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PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Ariana Dahoney, a junior, passed the ball upfield during the Mountaineers' home loss to Watertown High School on Friday, April 15.

HVRHS girls lacrosse drops home opener

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls lacrosse team faced off against the Watertown Warriors Friday, April 15, losing 15-6 in a game that tested the youth and inexperience of the Mountaineers.

It was the second game of the young season, and the team's home opener.

Last week the Mountaineers traveled to Fairfield to play Notre Dame Catholic High School on April 4, where they lost 10-4. For

many players on the team, it was the first time they had played lacrosse in a game setting.

"We have about 15 new players, so I loved seeing how excited they were to put their skills on to the field, but it was a little overwhelming," said Head Coach Laura Bushey of the team's new players.

This year, the Mountaineers saw a large number of newcomers added to the team, with 11 freshmen signing up. Learning the fundamentals is still the core focus early

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Farm futures

Diversity key to success

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — Mindful that the tradition of farming is a mainstay of history and culture in the Northwest Corner towns, state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) convened an expert panel on the future of farming on Monday, April 11.

Seven panelists described their current role in agriculture, prepared to discuss what needs to be done to be responsive to upcoming challenges, whether from climate change, changing practices, financial concerns both for themselves and in relation to their communities, and efforts toward a greener, more responsible and Earth-friendly future.

"It's a huge issue," Horn acknowledged. "It's part of our cultural fabric, landscape and aesthetic."

Panel participants focused on land mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

"We favor diversification," said Amanda Freund, describing how her family farm in North Canaan has progressed to develop, manufacture and market CowPots by processing farm-generated manure into biodegradable, plastic-free seed-starting pots. Fertilizer prices are seeing a major increase, though. Another pressure point is the cost of seeds, she said.

"Farmers are entrepreneurs," Horn summarized, saying that successful farmers need to pivot according to conditions.

Allen Cockerline of Whippoorwill Farm, a Salisbury farmer and a retailer and wholesaler of grass-fed beef, said that he is presently farming about 400 acres, 280 of which



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Amanda Freund of Freund's Farm in East Canaan.

are under conservation easement. He owns about 200 acres. He noted that by remaining flexible farmers can change the pressures on their farms, which are very expensive to operate.

Another way to preserve farmland and protect it from development is through deed restrictions or agricultural conservation, said Chelsea Cazillo, Northeast policy manager for the American Farmland Trust. More than 50,000 acres of the state's farmland have been protected by state programs.

"I don't own the land I'm farming," said Samuel King of Blue Earth Composting, working to maximize transitioning food waste to compost. "Most land is unaffordable for farmers," he added.

Turning to climate change and sustainable farming, Janna Siller of Adamah Farm in Falls Village, an agriforester and farmer, said, "The more diverse, the more successful."

She said that rising fuel prices may make it impractical to drive produce into New York City to sell at farmers markets. It may be better

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North Canaan

Budget sent back to find reductions

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — By unanimous vote at their meeting on Wednesday, April 13, the Board of Finance withheld approval of the 2022-23 budget proposed by the Board of Selectmen, instead returning it for spending reduction. Before making that decision,

the finance board interviewed representatives of town departments that were asking for significant increases in their budget lines.

Building department official Jeff Rondini was asked to explain the value of a new software program called OpenGov that he has proposed for several of the Town Hall offices to streamline procedures and add accountability. The initial expense would stand at \$30,000 for the first year, but require less in ensuing years.

Now in his third year of working in the town's building department, Rondini said that he has examined the files and found numerous past

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Marge Smith, curator at the Kent Historical Society, inspected a large beaver pelt on a stretcher at Seven Hearths as KHS trustees Roger Gonzales, left, and Jeffrey Morgan look on.

History sleuths find fur-trading post

By Debra A. Aleksinas

KENT — A recently uncovered pelt room at Seven Hearths, an imposing, pre-Revolutionary house that served as a fur-trading post and general store centuries ago when Kent was a vast wilderness, is now the recipient of a prestigious state preservation award.

"I've never heard of such a thing," said Christopher Wigren, deputy director of Preservation Connecticut, when asked how the 12-foot by 16-foot fur-trading post in Kent compares to others like it around the state.

Wigren's group announced in early April that the Kent

Historical Society (KHS), which owns and operates Seven Hearths as a house museum, will be among the honorees at its 2022 Connecticut Preservation Awards ceremony on May 4 in New Haven.

The nonprofit statewide organization recognizes honorees annually for their outstanding achievements in revitalizing, protecting and nourishing Connecticut's significant buildings, landscapes and communities.

"What the Kent Historical Society has done through this pelt room is cast a light on a slice of 19th-century economy and lifestyle that you don't

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NPR veteran reporter raises Ukraine aid

By John Coston

NORFOLK — Anne Garrels, a former National Public Radio correspondent and Norfolk resident, has formed a support organization for Ukraine with two other partners that has delivered nearly \$500,000 worth of medical aid and other essential equipment to the war-ravaged country.

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Three-day forecast

Friday Sun high 63°/low 42°
 Saturday Cloudy, 57°/38°
 Sunday Cloudy, 58°/40°

Celebrate 50 Years of Volunteers

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons opened in 1972 and its first 50th-anniversary event will honor Noble volunteers who for 50 years have brought kindness, friendship, and their unique talents to Noble Horizons. In recognition of the exceptional impact they have had on life at Noble, all volunteers over the

last half-century are invited to join us for a thank-you celebration on Thursday, April 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The evening will include thank-you gifts, hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and a major announcement. To RSVP go to www.noblehorizons.org or call 860-435-9851.

Salisbury Forum to hold in-person event on April 29

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Forum presents author Thomas M. Shapiro at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Thomas M. Shapiro is the David R. Pokross Professor of Law and Social Policy at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. Professor Shapiro's primary interest is racial inequality and public policy.

In his latest book,

“Toxic Inequality: How America's Wealth Gap Destroys Mobility, Deepens the Racial Divide, and Threatens Our Future,” Shapiro argues that structural racial inequality continues to underlie the wealth gap in America.

This will be the Salisbury Forum's first in-person event since the start of the pandemic. Those interested in attending must pre-register by going to the Salisbury Forum's website, www.salisburyforum.org.

New Lakeville Journal editor to give talk

SALISBURY — John Coston, the new editor of The Lakeville Journal, will discuss the importance of community journalism and how it will inform his leadership of the paper on Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m. at Noble Horizons.

Coston spent more than three decades as a journalist at The Wall Street Journal, a published author and has been in the Northwest Corner for close to 40 years.

While at The Wall Street Journal, Coston was deputy foreign editor, markets editor and a national news editor. In his career, he has worked on small and metro dailies and statewide newspapers.

Coston is a graduate of Columbia University and lives on a farm in East Canaan where he raises sheep. His wife, Bridget, is the daughter of former Lakeville Journal gardening columnist Hatsy Taylor.

To register for this in-person program go to www.noblehorizons.org.

Correcting Errors

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

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.

Motorcycle injury

On April 10 at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury, a 2012 Harley Davidson XR1200 motorcycle driven by Hannah Ware, 28, of Sharon exited the roadway, causing Ware to fall off. She was transported to Sharon Hospital for a slight injury and was issued a verbal warning for failure to drive right.

Illegal U-turn

On April 11 at approxi-

mately 7:30 a.m. on Sharon Road in Salisbury, a 2015 Great Dane Freightliner truck driven by B.G. Calavecchia, 23, of Catskill, N.Y., attempted to make an illegal U-turn and collided with a 2015 GMC Terrain driven by Robert Ramsay Stumpf, 44, of Winsted. No injuries were reported. Calavecchia was issued a warning for making an improper U-turn.

Struck a utility pole

On April 15 at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Hospital Hill Road in Sharon, a 2016 Ford F150 driven by Mark Duntz, 56, of Sharon, exited the roadway and struck a utility pole on the side of the road. Duntz was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries. He was issued an infraction for failure to

maintain the proper lane.

Motorcycle injury

On April 15 at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Amenia Road in Sharon, a 2019 Harley Davidson FLXH motorcycle driven by Ryan Thomas Olmstead, 21, of Clinton Corners, N.Y., lost control after driving over a pothole in the road. Olmstead sustained minor injuries and was transported to Sharon Hospital. The motorcycle was towed.

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 cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

Earth Day vigil

SALISBURY — There will be an Earth Day vigil on the town Green in Salisbury (in front of The White Hart) Saturday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to noon.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Eileen Fielding, director of the Sharon Audubon Center, will make remarks at the event.

Note: Earth Day is official on Friday, April 22.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO SANTOS MEJIA JUAREZ

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge, a hearing will be held at Litchfield Hills Probate Court, 100 Pease Street, PO Box 849, North Canaan, CT 06018 on April 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM on a petition for Removal of Guardian of the Person and Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings concerning a minor child born June 16, 2005. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court
 Beth L. McGuire
 Chief Clerk
 04-21-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DIANA JEAN BEAUMONT Late of Canaan (22-00118)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 7, 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:
 Jane B. Kellner
 17 The Lock Up 162
 Salisbury, CT 06068
 Beth L. McGuire
 Chief Clerk
 04-21-22

Legal Notice FOR AREA WIDE Records Disposal

In keeping with state and federal regulations on records retention and disposal, school officials plan to destroy records of Special Education and 504 students who left or graduated from Regional School District No. 7, Barkhamsted Elementary School, Colebrook Consolidated School, Botelle School in Norfolk or Hartland School on or before June 30, 2016 or were born before July 1, 1998.

Please be advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place after June 30, 2022.

Anyone wishing to review his/her records or obtain the original may do so by calling Quentin Rueckert, Director of Shared Services, at 860-379-8583, before June 15, 2022.

04-21-22

LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 9:10am, whichever comes first, to act on an Application (#2022-001) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild the garage and convert into a studio at 4 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas. The Application will be posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's

office: www.salisburyct.us, 04-21-22

LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 9:10am, whichever comes first, to act on an Application (#2022-003) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to restore soffit; replace aluminum storm windows and doors; re-install attic windows; paint exterior at 7 Ethan Allen Street, Lakeville, CT 06039. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The Application will be posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us, 04-21-22

LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the fourth installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 is due and payable on April 1, 2022. Payments must be received or postmarked by May 2, 2022. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before May 2, 2022, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same

is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Pursuant to Section 12-173 of the Connecticut State Statutes, unpaid Real Estate tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 will be LIENED on JUNE 3, 2022. Payment must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 3, 2022 to avoid a Lien. Tax Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-4pm.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury, CT this 18th day of March 2022

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
 Tax Collector
 Salisbury CT 06068
 03-24-22
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 04-21-22

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SHARON BOARD OF FINANCE IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8727483273>
Meeting ID: 872 748 3273
 All Registered Voters and Property Owners in the Town of Sharon are hereby Warned and Notified that a public hearing will be held Friday, April 29, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing the Board of Education's and the Board of Selectmen's proposed budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Town Hall and on the Town Website. Attendees must wear masks.
 Dated at Sharon, Connecticut this 21st day

of April 2022.

Thomas H. Bartram
 Chairman
 Sharon Board of Finance
 04-21-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 11, 2022:

Approved - Application 2022-IW-053 by Brit B Hoyt for the construction of a septic system and grading in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 16 as lot 1 and is known as 143 Housatonic River Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Anne McGrath. Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

04-21-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 4, 2022:

Modification of Subdivision Application #2021-047 by owner Red Mountain Properties, LLC for a common drive and waiver from section 6.4.2. in accordance with section 3.5 of the subdivision regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 3 as Lot 5-2 and is located at 14 Red Mountain Road.

Town of Salisbury

Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 04-21-22

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 April 12, 2022:

To amend the Town of Salisbury Zoning Regulations adding section 207.19 - outdoor food and beverage service, and modifying section 205.3 - table of accessory uses to include outdoor food and beverage service effective May 15, 2022.

Town of Salisbury
 Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 04-21-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF H. MARSHALL SCHWARZ Late of Lakeville (22-00135)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 6, 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:
 Rae Paige Schwarz
 345 Sharon Road
 Lakeville, CT 06039
 Bank of America, N.A.
 c/o Austin Dahle Keyes
 Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP
 2 Wall Street
 New York, NY 10005
 Megan M. Foley
 Clerk
 04-21-22

Our Towns

Farmers reinvent their ways for the Earth's sake

By Leila Hawken

SHARON —New ways of treating and caring for land, crops and animals were the subject of a panel discussion on Saturday, April 2, sponsored by the Sharon Historical Society.

It was the second in a series of four programs on the broader topic of reinventing farming.

Sharon Historical Society President Christine Beer noted that the panel on innovative farming was to be led by two local women farmers who own and actively operate their own farms, a nod to 21st-century progress.

Panel members were Julie Miller of Q Farms in Sharon and Megan Haney of Marble Valley Farm in Kent. Serving as moderator was Carol Ascher.

With a focus on livestock farming at Q Farms, Miller's early interest was in food sources and how animals are raised.

Haney, who farms land belonging to the Kent Land Trust, focused on herbs and sunflowers at Marble Valley Farm, studying properties of farmland and how to nurture rather than deplete it. Key to her transition into farming was a realization that she should speak at length with farmers.

"It was a point of transition for me, an incredible learning process," she said, recalling her time as an intern studying ecological agriculture in Palo Alto, Calif., before making her way to the

local area in 2006. "Farmers have less ego and less hubris," she said.

Miller explained that she takes a holistic approach to farming, acknowledging the tradition of a farmer's love for the land. Her focus digs deeply into soil health, animal health and human health, she said, aligning with the land's capacity.

"All of our animals are raised on pasture, including the chickens and pigs," Miller said, contrasting with the practices of industrialized agribusiness. The health of the community is uppermost, she added.

The focus of Marble Valley Farm is also on the health of the community and the health of the soil in which plants grow, Haney said.

"It has to be organic farming," Haney explained. "Why start with a regimen of poison?" She estimated that less than 5% of farmland in the U.S. is being farmed organically.

"If I plant peas and beans in the fall and let the plants wither and die in place, the soil will be enhanced with nitrogen over the winter," Haney said. She plants both cash crops and beneficial cover crops. Use as many renewable resources as possible, Haney explained as key to her methods.

Well-established perennial pastures are important to Miller who added that the result is a pasture that remains resilient to the weather. To prevent over-grazing, she moves the animals regularly,

a bonus being the effortless dissemination of manure.

"The animals are doing the work for you," Miller said.

Next in the series will be "Reinventing Marketing and Distribution of Farm Products," scheduled for Saturday, April 23, at 4 p.m. With Carol Ascher again moderating, panel members will be Connie Manes of Kent Land Trust, James Shepherd of Smokedown Hope Farm and Rick Osofsky of Ronnybrook Farm Dairy. To register, go to www.sharonhist.org. Videos of past panels can also be accessed there.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN
From left, panelists Julie Miller of Q Farms in Sharon and Megan Haney of Marble Valley Farm in Kent spoke about their approach to farming. Carol Ascher, at right, moderated.

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A PHOTO FROM 52 YEARS AGO




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Over the years, we've shared favorite recipes. Because food is community. Bertha's husband was Ray Fowlkes, pressman at The Lakeville Journal for 40 years. Her recipe can be found at tricornernews.com/food.

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THE OVERDUE RECKONING
OF RACE AND WEALTH**




Thomas Shapiro

Thomas Shapiro, Pokross Professor of Law and Social Policy at Brandeis University, argues in his latest book, *Toxic Inequality*, that historic highs of wealth and income inequality underlie the gravest threat to our democracy since the Civil War.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

**Housatonic Valley Regional
High School, Falls Village, CT**

Admission free. Go to www.salisburyforum.org to register for this in-person event.

Please check our website for the latest Covid health and safety protocols applicable to this event. Find us on 

www.salisburyforum.org

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Our Towns

OBITUARIES

Cynthia 'Cindi' T. Labshere

EAST CANAAN — Cynthia ("Cindi") T. Labshere, 64, of New Marlborough, passed away on April 12, 2022, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington.

Services will be 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life at the Canaan VFW from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cindi was born in Great Barrington to Elizabeth and William Tinker on May 26th, 1957. She graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1975. She married Layne Alan Labshere on December 3, 1977, in East Canaan at the North Canaan Congregational Church. Cindi worked as a nursing coordinator and certified Nursing Assistant at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for over forty years.

Cindi was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She had a caring, selfless nature about her, and to know her was to love her. Cindi enjoyed life to the fullest and she knew how to have fun. During the summer months

on the beaches of New England, you could find Cindi dipping her toes in the ocean, listening to the waves crash while reading a book, and soaking it all in.

Cindi is preceded in death by her parents William Tinker and Elizabeth Tinker (Leffingwell) and her brother Kenneth Tinker.

Cindi is survived by her husband Layne Labshere, children Amy Labshere and Jesse Cooper, Jessica Laine (Labshere) and Kristopher Laine, Joshua and Julie Labshere (LaBella), brothers William Tinker, Jr., Richard Tinker and Noreen Tinker, her grandchildren Tristan Soule, Laynie Mullen, Reece Mullen, Callie Labshere, Gunnar Laine, Jasey Cooper, Cohen Labshere and many nieces and nephews. She is survived by her best friend Lynn Miller (Coons). Her dogs Jaxon and Smidgeon, her granddogs Merida Eve, Brynneleigh, Percy, Precious, Sgt. Tibbs and Lincoln.

Contributions are appreciated and may be sent to the Little Guild of Saint Frances in Cornwall.

Nancy A. (Silvernale) Merriman

FALLS VILLAGE — Nancy A. (Silvernale) Merriman, 84, of 70 Railroad St., died Wednesday night April 13, 2022, at the Sharon Hospital. She was the wife of the late Martin Merriman. Nancy was born March 30, 1938 at the former Geer Hospital in North Canaan, daughter of the late Theodore and Janet (Rogers) Silvernale.

For over 30 years Nancy faithfully delivered the Waterbury Republican American to the families of the Northwest Corner. She began her route at 3:00 a.m. every morning.

She is survived by her children: Pamela R. and her husband Claudio S. Veronesi Jr. of Canaan Valley; Randy

J. and his wife Constance J. of Falls Village; and Regina Anthony of Harwinton. Nancy is also survived by her granddaughter Sophia Barry of Harwinton.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 22 at 1:00 pm in the Hillside Cemetery on Norfolk Road in East Canaan. Calling hours will be held at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St., North Canaan on Thursday, April 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be sent to the Little Guild, 285 Sharon Goshen Tpke., West Cornwall, Ct. 06796, or to the Falls Village Fire and Ambulance Department, 188 Route 7 S, Falls Village, Ct. 06031.

For more obituaries, see page A5

FFA sponsors competition on operating equipment safely

By Mackenzie Casey

FALLS VILLAGE — Seven enthusiastic competitors from Connecticut FFA District 1 competed in a safe equipment operation competition at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Tuesday, April 5.

Each year students interested in Agriculture Mechanics participate in the Safe Equipment Operation Career Development Event, which teaches students to effectively, safely and properly operate large machinery.

This year the Housatonic Valley FFA hosted this event. All equipment was provided by Pine Plains Tractor and Equipment in Pine Plains, N.Y., United Ag and Turf in North Canaan and Salem Farm Supply in Salem and Claverack, N.Y.

There were three competitions featured in the event. Two-wheel and four-wheel

wagon maneuvering competitions involved efficiently steering a tractor accompanied by a wagon through an obstacle course, a proper pre-trip inspection, safely parking the machine, and doing so in under 10 minutes.

Additionally, there was a skid-steer operation that involved completing an uneven course while transporting two wooden pallets holding buckets of rocks with a large bucket of water on top.

The goal was to lose as little water as possible.

If it sounds complicated and tricky, that's because it was.

First place was William Starr from Housatonic followed by Kevin Decesare from (Woodbury), Caleb White (Housatonic), Peyton Cocchiola (Woodbury), John Tilquist (Wamogo) Jake Hadley (Wamogo) and Hannah Patrick (Shepaug). Starr and Decesare will represent



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A competitor tried not to splash too much water out of the top bucket during a safe-equipment operation competition on Tuesday, April 5.

District 1 at the FFA State Convention on June 4, hosted by Woodbury. At the end of the event, HVRHS Ag-Ed

students fired up the grill and served hot dogs, hamburgers and other treats to all contestants and volunteers.

Picking up the trash along the Housatonic

By Patrick L. Sullivan

AMESVILLE — Volunteers turned out in Connecticut and Massachusetts towns Saturday, April 9, for a Rotary Club-sponsored day of service.

The mission at the First Light boat launch and picnic area on Dugway Road in the Amesville section of Salisbury was straightforward. Grab a bag and some gloves and clean up the beer cans, empty bait containers, and cigarette butts that line the banks of the Housatonic River.

Natalie Wadsworth, a senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and head of a group from the school called the Environmental Action League, showed a re-

porter what she'd collected in about 10 minutes.

Miniature bottle of vanilla vodka? Check.

Nightcrawler container? Check.

A particularly nasty-looking fish hook? Check.

There was something that resembled a rag. "I think it was a diaper," said Wadsworth.

Bill Pond, administrator at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, was on hand. His bag was full very quickly, and he also found what was left of a foam buoy.

Alan Lovejoy, a teacher at the high school, poured out what remained of a bottle of an energy drink before adding it to his bag.

"Oh, I'm sorry," he called out. "Was anyone thirsty?"

The river was high after recent rains, and the participants took care not to get too close to the torrent.

Bill Spalding from the Salisbury Rotary Club and Randy Chapell, the Rotary District Governor-elect, were on hand handing out supplies and exhortations.

Spalding said Rotary Clubs all over Connecticut and Massachusetts were out on similar missions. Someone from the group working in North Canaan checked in and reported a good turnout in that town.

Spalding said a group from The Hotchkiss School had postponed its effort because of the uncertain weather, and would be performing service work in Lakeville at a later date.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Natalie Wadsworth was one of a group of Housatonic Valley Regional High School students who participated in the Rotary Club's Day of Service on Saturday, April 9.

Memorial Day parade to return this year; Grove prices to rise

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen met online Monday, April 4, to discuss a new mobile medical unit, adjust town Grove prices, appoint new committee members to the Affordable Housing Committee and sign off on a grant for assessing the old railroad station in Lakeville.

And the selectmen announced that the traditional Memorial Day parade will be held this year, after being canceled two years in a row because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gina Burrows of the Com-

munity Health and Wellness Center of Torrington offered a presentation on its mobile clinic, Bringing Exceptional Treatment to You (BETTY).

Burrows said CHWC has several mobile units posted around the area and the state and hopes to include Salisbury in the future. She said BETTY has served more than 5,000 patients between the ages of 25 and 75 in 2020. BETTYs are a nonprofit entity and accept most insurance, with a scaling payment plan.

Prices at the town Grove are being increased across the board. Launching fees for non-residents have been

increased to \$10, kayaks to \$5 and season launching to \$150. Launching is still free for residents. Dock spaces are increasing to \$200, \$100 for seniors and \$300 for non-residents.

"I know it's not a profit-oriented thing, it's not supposed to be," Selectman Christian Williams said. "But we've got to recoup some of the cost of dock upkeep and the employees there."

Selectman Don Mayland expressed concern about raising prices for non-residents using the Grove and lake, and about the kayak fee in particular. "I'm not gonna object to

it, I just think it's a little, frankly, ridiculous," Mayland said. The motion was passed with Mayland's abstention.

The selectmen appointed three new members to the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission: Katie White, John Higgins and Lee Sullivan.

The selectmen approved the use of a \$20,000 state grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to do an assessment of the CNE train station building on Ethan Allan Street.

During public comment, Susan Galluzzo of the Lakeville Community Conservancy

expressed dissatisfaction with how the selectmen are proceeding with the assessment renovation of the building. She asked for more input

from Lakeville residents, businesses and the conservancy group. First Selectman Curtis Rand agreed to include a LCC member in future discussions.

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Peter A. Dzenutis Sr.

CORNWALL — Peter A. Dzenutis Sr., 95, of Canton, died peacefully Saturday, April 9, 2022, at his home on Case Street, husband to Luigina Dzenutis. Peter was born in Secaucus, N.J., on December 13, 1926 to John and Mary (Bruzgis) Dzenutis, who both died at an early age and Peter was raised by his predeceased uncle and aunt, Ralph and Elizabeth Gibowich of the Bronx.

Peter served in the U.S. Army 101st during WWII as a lineman, paratrooper, and officer horse caretaker. Peter developed a love of horses while serving and enjoyed raising and racing pigeons from an early age. Upon returning Peter met and married Luigina on February 15, 1953. Peter and Luigina went on to have 12 children and lived in Amenia, N.Y., Norfolk, Ct., and Lake Wales, Fl. while raising them. Peter loved to build and repair. He was a roofer and builder and owned Royal Construction until his retirement. His greatest joy was simple time

spent with his family!

Peter is survived by his children, Mary, Peter Jr. (Melinda), Elizabeth (Christopher) Fenn, John (Sandy), Ralph (Cleide), David, Stanley (Agnes), Tom (Robyn Croke), Ann, Luigina, and Rah.

Peter is also survived by his 18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Peter is predeceased by son Michael, grandson Aman Sr. and siblings: John, Stanley, Michael, Millie, Helen, Annie (Gibowich), Francine (Gibowich) and Millie (Gibowich).

A memorial service will be held at the Saint Martin of Tours Church of St Mary Lakeville, Conn., on April 21 at 11 a.m. followed by the burial at the Amenia Cemetery. Calling hours are on Wednesday, April 20 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at The Kenny Funeral Home, which has care of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford.

John V. 'Jack' Pozzi

SHARON — John V. "Jack" Pozzi, 88, of Canaan, died peacefully on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at Sharon Healthcare Center. He was the loving husband of the late Rosaline R. Boyer.



Jack was born May 12, 1933, in North Adams.

He was the son of the late Joseph J. Pozzi and Margaret C. DeSanty. Jack, a lifelong educator in New York and Connecticut, was a high school English teacher, an elementary school principal, an assistant superintendent and a college professor. He spent the last 10 years of his career as the principal at Lee Kellogg in Falls Village. More than anything else

in the world Jack loved his family. "La Famiglia" was the center of everything he did.

He is survived by his six children:

Mark A. Pozzi, Lisa A. Pozzi, John B. Pozzi, Meghan L. Pozzi, MaryBeth Reid and Jennifer K. Pozzi. Jack also has 18 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

All services will be private. Anyone wishing to honor our dad's memory may donate to the Arts Fund for Region One, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Memorial contributions can be sent to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257 or visit www.berkshiretaconic.org/donate.

Joanne P. Wojtusiak

CORNWALL — It is with the deepest sadness her family announces the passing of Joanne P. Wojtusiak on December 13, 2021, at the age of 77. Joanne passed peacefully in her sleep from complications associated with Parkinson's disease. She is survived by her two brothers and sisters-in-law, four nieces and nephews and numerous friends and other relations.

Joanne was born on May 29, 1944, in Queens Village, New York. Self-described as a war baby, her father was deployed in Europe on the date of her birth. She financed her own college education graduating from City College of New York in Queens, (Queens College) with a B.A. in 1965. She was married to Richard Wojtusiak in 1966, until his passing in 1970.

Joanne had a passion for knowledge; with this came a love of travel. Immediately following college, she traveled through Europe "before it was cool," moving from Paris to Istanbul. She continued traveling the world as her career progressed as she worked in various marketing positions before starting her own company, Skylight Communications, where she helped executives hone their communication skills.

Throughout her life she displayed an independent and courageous streak championing a wide range of causes ranging from women's rights, individual responsibility, local environmental support and the betterment of her adopted home in Cornwall Bridge. On a personal note, she was particularly proud of her home including the garden that was featured in several local and national publications. Her furnishings included many early American pieces reflecting her love for history, the Northeast and Cornwall in particular.

Joanne was laid to rest on December 19, 2021, at Calhoun Cemetery in Cornwall Bridge. In lieu of flowers donations are being accepted for the Michael J. Fox Foundation (www.tribute-michaeljfox.org/tribute-page.php?id=2209&np=true) and/or Tunnels to Tower (tunneltotowers.org)

Rosemary Allen

SALISBURY — Rosemary Allen, 83, of Salisbury, died peacefully at Noble Horizons on Monday, April 11, 2022. She was the wife of the late Myron W. Allen.



She was born in Manhattan on November 22, 1938. Rosemary graduated from high school in 1956 from Villa Maria Academy in the Bronx.

In addition to her late husband, Rosemary was prede-

ceased by her parents, Lawrence and Emma Hughes, a sister Dolores Caccavo, and a son Francis Cross.

She is survived by her children, Laura Allen, David Allen, Steven Allen, Laurie Cahill, Cynthia Brown, David Cross, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

All services are private. The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of her arrangements.

Thomas J. Flood

MILLERTON — Thomas J. Flood, 79, a beloved husband, father, brother, brother-in-law and uncle, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

Born December 9, 1942, in Canaan, he was the son of the late Joseph and Millicent (Brinkerhoff) Flood. Tom resided in Millerton, NY his entire life. He attended Webutuck High School and played on the soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He also played on a local softball team for many years and played on a football team in Poughkeepsie. Tom remained interested in sports during his life and was an avid New York Giants and New York Yankees fan.

In 1961, Tom joined the family business, Floods Spraying Service Inc. His father founded the business in 1928. Tom served as president and owner of the business for over 50 years and was known as a good-hearted, generous man who treated everyone — family, employees and customers — with respect and dignity.

Tom was a communicant of the Catholic Church. He met his wife, Patricia Duncan during their time at Webutuck High School and they were married on November 17, 1962, at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Tom and Patricia enjoyed 59 years together and Tom was a devoted husband and father, always finding time for his family and they will miss him so very much. Mrs. Flood survives at home in Millerton.

Tom was a lifelong member of the Millerton Gun Club, serving as president from October 1972 to October 1973. He was also an honorary member of the Rounders of Riga Hunting Camp. In his spare time he enjoyed spending time with his friends at the American Legion or just relaxing on his back porch, soaking up the sun.

In addition to his wife, Tom is survived by three children, Amy M. DeCesare of Princeton, N.J., Leo M. Flood of Lakeville and Jennifer E. Flood of New York, N.Y.; one brother, Joe Flood and his wife Jean of Hillsdale; two sisters, Gloria Covert of Millerton and Doris Reeves of Florida; two brothers-in-law, Don Duncan and his wife Sharon of Millerton and Jim Duncan and his wife Annette of Ballston Spa, N.Y., and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Tom was also predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Georgeanna Duncan of Millerton.

Calling hours will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 10 am to 11:30 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton. A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Zora Ficarra-Cheatham will officiate. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. A reception will follow at the Millerton Inn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

Janet Elaine Murphy

MILLERTON — Janet Elaine Murphy, 80, a lifelong area resident, stepped into eternity on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon.



Born on April Fools' Day in 1942, Janet left these words by which to remember her: "God gave me life, wonderful parents, a very good and loving husband, two children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the promise of eternal life in heaven because I believed that God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for my sins; and that's no April Fool!"

At Janet's request, there will be no calling hours. Her family will hold a private graveside service at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to North East Baptist Church, P.O. Box 531, Millerton, N.Y. 12546 or the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, N.Y. 12546. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, N.Y. 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

Avis Elizabeth Morehouse

SHARON—Avis Elizabeth Morehouse, 86, of Jackson Road died April 10, 2022, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan. She was the wife of James E. Morehouse.



Avis was born May 10, 1935, in Cortland, N.Y., the daughter of the late Ralph and Kathryn (Cutler) Honour. She was a graduate of the Amenia High School in Amenia. She was employed at Sharon Hospital as a switchboard operator where she met her husband of 66 years. She was an EMT with the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance for over 15 years. She was also a caregiver for several estates in the sur-

rounding area.

Besides her husband James, she is survived by her daughters Kathleen Visconti and her husband Mark, Diane James and her son William Morehouse; her grandchildren Darren, Nathan, and Bradley Visconti, Dylan, Will, Elizabeth and Lyndon Morehouse; and her great-grandchildren Scarlett and Sienna Visconti and Odin Arancibia. Avis was also predeceased by two sons Gary and Peder Morehouse.

Calling Hours will be held at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon on Tuesday, April 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. with a service to follow in her memory at 6:00 p.m.

For more obituaries, see page A4

 Worship Services Week of April 24, 2022	
Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.	
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The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net
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Sports

Spring sports start at HVRHS

By Anne MacNeil

FALLS VILLAGE — The spring season is underway for the Housatonic Mountaineers.

The track and field team will open their season at home on April 26, after participating in a league invitational at Terryville on April 11. Each member of the small team (seven boys and thirteen girls) was able to compete in two events each.

The girls lacrosse team opened its season on the road with a 10-4 loss against out-of-league opponent Notre Dame Fairfield. Lou Haemmerle, a first-year player, scored her first goal and had an assist with returning players Maggie Raftery and Marissa Zinke scoring two and one goals, respectively. The team faced Watertown at home on April 15. Zinke stepped into goal and recorded 15 saves while Catherine Bushey, Josie Marks and Raftery each scored two goals in the 15-6 loss.

The varsity softball team took to the diamond facing last year's state tournament quarterfinalist, Thomaston, on April 4. Centerfielder Grace Riva went three for three with four RBIs, Shortstop Kaitlyn Cunningham went one for two with a walk and senior pitcher Emma Crane went two for three in the 20-4 loss. On April 13, the team battled back from being down 8-0 against Shepaug, but lost 20-8. Crane had four strikeouts and went two for four with two RBIs. Senior Mackenzie Ongley went two for three with a run scored. Riva went one for four with four RBIs.

The junior varsity softball team played a jamboree at Northwestern on April 16. The team won both games, defeating Wolcott Tech 18-11 and Northwestern 27-13. Diana Portillo went three for four; Riley Marshall had a two RBI single; Haley Leonard and Mary LaFond had a single and a double each. Daniela Brennan had three singles, three RBIs and contributed to the solid defense while Kylie Leonard went two for four and Abigail While had a double.

The tennis teams have struggled to get their season started thanks to the weather. The second doubles team of Spencer Jasmin and Westyn Doyen recorded the only win in the boys tennis home opener against Litchfield. First doubles team, Zim McAuliffe and Gus Dekker, lost in a close match that went to a super tiebreaker. The team went on to beat Northwestern 5-0 on April 8. Manny Matsudaira (first singles) and Jasmin (third singles) won without giving up a game while Harry Sanders (second singles) and McAuliffe and Dekker (first doubles) won in straight sets. The second doubles team of Doyen and Nick Dorn won in a super tiebreaker.

The girls tennis team under the direction of new coach, Bill Markey, lost to Northwestern in their home opener. Melody Matsudaira won her match at first singles in straight sets. Both second singles, Dana Saccardi, and third singles, Mia Bayer, lost their matches in super tiebreakers. Yaritza Vega and Caroline Barber lost their match at first doubles. Due to lack of players only two matches were played during the April 11 win against Gilbert.

Because of field reconstruction, the baseball team will play the first half of its season away. In its first game the team was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the fifth but ended up losing 4-3 to Thomaston. Seniors Harry Schopp and Brayton Wood pitched well. Schopp had a triple, a single and two RBIs. After the April 4 loss the team has gone on a three-game winning streak. Schopp pitched a four-hitter with three strikeouts while Aiden Miller and Joey Brennan each doubled in the 5-4 win against Terryville on April 11. Schopp continued to contribute with a three-run double in the 6-4 win against Shepaug on April 13. Wood pitched a five-hitter and had a double with an RBI. Russell Sears had two hits.

The team rallied for seven runs in the seventh inning to rack up their third win against out-of-league Mt. Everett 16-10 on April 15. Schopp and Sears each had two hits with four RBIs. Sears took the win on the mound after coming in as relief for Logan Dean, who pitched three solid innings. Miller and Austin Bayer had two hits each.

For up-to-date schedules, go to the weekly athletic schedule at www.hvrhs.org. Anne MacNeil is the Region One athletic director.

Grinding it out on the Blackberry

TANGLED LINES
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

NORTH CANAAN — The Blackberry River is well-stocked and fished hard.

It also has Beckley Furnace, which is Connecticut's only industrial monument and as such has a couple of picnic tables.

On a pleasant day it's a nice spot to grab a sandwich and relax.

Saturday, April 16, was not a pleasant day. The temperature struggled to get much above 50, and there was a nice bone-chilling breeze. It wanted to rain.

None of that bothered the members of the Northwest Connecticut Trout Unlimited chapter. Chapter President Ken Ludwig provided doughnuts and coffee for the early going, and grinders at lunchtime.

Beckley is always a popular fishing spot, especially in the early part of what used to be the trout season.

The state of Connecticut got rid of a closed season for trout, and the new regulations took effect this year.

Sort of. Prior to 2022, there were rivers that had year-round fishing (such as the Trout Management Areas on the Housatonic and Farmington rivers).

But the state still required a new license at the start of the calendar year, and for those of us who bought one (plus the so-called trout stamp, which extracts an extra five bucks from the angler and doesn't include any sort of stamp), we could then fish those year-round areas plus any other open water (not otherwise regulated) until the last Saturday in February.

Then we had to wait for the third Saturday in April for "Opening Day."

This was changed a cou-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Trout Unlimited's Scott Ritchie fished as his fellow chapter members heckled him at Beckley Furnace on Saturday, April 16.

ple years back to the second Saturday in April.

It's worth noting that April 16 would have been "Opening Day" not so long ago.

None of this mattered to the TU members either. They were too busy shivering and telling each other stories about past angling triumphs.

Also on the agenda:

1. Is a \$1,000 fly rod worth it?
2. What the heck is this fish this guy has?
3. Is Scott asking for trouble by getting up on that boulder?

As spin-casters circulated in and out of the Beckley Furnace area, most of them hauling off a fish or five, the TU membership stayed out

of the water, with the exception of treasurer Scott Ritchie, who suited up and established himself just upstream of the bridge.

For the technically inclined, Ritchie was nymphing with a tight line and extra weight added, with sighter material rather than a strike indicator.

For the less fussy, Ritchie was flipping a little weighted thing into the current, and occasionally catching something.

About one out of 20 times, that something was a fish, not a rock or piece of submerged log.

Most serious anglers prefer solitude for the practice of the craft.

Very few enjoy having a

gallery of hecklers watching. But that's what Ritchie got from his fellow TU members, who shouted out helpful things like "Don't slip!" and "Trophy fish!"

At noon or so lunch arrived and the membership continued to talk about gear and adventures with their mouths full of grinder.

The answers to the agenda questions above:

1. No. For \$1,000 you can buy expensive waders that will leak just as fast as cheap ones, and a mid-range rod to go with them.

2. That is a rather sickly looking brown trout straight from the hatchery, where it was bullied.

3. Yes. It is always easier to go up than to get down.

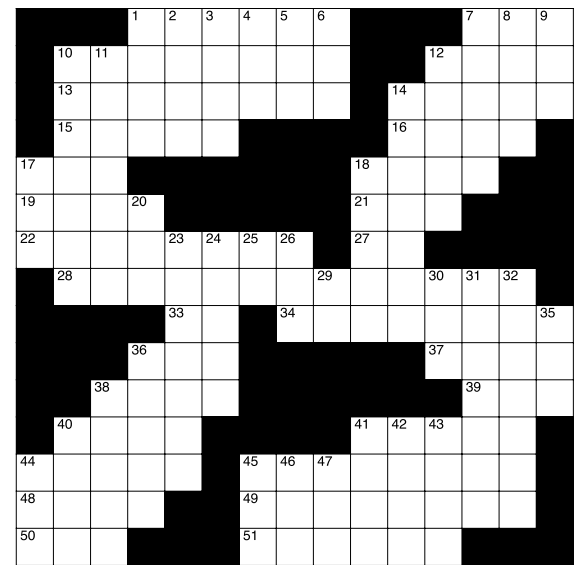
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1. A woman of refinement
7. Body part
10. One who imitates
12. Tropical Asian starlings
13. A type of delivery
14. W. Australian capital
15. Many wombs
16. Wings
17. Expression of amusement
18. Brews
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
21. Mild expression
22. Solitary
27. Distance to top
28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
34. Begrudged
36. Popular sports league
37. Autonomous republic of Russia
38. Double-headed drum
39. Type of light bulb
40. Czech River
41. Male servants (Span.)
44. Previously
45. Minor
48. Metrical foot
49. Days that follow Mondays
50. Small European viper
51. News shows have one

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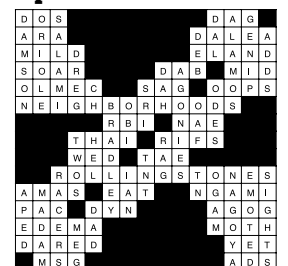
1. Inspiration
2. Resembling wings
3. Form of Persian
4. Consumed
5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
6. Sea eagle
7. Jaguarundis
8. Poker stake
9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
10. South American nation
11. A colorless, odorless gas
12. Disturbance
14. Artist's tool



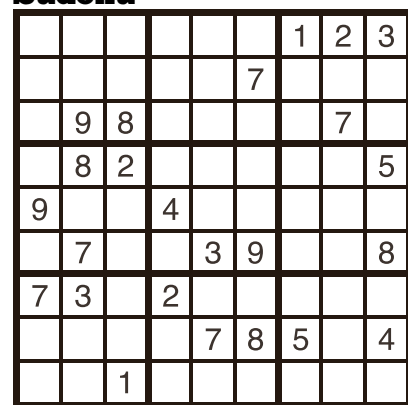
17. Polish peninsula
18. Ottoman military leaders
20. Bird-like dinosaur
23. Drinking glass
24. Central Florida city
25. One's mother
26. To do it is human
29. Atomic #10
30. Used to write
31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
32. Adversaries
35. Have already done
36. One of conspicuous wealth
38. It flies over sporting events
40. Geological times
41. Net
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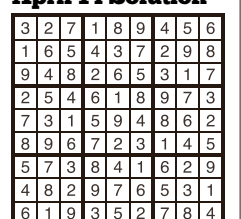
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Our Towns

Wastewater plan timetable takes shape

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — After seven years of meetings to plan for and search for funding for a project that could provide wastewater disposal capability in the village of West Cornwall, the Sewer and Septic Study Group is getting ready to present a proposal to the town.

At its meeting on Tuesday, April 12, the committee was confident enough about progress to set a timetable for meetings ranging from information forums to a town meeting and eventually a referendum on the project.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway explained that a first step is for the town to create a proposal for voters to consider and that proposal must be approved by state election officials, certifying that the wording is free of bias.

In mid-May, the Board of Finance and the selectmen will need to provide their opinions. The Planning and Zoning Commission has already weighed in.

A town-meeting planning process will then begin. A list of eligible voters will be drawn up. Unlike a standard election, property owners

who are not necessarily residents or otherwise registered to vote in town are eligible to vote on this project.

A town meeting could be held on Saturday, June 25, with the referendum vote planned for the required two weeks later on Saturday, July 9.

A townwide information meeting on the whole project will be held on Saturday, June 11, on Zoom. That Zoom meeting will assist residents with preparing for the town meeting.

“We have to set dates now in April to get all of the steps done,” Ridgway said.

While \$3 million in federal funding has been awarded to the project through the offices of U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-05), and USDA application renewal is in the works, committee Chairman Todd Piker said that the town could begin the long process that will eventually bring a referendum. The USDA could bring a \$3.2 million low-interest loan to be repaid over a 20-year term.

Engineer Stephen McDonnell said that if the project is approved at referendum, the start of construction could be two years away.



PHOTO BY BRIDGET TAYLOR

On the hunt

Fox on a morning hunt in East Canaan on Saturday, April 9. Later that day, this bushy-tailed predator absconded with chickens in the yard at the home of this newspaper's editor, John Coston, and his wife, Bridget Taylor, in East Canaan.

Spring Cleanup

Spring has arrived and that means it's time to tackle some of many projects we've added to our lists throughout the winter. Whether you need landscaping, gardening, remodeling, building, general spring cleanup or ongoing maintenance, you can count on each of the businesses on this page to assist from start to finish. And when you call, let them know you saw their ad in *your* community weekly newspapers, The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

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PELTS

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hear much about," said Wigren. "Clearly, all the nails and markings are still in the building, where animal furs were sorted, traded and stored."

Marge Smith, KHS curator and archivist, credits the find to meticulous notes kept by the previous homeowner, artist George Laurence Nelson, that hinted of a former pelt room covered up on the second floor by Sheetrock when he built a bathroom and new set of wood stairs to the attic. The restoration effort, she said, "was really the result of a lot of sleuthing."

Smith also credits the community for its support in funding the project, spearheaded by preservationists Jeffrey Morgan and Roger Gonzales, both of whom are longtime KHS trustees. Work on the preservation project began in 2014 and progressed over the next five years.

'It was the frontier'

The first homesteads in Kent were established in 1738, with the greatest concentration of them situated between the Berry farm at North Kent and the foot of Cobble Hill at today's Route 341. Seven Hearths was one of the largest homesteads of its time, built in 1751 by the Beebe family as a combination home and general store/fur-trading post.

"At the time, this was the biggest building in the area," said Gonzales. "This is where the first division lots were. The center of Kent, as we know it now, did not exist."

Noted Smith, "The Schaghticokes were just across the river there, this was kind of the edge. It was the frontier."

Animal pelts came from members of the tribe looking to trade them for provisions like cloth, firearms, metal tools and ammunition. Even the farmers, said Gonzales,

contributed to the trade by killing fur-bearing predators that threatened their livestock.

Boroscope found 'mink,' and the process began

In 2009, KHS was awarded a grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to do an Historic Structures Report of Seven Hearths. Hudson Valley Preservation was hired to inspect its condition and seek clues about its history.

When Nelson bought the house in 1919, there was no indoor plumbing. The artist wrote in his memoir, "New Life for Old Timber," that the upstairs was "mostly unfinished storage space including a fur-trading post connected with the store by a second back stairs. One could see the names of mink and fox and other skins marked in blue chalk on the beams. Large painted letters indicated bought and sold sections. In part of this space our bathroom took shape."

With those clues, according to the museum's curator, "The first thing we asked Hudson Valley Preservation to do was to take a peek above the ceiling for evidence of the beams. Mason Lord spotted the word 'mink' right away with his boroscope, and so we made the decision to remove the bathroom and interpret the space as an early fur-trading post."

Peeling away layers

On the second floor, above what was formerly the general store, is the fur-trading place, where pelts of mink, muskrats, rabbits, beavers, bears and other animals were brought by local trappers for credit in the general store or butcher shop, located in the cellar. The names of some pelts and initials of traders are still visible centuries later, having been chalked on the beams and walls.

On a recent weekend visit, daylight from the room's one window cast a warm glow on its rustic wood interior. Lush pelts, many donated by the community, hung suspended by the original wrought-iron nails or assembled on tables and chairs. A beefy beaver pelt suspended on a large stretcher was propped against a far wall.

Pelt stretchers made from old shipping crates and marked with the words "Woodrow CT" were among the many donations by families of local trappers that helped bring the original pelt room to life. "People are giving us these things to put in this space" that had been collecting dust in their attics for decades, said the KHS curator.

Morgan's sleuthing led to the identification of faint, chalked messages on the wallboards, beams and ceiling: the words "mink," and the initials "R & CW," which the restoration specialist suspects stood for Cornelius Waldron, who was likely a trapper at the time.

When early morning light washes the walls just right, other clues emerge: scratched credit marks, "C/////," are faint, but visible, as is the venerable old Kent name of "Root" on a horizontal board. Mr. Root painted his name in black paint and added, "Kent, Conn."

Smith explained that when the box around the stairs was removed, they discovered the

word "BOUGHT" in red letters on the beam above. Once pelts had been bought, they may have been hung from that beam, from nails on the wall or more likely piled nearby on the floor.

The chalk mark that had stymied the restorationists for quite a while was the word "BAR" on the ceiling, which turned out to be the early spelling of bear, which were abundant in the 18th century. "We were discovering things all the time," said Gonzales.

A happy accident?

Although Seven Hearths was in dilapidated condition in 1919 when Nelson purchased it, the home was still unspoiled by drastic changes. Over the decades, the artist brought his beloved residence back to life, documenting the process, and his observations, along the way. Upon his death in 1978, he bequeathed Seven Hearths to KHS.

Were it not for Nelson's clues about the home's original bones and features, the pelt room may never have seen the light of day, say those involved in the restoration.

"Signs of it just managed to be preserved ... probably by accident after being covered up during a remodel," said Wigren. "The artist turned that area into a bathroom but wrote of what he saw in those words chalked on the beams, and someone went and looked for and managed to find them."

VISITING THE MUSEUM

Seven Hearths Museum is located at 4 Studio Hill in Kent and is currently open by appointment only by emailing curator Marge Smith at info@kenthistoricalsociety.org.

Reservations for Preservation Connecticut's 2022 awards ceremony in New Haven on May 4 honoring the Kent Historical Society may be made at www.preservationct.org.

FARM FUTURES

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to sell it locally in a sort of closed-loop farming pattern.

Innovative farming practices were also brought into the discussion. Dan Carr, Outreach Coordinator for Berkshire Agricultural Ventures and a Falls Village farmer, spoke of diversifying the landscape to enhance resilience, seeing deep tree roots as erosion preventers and introducing riparian buffers to protect waterways. He noted that black locust trees will feed the pollinator bees.

No-till farming is also coming into practice although all agreed that it takes time to configure the system of no-till drilling, disturbing the soil as little as possible.

"It all boils down to soil health and no-till is a way to get there," Carr said.

Joan Nichols, executive director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, an advocacy organization representing 2,500 farm families, spoke of year-round indoor farming as an alternative as the region deals with climate change.

Attention turned to discussion of waste management and increased participation in composting of food waste. King estimated that people throw away about 40% of what farmers grow. Horn suggested that there needs to be a way to make transportation to a composting facility more viable and affordable and she asked for suggestions.

Scale is the answer, King replied, calling for capital to be invested. People who build a composting facility need to know that they will receive the volume of food waste materials to make it work. To add a compost facility to

a farm, for example, you need demand for the service and the product.

Horn noted that people who have participated in the pilot collection program at the Salisbury/Sharon transfer station have been enthusiastic about it.

Freund's Farm has been a collection point, Horn said, adding that they have one of the first anaerobic processors in the state. Freund noted that her farm has been using it since 1997 to separate liquid from their manure, essential to making their CowPots.

"Resilience comes from good policy," Freund told the panel. "I'm optimistic and hopeful," she said.

Siller observed that land prices and lack of affordable housing prevent many younger would-be farmers from access to farming.

The panel was held on Zoom.

LACROSSE

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in the season.

"We've done a ton of work and have had a lot of practice on where our weaknesses were. I am feeling confident," said Bushey before the game against Watertown. "We've done a lot of work on defensive technique."

While the HVRHS defense deterred the initial waves of the Watertown attack, overthrown passes, missed catches and constant turnovers allowed the Warriors to set the pace of the game.

In the second half, the game snowballed in Watertown's favor.

The Warriors relentlessly found the back of the net with quick drives, sharp passes and ample opportunities from penalty shots. By the time the Mountaineers got on the board — a driving snipe from senior Maggie Raftery — the score was 5-1.

The Mountaineers eventually found their offensive stride with about 13 minutes left in the game.

Junior Catherine Bushey was the second Mountaineer to score, followed by a successful penalty shot by Raftery a few minutes later. Senior Josie Marks got on the board with 11 minutes left, cutting the deficit to 14-5.

The last Mountaineer goal came from Marks, who scored through traffic with eight minutes left.

But the Watertown lead was too much for the Mountaineers to overcome.

"Because we have so many new players, I'm a little more focused on the girls doing their best, working really hard and having a good time than I am with winning," said Bushey. "I want the girls to feel individually like they had success and then also work together as a team."

UKRAINE

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Anne Garrels spoke about her Ukraine fundraising.

Garrels spoke to an audience of more than 50 about the campaign and the new organization, Assist-Ukraine.org, at a public forum in the Norfolk Hub on Monday, April 11.

Her long career as an overseas correspondent provided her access to contacts that became invaluable in the effort to get high-end medical supplies, trauma kits, flak jackets and surveillance drones into Ukraine from border countries.

"The big issue now is that supplies are getting backed up in customs in surrounding countries," she said. "So we've moved to hand carry."

Her years overseas made it possible to find a translator and fixer in Warsaw to help get supplies to the border.

"I had contacts with key doctors in Lviv, Ukraine, who specified the kind of equipment needed."

Garrels said that an old friend of hers in Kyiv, Ukraine, has been distributing money coming from donations to local defense forces

for gas, food and flak jackets.

Garrels was one of more than a dozen Western journalists who remained behind in Baghdad, Iraq, and reported live on the 2003 Iraq War. In 2006, when Garrels did a story about a young girl whose father had been murdered in sectarian violence, she got an email from a man named Art Davidson, who said he wanted to help the girl and her family.

"For 16 years, Art Davidson has been supporting that young girl, who was then 9," Garrels said. The girl is now a graduate student at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, thanks to Davidson.

"What are we going to do?" Davidson asked Garrels this time. A friend of Davidson's, Heinz Coordes, who had been a fighter pilot in Vietnam, also signed up to form the organization, along with Irka Tkaczuk, a Ukrainian American.

Garrels also is the author of "Putin Country: A Journey Into the Real Russia."

BUDGET

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procedural shortcomings. He reported finding that inspections have been sporadic or non-existent, or not recorded properly. Building department forms are outdated, he said, falling short of what is currently required by state mandate to do the job.

The new software would add efficiency, reliability and accountability, Rondini said. "This is a need to bring everything up to requirements," he said.

"This system will pay for itself," he added.

A requested increase from the Parks and Recreation department seeking more funding for the program at the town pool was detailed. And residents spoke in favor of support for the library, the

Canaan Child Care Center and the history center.

First Selectman Charles Perotti noted that if a town organization did not send a letter to the town requesting a budget increase, then that organization was given the same amount as the previous year.

Perotti explained that some increases are explained by an 8% increase in medical and dental coverage for employees. Increased costs for municipal waste disposal at the transfer station are also part of the increase.

"The 9% increase [in town spending] seems excessive," said Nancy O'Connor, finance board chairman, repeating her concern voiced at previous meetings.

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Who Wrote the Bible and Why the Answer Matters

As a general rule, if you want to know who wrote a book, you can refer to the spine with more detail found just inside the cover.

Not so with the Bible, and yet it endures as one of the most widely read, consulted and even memorized resources there has ever been. Even Siri, the virtual wiz, says that the Bible was written by "Various." While that is technically correct, it seems vague.

The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., tackled the question by offering a program titled, "Who Wrote the Bible and Why the Answer Matters," on Sunday, April 10, led by local favorite Franny Tali-ferro, retired from the faculty at New York City's Brearley School, and her former 12th-grade student, Martien Halvorson-Taylor.

Both are part-time Cornwall residents.

Their conversation whisked their Zoom audience through millennia of history and scholarly inquiry. The program attracted 164, including a number of area theologians who kept the chat box flowing with off-stage debate.

Ancient storytellers numbering probably in the millions over generations and their honed stories continue to communicate profoundly with individual modern



BIBLE PHOTO FROM UNSPLASH

A lively talk by a Biblical scholar on Zoom last week explored the many facets and the complex origins of the Bible.

readers to lessen fears, shape lives and kindle hope, Halvorson-Taylor said.

Her talk focused mainly on what Christians call the Old Testament, although Amenia, N.Y., Rabbi Jon Heddon's entry into the chat box noted that the Jews do not call it the Old Testament nor do they call G-d by name.

The structure of the Bible has intrigued scholars over the ages, Halvorson-Taylor said. A case in point is Genesis, the story of the Creation in two chapters with differing approaches telling the same story, but likely to have been written in different times. A 19th-century scholar, Julius Wellhau-

sen, put forth the argument that the Bible was written over the course of centuries.

The dual narrative approach, she explained, is different from a linear narrative. Ancient storytelling (before writing was thought of) was circular, often repetitive. Those ancient storytellers were pre-literate, with each community of people modifying the stories at will.

"The old stories of the oral tradition were malleable, unrigid, fluid," Halvorson-Taylor said.

But, along came a new technology, the written word, viewed by many with suspicion about the change it would bring to the world.

Halvorson-Taylor likened the advent of writing to a technology in the way that the modern age viewed computers with alarm at first for the harm they might do

to society.

As scribes began to write these stories down on newly developed scrolls, these newly written words were memorialized for future generations, but they were also fixed and frozen in place, Halvorson-Taylor said.

The scribes had no sense of personal ownership of the product; they were merely conduits for the past to be preserved for the future, she added.

"We hear their voices because scribes fed from the old traditions, editing and reframing, trying to make them relevant to their day," Halvorson-Taylor said.

Offering an analogy, Halvorson-Taylor brought to mind the Zoom listeners' old family stories that have passed through generations, amusing or instructing younger generations and often repeated to define the experiences of lifetimes. Such family stories give a sense of origins and memories that we claim as our own to form an eternal past.

"We all make choices about which stories we want to retain and carry on, or forget," she said. "The Bible is a collection of such family stories."

The question of how those texts became sacred was posed by Tali-ferro. "Rabbis actively debated that question well into the Common Era and beyond," Halvorson-Taylor replied.

To contact Halvorson-Taylor directly and to learn more about her Audible course on the subject, go to www.WritingTheBible.org. The link also leads to her website.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

This year, Lime Rock Park will host several signature nonprofit events of the Northwest Corner, including Trade Secrets and the Scottish Round Hill Games, photo, above, with caper tosses, haggis and more.

NONPROFITS:
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Trade Secrets (and Tartans) This Year at Lime Rock Park

Although it has new owners now, the race track at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn., will continue and even expand its tradition of offering use of the track facilities for nonprofit fundraisers and other interesting activities.

TRADE SECRETS

This year for the first time, the Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale will be held at the track, on Saturday, May 14.

Trade Secrets is the wildly popular annual fundraising event for Women's Support Services.

Based in Lakeville, Conn., the agency supports victims of domestic violence throughout the region.

Founded by famed interior designer Bunny Williams of New York City and Falls Village, Conn., Trade Secrets comprises the plant and design sale on Saturday and tours of six significant gardens on Sunday.

This year, for the first time, the Saturday sale (and book signing by local authors including another famed

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
ARTIST TALK AND BOOK LAUNCH, April 27, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon. 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Poetry Reading Day, April 28.

The Salisbury Forum. Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org
THOMAS SHAPIRO, "Toxic Inequality," April 29, 7:30 p.m.

KIDS

Kent Memorial Library. 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
Earth Day Activity, April 22, 11 a.m.

NorthEast-Millerton Library. 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. www.nemillertonlibrary.org
Pollinator Garden Clean Up and Planting, April 23, 1 to 2 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
March of the Penguins, April 23, 11:30 a.m.; In Balanchine's Classroom, April 24, 1 p.m.

MUSIC

The Egremont Barn. 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com
Dead Man's Waltz, April 22, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Norfolk Library. 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. www.norfolklibrary.org
Performance: Ed Thorney Band, April 30, 6 to 7 p.m.

THEATER

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. www.centerforperformingarts.org
Shakespeare in Love, April 22 to May 8.

Warner Theatre. 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org
Bug, April 9 to 24.

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Photographer Rebecca Bloomfield has collected stories and photos around the world (including from Stefano in Italy above, and the staff and volunteers at a shelter in Torrington, Conn., below) for her collection, "So, Are We Gonna Talk About It?" Bloomfield herself is gonna talk about it in Falls Village, Conn., on April 24.



Pandemic Tales, in Words and Photos

The pandemic isn't really over yet, and so photographer Rebecca Bloomfield's study of pandemic tales (in words and photos) is ongoing.

But the Northwest Corner resident will give a showing of where the work is at, on Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m. at the D. M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn.

Bloomfield's project is called "So, Are We Gonna Talk About It?" and it is supported by a grant from the Connecticut Office of the Arts.

Bloomfield will talk about the project, which has so far taken her to Italy and Ohio, as well as Connecticut, to conduct interviews.

After her talk, the audience will be invited to break into pairs or small groups to share their own pandemic tales.

"There is value in looking back," Bloomfield believes. "Not to wallow or prevent us from moving forward, but for our collective processing and healing of this era."

The project so far can be seen online at www.soarewegonnataleaboutit.com. Learn more about Bloomfield and her work at www.rebeccabloomfield.com.

For more information about the library, go to www.HuntLibrary.org or call 860-824-7424. The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village.

— Cynthia Hochswender



PHOTO BY MARION ETTLINGER

Singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant opens the Kaatsbaan season with a concert June 3.

NATALIE MERCHANT CONCERT ON JUNE 3

Hudson Valley, N.Y., resident and Bard College alumna Natalie Merchant will return to Tivoli, N.Y., for the opening soiree for the 2022 season at Kaatsbaan Cultural Park.

Merchant, who was the singer of the popular band 10,000 Maniacs, will perform at the concert and dinner on June 3 at 6 p.m., which will also feature author/caterer Mary Giuliani.

Kaatsbaan's summer festival begins the following day, June 4 and continues to June 19 with music, dance and poetry.

The June 3 dinner and concert is limited to 100 guests; tickets range from \$500 to \$1,500 per person.

For more on the summer festival and the June 3 event with Natalie Merchant, go to <https://kaatsbaan.org/festivals>.

...Lime Rock Park events *Continued from previous page*

interior designer, Matthew Patrick Smyth, of New York and Salisbury, Conn.) will be held at the track.

Historically, it has always been a bit of a challenge to park and the vendors have always been a little bit squeezed together. In a COVID world, the track offers the event (which attracts patrons from literally all across America) a way to spread out a little.

For details and ticket information (and to volunteer to help out during the two-day event) go to www.tradesecretsct.com or call 860-364-1080. Volunteers work for a scant few hours and get free admission to the sale and the garden tours.

THE GREAT COUNTRY MUTT SHOW

Trade Secrets is truly glamorous. The Great Country Mutt Show to benefit the Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall, Conn., is the variation on glamour known as "camp."

This year's Big Day for Dogs will also be held at Lime Rock Park, on Sunday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beloved pooches (and many of the contestants



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A highlight of the annual Highland Games at Lime Rock Park is the kilted pipers. This year Lime Rock also hosts Trade Secrets in May.

will be former residents of the Little Guild) compete in categories such as Cutest Carry-On, Sweetest Pair of Dogs, Best Ears, Waggiest Tail, Best Paw Shake, Best Trick, Most Unidentifiable Mix, Dog That Looks Most Like It's Owner, Best Senior and Best Lap Dog Over 40 Pounds.

Adding to the kitschy fun this year will be a fashion show judged by Michael Musto, whose name will be familiar to anyone who lived and loved the nightlife in New York City in the 1980s. His co-judge will

be Mickey Boardman, a writer and now fashion designer who is known by the sobriquet "Mr. Mickey."

To register and for more information, go to www.littleguild.org.

THE HIGHLAND GAMES

A third event, and my particular favorite, is an event that is less glamorous and more earnest — and a boatload of fun. The Scottish Round Hill Games will return to Lime Rock Park on Sunday, June 26.

Competitions start at 8:30 a.m. in categories

that are best described as "throwing very large rocks," "throwing heavy weights attached to heavy chains" and "throwing large pieces of wood that look like telephone poles."

Not all the competitors are Scottish; these events are unexpectedly diverse. But everyone wears a kilt.

Silly events include a kilted run around the race track; the clog race; the Rolling Pin Toss for Ladies; and the Haggis Toss. If you don't know what haggis is (yet), then you should definitely go to the games, which have been held for 99 years and have been at Lime Rock for about a decade. There are many vendor booths, including food trucks that sell haggis and other, edible food.

Musicians play throughout the day and there are demonstrations of Highland dancing.

Most moving are the eerie and beautiful pipe band competitions that are held throughout the day, with the final contest at 3:30 p.m.

Learn more at www.rhhg.org and on Facebook at Round Hill Highland Games.

And of course the auto race season officially begins at Lime Rock Park on Memorial Day weekend. Learn more at www.limerock.com.

VIEWS OF BLUES IN TREMAINE GALLERY SHOW

The Tremaine Art Gallery at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., presents a group exhibit of 17 artists that will be on view from Sunday, May 15, through Friday, June 17. A reception, free and open to the public, is scheduled for May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. Visitors must wear masks and bring proof of vaccination.

The exhibit highlights participating artists' diverse responses to the color blue and borrows its title from Robert Frost's poem "Fragmentary Blue."

Exhibiting artists include Cynthia Alberto,

Mandy Cano Villalobos, Rosa Chang, Nancy Cohen, Ann Conrad-Stewart, Joy Curtis, Beth Dary, Grace DeGennaro, Valerie Hammond, Tate Klacsmann, Jordana Munk Martin, Caitlin Parker, Sarah Pettitt, Beau Bree Rhee, Dora Somosi, Alyce Santoro and Janis Stemmerman.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. but visitors should call ahead to confirm opening hours. For more information about the exhibit, call 860-435-3663 or go to www.hotchkiss.org/arts.

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EDITORIAL

Thanks for saving the next trees

There are few things in life as final as the cutting of a tree. Once it's done, there is no going back. The only way to have the benefit of the presence of a tree in the same location is to plant one and wait years for it to come up to the size of the original one.

That fact has never been clearer in this region, maybe since so many of the Cathedral Pines in Cornwall succumbed to tornado activity in 1989, as when about 100 oak and pine trees were removed by the state of Connecticut at the end of 2021 and the beginning of this year in Cornwall's Housatonic Meadows State Park. (See the story last week by Editor John Coston, and multiple other stories in previous coverage.)

Thanks go to all those who stepped up to make the state accountable for its actions, which resulted in too many healthy trees being taken from an area that is a beloved destination for local nature lovers as well as visitors from outside the region. The local people who came out to protest the actions of the state DEEP have produced results. The legislation proposed by state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) described by Coston last week will make a difference for future trees at risk if it makes it through the legislature and is signed by the governor. Miner believes it has full bipartisan support.

The group Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action made their voices heard in a way that got the attention of Miner as well as state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64). Because of this, the legislation has teeth and will make a real difference to the environmental oversight in the state's natural habitats and recreational areas. Thanks to all those who raised their voices for bringing their wide expertise in environmentalism to bear to keep the state honest in future proposed cuttings.

At a time when climate change is wreaking enough havoc on our surroundings, there is no excuse for any governmental agency being careless its stewardship of any part of the natural world. While the legislation is not in time to save those trees taken in Cornwall, at least it will protect others, and it will, with the help of the Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action group, provide support for restoration in the park.

It is enough to give Connecticut hope that there will be more responsibility and accountability in any remediation of wooded areas throughout the state moving forward.

Time to say thanks

Friends and neighbors, I invite you to take time on Thursday, May 5, to celebrate the 71st National Day of Prayer as it has been proclaimed by our presidents. We are in perilous times. I am sure you would agree with me that the daily listening, reading or watching of the news causes you to pause. It does me.

President Biden and others in authority daily face the moment-by-moment events which require careful decisions for our nation and the world. For our president, our state and our local community, we invite you to come and celebrate the 71st National Day of Prayer.

There are several gatherings in the Northwest Corner

for you to attend: in Cornwall 8 a.m. at the flagpole on the Green; in Falls Village noon on the Town Green; in North Canaan 5:30 p.m. under the pavilion across from McDonald's; in Sharon noon on the Green; and in Salisbury 6 p.m. at the War Memorials next to the Salisbury Town Hall (if inclement weather in the Salisbury Congregational Church).

At each of these celebrations, your neighbors will pray for our churches, businesses, schools, government, military emergency service and media. You are welcome at all of them. Let's find time to pause and say thanks together as a community.

Marie Barnum
Salisbury

Local environmental work will pay off

Thank you for your excellent article updating people on the revisions to Hazardous Tree Policy (Bill 117) and the upcoming restoration of Housatonic Meadows State Park. Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action is a new group of concerned citizens who assembled to address the loss of trees and the upcoming restoration of the park. It is indeed a showcase for Connecticut's parks, (in July 2021 heralded as Connecticut's premier park by Outside Magazine) and contributes extraordinary value to our regional recreation, economics and environmental education.

There are other established organizations working in coordination and in partnership with the Connecticut DEEP to ensure an appropriate restoration plan. They are Housatonic Valley Association, Sharon Audubon, Housatonic River Commission, Trout Unlimited and Berkshire Litchfield Environmental Council.

Both Conservation Commissions in Cornwall and Sharon are also represented. We are proud that this alliance of local environmental organizations is stepping up and working for the best outcome. Thank you again.

Katherine Freygang
Cornwall



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Blossoming tree

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rebuttal to opposing letter writers

Democrat letter writers to The Lakeville Journal have been largely silent for 15 months on the subject of Joe Biden's myriad mistakes and gaffes since becoming president.

You'd hardly know that inflation, crime, border crossings, supply issues, gas prices and everything else have skyrocketed to crisis stage under Biden.

The left still prefers to vent only about Donald Trump, as they've done nonstop for six years with tirades and talking points gleaned from CNN, MSNBC and other liberal outlets. It's a nice diversion from Joe's woes.

But just mention Biden's blunders, along with the left's own Trumpian assaults on democracy, and they're in high dudgeon. Like local opponents of affordable housing, they fabricate all sorts of arguments to turn away the threat.

Thus Willard Wood and Joe Geraghty accuse me of peddling fake Fox News talking points. Geraghty wonders why the dialogue can't be nicer. Craig Toensing chips in with a snide little letter, juvenile and derogatory,

no substance whatsoever.

Mr. Wood claims that his news source, The New York Times, produces the correct first draft of history by a "sober sifting of evidence," while the source he falsely ascribes to me is just "political diatribe."

Such is the left's self-aggrandizing: simply proclaim their sources true and the other side's false. Then they win automatically.

Gretchen Gordon doesn't claim to know what channel I'm watching, but she insists the left is innocent of Trumpian crimes.

We'll see. Special Counsel John Durham may yet prove that the Russia collusion hoax was akin to Watergate. The "fact-sifting" Times pushed that anonymously sourced dossier of dirty tricks for years.

The Times also led the politically motivated spiking of the Hunter Biden laptop story, all of which was true in my opinion and may implicate Joe.

The Times finally acknowledged the laptop 17 months late in the 24th paragraph of a report. That's too late for even a tenth draft of

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — April 1922

LIME ROCK — Mr. Walter Boardman spent Sunday with his mother in Sheffield.

ORE HILL — T. Robertson Jones has commenced work on his house. John Garrity is doing the mason work.

LIME ROCK — Ezra Wolf has a new car.

Mr. Luther Stubblebean who has been head farmer for Mr. G.G. Thorne has resigned and returned to his former home in Chatham, N.Y.

Adv.: House for Sale. House and corner lot in Salisbury formerly occupied by the late Mrs. Frederick D. McNeil. Price \$3800, \$1800

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50 years ago — April 1972

Members of the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission toured the proposed site of a new Hartford Electric Light Co. permanent substation Wednesday afternoon with company officials in preparation for a decision on the HELCO application. This followed a heated public hearing Tuesday night in which property owners in the vicinity of the proposed site on the east side of Indian Mountain Road at the Sharon line condemned the plan and urged that HELCO be compelled to look elsewhere.

Local conservationists were alarmed this week by the threat of a four-lane interstate highway stretching from central Vermont, across Massachusetts and into Connecticut along Route 7. The inclusion of Route 7 in the interstate plan now appears to be a mapmaker's error, but four-lane expansion of both routes 7 and 8 south to the Connecticut border remains a real possibility.

Opening day of fishing season at the Town Grove was marred by a pre-dawn altercation which resulted in injuries to a visiting fisherman and the arrest of two local men. The men, from Canaan and Lakeville, were charged with third-degree assault, second-degree burglary, fourth-degree larceny and second-degree criminal mischief. The charges grew out of the alleged beating of a West Hartford man who was waiting in line for the gates to the Grove to open. According to spectators, the man was asleep in his camper about 2 a.m. when the two local men reportedly bumped into the vehicle with their car. When the owner emerged to see what was happening, he was allegedly beaten by the other two.

"Ice out" at last on Lake Wononscopomuc! That's the word this week from George Milmine of Lakeville, lake-watcher-in-residence, who has been reporting on the state of the ice annually since 1949.

Litchfield County showed a total of 764 farms in the 1969 Census of Agriculture, according to figures released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the

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Mark Godburn
Norfolk

Gratitude to Rotary

We have hearts full of gratitude for all the wonderful Rotarians and volunteers who came here last Saturday and cleaned up our yard. New friends made and a wonderful day. Thank you!

Molly and Jerry Hardy

Amesville

We still need to beat COVID together

Many are now vaccinated, boosted, and probably to be boosted again.

While less threatened with hospitalization or death from COVID, we know and read about people in our own situation who are contracting COVID. The news reports that COVID cases in the Northeast are rising and that a surge may be around the corner.

As COVID cases rise, government mask mandates drop. Should one continue to wear a mask? Can one feel comfortable around another who is not wearing a mask? Are there any respectable mask guidelines? Or, is everyone on their own to draw their own red line?

Some facts highlight the questions. All masks are not the same, do not protect the same person (i.e., wearer or other) and do not offer the same protection. The Food and Drug Administration distinguishes between face masks (which provide source control, meaning they help prevent people with COVID from spreading the virus), barrier face coverings (which provide source control and some particulate filtration), surgical masks (which provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials but are not respiratory protective devices), and respirators such as N95s (which filter 95% of airborne particles).

If you want to protect oneself to the maximum extent possible, wear an N95, which provides 95% filtration of airborne particles. But you are still not safe. If the person sitting 4 feet away from you in a movie theater is fully vaccinated and boosted but has asymptomatic COVID, your own N95 is filtering 95% of the contagion in the air, but 5% is still

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Viewpoint

The U.S. Supreme Court's long road to embracing diversity

Three weeks before the 1980 presidential election, Republican Ronald Reagan promised to make history by appointing the first female justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Jimmy Carter, his opponent, said it was a terrible mistake to promise to appoint any particular kind of American, thereby denying consideration to all those other highly qualified people. Republicans thought it was a swell idea.

Forty years later, Democrat Joe Biden promised to make history by appointing the first Black female justice to the Court. Republicans thought it was awful to intentionally deny all those other highly qualified people — white men and women, Black men, etc., etc. — consideration. Democrats thought it was a swell idea.

It's remarkable how our two, not so great political parties can alter strongly held views with changing times or changing power.

Like most things governmental, the question of the Court's makeup started with George Washington. The Father of Our Country worried about individual states having undue influence on the Court and decided he should limit appointments to one justice per state. This wasn't easy because there were only 13 states for a while and once you got past Virginia, Massachusetts and maybe Pennsylvania, there wasn't an unlimited supply of highly qualified white, male Protestant types around.

Abigail Adams, the before-time spouse of Founding Father John, memorably exhorted her husband and his fellow founders to "remember the ladies" while forming

the new nation but the other guys figured that was just the 18th century equivalent of pillow talk and wondered why Adams couldn't control Abigail.

With women not permitted to vote in the 18th, 19th and first decades if the 20th centuries, their ascension to the highest court in the land or, for that matter, the lowest, was never an issue. We didn't have a female justice until women had been voting for nearly 60 years but things have been a bit better in recent years with as many as three women on the court at the same time.

Harry Truman is the first president I was able to find who seriously thought about naming a woman to the Supreme Court but he was talked out of it by some of his old buddies on the Court. They told Harry a woman's presence would severely limit the delightfully informal — or bawdy — nature of the justices' man to man deliberations.

During all the years of same sex justices, the Court did look like the rest of American men — except for men who weren't white, Protestant Nordics.

President Andrew Jackson did make an exception in 1836 when he made Roman Catholic Roger Taney a justice but don't give Old Hickory praise for striking a blow for religious freedom. Taney was strictly a crony, a loyalist who had served in three posts in the Jackson cabinet.

Taney did become a long serving chief justice, remem-

bered for some important decisions but mainly for the Dred Scott case in which a slave had sought freedom because his owner had moved

him into several states where slavery was illegal. The Court's 7-2 decision, written by Taney, ruled Scott, like all other slaves, did not enjoy any American citizenship rights and privileges.

The decision contributed to the coming Civil War and one legal scholar, Bernard Schwartz, believes it "stands first in any list of the worst Supreme Court decisions."

His Catholicism never appeared to be an issue. However, Taney left the Court in 1864: There wouldn't be another Catholic appointee until the 1890s and a grand total of just six of the 101 men on the Court until O'Connor came along in 1980.

Since then, Catholics have been popular appointees for both Democratic and Republican presidents, but especially Republicans.

Jewish justices have been scarcer. The first Jew on the high court was a highly celebrated legal scholar, Louis Brandeis, appointed by Woodrow Wilson in 1916 over strong opposition.

For nearly a century, there was rarely more than one Jew on the court at any time but recently, before the death of Ruth Bader Ginsberg, there were three: Ginsberg, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan.

Ethnic minorities have fared even worse in the pursuit of a Court that looks like America. Sonia Sotomayor

is the only Hispanic/Latina ever appointed to the Court unless you count Benjamin Cardozo, a Sephardic Jew whose people can be traced to Portugal.

Until Antonin Scalia joined the Court in 1986, there were no Italian-Americans; the current Justice Samuel Alito is only the second. There have been no justices of Slavic or other eastern European heritage and no members of religions other than Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

Which brings us to today, or, more accurately, to the day after tomorrow when Stephen Breyer steps down and is succeeded by Ketanji Brown Jackson.

On that day, the Court will have an extraordinary seven justices who were or are Catholic. (Justice Gorsuch was born and raised Catholic but currently attends an Episcopal Church without specifying his religion and Clarence Thomas was born and raised Catholic, became an Episcopalian, then became a Catholic again. Justices Roberts, Alito, Kavanaugh, Barrett and Sotomayor are lifelong Catholics. Justice Kagan is currently the only Jew.)

That leaves the brand new Justice Jackson with a second distinction. She is not only the first and only Black female justice. The nondenominational Protestant Jackson is the only avowed Protestant left on that formerly all male, all Protestant Supreme Court of the United States.

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IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigration is not a dirty word

"If the current birth rate, which is the lowest in the major developed countries, continues, there will be no Japanese. Who will pay the enormous debt?" *Jim Rogers*

Japan has the world's oldest population and highest rate of people over 100. By 2040, the elderly in Japan will account for 35% of the population placing a major strain on a country with a 1.4 birth rate and restricted immigration. Japan exhibits an unsustainable demography — a shrinking workforce increasingly supporting citizens 65 and older.

Japan along with most of the developed world faces a "demographic time bomb" — shrinking and imbalanced populations as national birth rates steadily decline and far right precepts of immigration's evils are front and center in elections: culture, ethnicity and color are the drumbeat of Orban in Hungary recent election, Le Pen campaigning now in France and Trumpites in the US always.

In the midst of the horrors inflicted on Ukraine by Putin's Russia — intentional decimation of towns, cities and civilians — Poland accompanied by much of Europe (not Hungary, not Serbia) are welcoming, providing for Ukraine refugees. The death toll and exodus of millions have created yet another crater for Ukraine in recovery. Ukraine, pre-Putin's wrath and war crimes, had Europe's lowest birth rate, 1.3. Post their victory over Russia, the Ukrainians will not only need to rebuild their infrastructure and dwellings, it will need to rebuild its depleted population, reclaim its citizenry from other nations.

Putin's wipe-the-country-empty-of-resistance-to-his-will criminality is beyond perhaps even his idol Stalin. Yet Putin's Russia, regardless of the outcome in Ukraine, has a severe population problem — its low birth rate is currently strained with the emigration of young talent seeking life beyond a brutal tyrant.

Bjorn Borg, tennis legend, appeared decades back in a Swedish TV ad urging Swedes to have more sex to up the nation's falling birth rate, yet in 2022, Sweden's population is still declining. Immigration — welcoming persons from other nations with birth rates exceeding 2.1, the replacement level, is a significant population solution if fraught with the difficulties of acceptance and integration. In 2015, Sweden was the most receptive European country to refugees of middle east wars.

Globally immigration is a masked issue potentially leading to economic and social decline. Of course, immigration in the US is a high-octane issue rife with politicking, unpassed legislation, steep, often ugly resistance and resentment of

cultural and color differences. With a birth rate of 1.7, the US is a nation dependent on immigration. Much as immigration is cast as a villain for the US immigration is a safety net for prosperity and sustenance. The US has leveraged immigration over decades to fill a range of positions, fill employment holes, offer talent, enhance innovation. Immigration has more than four letters and is not a dirty word.

"A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in. And how many want out." *Tony Blair*

Sharon

We still need to beat COVID together

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through to you. During a two-hour movie, that may be enough to infect you. Now, if your neighbor is also wearing an N95 mask, that mask is filtering out 95% leaving 5% of the contagion for you. Your mask does its job on the 5% remaining from the neighbor's mask, and now only 0.25% of the contagion gets through to you (0.05 x 0.05 = 0.0025 = 0.25%).

Thus, a simplistic statistical analysis confirms what we already knew instinctively — wearing masks protects the community at large, not just the person wearing the mask.

COVID, vaccinations, boosters, testing, and masks are probably with us for quite a while. We have to figure out how to live with all five without going crazy.

Health care institutions have their own regulations, and local school boards are now liberated to decide.

What should the rest of us do? Like churches, garden clubs, bridge clubs, camera clubs, book clubs, charitable organizations, historical associations, meetings of political parties, and all varieties of our associations in civil society? We do not want governmental mandated instruction of what to wear over mouth and nose. But?

I personally accept that I should have a supply of N95 masks to wear around others, particularly when the sign at an entrance diplomatically reads something like:

"Please wear a mask to protect both yourself and others." Makes sense to me. Beating COVID is up to us. We must win this fight together.

Sharon

G. A. Mudge

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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Census, a part of the department's Social and Economic Statistics Administration. In the last previous Census of Agriculture (1964) the number of farms reported in the county was 925.

Music Mountain in Falls Village, the setting for the chamber music concerts by the Berkshire String Quartet for the last 42 seasons, is described in a new book being published by the National Geographic Society as one of the most pleasant diversions on the Appalachian Trail, according to Dr. Elbert Gross, president of the Music Mountain Board of Managers.

Charles Bragg, vice president of Northeast Utilities, told the Canaan Exchange Club Tuesday night that Connecticut can expect a power crisis within the next few years. "The energy crisis is very real," he said. He told club members that the state can expect rationing of electricity by 1974 or 1975, with 1978 through 1980 being a very difficult period for the power companies.

The Falls Village Planning Commission agreed Monday night that selectmen should initiate "Phase Two" of the search for a new town landfill site. The current landfill probably "can't last past fall," according to First Selectman Miles Blodgett. "Phase One" of the dump site search ended abruptly in mid-winter when negotiations on a site owned by the Hollenbeck Club broke down. "Phase Two" is the phrase officials use in referring to their hunt for a second-choice site.

25 years ago — April 1997

CORNWALL — The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved a controversial Cornwall Bridge gravel mine special permit Monday with several conditions after a nearly three-year process marked by heated debate. Jacqueline and Kenneth Strobel of FSB Associates won hard-fought permit approval to reopen a Route 7 gravel pit on their Cornwall Bridge property in the town's dual-use industrial/residential zone. The Strobels plan to excavate 47,500 cubic yards of gravel from the four-acre site over a two-year period and restore the area with grass seedings and other landscaping improvements within one year after the operation ceases. FSB Associates is unsure how or if it will proceed with the reopening of the gravel mine once operated by Rocky River Associates, Mrs. Strobel said this week. "Nobody really won in this," she added. "James Taylor got a lot of publicity though."

SHARON — Paley's Market, The Good Earth Farm on Route 343, will observe its 15th anniversary this weekend and next from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A groundbreaking for the market's garden center will be held this weekend.

A recent change of hands at Canaan Pizza was a subtle one. But the real surprise for many who walk through the door is that the new owner's face is a familiar one. After the 13-year tenure of Peter and Cleo Roussis, the Railroad Street business' founder, Michael Kasimis has bought back what he started in 1981. It has been a winding road back for Kasimis, who took over March 1, this time with his son Chris as a partner.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. Go to www.scovillelibrary.org to find more news archives going back through local history. Click on "Downloadable libraries" to find the archives.

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With spring finally here, the downside is that ticks are now also active. To ensure that your yard is safe, there are a number of steps to consider. The first is to understand their life cycles and what can be done as a homeowner for prevention. The CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven has published the Tick Management Handbook filled with valuable information. This can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html. Happy to also email a PDF upon request. Additionally, there are landscaping companies that offer spraying of your yard for ticks. Finally, Bob Villa has an interesting review of the different types of sprays that a homeowner can apply and which ones are safe for pets and children, please see: <https://www.bobvila.com/articles/best-tick-sprays-for-yard/>.



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Our Towns

Bear raids family's rabbit crates

By John Coston

WEST CORNWALL – Christi Bodwell looked out the window on Tuesday, April 12, and noticed one of her rabbit crates in the yard. Then she saw that the rabbit shed door was open. She grabbed her phone and texted her son. “There’s something wrong with your bunny barn,” she wrote.

Keith and Christi Bodwell live in a wooded setting off Cream Hill Road and occasionally have seen a bear this year, but this time was different. When they looked inside the portable garage where they keep their rabbits, they saw the aftermath of the break-in: cages ripped open and feed and water bowls scattered.

There was no sign of their

eight rabbits, just some bear scat left behind.

Eventually they found two of the rabbits alive near the house, two others were found dead without any marks and two more were found in a mangled state. Bodwell borrowed a Havahart trap from a neighbor in hopes that the two missing rabbits can be recovered.

Connecticut DEEP officials have told the Bodwells in the past to consider an electric fence as a defense against the bears and to sprinkle ammonia around the property. Meantime, the Bodwells are being cautious. Their two surviving rabbits now are in the basement and their six children, ranging in age from two to 15 years, have whistles when they are out in the yard.



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Bear left topsy-turvy crime scene in a West Cornwall family's portable garage after a raid on rabbit cages.

Sharon voters approve equipment-loan payoff

By Leila Hawken

Voters unanimously approved expenditures endorsed by the Board of Finance at a sparsely attended town meeting on Thursday, April 7.

In addition to approving the town's financial statement for the year that ended June 30, 2021, voters agreed

to spend \$14,000 from the Capital Non-recurring fund to replace the Pavilion roof at Veterans' Field.

Voters also voted to spend up to \$425,210 from the Undesignated Fund to pay off three equipment loans held by Salisbury Bank.

The meeting was held at the Town Hall.

Spring Artisan Market Returns to Salisbury May 7

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