VFW headquarters.

"Typically, our Post utilizes the Stop & Shop Plaza in the days leading up to Memorial Day, and the American Legion Post in Riverton typically distributes their poppies at Tractor Supply in Barkhamsted," the Post commander explained.

In keeping with tradition, he said, the Winsted VFW Auxiliary will be handing out poppies along the parade route during the town's Memorial Day Parade.

Matthews stressed that every dollar received from poppy donations is used solely to care for disabled veterans, their spouses, widows and children. "We don't use any money for paying things like the electric bill."

Inspiring a new generation

Younger generations, in particular, appear to have lost the connection and meaning of the little red flowers, or what to do with them, something that is all too apparent when veterans start appearing at public places with their poppy bundles and collection cans.

The answer is simple, said VFW and American Legion members. Wear it proudly.

While the proper place to wear a poppy has traditionally been the left-hand side of one's shirt, over the heart or on the lapel of one's jacket, on the left-hand-side, putting

DID YOU KNOW?

Red poppies symbolize resilience

Despite their cheerful appearance, poppies are technically classified as weeds.

They have grown in some of the most inhospitable of landscapes, including the war-torn battlefields in 1915. Even though the terrain was left devastated, bright crimson poppies sprouted from the wreckage come spring, like delicate beacons of hope.

poppies on purses baseball caps or zipper tags, or secured to rearview mirrors, is acceptable and appreciated.

History of the poppy

From the battlefield of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on, according to American Legion literature.

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. In the U.S., the American Legion and the VFW took up the cause.

The America Legion Poppy Program started in 1920 and has continued to bloom for the casualties of all wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans.

The American Legion brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day, which was officially designated as such in 2017.

Not all poppies are created equal, however. The delicate, crepe paper poppies are made for the American Legion.

The VFW's "Buddy Poppy" flower was trademarked in 1924 and is distributed solely by VFW posts, not only on Memorial Day, but also prior to Veterans Day in November.

Originally worn to commemorate the fallen of the First World War, also known as "The Great War," poppies are now worn in memory of those lost in every conflict since.

Both the VFW and American Legion memorial flowers trace their roots back to the haunting poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a Canadian military doctor and artillery commander, in May of 1915 while he served on the front lines.

The famous war memorial poem's open line refers to poppies that were the first flowers to grow in the soil from soldiers' graves in the Flanders region of Belgium.

It ends with the line, "We shall not sleep, though poppies grow, In Flanders fields."

SCHEDULE

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Kent

The parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. from Kent Center School and will stop at the St. Andrews' Cemetery, Veterans Memorial, Civil War Monument, Kent Memorial Library memorial, and end at the Congregational church cemetery.

It will feature wreath laying ceremonies and prayers from local clergy, and will include KVFDD apparatus, the Kent Center School marching band, a float from the American Legion, the local Boy Scout troop, a float for children to ride on, and a few antique vehicles. There will also be a military air flyover around 10 a.m. (subject to weather).

At the end all are welcome for ice cream served by the Kent Lions Club at the Community House, and a picnic hosted by the Kent Land Trust down at the KLT field south of town.

If it is raining, the parade will be canceled but a cere-

mony will be held at Kent Center School.

Sharon

The Sharon parade will line up at Auto Sport at 9:30 a.m. and start at 10 a.m., proceeding to the Veterans Memorial at Main Street and Route 343.

Salisbury

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Town Hall and proceeds down Main Street to Undermountain Road and to the cemetery, where the ceremonies will be held.

Falls Village

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Bill Clegg and Hernan Diaz

BOOKS: ELIAS SORICH

Hernan Diaz's Path to Winning The Pulitzer

Hernan Diaz, winner of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for his novel "Trust," began his conversation at the Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff, N.Y. on Tuesday, May 16 with a story about his upbringing. As a child, before he had the faculty to write, he'd drawn doodles which he would bring to his mother and say, "Look at what I've

written, Mom!" Driven toward storytelling from that young age, Diaz's path to the Pulitzer was one he described, with moving honesty, as frequently lonely.

Diaz was in conversation with Bill Clegg, his agent at the Clegg Agency and author of "Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man" among others. The two had a familiar and charming

relationship. Clegg, a resident of Sharon, Conn., recounted the story of how he and Diaz had first met, when Diaz sent in his first unpublished manuscript. Clegg characterized that first book as "full of this blinding prose," but decided not to take it on. Clegg sent out what Diaz called, "the nicest rejection

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BOOKS: ALEXANDER WILBURN

The Lives of The Party

Looking at the New York dance hall days captured by photographer Laura June Kirsch in her debut monograph "Romantic Lowlife Fantasies: Emerging Adults in The Age of Hope" it's hard not to think of a certain 2006 electro house classic by the French EDM duo Justice. "We are your friends, you'll never be alone again," the song beckons with a hollow promise, a siren's cigarette-tinged chant to a wayward, weekend warrior Odysseus, looking for connection, or just the spark of life, in the mosh pit, in the bathroom stall, in a stranger's mouth.

"Romantic Lowlife Fantasies" is an ode to the no-money glamour of the Obama generation, when the lines for Le Bain and The Box were a mile long, Heatherette was on the runways and Lady Gaga was still the girl who used to sing on The Lower East Side.

"We used to call our group friends 'lowlives' because we didn't know

what we were doing...we were out every night, we were out until 4 a.m. taking photos or hanging out with musicians," Kirsch said at a talk held at House of Books in Kent, Conn. The Greenpoint, Brooklyn-based photographer has also shot celebrity portraits for Vogue, Spotify, and The Village Voice — from NBA player James Harden to pop singer Liam Payne. She described the twenty-something nostalgia captured in her book as "a fun, coming-of-age time for me as I entered the world in a real way. In college I was much more structured, I was in a serious relationship, and I was working for a label. Then after college, I was flying by the seat of my pants, shooting all these parties. It's not what I expected to be doing in my twenties. I was leading this very traditional life — and then suddenly I wasn't."

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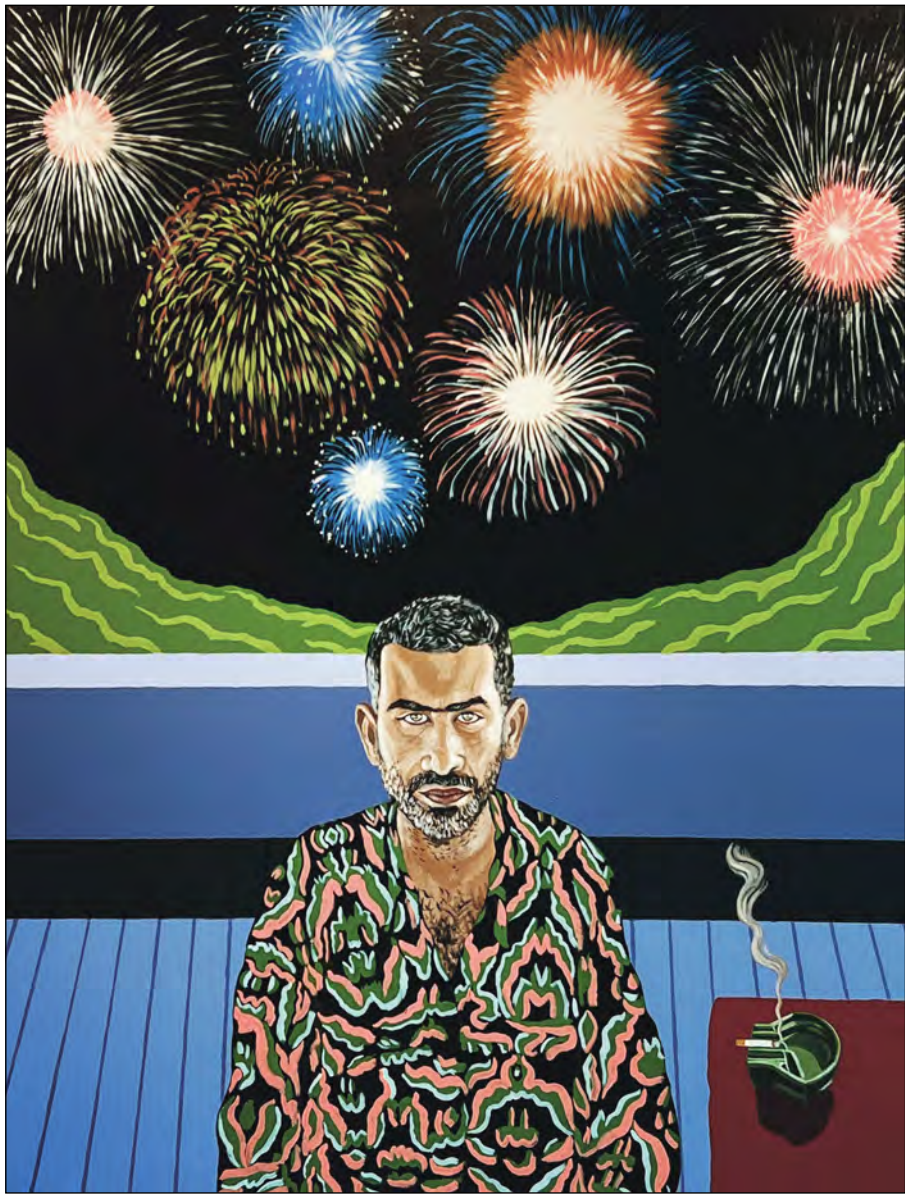
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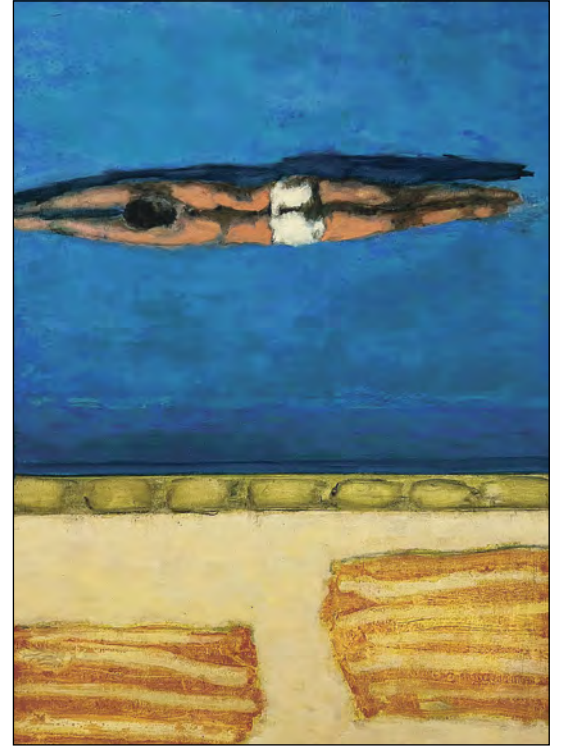
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Trapani by Bruno Leydet

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

On View This Weekend

At the opening of the group exhibition “Days I Have Held, Days I Have Lost” at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., Barnes lamented that her role as director prevented her from gallery-hopping to see all the other openings. In Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood, Barnes repined, you could pop into 10 shows in two hours. In the country, everything is a half hour away. She’s not wrong, and seeing everything that’s on view takes some planning. At KBFA, 5 x5 inch canvas by Sally Maca dazzle with nocturnal bursts of fireworks while the large-scale speedo-clad self-portrait by David Konigsberg is John Cheever brought to life in a Bombay Sapphire-colored swimming pool.



Dave The Swimmer by David Konigsberg

For darker waters, head to Carol Corey Fine Art, also in Kent, where Lisa Lebofsky’s oil on aluminum, “On The Horizon,” dips into Melville with foreboding ocean waves that lurch toward the viewer. Rick Shaefer’s liquid black-and-white charcoal work combines a painterly sensibility with a landscape photogra-

pher’s eye for contrast and composition. Finally in Kent, Craven Contemporary celebrates its five-year anniversary highlighting works from powerhouses like Alex Katz and Damien Hirst and emerging talent like Canadian painter Bruno Leydet, who forgoes his usual male nudes against sherbet Italianate wallpaper in favor of a bold outdoor portrait

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ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Young Artists Take A Turn At The Blue & Gold

Signaling that the end of the school year is in sight, “The Blue & Gold” juried student art exhibition opened at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., on Friday, May 19. Once titled “The Blue & Gold at The White” in past decades when the show was held at the former White Gallery

in Lakeville, Conn., the student pieces are now at the new Kearcher-Monsell Gallery in the school’s library.

In viewing the students’ work it’s hard not to see a young generation already being influenced by the influx of AI art. Text-to-image generative artificial intelligence programs create fussy, hyper-colored sur-

realism pieces that often blend obvious elements of René Magritte and Salvador Dalí (there’s even a program called DALL-E) with Vincent van Gogh’s easily-emulated style. Two students’ very AI-esque Van Gogh imitations took home prizes at the opening, one by Zoey Greenbaum — but her unawarded oil, titled “Femininity,” is the more interesting piece. While the motif of flowers sprung from an artfully-decapitated neck-turned-vase is a staple of internet art, her painting’s mammoth size among the other student’s offerings, and willingness to provoke — an X-Men blue Bettie Page — makes it worthy of note. Also overlooked by the judges was the soft photography of Birdie Boyden, a classic blend of Sofia Coppola’s pastel ennui and “Picnic at Hanging Rock” cosplay. These are the sensitive, self-conscious portraits that high school girls have always taken, and always will, and always should.

The previous show at the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery was an exhibition by HVRHS senior



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Femininity by Zoey Greenbaum

Theda Galvin featuring fantasy photographs of the figurines she builds, paints, and dresses. At “The Blue & Gold” opening, she was announced as the well-deserved 2023 winner of a scholarship from The Foundation for Contemporary Arts which will grant her \$20,000 annually for the four years of her continued education at The Cleveland Institute of Art. In a Compass profile on Galvin printed in February, titled “The Odd World of a Teenage Doll-maker,” her work was described as “empathetic, earnest, and the mark of an emerging talent.”



Pensive by Birdie Boyden

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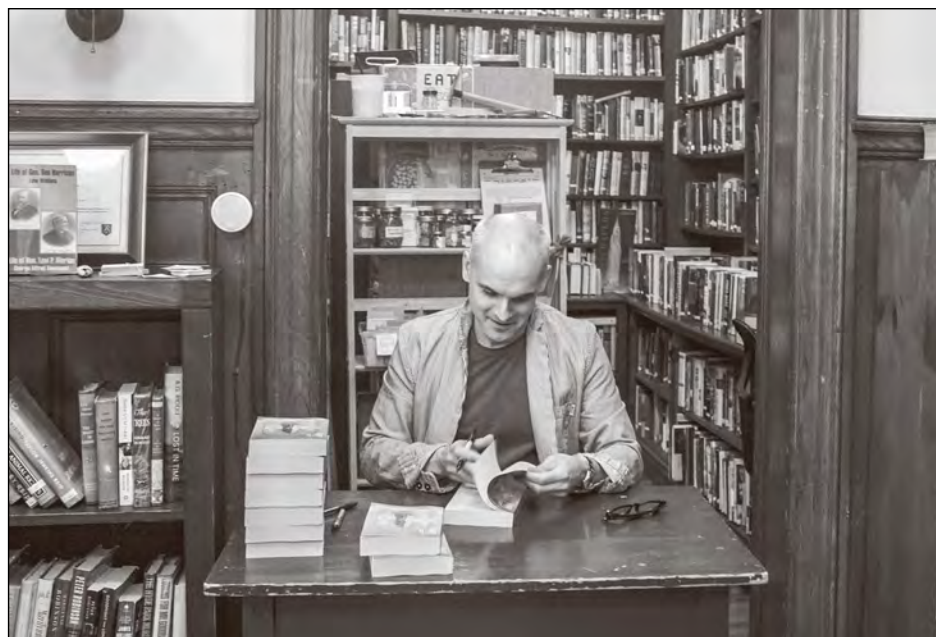


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Hernan Diaz's novel "Trust" was the recipient of this year's Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and is being adapted with actress Kate Winslet for HBO.

letter I ever got.”
 The next Clegg heard of Diaz was when the author's first published novel (the second he had written), "In the Distance," was put out by Coffee House Press in 2017. The book would go on to become a finalist for the Pulitzer and the PEN/Faulkner Award. Once Clegg read it, he called Diaz to congratulate him and comment on how genuinely stunning he'd found it. "I was so completely blown away," Clegg said, which promoted Diaz's response — "That's so kind, when I sent it to you and didn't hear back I assumed..." Clegg, still on the call ("I could actually hear his furious typing"), then frantically searched through his inbox, and found the unopened email with a submission of the manuscript from Diaz. It had come during a time when Clegg was changing agencies. "Hernan has since very graciously forgiven me."

Responding in part to broader commentary around his seemingly meteoric rise in the literary world, Diaz spoke about the decades of his writing career that preceded success as often full of the "cold, dark" reality of rejection. Emphasizing that he is not unaffected by his circumstances, Diaz takes joy in the ways his writing life has changed,

while also acknowledging the difficulty that came before. "Being rejected for such a long time hurt. It made me feel crazy. Like I was still making those doodles."
 Through it all, Diaz is a writer genuinely in love with the process of writing. Coming from a "many-placed" upbringing — first in Argentina, then Sweden, then the United States — he described himself as a lover of the English language and syntax, proclaiming the sentence to be "the greatest technology humans ever produced." Both in reading and writing, however, what Diaz seeks is the dissolution and melding of the self into something wider. "Sometimes when I write, I forget myself. What a wonderful thing that is."

"Trust" is a novel Diaz characterized as polyphonic, and is composed of four separate, stand-alone "books" written in distinct styles, and from the perspective of intertwined characters. Its preoccupying theme is stratospheric wealth — but Clegg also framed the novel as a fundamentally feminist text, with Diaz stating that there are essentially "zero women in the history of the literature of wealth." The Pulitzer Prize committee describes the book as, "At once an immersive story and a brilliant literary puzzle, 'Trust' engages the reader in a quest for the truth while confronting the deceptions that often live at the heart of personal relationships, the reality-warping force of capital, and the ease with which power can manipulate facts."

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where pistil-shaped sparklers explode over black like Dutch Old Master tulips.

Travel to the David M. Hunt Library's ArtWall in Falls Village, Conn., and you'll see work by the husband-and-wife duo Millree Hughes and Sharon, Conn., native Sarah Davis, on view through June 9. Davis's dreamy landscapes cast an equally fond eye on solitary nature and urban neighborhood streets, while Hughes's



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Seascape After Squall by Rick Shaefer

digital landscapes based on the mega-popular online multiplayer video game "World of Warcraft" seem to level criticism at the pixels we have not only turned our attention to, but fully immersed ourselves in.

COMPASS CALENDAR

The Writers Playground

The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will present its festival of 10-minute original plays by local writers and directors on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at The Olsen Theater. Eight plays will be featured in the program. Admission is free. Seating reservations can be made at www.sharon-playhouse.org

The Nether

The Ghent Playhouse in Ghent, N.Y., will present "The Nether" written by Jennifer Haley and directed by Patrick White on the weekends starting Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 18. In this science fiction crime drama, a detective investigates a virtual reality site where taboo acts blur moral boundaries. Suitable for adult audiences. For tickets go to www.ghentplayhouse.org. A free preview will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Daisy Dew-Diamond

Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., will present Louise Sheldon's psychedelic watercolors in "Daisy Dew-Diamond," on view beginning Friday, May 26, with a reception on Saturday, May 27, at 4:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night

The Center on Main in Falls Village, Conn., will host Twelve Moon Coffee House, an acoustic open-mic evening on Saturday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Spongy months again

It took eight months for the Entomological Society of America to come up with a new name for the invasive “spongy moth,” which is widespread in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada. It was introduced in Massachusetts in the 1800s, according to the Society, and today racks up a damages in the millions of dollars.

The name change process started in July of 2021 when the previous name, “gypsy moth,” was removed due to its use of a derogatory term for the Romani people. By March 2022, “spongy moth” was adopted — the first initiated by the Society’s Better Common Names Project. The origin of “spongy” derives from the common name used in France and French-speaking Canada for the moth’s egg masses, which look like sponges, or “spongouse.”

In a Page One article in this issue, Debra Aleksinas reports on the “spongy moth” outlook for this summer. Anyone driving through the green hillsides of the Northwest Corner last summer can recall seeing whole hillsides turned brown from the defoliation created by these insects. Last year, more than 45,000 acres were defoliated, and that followed an equally devastating stripping of 40,000 acres in 2021. Sharon and Cornwall were hard hit in both years.

According to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, while the outbreaks over the past two years were severe, they don’t match with the estimated 800,000 to 1.5 million acres impacted in Connecticut in the 1970’s and 1980’s.

Still, many of the trees hit hard by spongy moth two years in a row are likely to die, scientists say. Last year, by midsummer, there were signs that many trees had put out a new set of leaves, getting a second wind. But foresters are concerned about the vitality of trees that may face a third strike this season.

The hatching period from the egg masses typically comes between late April and mid-May. That’s now. The next larval stage lasts for weeks. Adults emerge in late June through the middle of July and can persist into August.

The insect spends most of its life cycle (10 months) in the egg stage. If you decide to take matters into your own hands, you can either spray the egg masses with an agricultural oil or insecticidal soap, soaking them completely, or scrape them into a container and dispose of them. Another approach is to wrap tree trunks with sticky tape.

Besides the stress on the trees after two years of “spongy moth” attacks, there is hope that soil moisture will reach levels that will activate a fungus that kills the invaders. As our Page One article explains, we’re not out of the woods yet. Though we’re not in a drought, we need rain.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — May 1923

Mr. Treat entertained eight fellow ministers at luncheon on Monday.

Perhaps you may have noticed the great prevalence of the tent caterpillar. The wild cherry and other bushes are literally covered with webs and thus in turn will soon communicate still further to regular fruit trees. Everyone should get busy destroying the pest by burning out the tents or some other equally effective method. It is time to do it now before greater damage results.

Mr. Merrill G. Fenn is enjoying a week’s vacation from his duties as repair man of the local office of the S. N. E. Telephone Co.

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Extensive repairs are being made to the fence along the frontage of Dr. Simmons’ property.

50 years ago — May 1973

Receipt of a check from Anthony J. Peters has completed contributions to the town for the purchase of the former Children’s Colony property on Long Pond. The purchase price was \$160,000 with \$100,000 donated by Mr. Peters and the remainder

by an anonymous benefactor.

Caroline Wakefield, director of guidance at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, was recently honored by the Berkshire Business and Professional Women. She was presented with the club’s 1973 Women of the Year award.

Dr. Elbert Gross, president of Music Mountain Inc. in Falls Village, has been notified by the Mobil Travel Guide director that the Berkshire Quartet concerts will be listed this season.

As Kent residents angrily protested the impending demise of their local A&P store, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. announced this week that the Canaan A&P store will close June 9. Regional sales director James Anderson said the small size of the store made it impossible for the company to create enough volume to justify the store’s continued existence.

The Bureau of Aeronautics will no longer issue licenses for the operation of aircraft at the Lime Rock race track.

State Police Sgt. Victor Keilty has been given a new state-level assignment by Police Commissioner Cleveland Fuessenich. The commissioner named this week Sgt. Keilty as assistant coordinator of resident state troopers.

Sergeant Keilty, a longtime Canaan resident, was until two weeks ago acting commander of Troop B at Canaan Barracks. He was succeeded in that post by Lt. James Shay.

25 years ago — May 1998

An anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar any contributions to the defibrillator fund by June 30. The donor has offered to match any contribution up to \$5,000. Last February, the Falls Village Ambulance Service began its fundraising effort with an awards ceremony to celebrate the two people who were saved last year. One of the people was saved by a defibrillator.

James E. Sok, president and chief executive officer of Sharon Hospital, announced his resignation from the hospital Friday, effective May 31. The move comes after weeks of reports that Mr. Sok was under mounting pressure to resign and that the medical staff had taken a vote of “no confidence” to the board of trustees. Michael Gallacher, former CEO of Manchester Memorial Hospital, has been appointed to take his place effective June 1.

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



Making a return to the classroom at HVRHS — 69 years later

How does an older, white haired gentleman, whose career has taken him to many countries — how does he get intimidated at this stage of life? Not difficult — just walk into a Housatonic Valley Regional High School classroom for the first time in 69 years, where 30 sophomore world history students are waiting for you — and you have an hour to keep their interest and attention in a topic, perhaps of vague interest to their being, namely “contemporary geo-politics of Southeast Asia.”

I started off by telling them that in my long ago history class, we, and our world, found ourselves pre-occupied with the Soviet Union’s takeover of Eastern Europe, imposing harsh communist government on so many nations, and, in Asia, the communist in-

vasion of South Korea, the defeat of the French army in Vietnam and the total defeat of our ally, Chiang Kai-shek by the communist army under Mao Zedong.

I told the students that, ironically, Russian and East Asian communism are still the Number One international concern that they will be faced with in their lifetime. Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping and Korea’s Kim Jong Un are ruthless dictators, run strict, authoritarian regimes, tightly control their media, their school curriculums, and despise democratic governments.

So, with that ominous thought given to the students, I went on to discuss the purpose of my talk, namely the past seven historical decades in East Asia. The origins of

the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the history of the Philippine Islands, Taiwan as a “hot spot,” and Hong Kong’s lost freedoms. Fortunately I had a white board and could draw a map to illustrate the geographical aspects of the involved areas.

The talk concluded with questions and, to my delight, it actually seemed that I had sparked a bit of interest in Southeast Asia.

In closing, I impressed upon the students that the experiences, academic and otherwise, that they have at Housatonic will provide an excellent foundation for their future endeavors, just as my Housatonic AFS journey was responsible for my international career.

Peter Smith ’54
Taconic

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Tim Lacy
Cornwall

Correction on quote

We are so thankful for the support that you and Ms. Hawken have provided for this event (Troutbeck Symposium 2023). We feel extremely grateful for our community.

The coverage was amazingly comprehensive, I only have one correction. The quote that begins with “This work is not academic” and ends with “you will see that it reshapes the trajectory of our nation” should be attributed to Prof. Hasan Kwame Jeffries of The Ohio State University, not to me. Although I agree, I could not have expressed it so eloquently.

Rhonan Mokriski
History Teacher
Coloring Our Past

Salisbury School

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, local EMS providers

In recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week (May 21 – 27), I would like to celebrate the work carried out by our team of dedicated EMS practitioners and the crucial services they provide each day within our region.

In my role as EMS Coordinator at Sharon Hospital, I interact regularly with the EMS providers in the hospital’s service area. Many members of our local EMS Rescue Squads and Fire Department Ambulance Corps, volunteer their time and skills for the sake of others and to serve as a pillar of support in our community.

We thank them for everything they do to provide highest quality of prehospital care for patients, helping them reach Sharon Hospital and our neighboring health-care facilities safely and quickly. Working together with our hospital-based staff, particularly those in the Emergency Department, our EMS teams and the Sharon Hospital staff provide life-saving care to patients in the Northwest Corner.

As a paramedic myself, I am proud to work alongside this team of professionals that each dedicate themselves to caring for others. Our EMS practitioners are often called upon during high-stress situations and are required to manage the care needs of the patients, while also ensuring families, loved ones, or witnesses are tended to as well.

This EMS Week, I kindly ask the members of our community to join me in honoring members of the EMS community who regularly go above and beyond the call of duty and treat each patient like family. As our frontline workers deliver these lifesaving services and care during a patients’ and families’ ultimate time of need, and often go unrecognized. Thank you for all that you do for our community!

David Jensen,
EMT-Paramedic
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Viewpoint

Our Homes, Our Future

Voices from our Salisbury community about the housing we need for a healthy, vibrant future

On the heels of the greatest health care challenge of our lives, Noble Horizons has had to deal with staffing shortages that were unforeseen three years ago. In many ways, this challenge has rivaled those which were seen during our COVID crisis. If we don't have enough staff, we cannot meet the needs of those who depend on us for their care.

The 'new normal' is that the 'old workforce' has been dramatically affected by the damage done during the pandemic. There are fewer people available for traditional roles in the healthcare industry. For the past three years we have struggled to compete with others in our industry in our efforts to recruit new people to our doors. Our location here in the northwest part of Connecticut doesn't help and housing costs are a major obstacle.

What do we do to fix this problem? We have had our greatest success in recruitment by offering innovative forms of housing including free housing! We've designated one of our cottages to the cause and created a 'dorm' style means of housing for new staff or staff

secured through agency opportunities. We've provided empty rooms on a temporary basis in our nursing home. We've been able to house people, on a temporary basis, who otherwise would have had to travel from as far away as Albany, Hudson, Hartford, Pittsfield and even New Haven.

Noble Horizons would definitely benefit from better housing options. If temporary housing is working for us at Noble, think about how more permanent, affordable housing would benefit our town and other area communities. Think of how our area businesses and indus-

tries could create a stronger, more vibrant local economy if there were more possibilities for people to live and work here.

I've been in Salisbury for over five years now as Administrator of Noble Horizons. I'm also involved in the Salisbury Rotary Club. Salisbury has much to offer. It also has an aging population signifying the importance of having a proactive approach to attract the next generations to our community who wish to become part of its fabric, ensuring future growth and vitalization. Housing can be that conduit to a stronger, more viable community.

Bill Pond is the Administrator at Noble Horizons and a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club.



PHOTO BY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

Bill Pond

NOBLE HORIZONS BILL POND

Lorraine Hansberry, James Baldwin, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier and more

A friend telling me she is reading James Baldwin's "Giovanni's Room" gets me thinking about an iconic photo of Baldwin and Lorraine Hansberry, sitting on a couch with cigs and drinks before them, when people did those sorts of things. Hansberry had written "A Raisin in the Sun," done on Broadway with Sidney Poitier, who died two years ago in Barbados (if only I could die there), at age 94.

With the success of "Raisin," which later became a musical, entitled by the shortened name, Hansberry was besieged by the press to give her thoughts about Blacks in America. She very succinctly said that she did not want to opine about her race. She wasn't writing generally about them, but quite specifically writing about one family on Chicago's Great South Side on one block in one specific apartment. Nothing general about it.

A memory surfaces. Poitier and Harry Belafonte, who just died at 96, on the Johnny Carson show. The occasion. Both Black men, both from the islands, were turning 50. Carson asked Belafonte what it felt like. He went on. And on. Carson looked as if Harry would never stop. Finally, he did. Carson, not easy to ruffle, turned to Poitier, who stood up, went right down to the camera, did a perfect pirouette and returned to his seat, having uttered not a syllable.

I have heard that Poitier and his wife came to Salisbury, looking to buy a house. They stayed with people on Salmon Kill Road. They did not buy a house. O, what we missed! At the fruit display at La Bonne's (which was then Shagroy) Sidney, how

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

do these mineolas compare to those in Jamaica?

Hansberry and Baldwin. Both gay. A Black friend, who has been living with HIV for decades — I am not talking out of school, he is quite open about this — and who, on his third try just won a Tony, said to me years ago that if the Black community could ever get over its homophobia and realize the power and wealth that Black gays have, then finally some things could get accomplished.

I don't have time or space to recount the anti-gay, anti-women attitudes that rappers and others have expressed. I can only say I believe my friend is right. A classmate's father was

the Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith. At his funeral service, my friend gave the eulogy in Manhattan, the most stirring eulogy I have ever heard. I was in the back and I noticed the great Bayard Rustin, stalwart of the Civil Rights Movement, and a gay man. A man who was largely ostracized by the Movement. I remember his silver-tipped cane. The cane with which he would have tapped his way into our hearts. If only we had let him.

A photo of Belafonte and Martin Luther King, Jr. comes to mind. The Princeton professor Eddie Glaude suggests that King was uncomfortable with Baldwin's gayness. I am guessing that Poitier and Belafonte would have had no such problem.

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



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Valley view

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar. To submit calendar items, email editor@lakevillejournal.com

MAY 26

The Benefits of Time in Nature

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. berkshirebotanical.org

Don Rakow will be the featured speaker at Berkshire Botanical Garden annual meeting on May 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited. Rakow teaches in Cornell's School of Integrative Plant Science. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended.

MAY 27

Bang Concert Series: Smithfield Chamber Orchestra

The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y. thesmithfieldchurch.org

Coming next in the Bang Family Concert Series calendar at The Smithfield Church is the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra 3rd Annual Pops Concert on Saturday, May 27, beginning at 4 p.m.

JUNE 2



Queer Creative Voices

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

The David M. Hunt Library celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month on June 2 at 7 p.m. with an evening of "Queer Creative Voices," a panel discussion featuring director and choreographer MK Lawson, and poets Janan Alexandra and Emma Wynn, all educators at The Hotchkiss School. They will explore the artistic work of each panelist, including readings by the poets, and how their queer identity shapes and informs their work. Nibbles and drinks will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

New Documentary, Las Abogadas: Attorneys on the Front Lines of the Migrant Crisis

Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass. thetriplex.com

A new documentary about immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border, *Las Abogadas: Attorneys on the Front Lines of the Migrant Crisis*, will hold its Massachusetts

premiere at the Berkshire International Film Festival on Friday, June 2, at 5:15 p.m. The screening will take place at the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington.

Volunteers Needed Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon

Housatonic Meadows State Park, 90 US-7, Sharon, Conn.

Volunteers needed for replanting work including cutting flats into smaller plugs, following hole diggers and dropping in plants.

Times include Friday, June 2, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 4 (raindate), 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers need to bring gloves, trowel, hat, sunscreen; and a bucket would help.

Please RSVP/sign-up or contact kfreygangml@gmail.com

JUNE 3

Lakeville Hose Company is Hosting a Pasta Dinner

Lakeville Hose Co., 4 Brook St., Lakeville, Conn.

On Saturday, June 3 The Lakeville Hose Company is hosting a pasta dinner, dine in or take out, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Brook Street in Lakeville.

JUNE 6

Follow the Forest

Housatonic Valley Association, 150 Kent Road, South Cornwall, Conn., hvatoday.org

Get ready for a hands-on training session with Julia Rogers, Housatonic Valley Association's Senior Land Protection Manager. You'll learn about the HVA's Follow the Forest initiative, wildlife movement, and conduct a linkage assessment using an easy-to-use tool to identify areas where wildlife may be moving between areas of core forest. June 6, 6 to 8 p.m.

JUNE 10

Kent Historical Society Announces Its Summer Exhibition at Seven Hearths Museum

Seven Hearths Museum, 14 Studio Hill Road, Kent, Conn., kenthistoricalsociety.org

Kent Historical Society (KHS) staff and trustees are excited to announce the summer exhibition at Seven Hearths Museum.

Sticks & Stands: An Exhibition of

Candlesticks and Candlestands from Private Collections opens in conjunction with Connecticut Open House Day on June 10, 2023, and the exhibition will run weekends this summer from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Admission is free for KHS members with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

The Writers Table Readings

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

On Saturday June 10 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Connecticut will host The Writers Table Readings. Readers this year include authors and actors Gloria Parker and Howard Platt, a reading of an Alaskan mystery novel by Brenda Nielson and playwright and columnist Lonnie Carter. This event is free and open to the public.

JUNE 16

In the Deep Heart's Core: A Mystic Cabaret From the Works of W. B. Yeats

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. thefvct.org/center-on-main

On Friday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Center on Main in Falls Village, see "In the Deep Heart's Core: A Mystic Cabaret From the Works of W. B. Yeats," composed and performed by Joseph Daniel Sobol, with singer-violinist Isabella Simon, singer/cellist Elisa Winter, and pianist Beth Falcone. It follows the life of the Celtic visionary poet and activist William Butler Yeats, moving through dreams and heartbreaks toward ultimate spiritual triumph.

Tickets are \$20. For more information call 860-499-0139 or 845-686-0572.

ONGOING

Hybrid Teen Writing Club

Pine Plains Free Library, 7775 South Main St., Pine Plains, N.Y. pineplainslibrary.org

Scoville Memorial Library and Pine Plains Free Library hosts a hybrid (online and in person at the Pine Plains Free Library) teen writing club on Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m. Teens in 6th-12th grade are welcome. Registration is required. To register and for additional information, please email host and local writer and poet Abbey Gallagher at agallagher502@gmail.com.

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Grasslands birds in New England have increasingly become threatened with early spring mowing of fields used for nesting. Birds such as the Bobolink, the Upland Sandpiper and Eastern Meadowlark, to mention a few, have declining populations and one of the best things to do is not to mow the fields in their peak nesting time. This would mean delaying mowing until at least mid July to allow the feldgins to mature. An excellent guide on this issue is the Mass Audubon's Best Management Practice for Nesting Grassland Birds found at: www.massaudubon.org/content/download/19413/274073/file/Best-Management-Practices_Grasslands_2017_web.pdf.



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Waiting for a strike at the annual Northwest CT Rod and Gun Club Junior Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 21 in North Canaan that drew 60 young competitors.

Junior Fishing Derby captivates

By John Coston

NORTH CANAAN — The pond was waiting for them.

Sixty anglers ranging up to age 15 came with their rods, reels and high hopes to catch the biggest fish at the Northwest CT Rod and Gun Club Junior Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 21 in North Canaan.

Lurking beneath the green surface, the fish — including 75 freshly stocked trout and six brown trout of “good size” — played their part for the families that came from the Northwest Corner and beyond in New York state for this annual derby.

Young and old came together for this family event. Remi White, 2, of Ravena, New York, caught his first fish. Hoisted by Derek Palmer, of Copake Falls, New York, the young fisherman posed for the camera.

King Jordan of North Canaan, set up with his children on a small peninsula. They come every year, and on Sunday his children hit the jackpot as Bentley, 10, and



Hudson Lavoie, 3, of Goshen, a junior member of the Northwest CT Rod and Gun Club, landed a 14 1/2 inch bass, which his father Aaron Lavoie holds for the picture.

his sister, Bria, 2, caught fish at the same time.

Hudson Lavoie, 3, from Goshen, a junior member of the club, reeled in a 14 1/2 inch bass with his spinning gear. The fish seemed flagged as Hudson backed up on the bank to get the fish on shore.

His father Aaron Lavoie gave an assist as Dave Jeroski of Winsted appeared out of nowhere with a measuring stick.

Families circled the pond, relaxing in foldout chairs. Parents alternately watched their children cast worm-loaded barbless hooks with varying degrees of skill. There were plenty of teaching moments, and lots of running around. The youngest in attendance was two weeks old, a newborn included with a Litchfield family’s entourage.

Every competitor went home with a prize. Those who bagged the biggest fish won a new bike. Top winners were Julia Maroney, 5, (14.5” bass), Beau Morel, 3, (15.5” bass), Hunter Lyon, 6, (15.5” bass), Emma Sprague, 13, (13.5” bass), Dustin Blair, 11, (13” bass). The bait was provided by Jim’s Bait and Tackle in East Canaan.

“I grew up coming here,” said Holly Hunt, a member of the board who started coming with her father as a child.

“It’s intergenerational,” she said.

HVRHS Ag-Ed event connects to community

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School’s Agriculture Education program hosted their annual open house on May 17 and 18. The two-day event featured presentations of the students’ Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects along with activities and information in the Ag-Ed wing of the high school.

More than 200 children from across the Northwest corner attended the event during the day on May 17. Groups of students ranging from three to 14 participated in all the open house had to offer as they moved through the stations.

Led by current high school students, guests enjoyed activities such as hayrides, a petting zoo, and



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Cecalee Velez and Leland Lavlette of Canaan Child Care Center enjoyed the petting zoo at HVRHS.

square dancing while learning about what the Ag-Ed program entails.

“All the kids have something to show and demonstrate,” said David Moran, Ag-Ed department head. “But tonight is what it’s all about. It’s pretty impressive.”

On the evening of May 17, more than 600 members of the community attended the open house. Students presented their SAE projects to guests and judges, including sophomore Cole Dennis’ presentation on trout.

“I’m going to be explaining trout care and a little bit about the four species of trout,” said Dennis, before providing information on how to best care for trout populations and differentiate between various types of trout.

All the presentations were evaluated by judges based on performance and knowledge of their respective topics.

The open house offered the opportunity for guests of all ages to interact with the Ag-Ed program.

“It’s really a community connection,” said Moran.

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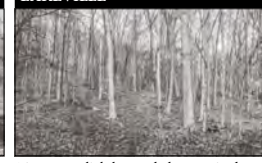
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