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As of last year, 35% of the population in Cornwall is "housing cost burdened", spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs.

## Cornwall's affordable housing challenge

By Debra A. Aleksinas

CORNWALL — Targeted goals for implementing the town's affordable housing plan and the obstacles that could lie ahead were discussed at a virtual "conversation" hosted by the Cornwall Library, drawing about 65 attendees on Saturday, May 7.

The hour-long event was moderated by documentary filmmaker Bill McClane and featured a discussion between longtime affordable housing advocate Maggie Cooley and urban planning and New York University policy professor Ingrid Gould Ellen. McClane also fielded questions from the public.

The talk focused on ways Cornwall can create affordable housing that supports a "gentle density increase" in town by amending

zoning regulations, helping homeowners renovate homes to increase occupancy and assisting seniors with making their homes liveable to help them age in place.

"The easiest ones to achieve and the ones most palatable to anyone who is nervous about affordable housing are the ones that are quasi-invisible and involve changes within existing structures with no exterior alterations," said Cooley, a West Cornwall attorney who heads up the Cornwall Affordable Housing Committee and has been part of the Cornwall Housing Corporation (CHC) since the 1990s.

Cornwall, like many other Northwest Corner towns, is required to abide by a 2017 state statute mandating an Affordable

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PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

The Sharon Classic Road Race on May 7 attracted 126 participants to the new starting point at Veterans' Field. Ben Schildgen, 13, was out front at the start and end of the race, coming in first.

## New look for Sharon Classic

By Hunter O. Lyle

SHARON — Minutes before the race began, contestants for the 37th running of the Sharon Classic Road Race on Saturday, May 7, lined up in the entrance to Veterans' Field in Sharon Valley. Although the route

was new, the enthusiasm and level of competition of the runners stayed the same.

This race is an annual fundraiser for Sharon Day Care and traditionally starts on the Sharon Green. This year the course was changed.

Stacy Hudson, vice president of the Sharon Day Care board and coordinator of the Sharon Classic Road Race, said the board "had been talking about switching the course for the last couple years.

"We had talked about the facilities" at Veterans' Field "and decided to give it a try."

Leaving Veterans' Field, the 126 registered runners took a left onto Sharon Valley Road, then a right onto Route 361 (Millerton Road) before making another left onto Mudge Pond Road. From there, the competitors continued to Mudge

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## Rugged artisans brave wintry blasts

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A determined group of vendors showed their wares in the lawn in front of The White Hart in Salisbury on Saturday, May 7.

It took some gumption on the part of the Salisbury Artisans Group, as it was a decidedly un-spring-like day, with the temperature struggling to make it north of 50 degrees and a brisk wind that threatened to send the tents aloft.

A gust of wind knocked over the little signs that Emily Trower-Young had set up at her booth. She sighed (to the extent one can sigh through chattering teeth) and put them back up.

Trower-Young is a regular at the sales, with her line of organic skin care products (Em and El Organics).

She was asked how her New York City-based business fared during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trower-Young was one of the minority of people at the sale wearing a mask. Through it she said that in the first year of the pandemic, hers was "one of the businesses



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Colleen Peck offered unique aprons made from feed sacks.

that fell through the cracks" when it came to accessing federal grants. The same thing happened with the second round.

She did get some help the third time through the process.

Anne Cameron, a relatively recent Texas transplant, runs Tisse Designs in Sharon. Her line of goods features some pretty snazzy handwoven items, leading a sartorially inclined reporter to wonder privately if a dish towel could reasonably be repurposed as a pocket square.

Cameron said it was her second time out with the artisans group.

Next door was the cheerful Col-

leen Peck, who seemed oblivious to the icy blasts. Her business, Moonfaerie Designs, is based in Willington, and has a line of aprons made out of old feed sacks and adorned with photos printed on fabric and sewn on the aprons.

Asked where she finds the sacks, she said knows someone who knows someone else in the Midwest who has access to a big supply, but the supply is starting to dwindle. All very mysterious.

Like ice hockey or string quartets, the aprons really have to be seen in person to get the gist of the

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## Legislature requires hazardous tree plan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said Sunday, May 8, that a proposal requiring the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to develop and implement a hazard tree mitigation policy survived the legislative process, ultimately being included in Senate Bill 238.

The requirement came about after DEEP cut trees at Housatonic Meadows State Park last year, sparking considerable backlash.

Horn, a member of the committee, said in a phone interview the agency has until Aug. 1 to come up with a plan for removing hazard trees. If the agency does not do so, Horn said the committee will take the matter up again in the next session.

State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30), one of two ranking members on the Environment Committee, said in a phone interview Sunday, May 8, "We got DEEP to take respon-

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## Region One

### Voters easily pass budget

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One budget for 2022-23 passed at a referendum vote Tuesday, May 2. Voters in the six Region One towns approved the \$16 million budget by a wide margin, 298 to 87.

The largest turnout — and margin of approval — was in Salisbury,

where 111 voted yes and just four voted no.

In Cornwall it was 40 yes, 16 no. Falls Village approved, 36-12. Kent had 55 yes votes to 13 no votes, and Sharon OKed the budget, 29-9.

North Canaan, with an unusually large increase of \$745,476 in its

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# Regional

## Mobile medical care will cover five towns

By John Coston

WEST CORNWALL — Medical care was brought to West Cornwall at the Union on Wednesday, May 4, marking the first time in three decades that residents didn't have to travel out of town to get health care.

Starting May 26, the schedule of the Torrington-based Community Health and Wellness Center's mobile medical clinic will cover five towns in the Northwest Corner on a regular weekly basis.

In West Cornwall, as its three-hour visit was wrapping up, the medical team had administered seven COVID-19 vaccinations and saw two new patients.

Dr. Anna Timell of Cornwall was among the first patients to get care. Timell was in line to get a second COVID-19 booster shot. On a poignant historical note, Timell was the last primary care physician to keep an office in Cornwall, running a family practice out of her home in the late 1980s.

"This is fantastic," Timell said. "I see this as more and more the way medical care will be delivered to people. Now, people have to travel to get care because they can't find primary care in their community."

When she practiced in Cornwall, Timell said that she found it difficult to make a living, and after she began to notice that many of her patients' cars in her driveway were from New York state, she made a move to eastern Dutchess County.

"Primary care physicians



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Dr. Anna Timell of Cornwall stepped into the Community Health and Wellness Center's mobile clinic on Wednesday, May 4, at the Union in West Cornwall. Timell was the last primary care physician in Cornwall more than three decades ago.

are the gatekeepers," Timell said. Not only is there a shortage of primary care physicians in the Northwest Corner, most of them already have full practices, she said.

The Community Health and Wellness Center in Torrington is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) and receives federal money to provide medical care to areas in need where such care is scarce and without regard to insurance status or ability to pay.

The center offers comprehensive medical services, along with behavioral health services, social services, dental care and women's health, among others.

Here is the weekly schedule of the mobile clinic:

Tuesdays — Sharon Hospital from 9 a.m. to noon  
Wednesdays — West

Cornwall at the Union from 9 a.m. to noon

Thursdays — Salisbury VNA at 30A Salmon Kill Road from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning May 26; and North Canaan at Pilgrim House currently from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May 26, when it will be from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Fridays — Torrington Community Soup Kitchen 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (The team is at the FISH Shelter without Betty from 8:30 to 10 a.m.)

### In The Journal this week

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#### Three-day forecast

Friday ..... Sun, high 79°/low 53°  
Saturday ..... Thunderstorms, 80°/60°  
Sunday ..... Thunderstorms, 76°/63°

### 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.

#### Fled the scene of accident

On May 2 at approximately 11 p.m. on High Street in North Canaan a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado left the roadway and struck a rock on the shoulder of the road. The unknown driver then abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. The Chevrolet was towed and the accident remains under investigation. The vehicle is registered to Kathryn Stewart of Lakeville.

#### Swerved to avoid deer

On May 5 at approximately 2 p.m. on Canaan Road in Salisbury a 1985 BMW R80 motorcycle driven by Samuel Fitzgerald, 67, of Sharon was in an accident while swerving to avoid a deer in the road. Fitzgerald was transported to Sharon Hospital. No police action has been reported at this time.

#### Struck guardrail

On May 6 at approximately noon on Johnson Road in Falls Village a 2007 Dodge Caliber driven by Jerry D. Cox, 55, of North Canaan drifted off the road, side-swiped a metal beam guardrail and damaged a metal post. Cox was found at fault and issued a citation for failure to maintain the lane.

#### Struck guardrail

On May 6 at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Route 44 in Salisbury a 2006 Subaru Legacy driven by Aylor Elizabeth Wyrick, 25, of Torrington swerved on the road and collided with a wire rope guardrail before traveling off the road. Wyrick was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for the conditions and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

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 editor@lakevillejournal.com.

### Falls Village historical society dinner May 19

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's annual dinner and meeting returns after a two-year hiatus on Thursday, May 19, at the Falls Village Emergency Services Center on Route 7. Doors open at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner catered by Theresa Freund will be served at 5:30 p.m. Reservations in advance are required at a cost of \$30 per person, which may be paid at the door. Call Kay Blass, 860-824-7259, or email her at kay.blass@gmail.com. Reservations must be received by May 14. This event is

open to the public. Specialty baskets will be raffled off.

There will be a brief business meeting, including the election of officers to the board. The guest speaker is Lydia Downs, who grew up in Falls Village and earned a B.A. in archaeology and history, minoring in German studies. Currently she is a master's candidate in the Maritime Studies Program at Eastern Carolina University, learning to take her archaeology skills underwater. She will share some of her research done in collaboration with the Coharie Tribe of North Carolina.

## LEGAL NOTICES

#### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 2, 2022:

Approved subject to conditions - Site Plan Application #2022-0166 by owners, Richard & Madlyn Primoff to demolish an existing single-family dwelling and construct new in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the zoning regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 11 and is located at 105 Interlaken Road.

Approved subject to conditions - Site Plan Application #2022-0169 by owner, American School for the Deaf to construct two new cabins, two new athletic courts, install a vegetative shoreline buffer, and stormwater improvements in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the zoning regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 64

as Lot 8 and is located at 410 Twin Lakes Road.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission  
Martin Whalen,  
Secretary  
05-12-22

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PAUL E. ROY, JR. Late of Canaan (22-00145)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 28, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
Jennifer L. Serna  
6 College Hill Road  
Canaan, CT 06018  
Beth L. McGuire  
Chief Clerk  
05-12-22

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ROBERT JOSEPH MURRAY Late of Salisbury (22-00142)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 28, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
Joseph Emery Murray  
c/o Emily D Vail  
Ackerly Brown, LLP  
5 Academy St  
P.O. Box 568  
Salisbury, CT 06068

Beth L. McGuire  
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# Our Towns



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## Benefit Ukraine

The Annual Cornwall Consolidated School Walk-a-thon began at the top of the hill on Cream Hill Road, on Friday, May 6. The fundraising walk benefited Ukrainian relief.

## Kent joins other towns opposing hospital cutback

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Joining with two other Region One towns, the Kent Board of Selectmen approved a resolution to be sent to state officials opposing planned reductions in services at Sharon Hospital. The unanimous action was taken at their regular

meeting on Thursday, April 21. Noting that selectmen in the towns of Salisbury and Cornwall have already expressed opposition to the changes, First Selectman Jean Speck discussed the impact of discontinuation of services on the town. She singled out just one

of the planned changes, the elimination of after-hours surgery. “Nuvance is doing the community no service whatsoever,” said Selectman Rufus de Rham. He also discussed the potential far-reaching effects of the hospital’s plan to reduce services.

## Cornwall’s wastewater project information forum is June 11

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — A public information forum is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, on the town’s wastewater disposal project in the village of West Cornwall. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway announced at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, May 3, that the explanatory text designed to describe the project has been approved by state elections officials, an important step toward eventually bringing the project to a town vote. Ridgway announced that the selectmen will discuss

and vote on the related bond resolution at their May 17 meeting. They will also vote their approval for calling the necessary town meetings, noting that the project has been under discussion and development for the past five or six years. Details about the project and the upcoming meetings will be posted on the town’s website, Ridgway said. The schedule anticipates a town meeting on Saturday, June 25, and a town-wide referendum on Saturday, July 9. Renovation work is continuing at the transfer station with window installation and additional electrical work expected soon. Interior painting is happening now, according to Ted Larson,

transfer station coordinator. Selectwoman Janet Carlson suggested introducing a composting location at the transfer station, but Ridgway commented that such sites tend to attract animals, including vermin, and would need a state permit to operate according to mandated standards. **Bear warning** With increasing sightings of black bears in the area, Ridgway reminded residents to bring in their bird feeders at night. The warning was prompted, Ridgway said, by a resident discovering a bear in his car. Usually, bears are attracted to small vans, he noted, where they are more likely to find crumbs on the floor.

## Blue & Gold returns May 20

FALLS VILLAGE — The Blue and Gold show of student art is returning after a two-year absence. This year’s show is at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. There will be an official unveiling of a new sculpture by Tim Prentice, and the first public screening of a documentary about the sculpture. The opening reception is Friday, May 20, 4 to 6 p.m. The awards ceremony is at 5 p.m.

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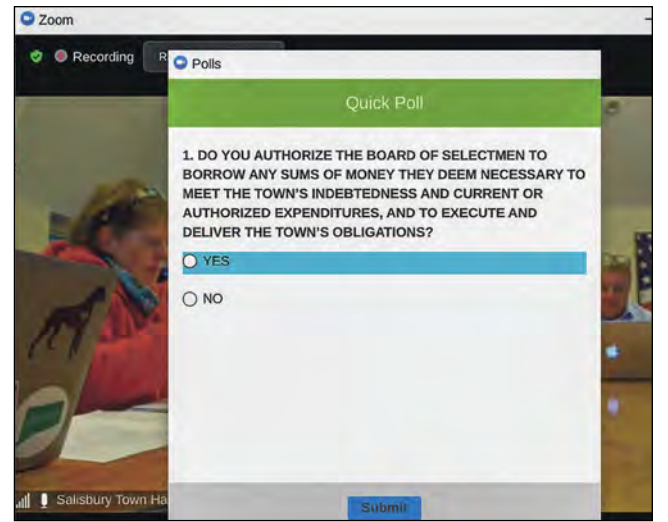
## Salisbury mill rate stays put

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Voters unanimously approved all the items on the agenda during a virtual town meeting on the 2022-23 budgets on Wednesday, May 4. Meeting immediately after the town meeting (and on the same Zoom), the Board of Finance unanimously voted to keep the 2022-23 mill rate unchanged at 11 mills. The finance board also tabled a discussion of finding a new auditing firm for the town.

The town meeting was attended online by some 24 people, Town Clerk Patty Williams reported during the meeting. The format was a Zoom webinar, which is more manageable than the familiar Zoom format with multiple participants and confusion over the mute button. Voting was done as a poll question.

The voter-approved budget proposal for Salisbury Central School is \$6,168,397, an increase of \$177,237 or 2.96%. The town’s assessment for Region One is \$3,996,448, an increase of \$270,797 or 7.27%. The Region One budget passed at a referendum vote May 23. Total proposed education spending for 2022-23 is \$10,164,845, an increase of \$448,034 or 4.61%. The selectmen’s 2022-23 budget has a bottom line of \$7,751,247, an increase of



SCREENSHOT BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Salisbury used an online format that allowed for voting during the annual budget meeting Wednesday, May 4.

\$362,193 or 4.9%.

The town meeting also approved the town’s purchase of a small parcel of land on Library Street. First Selectman Curtis Rand explained that a recent survey revealed that

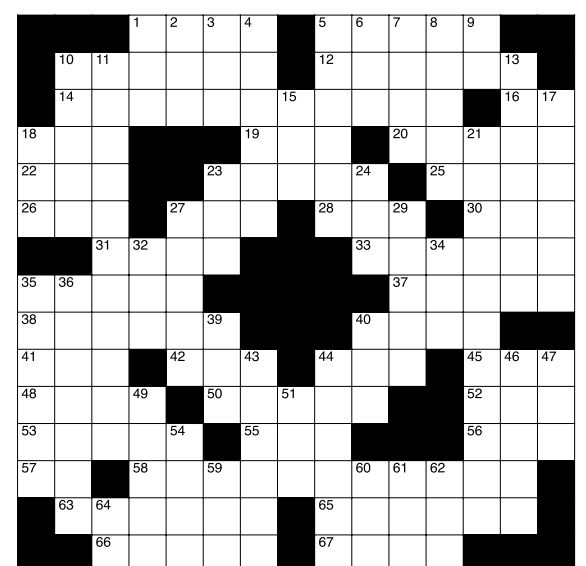
the little island at the end of Library Street and the road on either side is not owned by the town. After the purchase, for about \$30,000, the town will reconfigure the street to make it a “straight shot,” Rand said.

## Raffle benefits art education

SHARON — The Sharon Woman’s Club raises money each year to give a cash award to a graduating senior pursuing an art education. The award will help in defraying the cost of art supplies. Raffle tickets are currently on sale for a handmade quilt made by a Sharon Woman’s Club member. The 60” x 60” quilt is on display at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. The drawing will be May 20th at the high school art exhibit. Tickets can also be purchased by calling Kathy Fricker at 860-364-9890.

## Brain Teasers

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Amounts of time
  5. A ship’s place at a wharf
  10. Point a finger at
  12. Large, burrowing rodent
  14. Raises the stakes
  16. Measure of illumination
  18. Cast out
  19. One who is staid
  20. A word used for emphasis
  22. Military missions
  23. Wet with rain
  25. Selling at specially reduced prices
  26. Word element meaning ear
  27. \_\_\_ student,
  28. Blood relation
  30. Make into leather
  31. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
  33. Containing salt
  35. A seat
  37. A type of fine pottery
  38. You’re caught red-\_\_\_!
  40. “Heat” director Michael
  41. Expression of creative skill
  42. Title of respect
  44. Crony
  45. Payroll experts
  48. Actress Remini
  50. Famed consumer advocate
  52. Indigenous Thai person
  53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
  55. Cooking tool
  56. Decorate a cake with frosting
  57. The seventh note of a major scale
  58. Transfer from private to state ownership
  63. A set of five
  65. Removes
  66. Foolish persons
  67. Lower parts of a wall
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Old EU money
  2. Some put it on steak
  3. Sign language
  4. Sowed on the ground
  5. Tags
  6. Everyone has one
  7. Arguments
  8. N. African capital
  9. Midgame (abbr.)



10. Change as needed
11. Functioning as a consonant
13. An island in the north Atlantic
15. Carpenter’s tool
17. Small football player
18. Ghosts say it
21. Explain through logic
23. Having ten
24. Criticize
27. Arms of the sea
29. Belonging to a bottom layer
32. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
35. Swiss cottage
36. Cleft lip
39. Loud, unpleasant noise
40. Disfigure
43. Kayakers traverse them
44. Authored
46. Small freshwater fishes
47. Macabre poet
49. Carthaginian statesman
51. Principle underlying the universe
54. Common Japanese surname
59. The bill in a restaurant
60. Small constellation
61. Chap
62. Equal
64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

**May 5 Solution**

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**May 5 Solution**

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## Our Towns

# Sharon budgets go to town vote May 13

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Town and school budgets will be up for a vote at the annual town meeting scheduled for Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

The scheduled vote followed consideration of residents' comments at the annual budget public hearing on Friday, April 29. After that meeting, the Board of Finance unanimously voted to approve the proposed 2022-23 budgets submitted by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education.

The Board of Education's budget totals \$4,394,943, a reduction of \$118,839 (2.63%) below the current year's spending.

Residents who offered comments and questions

focused on clarification of the budget development process and state-mandated elements, noting the lower student enrollment at Sharon Center School and asking why the enrollment numbers do not bring lower costs. Enrollment at the school presently stands at 96 students in the building.

"We want to be a school that is a destination school," Board of Education Chairman Doug Cahill said, noting that 13 out-of-town students will be enrolling, citing the success of an effort to attract new students to the school. He said that the presence of out-of-town students adds to the educational experience for all students.

Region One Superinten-

dent Lisa Carter announced that the education budget aligns with the state's MBR (Minimum Budget Requirement) regulations. Residents questioned and discussed the application of the MBR.

Carter said that challenges faced by the six Region One schools are more than their small size. She described greater demands for increased curriculum, along with a higher percentage of students for whom English is their second language.

Overall, the selectmen's proposed budget for the town totals \$4,971,604, an increase of \$119,381 (2.46%) over the current year.

Questions were mostly for clarification, although one resident asked for an explanation of the increase

in the Assessor's Office line.

"The office has been underfunded for years," Selectman Dale Jones responded, adding that the assessor and assistant receive no benefits from the town. He reported that there are 2,500 taxable parcels in the town and that the assessor should be earning \$22 per parcel, but Sharon pays \$14 per parcel.

Sharon presently has two qualified assessors working in the office, part-time, an example of regionalizing that work, Jones said.

Both the public hearing and the Board of Finance meeting were held in person and on Zoom.

Copies of the proposed budgets are on the Sharon town website at [www.sharonct.org](http://www.sharonct.org).



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### A tribute to Palmer

Mary Palmer, at right in photo, got a hug from Hazel McGuire at the Center on Main Saturday evening, April 30. The event was to honor Palmer, who recently retired as town clerk, and was a fundraiser for the Falls Village Housing Trust. The event was attended by about 100 people and raised some \$7,000.

## Transfer station fees increase July 1

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Transfer station fee increases will go into effect July 1, it was reported at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, May 2.

Increased costs associated with imminent closure of the MIRA trash-to-energy facility in Hartford and the resulting decision to contract with MIRA for transporting the town's waste out of state for disposal, resulted in the higher rates.

First Selectman Charles Perotti said new stickers will be available at the transfer station. Rates increased to \$90 from \$75 for residential, to \$50 from \$40 for seniors over age 62 and to \$130 from \$125 for commercial users.

#### New signs in the works

Selectman Christian Allyn reported that local high

school student Dylan Deane is creating and installing four welcoming directional signs at key points in North Canaan in fulfillment of his Eagle Scout project. Deane is the son of longtime North Canaan residents Miriam and Walter Deane.

Proposed locations for the new signs are: one to be placed in the vicinity of the Gingerbread House, another to the south along Route 7, another to the north and east near Green Acres, and one along Elm Street.

Deane is presently seeking state Department of Transportation (DOT) approval to install the new signs, usually a lengthy process, according to the selectmen.

After he obtains DOT approval, Deane's next responsibility will be to pursue funding to accomplish manufacture and installation.

By Leila Hawken

KENT — The Board of Finance voted unanimously on Friday, May 6, to send budgets submitted by the boards of selectmen and education to a town meeting vote.

The board's vote immediately followed public comment during the annual budget hearing.

The annual town meeting will be held on Friday, May 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

First Selectman Jean Speck reviewed the proposed selectmen's budget, showing total town expenditures of \$4,473,675, an increase over the current year of \$347,440 (8.42%).

The Board of Education's budget, reviewed by Chairman Scott Trabucco, shows total education expenditures of \$12,870,199, an increase over the current year of \$469,670 (3.79%).

If voters approve the budgets the town's mill rate would be held steady by the transfer of \$527,500 from the undesignated General Fund.

"Our government and our community are on a precipice," Speck said, adding that the town has been dealing with the pandemic for 111 weeks now.

"It's been a time of growth," she said, adding that the town has needed to adapt.

One of the issues challenging the selectmen's budget has been town staffing, Speck said. Changes were needed to remain competitive within a number of departments. Surpassing the reduction asked for by the Board of Finance of \$140,000, the town reached a reduction total of \$170,000.

Public comments included a request from the Kent Volunteer Fire Department for an increase of \$224,250 to fund full staffing. A week consists of 56 shifts, but at present only 33 are covered by the local fire department. A staffing company would need to cover the remainder at \$31 per hour.

Another resident urged that there be more funding for road repairs.

On the education side, Trabucco said, "The Board of Education aims to maintain the integrity of the local educational process."

The current push to reduce staffing prematurely

is short-sighted, Trabucco said, urging the Board of Finance to restore \$50,000 to the budget.

Residents offered opinions about class sizes, suggesting that with a trend toward lower enrollments, teachers could teach larger numbers of students by combining classes.

"The idea of pulling teachers out when there are smaller numbers of students and then adding new teachers when enrollment increases does not make for a stable educational experience," Trabucco countered.

The proposed town budgets are posted online at [www.townofkentct.org](http://www.townofkentct.org).

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## Salisbury increases Grove pricing

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Board of Selectmen met Monday, May 2, to discuss tax collector refunds, increased town Grove pricing and the resolution for town crew chief Rodney Webb.

First Selectman Curtis Rand began the meeting with a moment of silence, as the board does every year in May, for those that have made sacrifices in the name of the United States and democracy. Rand noted it felt especially appropriate this year given conflict happening globally.

The board approved of the refunding of \$4,181.76, primarily to Salisbury Bank and Trust, in tax refunds.

The motion to refund this amount passed without issue and unanimously.

The bulk of the meeting consisted of finishing pricing adjustments suggested by the town Grove for its services. The recommendation to the selectmen was for increases across the board: annual fees for non-residents to \$400 from \$300; senior citizens to \$50 from \$25; and residents to \$100 from \$50. Daily prices would rise to \$15 from \$10.

The selectmen were reluctant. "I think with increased inflation and everything the majority of stickers are going to be resident stickers," said Selectman Chris Williams. "I don't know if we want to

double that rate."

Rand and Selectman Don Mayland agreed with Williams, and Rand proposed the fee for residents be raised to \$80 instead. The selectmen agreed, and a motion raising the residential yearly fee to \$80, and keeping the remaining increases, passed.

The selectmen drafted and agreed upon an official resolution for town crew chief Rodney Webb, who is retiring this year.

"The Salisbury Board of Selectmen hereby offers our deepest gratitude to Rodney Webb for 44 years of service to the town," said Rand, reading from the resolution.

The meeting was held online.

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# OBITUARIES

## Celebration of Life:

### Helen Wike Humeston

A celebration of the life of Helen Wike Humeston (7/7/1922—7/12/2021) will be held on Saturday, May 28, at her beloved Wike Brothers Farm. Her family invites any and all people who would like to share their memories of Helen (and if applicable Don) to join them. We know she made an impact in her 99 years, and we would love to hear your remembrances. The celebration will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at 38 White Hollow Road in Sharon.

# SPORTS

## Girls lax gets first win

By Anne MacNeil

FALLS VILLAGE — The girls track team won its meet on May 2 against Terryville and Litchfield. Sydney Segala won both the 100 and 200 meter races. Linus Barnes won the shot put event and qualified for the Berkshire League championships.

The baseball team beat Thomaston 10-2 on May 2 with Harry Schopp throwing a complete game. Brayton Wood had two singles and two runs batted in while Austin Bayer had two hits. With a 3-2 win against Wamogo on May 3, the boys tennis team is one win away from qualifying for the state tournament.

Softball traveled to Shepaug on May 4 where they faced one of the league's best pitchers. The team lost 11-1. Kenzie Ongley had two hits including an RBI double. The team won 8-7 with a walk off run in extra innings against the co-op team of Wamogo and Litchfield on May 5. Pitcher Emma Crane pitched a complete game with five strikeouts.

Girls lacrosse won their first game of the season May 5, with an 11-10 victory on the road against Wolcott. Catherine Bushey led the offense with six goals followed by Josie Marks (2), Lou Hae-

mmerle (1), Marissa Zinke (1) and Maggie Raftery (1). Libby Menniges had 10 saves in goal.

The girls tennis team improved their record to 5-4 with two wins last week. The team won 4-3 on May 3 against Wamogo. Melody Matsudaira (first singles), Dana Saccardi (second singles), Mia Bayer (third singles) and Yaritza Vega (fourth singles) won their matches. All three doubles matches were forfeited due to Housatonic's low numbers. Due to Gilbert's low numbers, only Saccardi (first singles) and Bayer (second singles) played matches on May 6. Both won, only giving up two games during the entire contest.

The regional middle school baseball team split its games this week. Tanner Reid closed the game after Robbie Happy pitched in the 18-6 win over Gilbert on May 3. Wesley Allyn put the game away with a triple while the entire lineup made it on base at least once. The team was given their first loss by Indian Mountain School on May 5. Wyatt Bayer pitched a strong four innings while Anthony Foley had two hits in the 6-1 loss.

Anne MacNeil is the Region One athletic director.

## Senior health and fitness day at Noble Horizons set for May 25

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons will celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day with a series of activities beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25.

Recognizing the significant strain the pandemic has placed on our bodies and minds, the program is designed to rejuvenate one's mental and physical health. At 11 a.m. Suzanne Mazzarelli, who leads the weekly therapeutic movement and breath class co-hosted by Noble Horizons and the Scoville Memorial Library, will teach movement, breathing and stretching techniques to enhance mental and physical fitness.

A walk on Noble's beautiful campus will follow, after which guests can enjoy a delicious meal with ingredients that feed the brain and the body.

Registration is required at [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org) or 860-435-9851. Noble Horizons is located at 17 Cobble Road in Salisbury.

## Norfolk garden tour June 25

NORFOLK — Flora to Feast, a tour of five distinctive Norfolk-area gardens, followed by a silent auction of garden-related items and a barbecue dinner, will take place on Saturday, June 25.

The event is sponsored by the Norfolk Curling Club.

Tickets, which are \$30 for the tour, \$35 for dinner, and \$60 for both, are available online at [www.norfolkcurlingclub.org](http://www.norfolkcurlingclub.org) and will be sold at the club, 70 Golf Drive, on the day of the tour.

The garden tour runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A map with garden descriptions will be provided at the Curling Club and tour guides will be at each location.

The dinner and silent auction will be at the Curl-

ing Club beginning at 6 p.m. The meal features a choice of steak or chicken teriyaki with the Club's signature fixings.

The silent auction will feature an assortment of garden-related items and inspired treasures.

CORNWALL — John Joseph O'Donnell of Mesa, Arizona, passed away May 1, 2022, with his devoted wife Nancy and daughter by his side after a long and brave battle with cancer.

John was born March 26, 1939, and lived in North Cornwall for most of his life. His parents, who predeceased him, were Thomas Joseph O'Donnell of North Cornwall, and Agnes Elizabeth (Akerberg) O'Donnell originally of Jersey City, N.J. John was the only child of a dairy farming family and learned to work hard and be responsible at a young age, a quality that defined him and that he taught all his children.

John graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1957.

Throughout his life he enjoyed horse-shoes and bowling. After a hard day's work, he spent summer evenings zipping lightning-fast pitches past batters on the softball field and wowing with his left-handed horse-shoe delivery.

John was a wood worker. He chopped firewood (lots of it), built his own house and made furniture and lamps from the trees of Cornwall. Once he even built a wooden bridge for cars to pass over a stream.

When faced with a challenge, he figured it out. In later years, John spent more time traveling, gardening,

and reading Louis L'Amour novels.

John was an active member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for so many years that he achieved "lifetime" status. He took great pride in his role of maintaining Cornwall's cemeteries for over 50 years.

John is survived by his loving wife Nancy with whom he was married for nearly 30 years. Together they found new friends and better winter weather in Arizona, took long road trips to see family and the countryside, and traveled to exotic locations on cruises.

In addition to Nancy, John is survived by his four children — Deborah Miller of Sheffield, William O'Donnell of North Cornwall, Kellie Cutler of Truckee, California, and Keryn "Beth" O'Donnell of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

In addition, John is survived by three beloved step-children — Shelley Lennox of Delta, Colorado, John Palaski of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Margaret Brazeal of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Together, John and Nancy have 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

John approached his health issues with resolve and his signature dry sense of humor. He always enjoyed making the fabulous staff at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona, smile. His family are forever grateful for their excellent care.

Special thanks to Terri with East Valley Hospice in Mesa, Arizona, for her exceptional care of John in his remaining days.

A graveside service will be held in the North Cornwall Cemetery at a later date.

Please send donations in John's name to: Mayo Clinic - Cancer Research Department of Development, 200 First St., SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

## John Joseph O'Donnell



## Evelyn "Ruth" Machia

NORTH CANAAN — Evelyn "Ruth" Machia, 90, of Canaan.

Wife, Mother, Step-mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt AKA Mom, Meme, Gram, Sis, Mooch, Aunt Ruthie was born in New Milford on February 27th, 1932, to Evelyn Francis Swett (Howard) and Raymond Gilbert Swett.

Ruthie passed away at Fairview Hospital on April 28, 2022, with her children by her side.

She is survived by her loving husband Irvin (Tarzan) Machia of Canaan.

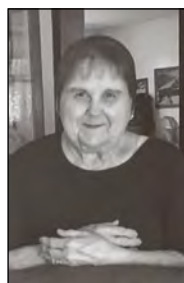
She is Mom to six Children and Step-children,

Many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, she loved her family and extended family and had a sense of humor that shined her entire 90 years.

She loved to fish and spend time with her Grand-babies and Great Grand-babies

Her presence will be greatly missed, and her memory will live on fondly in so many of the lives that she has touched.

Mom did not want funeral services, but we will be holding a celebration of life Family and Friends Picnic in her honor at her daughter Tammy's at a date to be determined.



## Thomas Page

KENT — Thomas Page, 74, of Cobble Road, died May 4, 2022, at New Milford Hospital. He was the loving husband of the late Dawn Page.

Thomas was born March 26, 1948, the son of the late George and Sophia Naboriny Page. He was a graduate of Oliver Wolcott Technical School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Upon returning, Thomas married Dawn on August 21, 1972. He was a mechanic and

worked for the Kent School until his retirement in 2018.

He is survived by his cousin Lori Brown and her husband David and their son Michael. He was predeceased by his sister Nancy Manley.

A graveside service will be celebrated on Thursday, May 12, at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Kent at 11:00 a.m. with military honors. All other services are private. The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street, Sharon has care of arrangements.



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## CORNWALL

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Housing Plan by July 2022. According to McClane, an initial \$10,000 grant from the state funded the creation of Cornwall's plan, which was backed by the Board of Selectmen and submitted to the state.

The long-term goal of the plan is not only to meet the housing needs of current and future residents, but also to attract and retain a diverse workforce within the community.

"It is now a regulatory document still in discussion among the selectmen and Planning and Zoning," said McClane, who noted that the mandate had been on the books for years and sat mostly dormant until the past two years. "It became apparent that the state was getting more serious about it."

### Statistics support the need

Housing advocates pointed out that a household that spends more than 30% of its monthly income on housing costs, which includes rent and/or mortgage, utilities and maintenance, is considered "housing-cost burdened."

In Cornwall, as of last year, 35% of the population fit that category. On a related note, Connecticut is the third most costly state in the country in terms of home maintenance, which is estimated at a yearly expense

of about \$18,000, according to statistics from a May 24, 2021, Cornwall Housing Forum presentation.

The big picture across the country in the past five decades, Gould Ellen said, is that the slowdown in construction has resulted in higher demand and skyrocketing home and rental prices — if rental units can be found at all. Add to that, a global pandemic. "COVID exacerbated everything and affordable disappeared."

"As a result, households are limiting spending, making it impossible to pay for down payments and any financial crisis," Gould Ellen said, adding that in many areas, adult children continue to live in their parents' homes. "All this is true in Cornwall, too."

Another side effect is that as available homes are purchased, their values increase with subsequent ownerships, as the structures are renovated and expanded.

"These houses will never be affordable again. It makes them larger, and even more out of reach," explained Gould Ellen.

### 65 more units needed

According to Gould Ellen, there are 36 affordable housing units in town, representing about 3% of all housing stock. In order to meet the state's benchmark that 10%

of housing become affordable in every municipality, "Cornwall would need 65 more affordable units," she said.

Affordable housing is defined as housing that costs less than 30% of the income of households earning 80% or less of the area's median income. Under that formula, said Gould Ellen, for a three-person household, that is someone earning less than about \$74,000. "An affordable rent for that household would be \$1,800 or less." For a two-person household, she said, the rent would be about \$1,600 per month.

Cooley, who held positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission and was Cornwall's land use clerk and also served as town probate judge for 20 years, responded that the rental rates quoted by Gould Ellen "are still astronomical for the people that we serve."

She noted that the highest rental at the 18-unit Kugeman Village housing project is around \$590 for a three-bedroom apartment, which is "extraordinary" by comparison. "That's what's manageable. The rentals that Ingrid quoted aren't easy for anyone."

On the other hand, the construction of additional multiple-unit affordable housing projects in Cornwall can be a challenge, as there is limited infrastructure to support such large-scale housing, said Cooley. "It's a huge undertaking to do a large project like that, and it takes two to three years from start to renting — and that's if you have a clear timeline without any interruptions," like rising building costs. "It can take a long, long time."

### Suggested strategies and goals

In response to a question about what the Cornwall Affordable Housing Plan recommends, Gould Ellen noted that there are various strategies and some numerical goals that will target and monitor progress.

These include the addition of 10 additional units of affordable housing in town and creation of 10 more units of rental housing in general. She noted that, at last count, there were only two rental homes on the market in Cornwall, and both were asking exorbitant rents. "It was something astronomical, like \$7,000 a month."

The plan also calls for an additional 10 units of senior housing. Currently, the only age-designated housing development in Cornwall is Bonney Brook, a 10-unit federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) senior affordable housing complex on Kent Road, which has an average waiting list of about two years.

**Five buckets on the list**  
Gould Ellen said the

Cornwall Housing Corporation's bucket list has five main components: to build dedicated, affordable housing that supports gentle density increase. This goal may involve amending zoning regulations to allow for accessory apartments or Accessory Dwelling Units on existing single-family lots, which can be in separate buildings on the property like barns, garages or pool houses.

Other goals include helping seniors age in place in their homes, connecting residents with available affordable housing units and educating residents about the Affordable Housing Plan and its incentives.

"One of the other ideas kicking around is the creation of a revolving loan fund in the town," to help seniors make adjustments to their homes and to assist with down payments, said Gould Ellen. "Modest reforms to the town zoning regulations could end up producing a fair amount of affordable rental housing."

### Community values matter, too

McClane asked the panel what conversation they would have with homeowners who support affordable housing but are concerned that the addition of such housing will negatively impact property values.

Gould Ellen pointed to Bonney Brook and Kugeman Village as examples of good neighbors. "Housing developments like these don't have to undermine your property values and you don't have to worry about that."

Cooley said proponents of affordable housing have been "singing the song for decades about how creating affordable housing has the opposite effect on overall property values."

The reality, she said, is that when a community has ample affordable housing, there is also an array of residents who wouldn't be there otherwise.

"Besides strictly property values, it's good to also think about community values. You have to consider the value of these people and the functions they perform in the town," said Cooley, who noted that almost every business in town has a "Help Wanted" sign on its window.

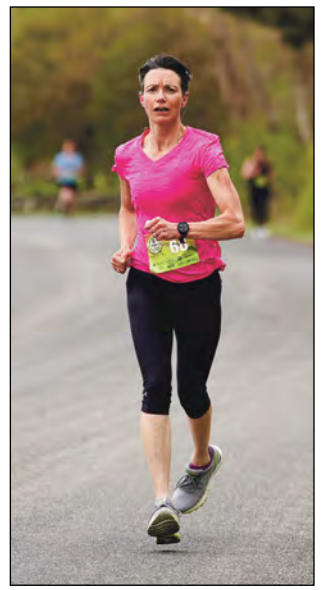
"These are people who used to live down the road; some are gone forever."

Gould Ellen agreed. "You need housing that is affordable to a range of incomes in order to have a diversity of workers in your community."

"If you don't do that you are going to have people suffering unsustainable commutes, which is not only a burden on the individual, but also environmentally costly for the rest of us."

## SHARON CLASSIC

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PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Left, Ben Schildgen, a 13-year-old from Litchfield, claimed first place in the Sharon Classic Road Race with a time of 30 minutes, 8 seconds. Right, Ben's mother, Jenna Schildgen, was the first female runner to finish the course, with a time of 36 minutes, 22 seconds.

Pond before looping around and coming back the same way they came. All together, the course totaled about 5.35 miles.

Another factor runners had to face was the weather. According to the National Weather Service, winds in the area, which were especially noticeable when coming off the surface of Mudge Pond, reached nearly 25 miles per hour during the race. Some contestants compared it to running while wearing a parachute.

Starting promptly at 10:15 a.m., it took just over 30 minutes for the first contestant to cross the finish line: Ben

Schildgen, a 13-year-old from Litchfield who finished with a time of 30 minutes 8 seconds.

"It's really funny," said Schildgen of beating his older competitors, "but when I'm running I don't think like 'oh this guy is 37 or 25.' It's just another competition."

Less than 10 minutes later, Jenna Schildgen, Ben's mother, finished as the first female contestant, earning that title with a time of 36:22.

"It was wonderful because everyone was so encouraging," said Jenna Schildgen. "Everyone is cheering for each other as you go, so races like that are super fun."

## ARTISANS

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A wooden bowl with an intricate painted design from Shaari Horowitz and Alistair Jones.

thing.

Salisbury photographer Sarah Blodgett had some unusual prints that at first glance appeared to be paintings. At second glance, too. A reporter felt pretty silly after making the same mistake twice.

Blodgett also specializes in wildlife photography, and runs classes for camera-minded birders.

Shaari Horowitz and Alistair Jones (based in Sharon) offered wooden items

with intricate, painted designs. Jones is the woodworker, Horowitz handles the painting.

Featured was an Indian club, refinished and decorated, which reminded a reporter that he once threw out a perfectly good set of similar clubs.

The Salisbury Artisans Group website is [www.artisansale.org](http://www.artisansale.org). The next sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, by which time it might warm up.

## BUDGET

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Region One assessment, was the only town to vote against the budget, with 33 no votes to 27 yes votes.

### TOWN ASSESSMENTS 2022-23 Fiscal year

**Cornwall**  
\$1,450,214  
decrease of \$34,347

**Falls Village**  
\$1,497,256  
increase of \$20,936

**Kent**  
\$2,459,300  
decrease of \$50,443

**North Canaan**  
\$5,508,122  
increase of \$745,476

**Salisbury**  
\$3,996,448  
increase of \$270,797

**Sharon**  
\$1,754,629  
decrease of \$312,912

2022-2023 REGION ONE BUDGET RESULTS					
	Yes	No	Total	Registered voters	Voter %
Canaan/Falls Village	36	12	48	846	5.67%
Cornwall	40	16	56	1,195	4.69%
Kent	55	13	68	2,324	2.93%
North Canaan	27	33	60	2,432	2.47%
Salisbury	111	4	115	3,369	3.41%
Sharon	29	9	38	1,979	1.92%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>12,145</b>	<b>3.17%</b>

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## LEGISLATURE

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sibility for their actions at Housatonic Meadows."

Horn said she was pleased that many of the bills that came out of the Public Safety Committee (which she co-chairs) made it through the Legislature in the short session that ended Wednesday, May 4.

Horn said bills concerning the theft of catalytic converters, the accreditation of police departments, and mental health help for law enforcement officers now await the governor's signature.

"Everything that was ready for the big time got passed," she said.

Horn voted for a \$24 billion state budget package. She said the bill includes

\$600 million in tax cuts.

The gas tax holiday was extended to Dec. 1. (The state's gas tax is 25 cents per gallon.)

Child tax credits and Earned Income Tax Credits were expanded, and the property tax credit was raised.

Miner voted against the budget package, even though he conceded it includes "significant tax relief."

He said the budget plan's price tag is too high and relies too much on one-time infusions of federal pandemic relief cash. And he said that funding new positions at the University of Connecticut and community colleges cannot be expected to be one-year expenditures.

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## AN AFROBEATS CELEBRATION

PS21 in Chatham, N.Y., opens its summer season with a program of Nigerian dance called "Re:INCARNATION" by Qudus Onikeku and QDance on June 3 and 4.

"Re:INCARNATION" celebrates the cycle of birth, death and rebirth and Africa's powers of reinvention in a show that draws on Afrobeats, Afro dances and Black aesthetics. Tickets are \$40 (\$35 for PS21 members)

For tickets and for information on other programs scheduled for this summer, go to <https://ps21chatham.org/>.



PS21 opens its season with a program of Nigerian music and dance.

PHOTO FROM PS21

## MYSTERIES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# Mystery Thrillers Onstage in New Productions

Anyone who is a fan of the long-running "Midsomer Murders" television series understands that any English Country Murder Mystery can easily be translated into a Litchfield County/Tristate region murder mystery. So many elements remain the same: Large estates (some with sheep), Wellington boots, Range Rovers, foxes screaming in the night, people riding horses.

So it makes sense that

two small regional theaters are staging classic murder mysteries this summer.

The Sherman Players in Sherman, Conn., are performing an English Country Murder Mystery written by Anthony Shaffer called "Whodunnit" from now until May 21. The show opened on Broadway in 1982; its plot resembles that of the 1976 silly film "Murder by Death," which starred almost every actor alive in that decade, plus the

author Truman Capote.

Long story short: A large group of people with secrets they'd kill to protect are invited to an English country house, where the host reveals that he is preparing to blackmail each and every one of them.

Obviously, murder and hilarity ensue.

The large cast is made up of actors from Connecticut and New York.

Remaining performances are May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee on May 15. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for students. Reservations can be made

online at [www.shermanplayers.org](http://www.shermanplayers.org) or by calling 860-354-3622.

The play "Deathtrap" is set in Long Island and holds the record for the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway. I know it best from the 1982 film that starred British actors Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve.

The action has been moved from The Island to Litchfield County in a new production by TheatreWorks New Milford.

The show opened May 6 and performances continue until Saturday, May 28. Show times are 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, May 22. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seating. Students and military personnel and veterans with ID will be admitted for \$20.

Reservations can be made online at [www.theatreworks.us](http://www.theatreworks.us) or by calling 860-350-6863.

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## FOUR SOLO SHOWS AT GB PUBLIC THEATER

The Great Barrington Public Theater begins its summer season with four plays performed in June and July at the Daniel Arts Center's Liebowitz Black Box Theatre at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass.

From June 3 to 12 the featured show is "Grief, the Musical ... a Comedy," written and performed by Alison Larkin, with music by Gary Schreiner and directed by James Warwick.

When you fall in love for the first time in your 50s and the worst happens, you have a choice. You can hide under the bed — or, you can write "Grief, the Musical ... a Comedy."

From June 16 to 19 Robin Gerber's new play, "The Shot," based on the life of Katharine Graham, Pulitzer Prize-winning publisher of The Washington Post, is on the stage. "The Shot" stars Emmy-nominated and award-winning

actress Sharon Lawrence in the role of Graham.

"Leave Your Fears Here" (June 30 to July 10) is a memoir written and performed by stage and screen actor James Morrison.

Morrison recounts his 10-year-old son Seamus's journey from brain cancer diagnosis though his treatment and ultimate recovery.

The final play in the GB Public Solo Fest is "The Bard The Beat The Blues," a new solo piece that is a compilation of Shakespeare monologues, Beat poetry and live music composed and performed by Will LeBow. This piece will run in rotation throughout the Solo Fest (June 8 to July 8). Great Barrington Public Theater Artistic Director Jim Frangione will direct.

Tickets are between \$20 and \$50. Order online and get more information at [www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org](http://www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org).

## SHARON PLAYHOUSE SEEKS 10-MINUTE PLAYS

Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will once again host its Festival of New 10-Minute Plays, with performances planned for Sept. 16-18.

The Writers Playgroup Festival is committed to giving the talented writers, performers, directors, and technicians in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut as well as the neighboring communities in New York

and Massachusetts a platform to showcase their talents in their own backyard and see their visions realized. The Playhouse also hope to empower people of all ages to use their voice and creativity as vehicles for self-expression.

Submissions are due no later than June 15. For more information and for details on how to submit, go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org).

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IMAGE FROM IMDB

There will be a screening of an award-winning Ukrainian film in Great Barrington on May 21.

### FILM FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

Berkshire International Film Festival is partnering with the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington, Mass., to present a special Stand With Ukraine fundraising event screening of Roxy Toporowych's 2018 Ukrainian award-winning film "Julia Blue."

Toporowych will be in attendance for a Q&A and discuss how the cast and her family and friends are defend-

ing themselves.

BIFF will present the film on Saturday, May 21, at the Triplex at 11 a.m. The filmmaker, BIFF and the Triplex have forgone all costs to bring this to the community and 100% of all the proceeds from the event will go to Ukraine relief organizations.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at <https://biffma22.eventive.org/schedule>.

### STREAMING: ED FERMAN

## Two Exceptional Dystopian Thrillers

**"SEVERANCE"**  
Apple TV+ has joined the fierce battle among streaming services with some fine new shows. It's the home of the feel-good shows "Ted Lasso" and "Coda" (Best Picture Oscar). Their new series, "Severance," was created by Dan Erickson and directed by Ben Stiller. I'm not sure how it will make you feel, but the strange and unnerving plot will surely seduce you and keep you guessing through all nine episodes.

A mysterious and cultish corporation known as Lumon Industries employs persons whose workplace and outside lives are "severed" by an implanted microchip. The workers, or "innies," sit robotically at computers, dragging numbers into folders and parroting the dogma of the company and its leader.

It reminded me of a future version of L. Ron Hubbard's Church of Scientology.

At the end of the work day, they enter their outside lives; "innies" and "outies" have no memory of their other lives. This is surely a dark and eerie premise, but the show veers unpredictably from horror to humor.

In episode one we meet Helly (Britt Lower), a new recruit who does not quite buy into the severed life. Her boss, Mark (Adam Scott), and co-worker Dylan (Zach Cherry) gradually become her allies in an uprising that becomes increasingly tense and disturbing.

Another co-worker,



IMAGE FROM IMDB OF SEVERANCE

Adam Scott and Jen Tullock in "Severance."

Irving (John Turturro), befriends Burt (Christopher Walken), who runs a neighboring department. Some casting or directing genius has placed these two fine actors into a surprising relationship.

The episodes start slowly but build rapidly into a surprising and cliffhanging conclusion, as Helly's "outie" life is revealed. Britt Lower's Helly is especially engaging, but all the actors are terrific. This is the kind of intelligent, well-written and -acted thriller that puts stuff like "Squid Game" to shame. Don't miss it.

### "CHILDREN OF MEN"

Alfonso Cuaron has directed a wide variety of acclaimed films, including the Harry Potter movie, "Prisoner of Azkaban," "Gravity," and the autobiographical Netflix film "Roma" (2018), which won him the Academy Award for Best Director. But his best film, in my view, is this political thriller based on the novel by P. D. James.

The movie opens with a street scene in a near-future London, where a crowd is mourning the death of the youngest person on the planet. He was 18. No babies have been born in 18 years. A world without children has led to despair, social unrest and worse. Many cities are in flames, but Britain soldiers on, crowded with unwanted refugees.

The scene shifts to the home of Jasper (Michael Caine), who sits with his friend Theo (Clive Owen) smoking pot, listening to the Beatles, and specu-

lating about reasons for the absence of fertility. Jasper says: "I was at a dinner party where an eminent scientist was asked this question. He replied: 'I have no idea, but this stork is delicious.'"

This is a rare light moment in this fierce and thrilling film. Theo meets with Julian (Julianne Moore), an activist who enlists his help in escorting a young black refugee named Kee (Clare-Hope Ashitey) to safety. Kee, it turns out, is — miracle of miracles — 8 months pregnant.

"Children of Men" is very much a director's film, notable for its futuristic production design and long takes, especially of furious action scenes, as Theo guides Kee through refugee camps and the beginnings of civil war.

There is little letup in the darkness and intensity, but there are many heroic moments and characters, and a sense of hope in the final scene. Rent or buy on Amazon, Apple and others.

## CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found in our full calendar at [www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar](http://www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar).

### ART

**The Re Institute**, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, N.Y. [www.thereinstitute.com](http://www.thereinstitute.com)  
Pattern and Time: Geoffrey Young, Carol Diehl, Moira Kelly, Mark Olshansky, Tara Foley, Stephen Westfall, on display until June 25.

### BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
Snackable Bakes with Jessie Sheehan, May 17, 7 to 8 p.m.

### DANCE

**Fisher Center at Bard**, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. [fishercenter.bard.edu](http://fishercenter.bard.edu)  
Senior Projects in Dance and Multidisciplinary Studies, May 12 to 14.

### MOVIES

**Gilson Cafe & Cinema**, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. [www.gilsoncafecinema.com](http://www.gilsoncafecinema.com)  
Father Stu, now playing.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
Now playing: Everything Everywhere All at Once, The Bad Guys, The Duke, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

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EDITORIAL

A step forward for affordable housing

It's not that often we can celebrate around the topic of affordable housing in the Northwest Corner. Yet here we are. Sarum Village III in Salisbury, as reported here last week by Debra Aleksinas, has been given the green light to receive \$1.5 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by around May 20. That means the next run of affordable housing for the town of Salisbury can be under construction by this summer.

Thanks go to the Salisbury Housing Committee, headed by Salisbury's Peter Halle, which has been patient for two years awaiting the release of this money. This shows how not only patient but long-term goal oriented those who are trying to implement affordable housing here must be to experience success.

The result of this funding will be that 10 additional units will be added to Sarum Village, where 24 already exist. Does it mean Salisbury will be closer to the state mandated housing deemed affordable? Yes, but as those who keep track of this issue know, there is much more to be done. There are 40 households on a waiting list for Sarum Village and Faith House in Salisbury, so those 10 units will be filled immediately, and still leave 30 families out in the cold.

For anyone who is under the illusion that this project will suffice to meet enough families' needs to keep the community functioning, those 30 wait listed households should make clear it is not the case. As has been noted here many times before, the area needs more younger families, even after an influx of full-time residents during COVID transitions. There are still volunteer positions looking for people to fill them, and these are critical to the quality of life here in the Northwest Corner.

Those new volunteers will only come from the group of full-time residents who have the time and energy to step forward and help their neighbors. It's a culture that may not be completely understood by those new residents who came from urban areas where fire departments and emergency services are paid positions, not volunteer. If there isn't room here for some of those people who will volunteer, the way of life here will change dramatically and quickly.

If you are interested in keeping track of what the situation is for affordable housing for all the towns in the Tristate region, including both Connecticut and New York state, read the story on Cornwall this week by Debra Aleksinas. Also keep watch for this year's issue of Towns & Villages, the special section coming up May 19. You will see it show up in your newspaper, and in high-traffic areas for free pickup around the Tristate region. It will not only reflect each town's government, statewide representatives, resources and services, but also have stories for each town describing its affordable housing situation.

Read about your town, and surrounding towns, and then see if you can volunteer to help increase the likelihood that more housing will be approved over the next years. And look into volunteering for other agencies in your town that need your support to survive.

What should our answer be?

In the year 49 B.C., a Roman general called Gaius Julius crossed the river Rubicon in northern Italy and famously said the words "Alea iacta est," or "The die is cast," meaning that events have passed a point of no return. He challenged the Roman Republic, started a bloody civil war in ancient Rome, won that war, and became the man we know today as Caesar. More than 2000 years later, the European republics are challenged once again, but this time by a threat coming from the East.

Since the end of the Cold War, the Western strategy toward Russia and China was a failure in terms of incorporating them into a global, democratic order with deep economic ties with both countries. The Western Allies did not follow the example of Germany after World War II and fully incorporate Russia into the European Union and possibly with time into NATO. Instead of that Russia and China were allowed to strengthen their ties. Yes, they became richer and more developed economically and technologically, but they also became more authoritarian,

imperialistic and anti-Western. Today the China-Russia alliance seems ready for a new future of intense and challenging rivalry with Europe and the United States.

To understand China-Russia behavior we must dive into the mindset of their culture. The Chinese and especially the Russians would gladly sacrifice their domestic sovereignty as an individual for the glory and the success of their country on the international stage and according to them "put the Americans and the Europeans where their place is." That's a behavior that comes from experience in the 1990s when the Russians and many Eastern European countries lived in economic and political instability. They are used to living with sanctions, shortages of supplies and the constant threat of war. That's why Putin's popularity right now is skyrocketing in Russia. In the eyes of ordinary Russians, he is seen as a new Caesar or Peter the Great. That's why I believe that sanctions would not be so effective in this conflict.

Russia's relationship with NATO and the West is fast



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

A hummingbird in the quince

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decolonizing the Supreme Court

Among the most interesting things to surface from the amplified coverage of the Supreme Court following the leaked draft decision revoking Roe v. Wade are the words of the text proclaimed by the court's marshal, Gail A. Curley, before every session of the court. The familiar "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!" is followed by an admonition to pay attention and ends with, "God save the United States and this honorable court," a sentence that strikes this 21st-century citizen as shocking. The provincial religious views of America in the 18th and 19th centuries are cited as though still viable, and this recitation precedes every public session of the court as a matter of course.

If you think this reference to God invokes an unspecified, overarching supreme being, not tied to any religion in particular, try substituting the word "Allah": "Allah save the United States and this honorable court." Yet "Allah" is the word used by Muslims of many different denominations to refer to a supreme deity and is therefore a close correlate to our "God."

When the nation's found-

ers spoke of the free exercise of religion, they were generally speaking of the Christian religion, without regard to denomination. The religions that might have pre-existed Christianity around Indigenious hearths or been brought to this country by families from Africa, the Caribbean, or Asia were not included under this rubric, any more than the individuals who held them were admitted to the rights of citizens.

So this little sentence spoken before every session of the court essentially enshrines a colonialist view of the world, a view that privileges the perspective of the narrow class of whites who founded this country, not the diverse and multicultural population that now inhabits it.

What would make this sentence ("God save the United States and this honorable court") palatable today? For one thing, we would want to make sure that our reference to "God" is not seen as invoking only the God of Christianity, thus privileging that religion over others. Note that the favoritism was less apparent in

earlier centuries because of the largely Christian nature of the citizenry then. So "Supreme Being" would be the obvious choice: "May the Supreme Being save the United States etc."

But this still seems to favor monotheistic religions and to be a stand-in for "God." To avoid confusion, let's add any lesser deities that might legitimately be venerated, but without calling them lesser: "May the Supreme Being and/or any other venerated deities save the United States."

And finally, let's give a nod to the beliefs of those who do not believe. This, I think, will give us a formula that the court's marshal can proclaim without shaming our national ideals: "May the Supreme Being and/or any other venerated deities, if in fact they exist, save the United States and this honorable court."

With luck, this bit of a dope slap before each session would help the court behave more honorably. Or at least expand its values beyond those for the patriarchy.

Willard Wood  
Norfolk

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*More letters on the next page.*

Roe V. Wade reversal would be devastating

This is not a celebration. Abortion is not a choice made without fear, sometimes sadness, sometimes relief.

It's a lonely decision, and for most women, the only choice they can make for themselves and their families.

When I worked with rural poor people in Nebraska, abortion was not legal. The despair of an unwanted pregnancy was terrible, and often, the pain of an illegal abortion stayed with a woman for the rest of her life, causing sterility, depression and even death.

Anyone who thinks this was a cheerful made choice is totally ignorant, if not cruel. I can almost predict that if Roe V. Wade is overturned, horrible stories will again become commonplace.

This is an "issue" that will never be resolved. But please, oh please, don't call this a celebration.

Jane Bean

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heading toward militarized rivalry. The new strategic partnership between Moscow and Beijing may put the Allies against a new political block from the Western Pacific to Eastern Europe. The main question is, was there a chance that the "Long Peace" would continue indefinitely? Well, the logical answer is probably not. But I believe that there is still a chance for peace.

First, this constant call to war must stop. We are all aware that Russia is doing wrong and we all support Ukraine. There must be a call for negotiations between both parties. It's always better to have ineffective negotiations than effective war. The mutual interests between the United States, Russia, Europe and China should be focused on the war against poverty and terrorism in the World; space exploration, climate change, improving human rights, healthcare and education. We all need atomic brains, not atomic weapons.

Dalibor Anchevski  
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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — May 1922

James Duplis has moved his family from Bennington, Vt. and will occupy the yellow house on Factory Street.

The work of vaccinating the school children of the town has been completed and now there is an epidemic of sore arms.

Mr. H.E. Jones returned last week from a very enjoyable tour through the south with a special trainload of Knight Templars of which order he is a member.

50 years ago — May 1972

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lincoln Foster will conduct a Garden Symposium atop Music Mountain on Saturday, May 20, for the benefit of Music Mountain's 43rd season of chamber music concerts by the Berkshire Quartet. They will address two sessions, answer questions and show a color film on pruning. Between sessions a salad buffet will be served in the garden.

The Connecticut Historical Commission has notified North Canaan town officials that Union Depot has been accepted for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Canaan depot was built in 1871, and, until the discontinuance of passenger service to Canaan last spring, was the oldest passenger station in the country in continual use.

25 years ago — May 1997

FALLS VILLAGE — The Lee H. Kellogg School fourth grade recently celebrated the third year of its "trucker buddy" pen pal program with the annual visit from John and Carol Zwahlen and their popular tractor trailer truck. Excited youngsters from teacher Eileen LaRosa's fourth-grade class jumped at the opportunity to climb around inside the spacious cab of the Zwahle's Kenworth truck, check out the dashboard panel controls and honk its deafening horn. The Zwahle's, of Hudson, Wis., have exchanged letters with the Kellogg school fourth grade for the past three years and sent postcards to the children from the many national stops along their cross-country trucking routes.

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## Viewpoint

## A history lesson relevant to today

Until the last 40 years, most families always supplemented their food with hunting. Pre-World War II, there were less than 2,000,000,000 people on the planet (today there are 7,000,000,000+). Hunting and the wildlife food supply were a normal, regular, habitual part of families' lives. Disrupting that often meant families went hungry. In fact, after World War I, as part of the Versailles Treaty, Germany was forced to restrict gun ownership for its citizens in case they were arming themselves for more war. Many families, especially the poorer ones, had trouble feeding themselves and it helped lead to their Recession.

In 1938, the Nazis relaxed all these gun laws, especially the right to bear arms, citing individual liberty and pandering to families' needs for traditional hunting for food. These traditional rights to hunt, to kill and slaughter animals for sport and food, were fundamental to that country's way of life. You could say they were so fundamental they could be said, in American terms, to be constitutional, inalienable, grandfathered.

However, the party in control then used those rights as leverage to divide the country further. One part of German society was deemed to be unfit to share those traditional, cultural, moral rights. Jews were identified as "dirty" and "having big noses" and had to wear a yellow star badge to identify their so-called race. Once identified as non-Aryan (meaning not real humans), this portion of society quickly saw those Nazi open gun laws being amended to say that non-Aryans could not obtain, make, sell or own "dangerous weapons," which included guns, shotguns and hunting rifles.

Now, many might say that taking away someone's traditional gun rights is a small

issue, even if only a portion of society – the Jews – felt the impact. Until one night, November 9 and 10, 1938, when an ATF (Germany equivalent) gun raid was held to confiscate and arrest any Jews and Jewish family members (kids and all) in possession of firearms: Kristallnacht, the turning point in the history of the Third Reich, marking the shift from antisemitic rhetoric and legislation to the violent, aggressive anti-Jewish measures that would culminate with the Holocaust.

America is on the cusp of such division and legislation, judges who swore and gave testimony that Roe v. Wade was precedent under law, and the "law of the land," have decided to perjure themselves morally and perhaps legally to spin-off protection, traditional and constitutional protection, and to defy the morals and majority of the electorate's wishes. Make no mistake here. The legal subject of Roe v. Wade may have been abortion, but the issue, the constitutional issue, was about liberty and equal rights under the Constitution for all Americans. A woman's right to choose is her liberty in life, guaranteed by the Constitution, not a political party. In the same way in 1938 that changing Jews' right to equally bear arms as the rest of the German citizenry could lead to division, terror, and mass murder, so too will what seems like as small a subject as abortion lead to a denial of equal rights, equal liberty and the destruction of the fundamentals of our Constitution and decency in America.

Germany's legal system enabled the Nazi party's rise to power, enabled the concentration camps, helped rewrite legal definitions of Ary-

an, proportionality Aryan (Mischlinge), and non-Aryan, upheld Nazi-era laws of discrimination of cripples, the mentally ill, Gypsies, homosexuality, out-of-wedlock births — the list is long and tortured. Hitler didn't do all this himself. The forces behind his power base, those who came out in

support of "real Germans" versus others, those enablers and sycophants, numbered in their thousands. Not all Germans felt that way, but then the Nazi party didn't need all Germans, just about 40% in their Make-Germany-great-again party who were willing to go to absolute ends. For Germany, the 40% started with authoritarian fixers, judges, politicians, duped common people and rich media backers. It ended with 104,812 U.S. soldiers dying to stop the Nazis in Europe alone. Total dead from the Nazis? 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 in Europe alone.

We know there are 40% here in the USA who seem determined to strip liberty from citizens they disagree with, who see many of their fellow citizens as unworthy to be real Americans either by race, creed, color or sexual orientation. This 40% power base uses religious non-scientific beliefs on pregnancy as weapons to whip up impassioned support for the one issue, using it as a Trojan Horse for their real aims of control. Many of their party speak openly of wanting to remove constitutional rights for marriage (interracial and inter-sexual), force identification of "real" Americans for voting rights, restrict poor regions from equal voting access, claim that our Republic should only allow states to set their own laws, not federally, and, never least, claim that Washington is

"apart from the real America" all the while using democratic laws and the D.C. power base to further their aims to wrest control from the People for their own ends.

Does all of this sound familiar? History always repeats unless educated people prevent the same errors re-occurring. The Roe v. Wade greater issue is not about pregnancy or abortion, it is about a fight for our Constitution, liberty and individual rights. To fail now to defend the Constitution turns the clock back to 1938, only this time it is our nation's corruption that could lead us down a very dark path.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.



## Bucha: Liberating them from what?

The name is so close to Busha, which is so close to about every Slavic word for Gramma. Gramma, whose teared-images in Ukraine have ripped us apart.

A Russian soldier approached a Ukrainian and said "We are liberating you!"

The Ukrainian said, "From what?"

What makes evil? Wrong question. Always existed.

Snake-Eyed Pootie (must stop denigrating snakes), will he survive Hitler's Generals' Assassination plan, which did not work?

Interesting article from the Times of London about the mid level Russian soldiers, the captains and colonels, also the "siloviki", the strongmen, often from the KGB, as is Pootie. Like Pootie, they seem to have no qualms about sending young men to the their deaths, but if they sense weakness at the very top, they may well act. For the good of the Russian Federation, Pootie be damned.

If there is any justice, which I have long doubted, he will be. Perhaps he can wear his 2000 £ handmade coat, with which he regaled the crowd at his recent pep rally, to keep himself warm on the freezing tundra of Gehenna.

The siloviki apparently were not happy about that show of opulence.

I was having a play done years back in Chicago at Victory Gardens Theater. That Second World War reference brings to mind tomorrow's Victory celebration in Moscow and Russia's "de-Nazifying" of Germany. I put that in quotes because that's been the excuse for the Invasion of Ukraine. All those swastika-bearers running around Mariopol. Got that wrong. Russian flags going up all

over the ruins of that destroyed city.

My play "The Sovereign State of Boogedy Boogedy", the title of which seems to more and more describe the state of the world, split the theater's Board down the middle, with its fierce defenders and equally puzzled detractors. After one performance I was hanging in the lobby when a man came up to me. He was quite complimentary and unknown to me. Then he asked, and I have pondered his question ever since, "You don't believe in progress, do you?" It threw me, but I finally said, "No, I don't." He thanked me and walked away. I did not have the presence of mind to ask, "How do you know, what is there in my play that leads you to that conclusion?" I still have no clue.

I read today that "Life expectancy in the 1830s and 1840s... for laborers in Liverpool was 15." There's some progress, you

say. Not so fast. Indentured servants around the globe? One Liverpool then (how many Beatles did we lose?), one Bangladesh now? How about medical advances? Well, there is this little thing called Covid. And pandemics on the way.

Liberating us from what indeed.

Do we put our faith in the siloviki? Will they take pity on the bushas of the world?

O, yes, I write this on Mother's/Grandmother's Day. Peace and Blessings on us all. My sainted mother Evelyn, gone at 92 and divine Busha, Mary Kosach, gone at 98, as well. Progress is damned without them.

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

SOVEREIGN STATE  
LONNIE CARTER

Barn flag

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Celebrating nursing professionals

Compassionate, calm, competent, resilient and efficient. These are just a few traits embodied by the skilled nursing teams of Sharon Hospital — a group of individuals transforming care into the 21st century with immense fortitude and courage.

I am proud to serve as the Chief Nursing Officer at Sharon Hospital, where I have had the pleasure of witnessing firsthand the amazing work of our nurses for more than four years. Time and again, I am awed by our nursing teams' skill, compassion and dedication to serving our patients and community. Their perseverance, especially over the last couple of years, is humbling.

May 6 through 12 marks National Nurses Week, and Sharon Hospital has spent this time celebrating them for their extraordinary work as integral caregivers and members of our community. The strength and quality of care delivered across all depart-

ments is a testament to their commitment to the nursing profession. Their support remains a strength of our facility today and through the future — and for that, our nurses deserve the utmost recognition.

Our nurses play an essential role in making Sharon Hospital a welcoming, reliable resource. We thank them for tirelessly protecting our community against the ongoing pandemic, for the high-quality, around-the-clock care they provide to those most in need, and for the kindness and support they provide to our entire community in their greatest times of need.

As we close out this Nurses Week, I ask all of you — the patients and community who inspire them — to join me in thanking our Sharon Hospital nursing team.

**Christina McCulloch**  
Chief Nursing Officer  
Sharon Hospital  
Sharon

## Erase any memory

We stand with Ukraine  
And share their pain  
All the fault of this old dictator  
Who should be buried in a crater  
Putin does not speak for the Russian people  
He thinks he's high on a steeple  
But in actual fact, he's mad  
And from the inside, only bad.  
He needs to be removed from his post  
And his history burnt, just like toast  
Make sure jail is in his future  
Don't sew him up with a suture  
Then erase from history any memory  
Of this traitor's treachery

Michael Kahler

Lakeville

More letters previous page.

## Thanks to community

Once again, our wonderful town of Salisbury/Lakeville came together to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. It was a warm, uplifting time of prayer and song with Michael Brown at the keyboard and community members participating. Thank you for coming together from all ages and walks of life, all united in prayer from Boy Scout to Eagle Scout, teachers, musicians, banker, families, state representative, selectmen, pastor, firefighter, decorated veteran and state trooper. Thank you to all participants who made it such a special occasion. It is a privilege to be part of such a caring, supportive community, one we don't take for granted.

Newt and Barbara Schoenly  
Salisbury

## An informative symposium

Bravo to all the teachers and students who participated in the Troutbeck Symposium in Amenia last week. As one of the public who attended on Friday, April 29, I learned so much about local involvement in the Civil Rights struggle and history in our area from the outstanding research done.

Please stop by the Academy Building in Salisbury to learn about what happened in this area in 1916 and later. Amazing!

Maura Wolf  
Salisbury



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The Sharon Audubon Center is in high gear this month of May. Bird Tours are offered on each Saturday alternating between the Center and the Miles Wildlife Center. Registration is required online at <https://sharon.audubon.org/>. There is also the annual Audubon's Birdathon starting on May 11th and going to May 17th. The point is to count and record as many different bird species as possible to get a sense of the health of their populations. Also, on May 29th, there is the annual Raptors and Riesling event that helps support their Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, who work with injured and orphaned birds. For information and tickets, please go to <https://act.audubon.org/a/raptors-and-riesling-2022>.



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