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No bear hunt, some progress on tree-cutting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Both State Sen. Steven Harding (R-30) and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) were interviewed by The Lakeville Journal by telephone May 13-14 on the current state of play in the General Assembly.

Harding reported progress on providing more oversight of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's tree-cutting practices in state parks.

"The bill is pretty simple," said Harding. It requires an

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Housatonic Meadows

Saplings grow where trees once towered

By Ollie Gratzinger

SHARON — In 2021, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) began a process of removing hundreds of trees it deemed potentially hazardous from the state's parks and picnic areas, citing concerns over public safety.

This endeavor included Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon, where citizen environmentalists said 100 trees — 75 pine and 25 century oaks — were removed, including one that was more than 170 years old.

In their place, one may now notice a few native saplings populating the area's parking lot — 17, to be exact — that will, in a few generations, grow to replace those that were lost.

It's the work of the Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action, a group including Katherine Freygang, a retired botanist, board member for the Cornwall Conservation Trust, commission-

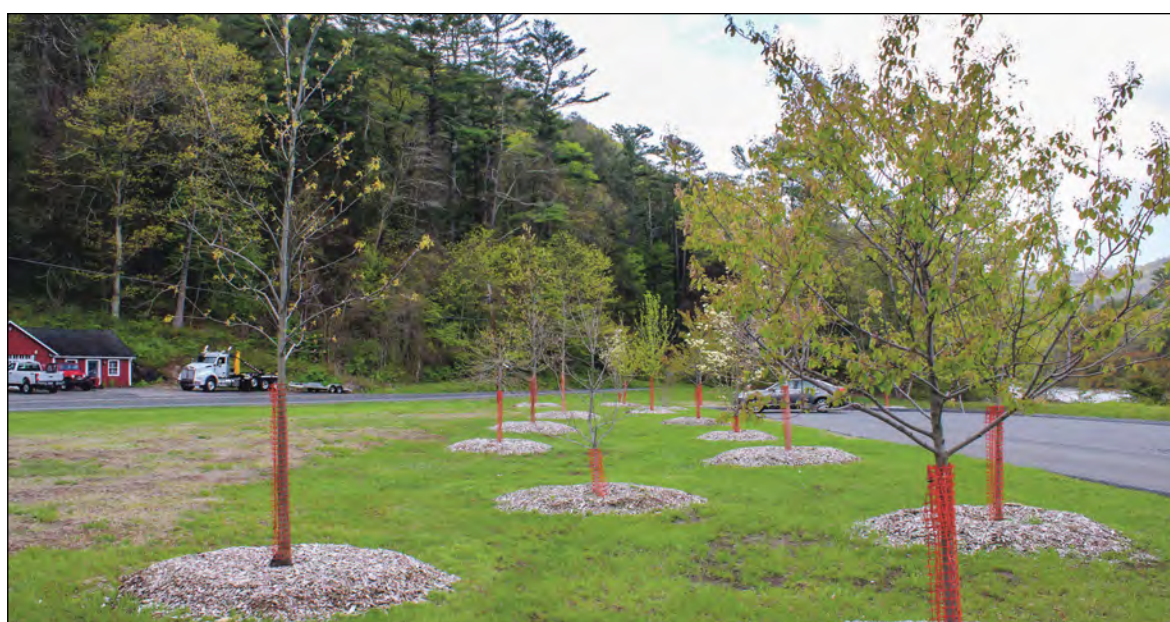


PHOTO BY OLLIE GRATZINGER

These saplings were planted at Housatonic Meadows State Park to begin to replace some 100 mature trees that were cut down by the state, sparking a controversy.

er for the Cornwall Conservation Commission and representative for Sustainable CT; Bruce Bennett, the co-founder and former owner of Kent Greenhouse, a licensed arborist, tree warden for Kent and

assistant tree warden for Cornwall; and Mike Nadeau, who owned an organic landscaping company in Fairfield County for 46 years and now serves as a commissioner for the Sharon Energy and Environ-

ment Commission.

The group's goal is to correct what Nadeau called a "very bad judgment call" on part of DEEP.

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Housing trust acquires new property

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Jandi Hanna, President of the Falls Village Housing Trust, said on Sunday, May 14 that the trust had just completed a deal to buy 17-21 Miner St. in

Falls Village. The property has five apartments in two buildings.

Hanna said the purpose of buying the property is to keep it as "organic affordable housing."

The non-profit FVHT will be in a position to apply to the state for funds for renovation.

Hanna said the purchase was arranged with the help of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Connecticut Hous-

ing Finance Authority (CHEFA), and consultants David Berto of Housing Enterprises Inc. and Jocelyn Ayer of The Housing Collective.

The FVHT also successfully applied for a \$750,000 federal grant for infrastructure at the site of the River Road Homes.

The trust applied for the grant through the office of U.S. Rep. Ja-

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CoG takes on shared resources

By Riley Klein

GOSHEN — Municipal leaders from across the region met in Goshen on May 11 for a monthly meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (CoG). Topping the agenda this month was a presentation on how towns within the CoG can efficiently share resources.

Guest speaker Rebecca Augur, policy and development coordinator for Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management, shared information with the CoG regarding the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grant.

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Colonial Theatre comes to life

The new ownership team of Stacey and David Fiorillo, at left, and Marc and Lenore Mallett made the official announcement of their purchase of the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan during a gala open house. For full story and more photos, turn to page A6.



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Eyes on the prize

Reporter Debra A. Aleksinas dropped by the Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall last week to visit the donkeys. "It was high noon, and they had their eyes on the prize: fresh hay!"

Legislators move to absolve 11 convicted of witchcraft

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

HARTFORD — The state House of Representatives on Wednesday offered absolution, though pointedly not exoneration, to the nine women and two men hanged for witchcraft in 17th-century Connecticut, a dark and overlooked chapter of its colonial history.

By a vote of 121-30, the House

approved a resolution that was rewritten to sidestep lawyerly concerns, most notably whether contemporary Connecticut has a right to overturn verdicts reached during British colonial rule.

"We have absolutely no power to exonerate someone who was convicted under a different government," said Rep. Craig Fishbein, a

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Murder and mayhem revisited in new book

By John Coston

FALLS VILLAGE — Margery Metzger had been a social worker and mediator in her professional career, and about five years ago began a life of retirement in Pittsfield, Mass.

During a book talk on Saturday, May 6 at the David M. Hunt Library, Metzger talked to a small group about her second career: true crime writer.

Metzger's book, "Hidden Demons" (WildBlue Press, 2023), is a tale that will jog the memories of anyone living the southern Berkshires in the mid-1990s.

The subtitle, "Evil Visits a Small New England Town," is a precis for the main topic of her book.

On Jan. 7, 1994, dread descended on Berkshire County, when a group of horrific crimes came into focus more or less all at once. On that day, the trial began for Wayne Lo, a student at Simon's Rock College of Bard in Great Barrington, who had gone on a campus shooting spree with an assault rifle he had easily purchased locally with no questions asked.

Prosecutors would later come to see that the Simon's Rock murder and mayhem was a precursor to today's school shootings.

Metzger also chronicles two other events on that same day. First, two young girls were accosted by a man in the dressing room at the local pool. Then, a 12-year old on her way to school in Pittsfield was approached by a man with a gun who tried to kidnap her right off the sidewalk.

"It took me five years to



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Margery Metzger

write this book," Metzger said. "It came in dribs and drabs. It was not easy to get the information."

The book is a trove of detail about the crimes, the people involved and the investigations.

The attempted kidnapping of the young girl had repercussions for the investigation. In a short time, police started to pursue a suspect who was linked to the disappearance of a young boy who earlier had vanished from a strip mall in Pittsfield.

Metzger narrates how authorities ultimately linked a man, Lewis Lent Jr., a serial killer to cases of other disappeared children.

"Law enforcement and the judiciary did a wonderful job," Metzger said. "The important thing is that justice was served."

Aside from its retelling of crimes committed, with elaborate detail in some cases that is included in explicit confessions, "Hidden Demons" serves as a solid historical record of people and events that occurred in this otherwise idyllic Berkshire Hills town in the mid-1990s, especially the story of the capture and conviction of a serial child killer.

Salisbury Association receives grant to focus on web, media

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association has been awarded a Connecticut Humanities' Cultural Fund Operating Support grant of \$14,300. The grant is part of \$8.5 million in aid to 723 state non-profit museums and cultural, humanities, and arts organizations. It is intended to assist in recovery from the pandemic and maintain and grow its ability to serve their community and the public, connect K-12 teachers and students to strong humanities and

arts content, and improve information technology and digital infrastructure.

The grants are part of a two-year, \$30.7 million investment in arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits by the Connecticut General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont.

At the Salisbury Association, much of the grant will be used to improve and increase the Association's ability to communicate with the public, especially through the web and social media.

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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.

Under the influence

On Saturday, May 6, at approximately 5 p.m., Beverly Keefner, 63, of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, was traveling southbound on Route 7 in North Canaan in a Jeep Cherokee and disregarded the double yellow line while performing a U-turn, colliding with a large boulder on the side of the roadway. Keefner was uninjured and charged with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol and failure to drive in proper lane.

Collision at Route 41

On Sunday, May 7, Larissa Vreeland, 37, of Lakeville, was traveling southbound on Route 41 in Sharon in a 2013 Honda. She was in front of a 2019 Honda Fit driven by Carol Kastendieck, 78, of Salisbury. Vreeland was traveling downhill behind another vehicle that was at a complete stop and signaling a left turn into a driveway. Kastendieck crested the hill, unaware that Vreeland was at a complete stop, and swerved to avoid a collision, striking Vreeland's left rear bumper. Kastendieck was issued a warning for following too close.

Violation of order

On Tuesday, May 9, at approximately 5 p.m. troopers served an active arrest warrant to Regina Lane, 60, of North Canaan, placing her under arrest and charging her with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. She was released after posting a \$15,000 bond. Earlier that day, at approximately 2:30 p.m. at the North Canaan Town Hall on Pease Street, Lane was arrested for the report of a violation of a protective order and was released on a \$2,500 bond.

Improper passing

On Tuesday, May 9 at approximately 10:30 a.m. John

Devries, 71, of Falls Village, was traveling northbound on Route 41 south of Sharon town center in a 1994 Chevrolet K2500 when he observed a 2021 Subaru Outback, driven by Harriet Spencer, 62, of Sharon, attempting to pass in a no passing zone. Spencer passed the Chevrolet, and while merging back into the lane struck the Chevrolet. Spencer was charged with improper passing.

School bus accident

On Saturday, May 13, at approximately 1:30 p.m. two vehicles of students from the Frederick Gunn School were traveling northbound on Route 63 in Goshen, while another passenger vehicle and a Hotchkiss School vehicle were southbound. Pena Florentino, 46, of Torrington, driving a 2013 Nissan Rogue, was observed crossing the double yellow line. Due to taking evasive actions the first Frederick Gunn vehicle rolled on its driver's side. While rolling over, the vehicle struck the Hotchkiss vehicle. All passengers in the Frederick Gunn and Hotchkiss vehicles were transported to Charlotte Hungerford for evaluation. The driver of the Nissan was charged with 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

Online This Week

Pine Plains considers solar, cannabis plans

The town's Planning Board met to consider some new projects. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Millbrook toymaker's toy-lending library

A local artist in Stanfordville crafts a new project for libraries. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Millerton Farmer's Market back outdoors

The Farmer's Market returns to its outdoor venue at Veterans Park on Saturday, May 20. Go to www.tricornernews.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF JENNIE P. BOSWORTH
Late of Sharon
(23-00157)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 27, 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.

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ESTATE OF MARY ELLA BLASS
Late of Falls Village
(23-00174)

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Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 27, 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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(23-00180)

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Our Towns

Voters pass town budget; school spending in limbo

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Only the Board of Selectmen's budget for 2023-24 was considered and approved by voters at the Friday, May 12 meeting.

Immediately after moderator Patricia Chamberlain convened the meeting, it was announced that the Board of Education budget would not be considered.

Although the Board of Education budget had received required approval from the Board of Finance, that approval had conditions attached to it, leading the town's attorney, Randall DiBella of Cramer and Anderson, to conclude that the finance board's conditional approval was invalid. Therefore, the Board of Education budget could not be brought before the town's voters at the



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Patricia Chamberlain served as moderator of the annual Town Meeting on Friday, May 12. While voters discussed and approved the selectmen's budget, the Board of Education budget was unable to be discussed or voted upon.

town meeting.

Meeting soon after the close of the town meeting when ordinarily the mill rate would have been set, the finance board decided to discuss the Board of Educa-

tion budget proposal at their meeting on Tuesday, May 16, when they would also hear an explanation of the state's Minimum Budget Requirement and how it relates to the Board of Education budget.

When the Board of Finance approves a Board of Education budget proposal for 2023-24, another town meeting will be scheduled to vote on that budget.

Discussion of the select-

men's budget led to a vote to reduce the Parks and Recreation budget by \$5,000 earmarked for summer jobs as an expense not needed for this coming year. Voters approved acceptance of various state and federal funds and authorized expected expenditures, including the purchase of a new town truck from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

The amount approved for municipal spending was \$4,705,577, an increase of \$282,430.

In a separate vote, the five-year capital expenditure plan was approved at the meeting. In addition to clarification about the status of the town debt, residents also sought clarification on items within the five-year plan and learned that projects must be included on the plan in order

for the town to pursue grant funding to cover them. Listed projects will still need to go through the public hearing and town meeting process in order to be approved.

Voters also approved the town applying for a federal Department of Agriculture grant for a water system project with an estimated cost \$1.3 million. Under the direction of the Sewer and Water Commission, the project would replace aged water lines where they pass under state roads. Consideration is ongoing, but the deadline for the grant application is May 30, requiring the approval by voters at the town meeting.

Water rates up 8% as of July 1

SALISBURY — The Water Pollution Control Authority voted to approve an 8% increase in water and sewer rates in a special meeting immediately following a public hearing Monday, May 8.

The board members explained the reasons for the 8% rate increase, including capital improvements and approximately \$80,000 in past due payments.

There was no public comment, and the hearing took 10 minutes.

At the special meeting, the WPCA members unanimously approved a 2023-24 budget of \$802,503, and an 8% rate increase effective July 1.

— Patrick L. Sullivan

Student artwork impresses at Standard Space gallery

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Getting off to a good start with art in Sharon Center School, young student artists showed their selected works at Sharon's Standard Space Gallery on Friday, May 12. The exhibit was titled, "Primary Colors." By all accounts, the show was a success, with each artist bringing personal visual insight into a variety of subjects.

Families and friends, all staunch fans of the budding artists, admired the displayed works in a range of mediums created by students engaged in art class in Grades pre-K through 8. Choices of color were freely interpretive. Students found their own visual expression, boldly colorful

and energetic.

The students "can now include on applications that they have shown their work in a real gallery," said Lilly Rand Barnett, SCS art teacher and exhibit organizer, in cooperation with Standard Space Gallery owner Theo Coulombe. She noted that the annual student exhibit tradition had been suspended during the pandemic.

"It's something we can do for the community," Coulombe said. "This is for the kids. They get to see their artwork outside of the context of their school." He acknowledged that the two years missed meant that the children did not get to participate those years.

"It's pretty cool," said fourth grade student Lily-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Students from Sharon Center School had created themed masks titled "Primary Colors" on Friday, May 12. Young artists, left to right, are Lilyan Kimma and James Smith, both in fourth grade, Matthew Smith (Kindergarten) and Savannah Smith, sixth grade.

an Kimma, who showed off her watercolor of a colorful Greenback cutthroat trout

that she identified by name. That trout species is celebrated as the state fish of Colo-

rado. She said she had also created a cat mask hanging on a different wall, as part of a display of student-created masks. "I like cats," she added.

"Isn't this just the most amazing thing," said resident Nancy Trowbridge of the whole event.

"The artwork is wonderful," Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said, taking in the exhibit as a whole. She praised Barnett's work as the Sharon Center School's art teacher for her talent in helping each student to realize individual creative potential.

"I'm just kind of going with it," was an assessment offered by sixth grade student Savannah Smith, commenting on her participation in the exhibit.



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Kent P&Z moves closer to decision on brewery

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Although not yet ready to make a decision about approval of a multi-pronged application for expanded uses at Kent Falls Brewery, a farm-based brewery at 33 Camps Road, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) discussed each of the application's aspects at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 11.

Following lengthy discussion, sufficient progress had been made to lead the P&Z to ask Land Use Administrator Tai Kern to draft a resolution of approval setting forth conditions that would need to be met by the brewery. That resolution will be discussed at the next P&Z meeting on Thursday, June 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

Because a statutory deadline calls for a decision to be made before mid-June, the P&Z will either reach a decision at its June 8 meeting or ask the applicant to request an extension.

Included in the brewery's application are requests for permission to allow a farm store, an outdoor tasting room, standard pours (more than the 2-ounce tasting sample portions), sale of beer in sealed containers, special events and entertainment.

Each of those elements was discussed, debated and ultimately summarized by P&Z chairman Matt Winter to arrive at the points to be included in the resolution being drafted by Kern. Winter said that the brewery's application has spanned three months of public hearings.

Resolution points include allowing the farm brewery to produce and sell beer at wholesale prices. The brewery must grow some of its ingredients on site. Having found that the soil and climate are not optimum for a hop crop, the farm currently limits its hop production to one-quarter of an acre. The commercial source of the hops stands within the 50-mile limit required of farms who claim local production.

Turning attention to the serving or tasting room, the regulations do allow tasting to promote on site sales, but the purchased product must be consumed away from the farm. A popular beer transport method uses "growlers" for offsite consumption. A growler is a refillable glass beer container of 32 or 64-ounce capacity. An airtight seal keeps the beer at tap quality.

The P&Z determined that the brewery's plans meet the definition of a farm store, where the items for sale can

be sourced from outside vendors within 50 miles. A farm stand, also permitted as a right of all farms, offers only items grown or produced on the individual farm. Considerable discussion was given to comparing definitions of farm stands, farm stores and farmers' markets.

"They don't need an outdoor area and they don't need food service," Winter summarized. "It's a farm," he added, indicating that the brewery will have a place to sell their products, as well as other people's products. The brewery could offer a once-a-year special event by obtaining a special permit.

Other concerns raised by P&Z members included traffic impact, although P&Z member Darrell Cherniske pointed out that past traffic studies in such a low-traffic rural setting, usually come back with negligible overall impact.

In other action, the P&Z approved an application from John McPhee for his tourist house at 88 North Main Street, allowing him to remodel the former innkeeper's quarters to create two additional lodging rooms, increasing the capacity of the house from 7 to 9 guest rooms. The innkeeper now lives across the street, McPhee explained.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jocelyn Krodman was excited to offer a new line of ceramic toothbrush holders at the Salisbury Artisans event on Saturday, May 13.

Owls, fancy leather & little curly tails

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Artisans group set their tents up by the White Hart Saturday, May 13, attracting a good crowd on a sunny if windy day.

Asked about the wind, Shaari Horowitz of Sharon pointed to the heavy weights that helped keep her pop-up tent earthbound.

Among the hand-painted wooden bowls for sale, Horowitz had one that really stood out, featuring an owl.

Next door, Karin Gerstel of Undermountain Weavers

in Salisbury chatted with a customer in German as she sold him a set of placemats.

Carol Mentos of Amherst, Massachusetts, had unique leather goods on sale. The purses and handbags had intricate stitching that is quilted, using a technique called trapunto.

Mentos said when she was in school at the Fashion Institute of Technology, studying fashion design, she took an independent study course with a Canadian nun who taught her quilting.

"It's usually done in satin," not leather, she said.

"I put the two together."

By 1 p.m. Jocelyn Krodman of Kingston, New York, had sold out of most of the needle-felted items she is known for.

"But look, I'm in ceramics now!" she exclaimed, gesturing to a row of toothbrush holders shaped like animals.

Krodman's partner, Andrew Mollure, works in ceramics, and during the COVID-19 pandemic Krodman decided to learn the craft.

Krodman was particularly proud of the little curly tail on the ceramic pigs.

Farmers markets open in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The farmer's markets of Cornwall opened for the 2023 season on Saturday, May 13. Local produce, meats, flowers, herbs, baked goods and more were once again available for purchase.

Area farmers and bakers set up shop at two locations in Cornwall: one on the town green in the Village of Cornwall and one in front of the Wish House in West Cornwall. Both offered a variety of vendors that displayed homegrown goods.

This year marked the 16th year of farmer's markets in town. It was first started by



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Gordon Ridgway manned the booth for Ridgway Farms at the Village of Cornwall farmer's market when it returned for the season on May 13.

Bianka Langner-Griggs and Debra Tyler in 2007.

Langner-Griggs said

the decision to open the West Cornwall market was prompted by the lack of grocery options in town.

The products ranged from herbs and produce to meats and furs with just about everything in-between including jam, baked goods, and coffee. Live music and professional knife sharpening were also available at the West Cornwall location.

The farmer's markets in Cornwall are open through October to offer freshly grown food to shoppers.

Each location will be active on Saturdays between roughly 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. throughout the season.

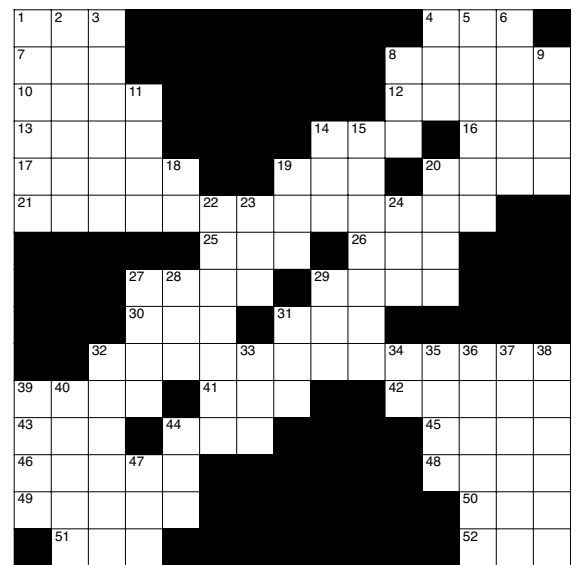


Freshly ground coffee from Coffee Tea Etc LLC in Goshen was available for purchase at the West Cornwall farmer's market.

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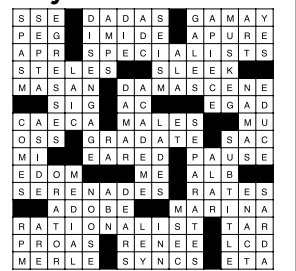
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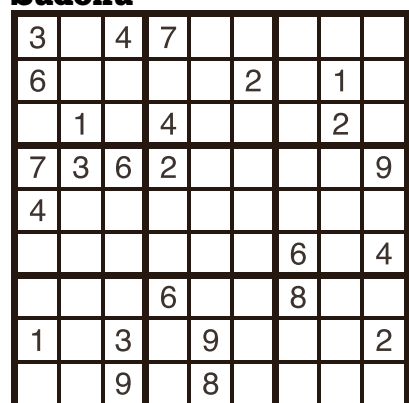


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27. Canadian flyers
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31. Unhappy
32. Fruit
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35. Goo Goo Dolls' hit
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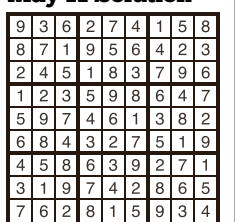
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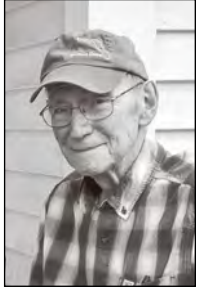
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OBITUARIES

Richard James Lindsey

KENT — Richard James Lindsey was born on Jan. 24, 1940, and raised in Milton, a community in Litchfield. He was the son of the late James Herbert Lindsey and Signe Lawson Lindsey. He passed away peacefully at his home in Kent on April 25, 2023, with his wife of 45 years, Charlotte Irving Lindsey, by his side.



Known as Dick, he graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1963 with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting and an MBA degree from Hartford University in 1976. Dick left service in the United States Army as a Captain, having served in the Finance Corps in Fairbanks, Alaska, at Fort Wainwright, 1963-1964, and at Fort Greeley, Delta Junction, Alaska, 1964-1965.

Dick had three children from his first marriage: Katherine Lee Dunn, Mount Dora, Florida; Jennifer Love Lindsey, Eustis, Florida; and James Herbert Lindsey III, Candler, North Carolina. His stepchildren were William Tobin III (Terry), Navarre, Florida; Elizabeth Tobin, West Cornwall; Constance Hedden (Don), West Cornwall; Melissa Makris, Kent; and Polly Goddard (Andy), Harwich, Massachusetts. He enjoyed multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren.

While employed as Business Manager and Assistant Treasurer of Kent School, Dick often spent weekends increasing his late father's

business of buying and selling used and rare books. Upon his retirement from Kent School, he and Charlotte moved to Cutler, Maine, and he opened a bookshop, Eastern Maine Books, selling used, rare, and out-of-prints books in Machias, Maine. Dick had wanted to live near East Machias where his father was born and raised.

Moving back to Kent, Dick continued sharing his love of books by opening a shop, Richard Lindsey, Bookseller, on Main Street where he and Charlotte resided in their loft on the second floor.

Dick will be remembered as a kind, thoughtful, intelligent man who served his country and his community in the same way his served his family — with deep commitment requiring no fanfare or accolades. For many years he served locally as Treasurer for the Veterans Memorial Committee, Kent Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and Kent Memorial Library. He was an avid fan and often owner of old cars, preferably a Packard, and was co-chair of the Annual Kent Car Show Committee. He had a passion for photography, and of course, reading. The Lindseys were also members of an area Unitarian Fellowship.

A private service will be held in July. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's memory may be made to: Veterans Memorial Committee, Kent Town Hall, P.O. Box 678, Kent, CT, 06757 or Kent Historical Society, 4 Studio Hill Rd., Kent, CT, 06757.

James Curtiss

NORFOLK — James Curtiss, 65, of Norfolk, passed away May 7, 2023.

Born on Dec. 13, 1957, in Sharon, Jim was the son of the late James and Theresa Nielsen Curtiss. He graduated from Northwestern Regional #7 and began his career in construction, learning his trade from both his father and his late uncle, Francis Curtiss, who he fondly thought of as a second father.

In addition to being a talented woodworker, Jim also enjoyed logging on his property, gardening, and taking care of several dogs over the years. Throughout his life, he always did his best to help



anyone in need.

He is survived by his two sisters, Catherine Dauphinais of Norfolk, and Theresa Harrington (David) of The Woodlands, Texas. He is also survived by six nieces and nephews, Brian, Meghan, Kathryn, Andrew, Parker, and Lauren and by three great nieces.

There will be a graveside service at St. Mary's Cemetery on May 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Kenny Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made online to A Good Dog Rescue at www.agooddogrescue.org.

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 O'Brien 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 self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by a sons, Donald Hall and Sue Sherman of Torrington; Richard and Nicolette Hall of Enfield; Stephen and Cheryl Hall of Tennessee, Katherine (Hall) and Nathan Totten of Kent; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. Walter is preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth Ann Hall, sisters Elenor and Donna, daughter-in-law's Diane Hall and Linda Hall.

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

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How to take the stress out of the soil

By Judith O'Hara Balfe

MILLBROOK — There's a lot of talk about stress in our lives, and stress a lot of other items, but "Stressed out Soil"? That's another story, and was the topic of discussion on Thursday, May 11, at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies between Cary President Josh Ginsberg and Cary scientist Jane M. Lucas.

Changing climate, higher temperatures and livestock antibiotics can all create havoc on soil. Microbiotic communities can be found in almost all environments and are important because they have a critical role in nutrient cycling.

The importance of Lucas's work lies in the fact that soil is everything — 95% of our food comes directly or indirectly from soil. Healthy soil

is a protector from inclement weather and can protect our waterways. It can store more carbon—twice as much, in fact—as trees or plants. Healthy soils are also a source of antibiotic discoveries.

The research to find microbial life in soils runs the gamut from tropical forests to farmlands, and to determine what the impact is on the soil, how it is being dealt with by people, and even by livestock and factors such as weather. Threats include pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, erosion and loss of biodiversity. It is estimated that global soil loss is equal to 30 soccer fields of soil every minute.

In examining "Stressed Out Soils," Lucas has laid out 80 plots on grasslands at Cary. They will be exposed to various conditions like moisture, drought condi-

tions, temperature changes, and exposure to different antibiotics.

Current research also involves livestock, and how livestock practices can shape antibiotic resistance. When animals are injected with biologically active compounds, what happens to the environment? Field studies and the use of new molecular tools allow Lucas to examine how livestock antibiotics affect soil microbes, soil carbon storage, nitrogen cycling, and the rise of antibiotic resistance.

Lucas believes that agriculture, the environment and public health are all linked, believing in the "One Health" approach. If the soil microbiome is healthy, it affects the plants that grow, keeping out pests and protecting

against drought. It can ward off pathogens or kill them, helping the plants to defend themselves. It also is a carbon sink.

Like human biomes, unique and passed from mother to child, soil biomes have their own compositions depending on type of soil, plantings, region, and other factors. Balance and healthy conditions are important in both soil and human health.

Crop rotation can keep soil from becoming stressed, because plants need and take different nutrients from the soil.

Composting is another way to keep soil healthy. Keeping land covered with mulch, cover crops or deep-rooted plants and grasses also helps keep soil healthy.

Sharon Hospital's Osborn named to women's health services post

SHARON — Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health on Monday, May 15 announced the appointment of long-time Sharon Hospital nurse Candy Osborn to the newly established position of Sharon Hospital's Women's Health Services Coordinator.

Osborn will continue her current responsibilities as Charge Nurse of the hospital's Labor and Delivery unit, while also working to develop, maintain, and enhance programs designed to serve women's health in the greater Sharon Hospital region.

"Over the years, Candy has served as a compassionate caregiver to her patients and a faithful coworker and mentor to many members of our Sharon Hospital family," said hospital president Christina McCulloch. "I know that Candy will be a strong advocate for women across our Sharon Hospital community, and I can't wait to see what she accomplishes as she takes

on these additional responsibilities."

Osborn has been at Sharon Hospital for more than 20 years, joining the team as a Labor and Delivery Staff Nurse in 2000. In 2018, she took on the role of Charge Nurse for the unit, managing the unit's operations, providing staff education, and coordinating support groups and classes for new and expecting mothers. Before coming to Sharon Hospital, Osborn worked at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Lycoming College.

"It's been an honor to serve women and families in our region for the past 20+ years, and I'm excited to extend my work as Sharon Hospital looks to expand access to women's healthcare and resources for women across the lifespan," said Osborn.

Osborn will officially begin her new, combined role on May 28, 2023.

Community Foundation awards grants to 34 nonprofit groups

FALLS VILLAGE — THE Northwest CT Community Foundation (NCCF) has awarded grants to 34 area nonprofit organizations, totaling \$191,100 during its first grant cycle of 2023. NCCF awards discretionary grants to Northwest Connecticut charities three times a year: early spring, late June and November.

They include: Hazon (Falls Village) — \$2,000 to support the distribution of fresh local produce to emergency food pantries (from the Marion Wm. & Alice Edwards Fund)

"This project supports our farm's ability to stay in business and thus the local farm economy as well as the other community roles we play including running a CSA, offering community composting, putting in a school garden at Lee H. Kellogg and managing it with the kids, hosting workshops, and farmer training," said Janna Siller of Hazon.

Fishes & Loaves (North Canaan) — \$5,000 to support replacement flooring for Pilgrim House (from the Edwin M. Stone and Edith H. Stone Fund).

Housatonic Child Care Center (Salisbury) — \$2,500 to support new iPads for the teachers and furniture for

the classrooms (from the Carlton D. Fyler and Jenny R. Fyler Fund and the Northwest Connecticut Philanthropy Fund).

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (Falls Village) — \$5,000 to support a part-time paid art therapist position for the balance of the 2023 budget year (from the Khurshed Bhungara Fund)

Little Guild of St. Francis (Cornwall) — \$5,000 to support technology upgrades for the staff (from the Karen M. O'Connor Fund).

Norfolk Lions Club Ambulance — \$5,000 to support the purchase of a new Stryker stretcher with Power Load (from the Keroden Endowed Fund)

North Canaan Social Services — \$1,500 to support emergency funding for town residents not covered by other local, state or federal resources (from the Marion Wm. & Alice Edwards Fund)

The Northwest CT Community Foundation serves 20 towns in Northwest Connecticut. Its total endowment, comprised of more than 280 funds, has grown from initial assets of \$15,000 to more than \$140 million.

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Our Towns

Salisbury residents Miranda and Bill Warder and Andrew Will attended the Colonial Theatre gala.



From left, Karen Grimaldi of Salisbury, and Emmet Hussey, Maureen McBairty and Toneisha Ramcharran, all of Lakeville.



PHOTOS BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
Meredith Kovach and Sam Eaton of Lakeville added their title to the white board encouraging attendees to list their pick of the first movie they would like the Colonial Theatre to offer.



Big turnout for Colonial Theatre gala

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — The excitement was palpable as several hundred invitation-only guests walked the red carpet leading into the historic Colonial Theatre on Saturday, May 13.

The festive event was an open house/official announcement of the 100-year-old theater's purchase last month by Stacey and David Fiorillo of Salisbury and Lenore and Marc Mallett of Lakeville.

For two hours, guests mingled, toured the venue and talked excitedly about the news that North Canaan's Grand Old Lady, which sat dark and vacant for several years, will once again become a beacon of community unity.

In addressing the crowd from the main stage, the ownership team said its first steps are to solicit input from the community.

That pledge was backed up by the two whiteboards in the theater lobby asking guests to jot down the name of the first movie they would like to see at the Colonial.

People were happy to oblige. Respondents' replies included nostalgic favorites like "Grease" and "American Graffiti," and "It's a Wonderful Life" to past hits including "Rocky Horror," "Jaws," "Steel Magnolias," "The Thomas Crown Affair," "The Break-



An invitation-only Open House event hosted by the new owners of the Colonial Theatre on Saturday, May 13, drew several hundred guests.

fast Club," "The Shawshank Redemption" "Caddy Shack," "Pretty in Pink" and "Out of Africa."

Another guest suggested weekly childrens' matinees.

A second white board asked, "What's your dream store?" for the vacant rental storefront attached to the entrance to the theater. Answers included pastry shop, a paint bar, an arcade (which was seconded), and an ice cream shop.

Peter Fitting of Salisbury said he was delighted to hear the news about the theater's revival, and that his return visit recalled fond memories of gathering with friends decades ago as a teenager.

It also reconnected him with a long-ago acquaintance.

Fitting pointed to the cou-

ple he was conversing with: Peter Killawee of Falls Village, who attended the event with his wife, Lauren. "I was standing in line, and I heard a familiar voice behind me. I hadn't seen him in 30 years!"

Beth and Rick Davis of Newtown, friends of co-owner David Fiorillo, compared the North Canaan theater to the 500-seat, circa 1930 Georgian style Edmond Town Hall theater in their community.

"It's a throwback," said Rick Davis, motioning to the Colonial's restored interior. "Our theater is more than a movie house. It unites the community. I can really see same things happening here."

One thing is certain, according to the new ownership team: the mission of the theater is to enrich the com-

munity by offering a place for generations of residents and neighbors to gather and make memories and celebrate milestones.

In addressing the crowd, Marc Mallett said he feels that the theater can offer so much more beyond entertainment.

"We also see endless possibilities in terms of its educational potential," he said, noting that he and his partners are humbled by the opportunity to lead the Colonial into its next chapter.

"There has been so much history before us, we really feel like stewards, not so much, owners."

Andrew Will of Salisbury, who was mingling with friends Miranda and Bill Warder, also of Salisbury, sang the praises of the theater's new ownership, which was a common refrain from attendees throughout the evening.

"I'm proud of them. It's a big deal."



From left, Matthew Momoner, Masha Loucks, Erin Geiger Smith, Lenore Mallett and Daniel Fry.



From left, Holly Leibrock of Salisbury, George Lyon of Canaan, MC Taylor of Salisbury and Melissa Gandolfo of Canaan.

The story of the first veterans' group

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The fight for veteran's rights is one that has persisted throughout the history of the United States. To acknowledge this ongoing effort, North Canaan's town historian, Kathryn Boughton, gave a presentation at Douglas Library on the original veteran's association in the nation on Friday, May 12.

Following the conclusion of the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was formed. This groundbreaking organization that championed veteran's assistance was the first of its kind.

Boughton informed the group of 20 attendees that the GAR first formed in Illinois in 1866. She called it, "the most significant social welfare organization of the 19th century."

Boughton explained that many veterans of the Civil War struggled with the same challenges that face veterans today and that the GAR existed to alleviate those burdens. Living with permanent disabilities, mental health challenges, and financial difficulties all fell under the purview of the GAR.

"The veterans felt very much isolated in this pool

of complacent citizens," said Boughton. "The only other people that they had to talk to that understood what they had gone through and could help them were other veterans."

In North Canaan, 100 men were sent to fight in the Civil War and 25 of them came home with life-altering injuries. In 1883, the Colonel David Cole GAR post was established to offer support.

The group met weekly at the old town hall's armory. Membership of this post peaked in the 1890s with 50 members.

In addition to supporting their fellow veterans, the GAR also honored grave-stones each year on Memorial Day.

"Memorial Day evolved

out of the Civil War," said Boughton. "This was the big day for the post here. They would go around and they would mark the graves."

Over time, activity in the group faded as the initial group of veterans aged.

"Membership weaned through death, disease, and disinterest. By 1918 only four to eight veterans were showing up for meetings," said Boughton.

"Then we reach the end in 1933. The last two members of David S. Cole's GAR turned over the entirety of the post's cash reserves, some 97 dollars, to the newly formed American Legion," said Boughton. "Within months, both were dead. Their last duties had been performed."

Rotary day of service May 20

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Sports

Region One defeats Shepaug 4-0



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Wyatt Bayer pitched the first six innings for the Region One Mountaineers in their game against Shepaug Valley on May 9. Bayer had 11 strikeouts on 93 pitches.

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Mountaineers baseball team beat the Shepaug Valley Spartans when they met at Ed Kirby Field in Falls Village on May 9. The seventh and eighth grade Mountaineers won 4-0 in their home opener.

In their first meeting of the season on April 24 in Washington, Shepaug beat Region One 11-10 in a nail biter.

“We are in revenge mode today,” said Assistant Coach Kurt Johnson before the game got underway.

Hungry for a win, the Mountaineers started the match with pitcher Wyatt Bayer on the mound. Bayer gave up a pair of hits to the first two Spartan batters before settling into his rhythm and homing in on the strike zone.

After a scoreless top of the first, Region One got to work in a hurry offensively with their first three batters hitting singles. Robbie Nellson and Carson Riva each logged an RBI to put the score at 2-0 by the end of the first.

The second inning came and went without either side adding a run. In the top of the third, Bayer put



Left, Carson Riva slid safely into third in the game against Shepaug Valley. Riva went 1 for 2 at bat and brought in one RBI.

the Spartans out in order and in the bottom, Nellson brought home another run that extended Region One’s lead to 3-0.

Neither side scored in the fourth or fifth innings. In the top of the sixth, Bayer struck out three Spartan batters in a row. Region One scored the final run of the day when Braeden Duncan brought home Oliver Storm.

Relief pitcher Chris Race subbed in for Bayer in the seventh and completed the shut out for the Mountaineers. The 4-0 victory brought Region One’s season record to 1-1 while Shepaug moved to 2-1.

Bayer threw 93 pitches and recorded 11 strikeouts from the mound. Offensively, The Mountaineers were



Below, catcher Robbie Nellson filled in relief pitcher Chris Race when he subbed in for Wyatt Bayer in the seventh inning. Race secured a shutout win for Region One.

led by Nellson who hit 2 for 2 with two RBIs, Riva went 1 for 2 with an RBI, and Bayer batted 2 for 3 with three sto-

len bases. Region One will host the Mt. Everett Eagles on Thursday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Hole in one at second hole of Hotchkiss golf course

LAKEVILLE — Rich Baker of Farmington had a hole in one on Monday, May 9 on the par 3 second hole of The Hotchkiss School golf course. Baker used an 8 iron

from 142 yards and his ball bounced once when it landed on the putting green, then rolled right into the cup. Michael Fay of West Hartford was there to witness it.

Rowers race to victory in annual regional regatta

By Riley Klein

NEW PRESTON — The 28th annual Kent Rowing Invitational returned to Lake Waramaug on Saturday, May 14. The regatta featured teams from eight high schools: Kent School, The Hotchkiss School, Salisbury School, Sacred Heart Greenwich, Farmington High School, Simsbury High School, Brunswick School, and East Lyme High School.

Each school put forth multiple crews to represent their team in the six-lane race. Rowers faced a headwind exceeding 15mph on Lake Waramaug with sun shining and temps in the low 70s.

The regatta included four runs for both boys and girls crews on the 1500-meter course. Hundreds of spectators were in attendance lakeside for an action-packed day of racing.

For the girls, the race between first boat crews was won by Kent with a time of 5:45.7. East Lyme came in

second at 5:58.7 and Hotchkiss placed third with a time of 6:00.8.

The Kent girls won the race among second boats as well and finished the course in 5:41.8. East Lyme placed second with a time of 6:03.4 and Simsbury came in third at 6:11.3.

Kent’s third crew won their race too with a time of 6:20.5 while East Lyme placed second at 6:45.3 and Farmington took third with 7:18.7.

Farmington won the fourth boat race at 6:28.6 with East Lyme in second with a time of 6:31.6 and Kent finished third at 6:43.0.

For the boys, Salisbury won the first boat race with a time of 4:48.0, the fastest time of the day. Brunswick placed second at 4:52.5 and Kent took third with a time of 5:01.0.

Kent won the second boat race in 5:00.0 with Brunswick in second at 5:05.6 and Salisbury in third with a time of 5:08.6.

The third boat race was

won by Brunswick at 5:12.4. Kent placed second with a time of 5:31.0 and Farmington took third at 5:38.1.

Only two teams raced in the boys fourth boat run. Brunswick won in 6:30.0 and Simsbury followed them with a time of 6:41.5.

“Great day of racing. The wind changed quite a bit during the day, but it was fair racing in windy conditions,” said Kent Coach Eric Houston.



Rowers rest out of the rays before the 1500-meter race on Lake Waramaug.



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Kent’s first boat won their race with a time of 5:45.7 at the Kent Rowing Invitational on May 14.

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SAPLINGS

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Among the species cut down were white oak and red oak, which make up a portion of the young trees the group planted last year.

But Bennett said the trees near the parking lot are “only the beginning.”

“The next phase of this is to install our wetland plants into the rain gardens. And then we’re going to replant the bank with native trees,” he said.

The beds for rain gardens, which will help to clean the

water runoff that drains from the parking lot into the Housatonic River, were laid by the group in the fall. Over the next month, those rain gardens will be populated with 1,700 small starter plants, including monkey flower, fairy candles, Joe Pye weed, native goldenrod, New England aster, golden Alexander, strawberries and mountain mints.

And that’s where volunteers come in.

The group is seeking

helpers to dig holes, cut flats, plant the seedlings and assist in transporting soil in wheelbarrows and buckets, which volunteers are asked to bring if they’re able.

Five volunteers will be needed for each three-hour shift throughout June, starting Friday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Sunday, June 4 and subsequent weekends in June will have the same schedule.

“We want people to come with their gloves, boots and shovels,” Freygang said, adding that anyone interested in signing up can reach out to her via email, kfreygangml@gmail.com. The mailing list will also be used to provide important updates on the project.

The group has been opposed to the tree removal project since its inception.

“Even though we tried to stop [DEEP] at one point, there were only two left,” Bennett said. “They were perfectly healthy trees. There was nothing wrong with them.”

In order to determine what makes a tree truly hazardous, Bennett said one requires advanced training as an arborist, including the International Society of Arboriculture’s Tree Risk Assessment Qualification, or TRAQ. He has this credential, but said that those who determined which trees had to go did not.

With the help of local government over the last couple of years, the group was able to form the basis of what it called a “pretty good policy” that now requires an arborist with TRAQ designation to determine whether they can or cannot cut down a heritage tree. (The policy falls short, the group said, because there’s no set definition for a heritage tree.)

Coming from diverse backgrounds in ecology and plant sciences, the trio stressed the importance of trees and native flora to the environment and those species that call it home.

“The loss of these trees represents a loss of wildlife habitat not only just things like birds, but so many bugs. Oaks are the number one botanical item that supports biodiversity,” Freygang said.

She cited the entomologist Doug Tallamy, who estimates that there are 900 species supported by oak trees, both above ground and underneath it.

Trees also collect and store carbon through a process called carbon sequestration, which helps to reduce that amount of carbon in the atmosphere and, in turn, reduces the impact of climate change.

In Housatonic Meadows, the replanted trees will one day help to shade the river, provide a habitat for many types of fish and hold up the bank to keep it from crumbling — an endeavor aided by the rain gardens, too. And it isn’t only the woodland critters that benefit from trees, the group said: They also add a recreational value to the park that humans can enjoy.

“Something that can’t really be measured is the spiritual well-being you feel when you walk among beautiful, old trees,” Nadeau said.

BEARS

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annual report to the state legislature’s Environment Committee, which Harding said will keep the members up to date without having to ask the agency for information.

It also keeps open the question of additional oversight from the legislature.

“It’s a good first step, but it doesn’t have everything I wanted,” he said.

Harding is the ranking member of the committee, and Horn is a regular member.

Horn said that an issue she was focused on, an “aid in dying” bill for terminally ill patients, will not advance in this year’s session.

Horn said this issue is the only one that is regarded as a “litmus test” by a significant number of her constituents.

She described the debate as “constructive,” but ultimately the votes were just not there.

Both Horn and Harding said that the long-awaited meeting between state and local officials and the Housatonic Railroad on the spraying of herbicides along the train tracks will likely take place this week, in a setting and format Horn described as “informal.”

“There are jurisdictional issues here,” Horn said, adding that perhaps an informal agreement can produce a satisfactory result for all parties.

Harding agreed with that assessment, and added that he will push for better communication between the railroad and elected officials.

Also on the environmental front, both legislators said they objected to proposals to raise tipping fees on municipalities (such as the six Region one towns) who have been shipping municipal solid waste to out-of-state landfills in the wake of the closing of the Materials Innovation

and Recycling Authority’s Hartford trash-to-energy plant last year.

The idea was to use the fees to finance programs such as organic waste diversion to lower the overall tonnage.

Horn called the fees “punitive.”

The fees were removed, and alternative ways to fund diversion efforts discussed.

Horn said the bill that will ultimately be considered “won’t solve the problem,” but it’s a start.

Harding said he would like to find ways to better utilize existing infrastructure, as well as finding ways to encourage waste diversion.

Horn said that a proposal for a very limited bear hunt in Litchfield County was removed from a bill because it did not have enough support. The proposal was limited to 15 bears, with the hunters selected by lottery.

Harding said he supported the hunt idea, based on the testimony of DEEP’s own experts. He would not support a bear hunt as a stand-alone bill, but he would support it as part of an overall bear management plan.

He said he is hopeful that a satisfactory bear management bill will get through the Senate soon and then go to the House.

Both legislators were sanguine about the state budget coming in on time. The session ends in the first week of June.

Harding said in his first few years in the legislature, last-minute budget drama was routine, but this year things are proceeding fairly smoothly.

“There are disagreements on spending and tax relief,” he said. “These are good arguments.”

“It’s nice to discuss tax cuts,” said Horn.

HOUSING

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Hanna Hayes (D-5), and was ultimately included in the omnibus budget package that passed through Congress in December 2022.

But there was a hitch. Hanna said there was an error in the wording on the grant to the effect that the applicant was the town, not the housing trust.

This caused a kerfuffle. Hanna said she has been assured by the Hartford office of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development that the complaints based on the faulty assumption that the town, not the housing trust, had applied for the grant “are without merit.”

The error will be corrected, but the “technical correction” process will take some time and will push the actual

receipt of the money into the 2024 fiscal year.

In the interim, the trust is busy working on the federal environmental review that must be approved before any work may begin.

Asked what is included in the term “infrastructure,” Hanna said it applies to anything “on or below the ground.”

This includes water and septic, roads, and sidewalks. The complex consists of five buildings containing 16 rental units, built on concrete slabs. Hanna wasn’t sure if the slabs count as infrastructure.

Asked if \$750,000 is enough to cover the infrastructure work, Hanna said “probably not,” and said that fundraising efforts will continue.

CoG

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“It’s really intended to facilitate regional shared services,” said Augur.

RPIP is a competitive statewide grant program that was established in 2007. Funds for RPIP are sourced from rental car and hotel taxes.

Augur explained that COGs can utilize this funding stream to hire staff that can be shared between a number of municipalities.

“The types of things that have gotten awarded are shared animal control officers, shared building and code enforcement, shared tax assessment, a shared firearms training facility and programming of that facility,” said Augur.

Amanda Kennedy, executive director of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, was in attendance as well to give insight on how RPIP has been utilized in southeastern Connecticut.

“We’ve been providing in-house planners who work as municipal planners in probably six towns,” said Kennedy. “This RPIP grant really was the incentive to pull together.”

Henry Todd, first selectman of Falls Village, said his municipality has found that shared services can offer benefits to small towns.

“We share a building official, we share a tax collector, we share a fire marshal,” said Todd. “It does lead to efficiencies.”

The grant funding is structured across three years and is intended to contribute to the salary of a shared employee. The grant would pay 75% of the employee’s salary in year one, 50% in year two, and 25% in year three before fading out in the fourth year.

Following this presentation, the CoG moved on to a municipal roundtable discussion. Each leader shared recent updates from their town, which were largely dominated by budget discussions.

The general theme was that costs are up across the region but, despite rising prices, mill rates have stayed relatively flat or decreased due to favorable tax assessments.

“We’re going to be voting on our budget on May 31 and it’s up pretty good,” said First Selectman Charles Perotti of

North Canaan. “We’re looking to lower the mill rate. We had a real good re-eval last year so we’re looking to get the mill rate down to at least 29. It’s at 31 now.”

Leaders in attendance also expressed concern regarding the newly passed early voting bill at the state level. The bill will allow for 14 days of early, in-person voting across the state.

“That was a big surprise: 14 days. Not only does that hurt us financially but we have part-time registrars,” said First Selectman Magi Winslow of Hartland. “There’s two days a week that are 12-hour days and it’s through the weekend. How do you secure the building?... What about us small towns?”

“Everybody’s talking about this early voting. I don’t know what we’re going to do next year,” said First Selectman Todd Carusillo of Goshen. “Our elections run around \$10,000 a year. So, 14 days, I’m figuring \$140,000 and I’ve got to go to the taxpayers and say ‘hey, you’ve got to pay this because you voted it in.’”

During this meeting, the CoG agreed to terminate its office lease in Goshen and move to 355 Goshen Rd. in Litchfield. The CoG authorized up to \$50,000 for renovations of the new location and the move is expected to take place in September.

WITCHES

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lawyer and the ranking House Republican on the Judiciary Committee.

“Connecticut was a British colony,” said Rep. Doug Dubitsky, R-Chaplin, also a lawyer. “And all of these injustices that were carried out on these people were carried out by the British, and this amendment makes that clear.”

To mollify opponents and get the measure called for a vote, the resolution’s sponsor, Rep. Jane Garibay, took the deal: Among other tweaks, Connecticut would absolve, not exonerate, the condemned “of all crimes of witchcraft and familiarities with the devil.”

The apology was galling to at least one lawmaker.

“I’m gonna say it. I’m really not sorry,” said Rep. Jason Perillo, R-Shelton. “Nobody from my family was here. And I’m looking at a lot of other folks. Nobody from your family was here.”

The First Church in Windsor acknowledged complicity

in 2017 and apologized for its role in the hanging of Alice Young and another woman, Lydia Gilbert, during a time of unexplained deaths.

Garibay had to overcome skepticism about the need for the General Assembly to follow suit, as descendants of the executed had urged at the public hearing. House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, acknowledged he had to be convinced.

“Traditionally, we do not do resolutions in the House, because you could go down a lot of rabbit holes. This one’s been worked on very hard,” Ritter said.

By rabbit holes, Ritter meant a fear that the House could be drawn into regular debates on matters not germane to the General Assembly or that have “no direct

nexus to Connecticut.”

“We will be very firm in the future,” Ritter said.

Garibay told the House the resolution was relevant.

“This complements the work that we are doing in the General Assembly by taking another step towards the justice that this government, our state, all of us, are constantly working towards,” Garibay said. “It is far from frivolous.”

All 98 Democrats voted for the resolution, joined by 23 of the 53 members of the Republican minority.

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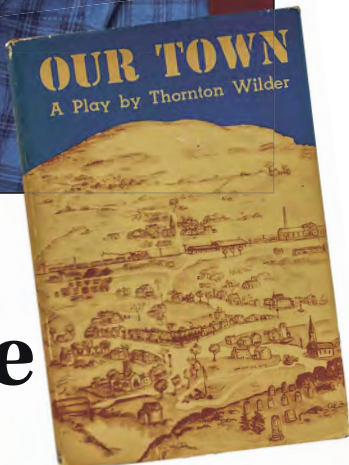
Our Town Stage

Up in the Berkshires and its surrounding areas, the start of summer means the start of summer-stock theater. Before the curtains of the Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., officially open at the end of June with the Elizabethan-set musical comedy "Something Rotten!" the nonprofit community theater will host a one-night reading of "Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson, Apt. 2B" starring Lauren Ambrose and Gretchen Mol on May 26. Ambrose, who starred last year in Sharon Playhouse's staged reading of David Adjmi's comedy "Marie Antoinette," recently wrapped up the M. Night Shyamalan-produced Apple+ series "Servant"

and currently stars in the Emmy-nominated Showtime series "Yellowjackets." Mol was recently the special guest at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., for the theatrical release of the Sundance film "Palm Trees and Power Lines."

Written by Kate Hamill, "Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson" is one of the playwright's many adaptations of classic literature, which have included a feminist revision of Bram Stoker's "Dracula" and a well-reviewed production of Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" with the Bedlam Theater Company in New York City.

"We asked both Lauren Ambrose and Gretchen Mol if they wanted to do a series



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of readings, and they came back and said they wanted to do something together, which was great fun," said Carl Andress, The Playhouse's new artistic director, who will oversee the reading. A producer and director of both stage and screen, Andress, who now lives with his husband in Kent, Conn., is embarking on

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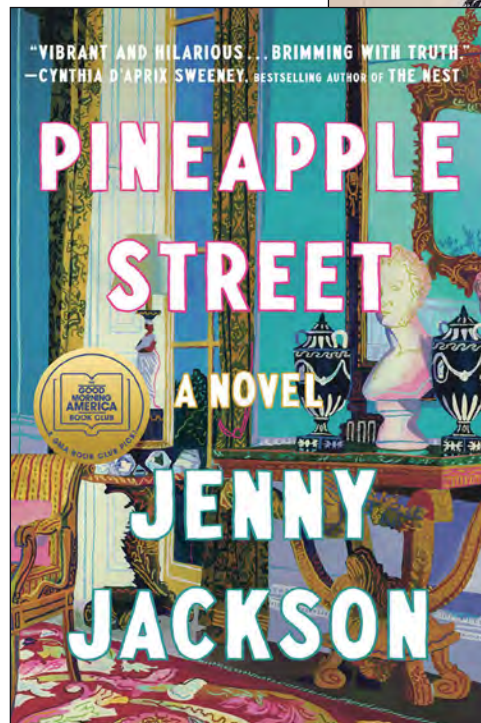


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BOOKS: ALEXANDER WILBURN

A Wealth of Inspiration

Sasha is in trouble. In Jenny Jackson's debut novel "Pineapple Street" the thirty-something has moved to the "fruit district" of the pricey Brooklyn Heights neighborhood in New York City, just below Orange and Cranberry Street, via a seemingly benevolent real estate windfall. Her husband's generationally-wealthy WASP parents have absconded their four-story limestone and left the property to the newlyweds. The caveat being of course, that Sasha's in-laws can drop by anytime, leave all their belongings there, and keep a watchful eye over the former-family home to ensure nothing changes. After all, who would want to remodel their oh-so-nautical decor? In Jackson's comedy of manners, money, and marble countertops, inheritance always comes with strings — and relatives — attached.

A Vice President and Executive Editor at

Alfred A. Knopf, Jackson, like her characters, is a resident of Brooklyn Heights and used her downtime during the pandemic to put her observations regarding the borough's less than sympathetic 1% class to use as she penned her first novel.

"When we were all shut down, and we weren't going to parties, and we weren't going out to lunch, and we weren't meeting, I felt this weird, psychic backlog of energy," Jackson said to Salisbury, Conn., based novelist Helen Klein Ross during an author talk at The White Hart Inn, also in Salisbury. "I wanted to make someone laugh, have some harmless gossip, and do the fun, intellectual flirting that you do in the real world as an agent when you're trying to make exciting things happen. Writing 'Pineapple Street' became an act of wish fulfillment."

Jackson's work is part social fantasy — for every nightmare scenario, there is still plenty to envy — and social commentary on the familial grip on wealth. "I think Millennials are

in a very unique and strange position. The Baby Boomers are going to be passing down \$68 trillion to their children and grandchildren. This is an unprecedented level of inherited wealth," Jackson said. Despite the limitations set by the financial hardships that the majority of the Millennial generation has faced by living through two national recessions during their prime earning years, a select few are set to inherit so much family money that Forbes reported that they will become (by the average, not the median) the richest generation in American history.

"The way tax structures are arranged in America means that these dynastic families are going to be responsible for keeping a good portion of that \$68 trillion passed down to their immediate descendants. The scale of the inheritance is brand new. And Millennials have seen income inequality increase in a way the previous generation haven't. They are more versed in the nuances of it. I see people younger than me grappling with questions about wealth disparity that I didn't in my twenties and thirties."

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Wedding Cake IV by Nikko Sedgwick

Escher String Quartet

Close Encounters with Music will present The Escher String Quartet performing Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence" string sextet in D minor, inspired by the Russian composer's travels in Florence, on Sunday, May 21 at 4 p.m. at The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass. Violinists Adam Barnett-Hart and Brendan Speltz, violist Pierre Lapointe, and cellist Brook Speltz will be joined by violist Daniel Panner and cellist Yehuda Hanani. For tickets go to www.cewm.org

Art Openings

The Re Institute in Millerton, N.Y., will open with two shows on Saturday, May 27. "Material Sustenance" will feature work by Frank Jackson, Tom Woldenberg, Jonathan Fabricant, and Russell Steinart, while work by painter Nikko Sedgwick will be on display in the downstairs gallery.

Simon Winchester

Joe Donahue, host of NPR's "The Book Show," will interview author Simon Winchester on his new book "Knowing What We Know," as part of The White Hart Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m., at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Conn. Register is through Oblong Books at www.oblongbooks.com

ART: LEILA HAWKEN

The Private Rooms of Painters

The local art scene was well represented at the opening of the latest juried exhibit at the Sharon Historical Society in Sharon, Conn., on Saturday, May 13. The show is titled "A Room of One's Own."

At first look, each piece of art interprets the show's title from a vastly different perspective, but the sense of community felt among the artists and friends who gathered in celebration brought the show together. The historical society gallery had become a room belonging to the town.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Juried show winner Colleen McGuire

Fifteen artists had submitted a total of 27 works to the exhibit that was judged by Jack Geary of Millerton, N.Y., who moved the contemporary art gallery, simply called Geary, he owns with his wife Dolly Bross Geary, from New York City's Lower East Side to Millerton's Main Street in 2022.

Winning First Prize in the show was Colleen McGuire's "Still Life

with Fishbowl," an oil on wood panel, depicting an invitingly private home space containing an aquarium with two goldfish in the foreground.

"I'm very honored and appreciative of the historical society supporting local artists. When I learned the theme, I knew I had to enter this piece. It's a personal space," McGuire said.

The second prize went

to "Bath," an acrylic on wood panel painted by E. Tilly Strauss, and the third went to "Morning Milking," an oil by Wayne Jenkins.

The Crowd Pleaser award, by a vote of those in attendance, was won by Laura Polirer for her "Shoes," an acrylic on rag matboard.

On view at The Sharon Historical Society through July 7.

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his first year with The Playhouse, along with Rod Christensen, the new managing director, who had previously been executive director and director of education at TADA! Youth Theater in New York City.

After the reading the team will have to kick into gear as rehearsals begin for the season's mainstage productions, which include the dueling exclamation points of "Something Rotten!" and "Oliver!" along with Thornton Wilder's classic, "Our Town," and John D'Agata and Jim Fingal's more recent "The Lifespan of A Fact." Known talents like Ambrose and Mol aside, it would seem the area has no shortage of would-be thespians to fill the ensembles.

"We were gobsmacked — we saw over 200 people locally between the adult and youth auditions," Andress said.

Michael Kevin Baldwin returns this year as the associate artistic director and director of education. In addition

to heading the Summer Youth Productions, he's overseeing the 20 young actors, from ages nine to 17, who will inhabit the roles of Fagin's pickpocketing band of orphans in the stage adaptations of Charles Dickens's classic novel.

"I have to tip my hat to Michael because he's training them very, very well at the beginning of their careers, if they want to continue in youth productions, or school productions, or even want to go professional," Andress said. "I just heard him say at the auditions, 'Put your hand on your heart and know you're all talented and you're all brave for being here because this is not an easy thing to do and it can be scary.'"

Baldwin added, "I also told them the personal true story of when I auditioned for 'Oliver!' at TriArts [the former incarnation of The Playhouse] when I was 13 and I didn't get cast."

Well-known productions like "Our Town

and "Oliver!" — which had a Broadway run, several revivals and a 1963 Best Picture-winning screen adaptation — cater to the Playhouse's family-friendly and admittedly conservative audience, as Christensen put it, but there's still room for the theater to experiment with more challenging work. "People do love the big razzle-dazzle musicals for sure, the nostalgic go-to's," said Christensen. "But there is an appetite for more niche theater, like the production of 'A Raisin in The Sun' last year, and perhaps 'The Lifespan Of A Fact' this September will fit the bill."

Outside of the staged reading, official casting announcements haven't been made public, but in the meantime, Baldwin could at least tease. "I'll go on the record and say, as someone who has been involved with The Playhouse for years, this is one of the most exciting seasons of talent that I've ever experienced."

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EDITORIAL

Back to the Library

This week The Lakeville Journal is pleased to print a special section for readers that serves as a rich resource guide for our towns and villages. The supplement, included in this edition, comes with a special focus on libraries in our communities, but it also provides a valuable and convenient listing of other resources.

The focus on libraries is our way of paying tribute to the outstanding service provided by our local libraries. But this special supplement also offers a comprehensive listing of key services ranging from phone numbers for your Town Clerk to the names and phone numbers of elected representatives, whether its local, regional, state or federal offices.

There are contacts for police and fire emergency services, and for healthcare services. We also provide information for historical societies, schools and colleges (both public and private), contacts for churches and synagogues. There are listings for parks and recreation and for your transfer station.

The supplement also contains an Advertising Index that provides a resource for the broad variety of business services in our region.

Of course the library numbers are in there, too. In an introduction to the Towns and Villages supplement, we note that the library today has become a community fixture, still a place where the traditional library users come to read, study, work and learn — on top of a long list of other offerings at today's modern library. But even more is happening within these walls. In an online age, these buildings have become the meeting place to discuss important issues before the community.

"In the age of 24/7 social media communications, the online library is replacing some of the functions of the old public library. But it appears that actual public libraries are on the rise. New libraries are being built. Old ones are renovated. The primary need seems to be a place for increased social and community outreach — for gatherings of people, clubs and students," said Dr. Oliver Hedgepeth, a professor at American Public University, an online institution.

Our Towns and Villages supplement contains small profiles of eleven libraries in our Northwest Connecticut and Eastern Dutchess County locale. The brief write-ups are written by the staff of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, whose bylines you will find familiar because these same correspondents also provide the main news and feature coverage for our readers week in and week out.

Each library has its own story to tell, whether its about a new addition or its hundreds or years of existence.

Read about these special places on the New York side of our border in Amenia, Millbrook, Millerton/North East, Pine Plains and Stanford. On the Connecticut landscape, we have reports on Canaan/Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

National Library Week was celebrated in the last week of April. The theme this year was: "There's More to the Story." Aside from catering to readers with books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, book clubs, movie streaming and a litany of online resources, they also serve as gathering places, social forums for all age groups.

Please take a look at the Towns and Villages extra in this week's edition. It's a kind of library resource itself.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An honorable pair

I gorge on the national news
 Tho' It seeds indigestion,
 elicits the blues
 Yet being in Connecticut
 hope doth rise
 With two US Senators,
 each fair and wise

Chris Murphy, the younger of the two
 Has mettle, courage to say
 what's true
 He's championed the victims of school shootings
 Steadfastly rails against
 democracy looting

Richard Blumenthal CT rep, senator, five times AG
 He's smart, tenacious,
 clearly sees,

Injustice, ineptness, falsehood unreined
 He's imbued with facts, not
 egregious claims

The US Senate has shrunk in talent, of soul
 Some there seek nada, devoid of goals

For some silence seems the prudent stance
 As they sit out the save our democracy dance

Connecticut a most fortunate state
 Senators capable, competent, first rate
 Leaning in where it truly matters
 Amid those who kneel, fib & flatter

Jointly sponsoring S.951, a gun bill
 CT Senators toil to stop the kill
 At schools, of neighbors, the kid at a door
 Cease the ravaging by weapons of war

Here's to honor, to reputable deeds
 Truth and strength from those who lead
 Appreciation to those who do stand tall
 Here's to Murphy and to Blumenthal

Regard the Honour and moral Character of the Man more than all other Circumstances. Think of no other Greatness but that of the soul, no other Riches but those of the Heart.

—John Adams

Kathy Herald-Marlowe Sharon

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — May 1923

Clarence Allen has moved from the Beehive to the Frank Cryoskie place at Ore Hill.

Adv.: For Sale — 1 Moyer carriage, used but little, a set brass trimmed single harness. Apply Chester Sackett, Washburn Place.

Beginning Monday, May 21st, the barber shops of Lakeville will open one hour earlier and close at 5 o'clock p.m. during the summer months.

S.O. Cowles has sold his Electrical Business to George Sylvernale.

50 years ago — May 1973

All rail line abandonments in New York State have been halted in their tracks. Yesterday in New York City Federal District Court Judge Marven E. Frankel ruled that "the Interstate Commerce Commission is restrained from issuing any final order or otherwise permitting abandonment of any section of railroad track wholly or partly in New York State in abandonment cases now before the ICC." The judge's ruling, which will stand until further court hearings June 4, came at the request of lawyers for the Harlem Valley Transportation Committee,

the New York State Transportation Coalition, the Natural Resources Defense Council, New York City and the State of New York.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School student Joseph Schmitt has developed a series of equations he believes may modify Einstein's Theory of Relativity. He talked about his theory at the last meeting of the regional school board and reported on the two-day Yale Science Symposium, which he attended with science teacher John Yohe. As Joseph explained to the school board on May 8, Einstein's theory indicated that particles could not reach the speed of light because as they did so, their mass would become infinite. During a recent interview, Mr. Schmitt further explained that current opinion considers there might be particles which exceed the speed of light, and that light itself might have mass.

The "new" old covered bridge in West Cornwall will reopen tomorrow with Gov. Thomas Meskill officiating at the 10:30 a.m. ceremonies. The governor is expected to arrive in his vintage 1923 touring car.

25 years ago — May 1998
 LIME ROCK — The

practice run for an amateur Porsche club race took a tragic turn Saturday when Richard Calhoun Jr. of Millbrook, N.Y., was killed when his car left the race track and struck a guardrail. Saturday's rains may have contributed to the accident, said Mike Rand, vice president of Lime Rock Park.

Sharon volunteer firefighter Dana Purdy stood in the bucket of a ladder truck — as many young boys hope to when they grow older — but the controls failed, dumping him out and slamming him against the fire truck. Luckily a safety harness kept him from falling to the ground.

John Harney of Lakeville said he would brew a special tea and give the profits from its sale to the Jane Lloyd Fund. He has done exactly that. The tea is called Jane's Garden Tea. Ms. Lloyd had surgery for breast cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. She had no health insurance and her siblings staged a benefit for her a few weeks ago to which the community responded generously.

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

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Mudge Pond

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Antibiotics for gardens and forests: Part I

The title of a recent paper in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, or JACS for short, is: Ecological Niche-Inspired Genome Mining Leads to the Discovery of Crop-Protecting Non-ribosomal Lipopeptides Featuring a Transient Amino Acid Building Block. JACS publishes heavy stuff. Readers may think these authors and JACS are on a one-lane road to obscurity, but there is substance here. A shorter title might have been Antibiotics from Pseudomonas Kill Nasty Amoebae and Fungi. The authors named the class of antibiotics after Keanu Reeves, the Canadian actor who plays retired assassin, John Wick, who emerges to kill bad guys. Amoebae and fungi cause many diseases, and they are all bad guys because forestry, agriculture, and medicine have few defenses against them. Fungi kill our crops and trees in periodic waves. I want our ash, chestnut, hemlock, and elm trees back, or at least to give them a fighting chance.

The Jena people, led by Dr. Pierre Stallforth, use a strategy that lets evolution do much of the work. They looked for antibiotics in biological situations where two or more species have fallen into an equilibrium, a condition called either mutualism or competition. They reasoned that one species may make an antibiotic or natural product to compete.

Amoeba-like cells have a lot of internal architecture: vacuoles, nuclei, sites to make special proteins, structures to carry out tasks of digestion and energy production, and ways to recognize harmful bacteria and pull them inside. These cells crawl over the surface of our lungs, peritoneum, and kidneys. They clean up bacteria and debris after

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RICHARD KESSIN

inflammation. In the lungs they are called alveolar macrophages, but they patrol almost everywhere. All higher organisms have amoebae or similar cells; they are an essential cellular life form that evolution has kept. Some amoebae can also cause disease; think of amoebic dysentery or the brain destroying amoebae that people get in warm freshwater ponds.

Some amoebae live in a special vacuole, surrounded by a membrane, where they have acquired the ability to interrupt a process that normally kills them. Mycobacterium tuberculosis and Legionella pneumoniae live in such cellular compartments, where they grow and divide. The Stallforth lab uses a species called Dictyostelium discoideum that lives in soil and eats the many bacteria they find there. Legionella and TB bacteria flourish in Dictyostelium the vacuoles of these amoebae.

Your columnist and his lab studied Dictyostelium for decades and wrote a book on these shapeshifting, complicated, and quite beautiful creatures. Type 'John Bonner and Princeton' into a browser and you will find a lovely film, made in 1947. Albert Einstein asked to see it. There is more to this story, but let's return to Dr. Stallforth.

Instead of isolating bacteria or amoebae from this niche and asking if individual bacteria or amoebae produced antibiotics, they extracted DNA and examined the sequences

of A, C, G, and T of millions of individual genes. It sounds hard, and it was once, but now the process is efficient and automated. Two classes of genes make the enzymes to produce antibiotics, each easily recognized by their DNA sequences stored in enormous databases. The group found one of them in the bacteria called Pseudomonas.

The story of our niche takes us back to the experimental forest of the University of Virginia in the Great Smoky Mountains, where, in 2014, evolutionary biologists Joan Strassmann and David Queller of Washington University were looking for new strains of Dictyostelium.

Joan found a fruiting body of Dictyostelium, which looks like a lollipop about 1mm high, but it was on a steaming pile of deer scat. Where the business end of the lollipop would be, there was a ball of tough spores, about 50,000 held in a drop by surface tension. Fruiting bodies form in the lab, but that was the first time one had been seen in the wild. In the liquid around the spores there were bacteria, a strain of Pseudomonas, now called QS1027 (Queller-Strassmann), that we now know secretes antibiotics.

Let me leave you with Professor Joan Strassmann, author of a recent book called Slow Birding, a member of The National Academic of Sciences, a teacher and mentor, on hands and knees with her nose six inches from a heap of deer poop, yelling in delight. Joy is where you find it.

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Upcoming affordable housing for Salisbury

After many years of planning for more affordable housing, finally several projects together promising as many as 90 units of new affordable housing are planned and are likely to be realized in the next few years.

Holley Place on Route 44 just north of the old Lakeville railroad station, with 12 units, and East Railroad Street just east of LaBonne's parking lot with 20 units and 10 additional units at Sarum Village will together add 42 units of new affordable housing to the town.

And the largest project of all, the Pope property bordered by the Rail Trail and Salmon Kill Road is now being planned to contain 48 units. All of these projects are located within easy walking distance of "downtown" Salisbury or Lakeville. The town owned Pope property flanked by the Rail Trail to the west and Salmon Kill Road to the south contains about 55 acres overall with the easternmost portion being some 42 acres of landmarked woodland; the westernmost 12 acres together with another abutting town owned parcel containing two small buildings and a community garden add up to about 19 acres of buildable land.

There has long been in the town a strong lobby for more public athletic facilities and the program for the Pope property includes additional facilities for soccer, lacrosse, pickleball, ice skating and skateboarding. While these may seem like odd bedfellows for an affordable housing project, the site is large enough with careful planning to accommodate both housing and the athletic facilities.

Many proponents of afford-

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MAC GORDON

able housing believe that the N.I.M.B.Y. factor (not in my backyard) is responsible for the failure of many affordable housing projects to be realized; and to a large extent they are right. But many people (and not just architects) are turned off by the poor design and construction quality of the housing projects they see built, whether at affordable or market rate. Such projects are usually built by speculative builders for quick profit. However, most or all of these current projects will feature rental units thus avoiding the problem of speculators who cut corners and leave the problems this creates to their buyers.

What might help persuade the average person to support significantly more affordable housing would be an unusually well designed, high quality (but not particularly expensive) example. Here are a few suggestions for making the Pope complex an even better, more likeable place: Use local builders and suppliers as much as feasible.

Although most of us in the Northwest Corner live in detached, single family houses, they are not the best solution for a housing project. Attached housing units make more sense. They take up much less land area and save on construction cost.

Instead of fossil fuels, use solar energy for both heating

and electricity. Solar keeps getting cheaper and there may also be federal and state subsidies available.

For better site planning and to avoid excessive traffic at Salmon Kill Road, provide a second egress to the site from Academy Street. The extra roadwork required at the northern end of the rail trail will be worth it.

True economy. Especially with rental units, it's often less expensive to pay a bit more up front. For example, a plywood (now usually particle board) floor covered with synthetic carpet (emitting toxic vapors) may cost less initially than a wood floor but after several years the carpet wears out and must be replaced whereas the wood floor lasts indefinitely.

Avoid air conditioning, instead provide daylight and natural ventilation, ample insulation and other measures to control heat loss and gain. Use good quality insulating glass windows. Plant trees for future shading. Keep outdoor lighting subtle; avoiding overhead lighting as much as possible.

Except in the athletic areas avoid lawn grass as the default ground cover (wild white clover looks handsome, stays short and does not require regular mowing). Include plenty of different types of trees, shrubs and flowering perennials. This will make the outdoor spaces much more appealing and will also attract birds, bees, and other threatened, beneficial insects. And let's try for better architecture than we have become accustomed to in NW Corner housing projects.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

MAY 17

Spring into Story Time

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

The Scoville Memorial Library will hold a story time event geared toward pre-school aged children on May 17 and 24 at 10:30 a.m. After reading stories, participants will explore their surroundings and engage in a craft or activity. All ages are welcome! With warmer weather coming, be prepared to gather outside around Buttons the bear.

MAY 19

The Hotchkiss School is Hosting a Star Party

The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn. hotchkiss.org

On Friday May 19 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The Hotchkiss School is hosting a Star Party (rain date May 21.) Enter through the main gates, and follow signs to park. Bring sturdy shoes, blankets, and flashlights. Telescopes, star maps, red flashlight covers, and moon pies are provided. For more information, contact Bill Fenton at 860-435-3625 or email wfenton@hotchkiss.org.

MAY 20

Fun Feathered Facts: Things You Might Not Know About the Birds in Your Neighborhood

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

Emma Jean Sisk, a seventh grader at Salisbury Central School and an avid birder, will share her enthusiasm and love for birds and answer questions. Weather permitting, the talk will include a short birding walk along the rail trail, some fun bird trivia, and a bird-inspired snack. Bring binoculars along if you have them. All ages. Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.

Douglas Library Annual Plant Sale

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

The Douglas Library is holding its annual plant sale Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale includes flowers, vegetables, herbs and more.

MAY 21

HACKS Covered Bridge Slalom Kayak Race

West Cornwall, Conn.

On Sunday, May 21, the HACKS Covered Bridge Slalom kayak race will be held in West Cornwall. This race is part of the 10-part New England Slalom Series and will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 21.

Each racer is permitted two runs on the course with the better of their times counting toward the competition. All are welcome to attend, email Jennifer at clarkeoutdoors@gmail.com for more info.

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

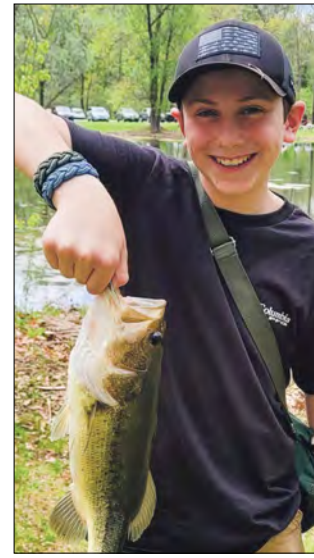


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Travis Barber, winner in the 2022 Junior Fishing Derby.

Northwest CT Rod and Gun Club Junior Fishing Derby

148 South Canaan Road, North Canaan

On Sunday, May 21, for ages 15 and under. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and fishing begins at 9 a.m. and runs to noon at the club pond.

MAY 24

Paddle the Housy

Great Falls, Canaan, Conn. hvatoday.org

Join HVA's Tim Abbott, Regional Conservation Director, and Julia Rogers, Senior Land Protection Manager for a portion of their 41-mile paddle of the Wild and Scenic Housatonic River on May 24, 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants will meet in North Canaan, CT and should bring their own boat, paddles, and personal flotation devices.

Screening of The Quiet Epidemic

Kent Memorial Library, 32 North Main St., Kent, Conn. kentmemoriallibrary.org

Kent Memorial Library is excited to announce a film screening of The Quiet Epidemic, followed by Q&A with film director Winslow Crane-Murdoch on Wednesday, May 24 at 6 p.m.

For more information about the screening call 860-927-3761 or email kla-bmcallister@biblio.org.

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 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 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 p.m. 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.

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

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Our Towns

Cornwall P&Z presents revised regulations at hearing

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — On Tuesday, May 9, Cornwall's Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission presented its reformatted regulatory documents to the town. This public hearing was held in-person at the Cornwall Library.

"What this public hearing concerns is the reformatting, reorganizing, and rewording of Cornwall's zoning regulations," said P&Z chair Anna Timell.

The effort to comprehensively overhaul P&Z's reg-

ulatory documents was the first such undertaking in Cornwall since 1985. Timell noted that the reformatting was necessary due to recently changed state laws.

"Our old regulations were out of date in reference to a number of state statutes," said Timell.

The commission added 25 new definitions, updated regulations to bring them in line with recently changed state laws, created hot-links to pertinent state regulations, and rearranged the chapters to provide a more logical

progression.

"I want to emphasize that at no time did we change the intent or expected outcomes of these regulations," Timell added.

Following a recap of the changes, P&Z opened the hearing to public comment. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway was in attendance and spoke in favor of the changes.

"I'd like to thank the commission for sitting through this process and making these important regulations clearer, easier to understand,

and consistent with state law," said Ridgway.

Resident Nancy Berry spoke in regard to regulations surrounding multi-family homes in Cornwall.

"Now you can retrofit or repurpose an older home into up to four apartments, owner occupied in one of them, but I'm disappointed that we don't have something to cover a two-family dwelling," said Berry.

Due to some confusion over the in-person nature of this public hearing, Timell motioned to extend this

hearing to a second date. The commission selected June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Cornwall Library for the follow-up hearing.

During the staff report, Zoning Enforcement Officer Karen Nelson noted no new applications but provided an update on construction at the Pink House in West Cornwall.

"I was very glad to be in West Cornwall today and saw that there is already work starting," said Nelson.

"Hopefully at our next meeting we'll be able to talk

about what's going on in Cornwall Bridge with Country Market," added Timell.

Timell said the commission is still seeking feedback from residents to gauge public opinion on cannabis licensure in Cornwall. A survey has been created that can be accessed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6253JB8 or by request (email landuse@cornwallct.gov).

"The deadline is May 22," said Timell.

Results from the cannabis survey will be presented at the June 13 P&Z meeting.

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE: LAKEVILLE, CT. Chatfield Drive, Saturday, May 20 (8-4) and Sunday, May 21 (9-2). Good china, stamps, vinyl LPs, woman's bike, quilt fabric, small appliances, furniture, dishes, housewares, table lamps, kids games, toys, books. Bring bags!

TAG SALE: furniture, tools, toys, holiday decorations and much more. 12 Apple Way, Lakeville, CT 06039. Friday May 19 and Saturday May 20, 9am-4pm.

CANAAN, CT

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