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'Long push' for Wild and Scenic status resurfaces with Congressional clout

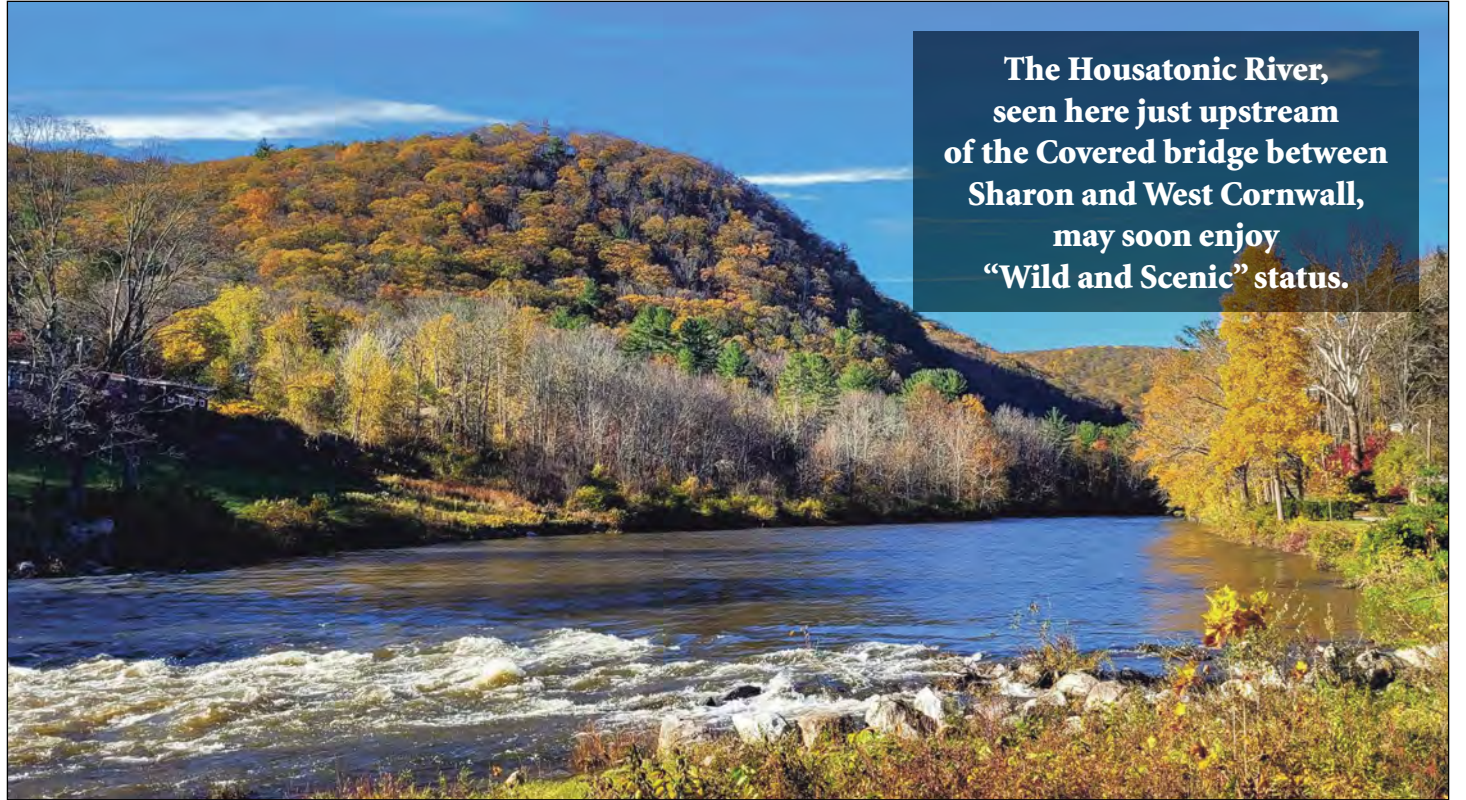
By Debra A. Aleksinas

CORNWALL — Referred to as a “national treasure” by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), a 41-mile stretch of the Housatonic River may finally get its due in 2022 if it is designated as a Partnership Wild and Scenic River.

The Housatonic River's bid for the Wild and Scenic designation has weathered several decades, administrations, iterations and a global pandemic. But this time, say those who have built the case for protecting the river and keeping the movement afloat, the Wild and Scenic status is within reach.

“We have the backing of the state and every town,” along the stretch, said William Tingley of Sharon, who is chairman of the Housatonic River Commission (HRC), in an interview in early March. “It's been one long push and we

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The Housatonic River, seen here just upstream of the Covered bridge between Sharon and West Cornwall, may soon enjoy “Wild and Scenic” status.

PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Region One

Why North Canaan's assessment is so high

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Last week the Region One Board of Education approved a proposed spending plan of \$16,665,968 for fiscal year 2022-23 and sent the plan to an online public hearing on Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m.

The spending plan represents a 3.99% increase in spending, or \$639,968.

Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick noted at the time that the increase in North Canaan's assessment (\$745,476) is higher than the total increase in spending.

The Region One budget has three component parts: Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Pupil Services (which includes special education), and the Regional Schools Services Center (RSSC, which includes the superintendent, assistant superintendents and business office).

The share each of the six Region One towns is assessed depends on how many students each town sends either to the high school or has in programs that come under the aegis of Pupil Services or the RSSC.

As these enrollments change from year to year, so do the assessments for the towns.

For example, in the 2014-15 fiscal year, the changes in assessments by town were: Canaan/Falls Village, \$95,401; Cornwall, minus \$41,302; Kent, \$143,208; North Canaan, \$320,503; Salis-

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Bantam wins by a nose — or, make that a hose

By Lans Christensen

CORNWALL — Only two teams competed in this year's downhill slalom Firefighters Ski Race, the 11th to be held at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area.

But the volunteer firefighters from Bantam and Morris, Conn., both put on a spirited, friendly head-to-head competition on a sunny Sunday, March 13, the day after a snowstorm brought several inches of new wet snow to the region.

The race was held on the top third of the Arrowhead

run; the “giant slalom” consisted of seven gates.

The teams were made up of five skiers, all dressed in firefighter “turnout gear” and carrying a 50-foot firehose.

Each team completed three runs; the winner was the team with the fastest time.

The teams cheered each other heartily. Bantam won in the end, by a narrow margin.

That's not to say that Morris lost — in this annual race, there are only winners, enjoying themselves on a crazy new challenge.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Volunteer firefighters from Bantam and Morris took part in the Firefighters Ski Race at Mohawk on March 13.

The good, bad and hopeful about invasive insects

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Growing populations of invasive insects and the harm they pose to local forests drew a crowd to a Zoom talk co-sponsored by four local organizations on Saturday, March 5. This talk was the first in what will be a series of talks and events in the coming months.

“Impact of Invasive Insects in Connecticut Forests,” drew 67 online participants — and lots of questions afterward.

Rob Clark, a research scientist affiliated with the Great Hollow Nature Preserve and Ecological Research Center in New Fairfield,

The one thing that common forest ants do really well is to pick up those wildflower seeds and deposit them in a spot where they will grow well and produce new plants to adorn the forest.

Conn., presented the program sponsored by the Cornwall Conservation Commission, Cornwall Conservation Trust, Cornwall Association and the Cornwall Library.

Clark's topics included how to identify and discourage the toehold on local forests and back yards from such pests as the hemlock-loving woolly adelgid;

the gypsy moth that hit plague levels last year (and which has undergone a name change); the devastating emerald ash borer; the spotted lanternfly; and further afield to the presence of tree diseases, no less lethal.

But most are good

But there are also the good insects that promote healthy forests. A virtual early spring walk

along a nature trail in a local forest proved the point for viewers. The majority of a forest's insects are beneficial to the forest's ecosystem, Clark explained.

For example, wildflowers produce seeds and some of those seeds offer a sweet coating that is attractive to a particular type of black ant, the scavenger *aphenogaster*, abundant in numbers in most forests and arguably the most common insect in the U.S. For short, they are called the common forest ant, highly beneficial and of good reputation. They don't eat plants; they scav-

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Three-day forecast

Friday Cloudy, high 55°/low 43°
 Saturday Rain, 52°/41°
 Sunday Cloudy, 48°/36°

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.

Accident on icy road

On March 5 at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox registered to Avis Budget Car Rental and driven by Brian Keith Howell, 41, of Bixby, Okla., exited the roadway and struck a boulder, rolling over on the passenger side of the vehicle. Howell sustained a cut above his right eye. He was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the proper lane.

Domestic dispute

On March 6 at approximately 4 p.m., Troop B responded to a report of a domestic dispute between two tenants in an apartment building on Millerton Road in Salisbury. Charles Wrobel, 57, of Salisbury was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 7.

Accident on icy road

On March 9 at approximately 7:30 p.m. on North Elm Street in North Canaan a 2007 Chrysler PT Cruiser driven by Deah Duskey, 19, of Hobbs, N.M., lost control on the ice-covered roadway and struck a SNET utility pole. Neither Duskey nor her passenger, Zachary Xavier Flint, 19, of Montverde, Fla., sustained any injuries. Duskey was issued a verbal warning for traveling too fast for the conditions.

Accident on icy road

On March 9 at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Main Street in Salisbury a 2001 Honda Civic driven by Alexander Thomas Kovacs, 17, of Sharon lost control and began sliding sideways on the snow-covered road into the opposite lane. The sliding Honda struck an oncoming vehicle, a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Matthias

Richard Davis, 35, of North Canaan, which attempted to swerve out of the way. Kovacs was transported to Sharon Hospital and later Connecticut Children's Hospital for serious injuries.

Struck a guardrail

On March 9 at approximately 3 p.m. on Bunker Hill Road in Cornwall a 2014 Dodge Durango driven by Clotilde Joly, 31, of Stanfordsville, N.Y., lost control while braking for a slowing vehicle ahead. The Dodge struck the wire rope guardrail off the side of the roadway. Joly was found at fault and issued a written warning for traveling too fast for the conditions and failure to maintain the proper lane.

Accident on icy road

On March 12 at approximately noon on Millerton Road in Salisbury a 2006 Kia Optima driven by Sadie Pearl Grusauski, 20, of Kent lost control on the icy roadway and struck a utility pole. Grusauski was issued a verbal warning for traveling too fast for the conditions.

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.

Sharon Center students raise funds for pets

SHARON — After the Dec. 31, 2021, passing of actress Betty White, Sharon Center School Student Council members decided to carry on her legacy and raise money for The Little Guild animal shelter in West Cornwall.

The Student Council hosted a penny drive, called "Pennies for Pets." Elementary students were asked to bring in spare change; middle school students engaged in a "penny war."

The event was successful, and the Student Council handed a check for \$283.31 to The Little Guild.

—Lilly Barnett

Apply for arts tuition aid

FALLS VILLAGE — Applications for the Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship (CVAS) are now available.

Graduating seniors at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) who are committed to pursuing a degree in fine art at a four-year college or university are encouraged to apply. The student must have attended HVRHS for two consecutive years upon graduation.

The CVAS provides substantial financial support to the awardee by contributing \$80,000 to the university of the student's choice. This award is dispersed over four years in an annual amount of \$20,000.

Applications can be obtained by speaking with your art teacher, film teacher, or counselor. Materials will be reviewed by the scholarship committee, and candidates will be contacted later this spring.

Deadline for submittal of the application is April 29, 2022.

Kindergarten registration

Families with children born in 2017 should call their local school to register for kindergarten.

For the Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, contact the school office at 860-824-7791 to be placed on list for registration.

Salisbury Central School kindergarten pre-registration for the 2022-23 year is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 6.

Call Pat in the school office at 860-435-9871 to schedule an appointment.

Sharon Center School kindergarten registration is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29.

Join Rotary for a cleanup day

Rotary Club of Salisbury will do an environmental cleanup in the towns of Falls Village, North Canaan, Cornwall, Salisbury and Sharon during the annual Rotary Day of Service on April 9.

Members of the Salisbury club, students from The Hotchkiss School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School, community leaders and other

volunteers will clean up trash from areas along the Housatonic River, Mudge Pond and area roads in the town of North Canaan.

Anyone who wants to join this or other area projects on that day can go online to www.RotaryDayOfService.org and click on the Find Your Town Project; then the club will be in touch to provide more details.

Scholarships in health care

The Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association now has two new scholarships for health-care professionals, managed by the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation.

The SVNA Educational Enrichment Program Scholarship supports current health-care professionals seeking to expand their knowledge and capability within health care (with the exception of pre-med). Three \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded annually. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years. Recipients must currently be working in health care and demonstrate financial need. The application deadline is April 1.

The SVNA EMT/EMR Scholarship is an educational assistance program designed to provide scholarships for

Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Response certifications, as well as other employment related health-care certifications, up to \$1,000 each. This program is designed to support individuals beginning or elevating their careers in health care. The EMT/EMR scholarship is a rolling open invitation with no close date.

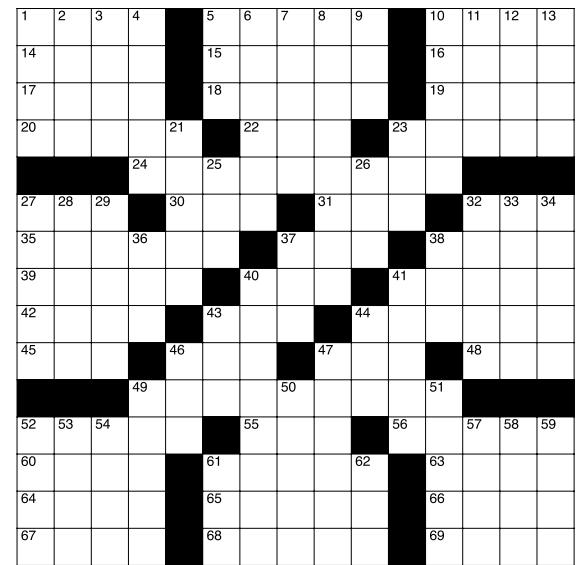
Eligibility for these scholarships is restricted to individuals who reside in (or who is a dependent of someone who resides in) the towns of Canaan/Falls Village, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and Warren.

For more information, and to apply, go to www.northwestcf.org/scholarship-applications.

Brain Teasers

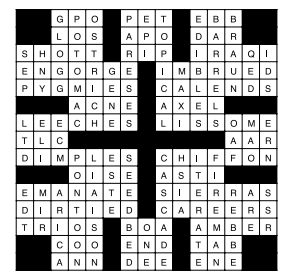
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- Type of footwear
- Studies a lot all at once
- Adventure story
- Hundred thousand
- Former U.S. Vice President
- Ruler
- Indian city
- Similar
- Ship as cargo
- Volcanic craters
- Boxing's "GOAT"
- Bullfighting maneuvers
- London soccer team
- Score perfectly
- No (Scottish)
- SoCal hoops team (abbr.)
- Woman (French)
- Unwanted attic "decor"
- Peter Griffin's daughter
- Broad, shallow crater
- Large instruments
- Low bank or reef
- ___ and Venzetti
- Oil group
- Father
- Aggressive men
- Pairs well with green
- Travelers need it
- Digital audiotape
- Midway between northeast and east
- Chemistry descriptor
- S. China seaport
- Sound unit
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Thick piece of something
- Spa town in Austria
- Boyfriend
- Norse personification of old age
- Type of box
- Tie together
- Fiber from the coconut
- Chicago mayor
- Old English letters

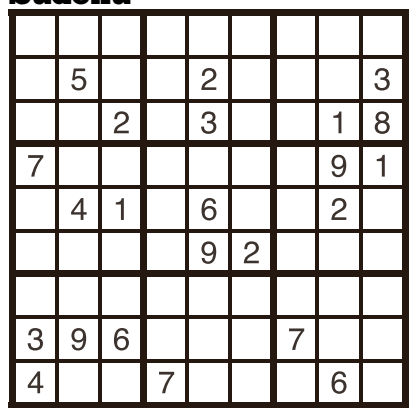


- Arabic given name
- Music awards
- "The Immoralist" author
- Area units
- Units of loudness
- Political action committee
- Bar bill
- Witch
- A theatrical performer
- 2-door car
- ___ and flowed
- Papier-___, art medium
- City in Georgia
- Irregular
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- Angry
- Partner to cheese
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- Self-immolation by fire rituals
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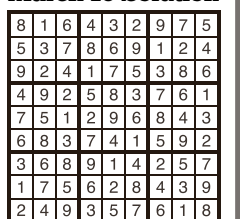
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Ways to Keep Sharon Hospital Whole

National Rural Healthcare Initiatives

These times require boldness.

Connecticut needs to adopt some of the rural hospital initiatives being utilized around the nation ... in Utah, New Mexico, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, Missouri, Alaska, Kentucky, Maryland, Indiana, Montana, Texas, West Virginia, Vermont, North Dakota, to name a few.

- ❖ Local elected officials should lobby Maria Horn, Craig Miner, and the CT state legislature, to do what was done in Georgia. Their state legislature created Georgia Heart Hospital Program which provides state income tax credits in amounts equal to donations to rural hospitals.
- ❖ With the help of Governor Lamont and CT Assembly, UCONN Medical School can follow the lead of the University of Wisconsin at Madison Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, which created the nation's first rural obstetrics and gynecology residency. Last year, there were 200 applications for the one rural residency position — evidence of high interest in the program.
- ❖ The federal Office of Rural Health Policy created the RMOMS (Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies) grant program in 2019. States have used this money to create ways to keep their women safe, their future safe.
- ❖ Working with a \$20million war chest, The Foundation for Community Health (FCH), the conversion foundation formed when Sharon Hospital became for profit, has a responsibility and fiduciary duty to support these and other programs whose aim is to preserve hospital services in the Sharon Hospital service area.

And what are corporate leaders at Nuvance Health doing to save our hospital?

From their board room surrounded by their lawyers and PR staff, they have analyzed the heart and lungs of our hospital and found where and when to strike to optimize their liquidation plans. They carefully crafted power point presentations displaying their technical and legal prowess at manipulating CT regulations to suit their whims. Most disappointingly, Nuvance Health leadership has offered Sharon Hospital nothing more than cowardice, proving themselves untrustworthy and incapable of the jobs for which they are so smartly paid.

No more destruction.

Computer screens and an ER do not a hospital make.

Labor and Delivery (the heart) and ICU (the lungs) must remain at Sharon Hospital.

Contact ALL your elected officials.. Town, State, and Federal ... anyone who wants your vote.

Rip out this page, suggest these ideas to them.

Tell them we want them to boldly fight for our hospital to remain whole.

OBITUARIES

Juanita Mae Benson

DOVER PLAINS— Juanita Mae Benson, 93, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, passed away March 10, 2022, at Danbury Hospital.



Born on Oct. 30, 1928, in Troy, Kan., she was the daughter of the late Veda (Farrington) and Beauford W. Grant.

Mrs. Benson attended Poughkeepsie High School. On Oct. 14, 1950, in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., she married Douglas A. Benson, who predeceased her on Jan. 6, 1997.

Mrs. Benson was an avid gardener, loved to crochet and was a very accomplished seamstress. She was a member and Past Matron of the Eastern Star, Dover Chapter. She was also a member and Sunday School teacher at Dover Plains United Methodist Church and more recently a member of the Crossroads Church of the Christian & Missionary Alliance in La-Grangeville.

Mrs. Benson is survived by four daughters, Wanda Calabro and her husband, John, of Dover Plains, Linda Acken and her husband, Robert, of Dover Plains, Veda

Gardner and her husband, Russell, of Kansas City, Mo., and Lori Couture and her husband, Joseph, of Dover Plains; and a son, Alan D. Benson and his wife, Lorraine, of Pine Plains.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Benson was predeceased by two brothers, John F. Grant and Beauford E. "Sonny" Grant; and a grandson, Rob Ryan Acken.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads CMA, 1807 Clove Road, La-Grangeville, NY 12540.

For directions or to send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Alice (Winchester) Muzynski

RHINEBECK — Alice (Winchester) Muzynski, 93, formerly a longtime resident of Millerton, died peacefully on March 2, 2022, at the Meadows in Rhinebeck, N.Y.



Alice was born on March 31, 1928, in Sharon to the late Louise (Barrett) and Milo Winchester.

She attended schools in Highland, Millerton and Pine Plains before graduating in 1946.

She then went on to attend the Krissler Business Institute in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., from 1946 to 1947.

Although Alice had an extensive professional career that spanned nearly 50 years, she often mentioned how one of her favorite jobs was working as a bank teller, especially meeting Richard Chamberlain the famous actor who played Dr. Kildare.

On June 10, 2000, she married Edward J. Muzynski Jr., who survives at home. Alice will forever be remembered for her love of family, her friendship with Buddy the ruffed grouse, camping in Copake Falls and Rhode Island, summers on Mount Riga, and sewing — which she learned as a little girl from her cousin, and all the many counted cross-stitch pictures and personalized family Christmas stockings she made.

In addition to her husband, Alice is survived by her sister, Jean Kleinhomer;

three children, Susan Perotti (Robert), George Beckwith (Lenice), Linda Rowland (Jess); and five step children, Carolyn Hart (John), Joan Muzynski-Dupree (Arthur), Amy Muzynski, Elizabeth Means (Bruce) and Douglas McKenzie (Linda); 19 grandchildren and

14 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by two husbands, Roger Beckwith and William McKenzie; her brother, Milo Winchester Jr.; and brother-in-law William Kleinhomer.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. A private burial will take place in the spring at the South Amenia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rhinebeck Fire Department, Ambulance Fund, 76 East Market St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572; or to The Amyloidosis Foundation, 7151 N. Main St., Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346.

To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

SPORTS

Housatonic loses in quarterfinal

By Hunter O. Lyle

COVENTRY — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls basketball team was eliminated 40-25 by No. 3 Coventry High School in a quarterfinal game Tuesday, March 8.

In the first two rounds of the tournament, and playing at home, HVRHS beat Vinal Technical High School 41-15 on Tuesday, March 1, and Windsor Locks High School 39-32 on Friday, March 4. For their matchup against Coventry, the Mountaineers could not rely on home-court advantage.

"We were very ready to go in the Windsor Locks game," said senior Sydney Segalla. "In this game we started off with a lot of turnovers and bad shots. We just came out a lot differently than we usually do."

The Mountaineers struggled from the start, both in scoring opportunities and

with foul trouble. Senior Tori Dodge, known for her scrappy defense and rebounding as well as her efforts on offense from behind the arc, picked up multiple fouls early and had to be moved to the bench.

The game then snowballed in favor of the Patriots, who kept the Mountaineers at bay with their consistent shooting. By the end of the half, the Mountaineers had scored only 5 points. By the end of the game, they finished with 25 points, the lowest all season.

"I think it was a little bit of inexperience on our side," said head coach Steve Dodge. "I think the pressure got to some of us."

Despite the loss in the semifinals, there were plenty of milestones in the Mountaineers' season.

On Monday, Jan. 31, Segalla became the 11th athlete to make Housatonic's 1,000 point club. Reach-



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Ally Celik, a sophomore, prepared to drive against Windsor Locks during the Mountaineers 39-31 win on Friday, March 4.

ing a total of 1,183 points, she ranks fifth overall for points in program history. Both Segalla and Dodge received Berkshire League All-League honors, with Segalla making First Team All-League and Dodge earning a spot on the Second Team All-League. Also this season, coach Dodge reached his 100th victory, and now

sits at 104 wins.

Along with Segalla and Dodge, Emma Crane, Josie Marks and Mackenzie Ongley are the rest of the seniors who have played their last basketball game as a Mountaineer.

"I'm very proud of us as a team. We worked hard," said Segalla. "I'm happy with how it ended."

Housy teams wrap up eventful winter season

By Anne Macneil

FALLS VILLAGE — The 2021-22 winter sports season at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) saw the return of a regular season including state tournaments and, at the very end, a return to mask-optional play.

The ski team had all races at Mohawk Mountain, which is their home mountain. While the team was small with only five racers, HVRHS had the number one racer in the league with Greg Meindl and the best female racer in the league with Melody Matsudaira. Rounding out the team were three first year racers, all who showed great promise.

Due to COVID-related issues, the swim team swam all their meets away. Despite this the team had nine swimmers qualify for the Berkshire League championship. The relay team of Lola Moerschell, Mia Bayer, Caitlin Sorrell and Zoe Gillete finished third in the girls 200-yard Medley Relay and in the 4x50-meter freestyle relay. Mia Bayer went on to win bronze in the girls 100-yard breaststroke. This year, the league held Splish, a female-only meet held the week before the league championship. Zoe Gillete took third place in the 100-yard butterfly, Mia Bayer finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

The ice hockey team prac-

ticed and held home games at the Stockdale Rink at South Kent School. The team was led this year by senior captain Colin (Zim) McAuliffe, Sam Hoyt and Landon Good. Sophomore Cole Mollica led the team in scoring. McAuliffe, Hoyt and Mollica were named to the Nutmeg League All-Conference team. McAuliffe was also awarded the Hobey Baker Award. The team won the coveted Berkshire Cup for the 15th year in a row over rival Shepaug with 6-2 and 5-4 wins. The team, ranked No. 16, faced the No.1 team Edwin O. Smith High School/Tolland High School in the first round of the Division III State Tournament. The team played hard but ended up losing the game. The team is coached by Dean Diamond and Chris Bellanca.

Under new coach Kurt Johnson and with a roster dominated by seniors for much of the season, the boys basketball team progressed from playing a few good minutes at a time to developing a reputation for playing hard, and finished with a handful of close games. This ultimately resulted with the first win in over two years in a game played at Gilbert. The team was led by seniors Russell Sears with 10 points per game, Harry Schopp with 7 points and 10 rebounds per game, Austin Bayer with 7 points and 5 rebounds per game, Ethan Fenn with 6 points and 5 rebounds per game, and Xan Hedheli with

8 points and 6 rebounds per game. At one point in the season (due to various reasons) the varsity team was down to only four players from the initial roster of 16 and had to rely on our junior varsity players Jesse Bonhotel, Sam Marcus, Jacob Marcus and Aiden Miller to step up and fill gaps.

The girls basketball team finished the season with a 14-5 regular season record and 2-1 in tournament play. HVRHS was ranked No. 6 in the state tournament (Class S) and advanced to the quarterfinals. The team saw some big wins during the season,

including an overtime win at home against Northwestern and a win at home against Windsor Locks in the second round of the state tournament.

Senior Captain Sydney Segalla became a member of the 1,000 point club, finishing the season with 1,183 points. Senior Captain Tori Dodge finished with a season high of 29 3-point shots, and coach Steven Dodge won his 100th game at home on Senior Night.

Anne MacNeil is the Region One athletic director. She oversees high school and middle school sports.

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FALLS VILLAGE — The Hunt Library will host a Zoom class on vegetable gardening with Adamah CSA farmer Janna Siller on Tuesday, March 29, at noon. Attendees can register at www.huntlibrary.org, on the library's Facebook page, or by calling at 860-824-7424.

Our Towns

Selectmen consider future of NC river access site

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The state has said it is waiting for North Canaan town officials to make a decision on whether the former Masonic Hall on the shore of the Housatonic River will become a public access point to the water.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the matter at their regular meeting on Monday, March 7.

Following a report from Tim Abbott, representing the Housatonic River Association (HVA), the selectmen agreed to hold a special meeting devoted to the Masonic property, scheduling it for Monday, April 4, beginning at 6 p.m. in advance of the regular selectmen's meeting that will begin at 7 p.m.

Abbott reported that the state is waiting for the town to decide about use of the 2-acre site, presently categorized by the state as "closed and untended." The state is proposing a long-term lease agreement with the town.

First Selectman Charles Perotti said that one concern of the selectmen is liability. He would like the state to take joint responsibility. Also, the existing brown, single-story building would have to be remediated.

Further questions concerned finding staff to lock and unlock an access gate daily, remove trash and provide general maintenance for the six months or so that the area would be open.

Abbott offered the HVAs help with problem solving.

Abbott is also the new chair of the North Canaan Planning and Zoning Commission. He said that offering access to the river at this site could bring visitors to town who might

support local businesses.

River access has been a problem in recent years in many towns, especially Kent and Salisbury. Out-of-town visitors swim in rough, fast parts of the river near the waterfalls; there have been several drowning deaths.

The visitors also often leave trash and debris and create parking problems by leaving their cars along narrow roads, blocking access for emergency vehicles.

This North Canaan access point could help alleviate some of the pressure on those other, unofficial river access points.

Selectman Christian Allyn suggested inviting HVA Executive Director Lynn Werner and Watershed Conservation Director Mike Jastremski and others to the April meeting.

Selectman Craig Whiting said that he would like to hear a proposal from the HVA, who would then make a report to the selectmen and the town.

MIRA rates are decreasing

The selectmen voted unanimously to seek Board of Finance approval to purchase a Volvo loader at a cost of \$136,332. "We have the funds," Perotti said, citing the recent sale of town land. The expense is not coming out of the general fund, he added.

Perotti also reported that the town had received a notice from MIRA indicating that trash disposal rates have come down as towns have signed on. The tipping fee has reduced from \$116 per ton to \$111 per ton. Perotti felt that the town will need to raise the fees at the transfer station.

"It's still going to be expensive," Perotti said, estimating that the town discards about 1,000 tons of municipal waste each year.

Town budget shows a 4.2% increase now

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen met Monday, March 7, to discuss the use of federal pandemic relief funds, to appoint members of the new Conservation Commission, to discuss the town budget plan for 2022-23, and to honor retiring town crew chief Rodney Webb.

First Selectman Curtis Rand provided a list of expenditures of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The town has received about \$500,000 in ARPA funds, and expects about \$500,000 more in the second round of payments.

Rand said the funds are being expended on the following: Town Hall HVAC upgrades, \$50,000; Town Hall technology upgrades to allow for better remote

meetings, \$50,000; support for nonprofit organizations, \$50,000; \$100,000 for the plan for the Pope property; \$50,000 for a bypass pump for the town water and sewer system; and \$180,000 for a new hydraulic lift at the town garage.

Salisbury is getting a new Conservation Commission with five members and two alternates. Rand provided the background: In October 2020 the town adopted an ordinance that split the Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission into the current Inland Wetlands Commission (which has significant regulatory authority) and a separate Conservation Commission, which is advisory.

Rand said the ordinance gives him the authority to appoint the new commission, and listed the following members for approval: Maria Grace, Tom Blagden,

Lee Potter, Zack Sadow, and Susan Rand (who is married to Curtis Rand).

A member of the public suggested Susan Rand be appointed as an alternate to avoid controversy. Selectman Don Mayland said he thought the suggestion "ridiculous" and moved the list of appointees.

Selectman Chris Williams seconded, and the motion was carried 2-0, with Curtis Rand abstaining. (Rand said he would take the suggestion under advisement.)

The board discussed the second draft of the municipal budget plan for the 2022-23 fiscal year (which was presented to the Board of Finance on March 3).

A property tax increase seems likely.

"Right now draft two of our budget is a 4.2% increase, and that is without salaries," said Rand.

Final budget proposals from the selectmen and school board will be made to the Board of Finance Tuesday, March 22.

Williams briefly addressed some critiques he's received in regard to the new website for the town. "I disagree with them entirely," he said, adding that he is confident that residents will find the website easier to use and with more resources than before.

Farewell and thanks to Webb

Finally, the board thanked Rodney Webb, current chief of the Salisbury town crew, for his many years of service to the town. Webb will be retiring on May 5.

"It's been a pleasure working for the town for 44 years," Webb said in his retirement letter, which Rand read aloud.

"He's devoted his life to the town," Williams said.

Sharon town budget plan shows 2.04% rise

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — After multiple budget workshops that scrutinized each expense line, the Board of Selectmen approved the final draft of a proposed Sharon budget for the 2022-23 year at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8.

Carrying a 2.04% increase in net expenditures, the proposed budget was scheduled to be presented and detailed at the Board of Finance regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, beginning at 6 p.m., after this issue went to press. The meeting was scheduled to be held in person at Town Hall and on Zoom.

The proposed budget anticipates total expenditures of \$4,330,454, an increase of \$86,383 (2.035%) over the current year.

Selectman Dale Jones said he was pleased with the net bottom line and Selectman Casey Flanagan termed the increase "reasonable."

"We focused on being sure that employees' wages kept pace with the market and also kept up the equipment replacement fund," Flanagan added.

With no bids having been submitted for a project to renovate Community Hall in response to the town's request for bids, the selectmen agreed that Parks and Recreation could contact local contractors directly to attract proposals for the project. The bid process is intended to provide a cost estimate to guide decisions on details of the work.

Sharon Classic May 7
The Sharon Day Care Cen-

ter's Sharon Classic road race is on for Saturday, May 7, but with a new route planned. Stacy Hudson, representing Sharon Day Care, reported that the race will begin and end at Veterans' Field. Departing from the town garage driveway, runners and walkers will proceed to the tavern and turn left to proceed to the Millerton Road for a short distance. They will make a left onto Mudge Pond Road, turn onto Drum Road and return to Veterans' Field.

Responding to the selectmen's initial concerns about safety for those participating in the race, First Selectman Brent Colley explained that the new route has fewer miles along state roads and that by using Veterans' Field there

will be more space for race day activities for children and adults. The race has traditionally started and ended on the town Green.

To ensure safety, Hudson

added that more route signs will be posted and that the Sharon Fire Department will provide volunteers to help with traffic control in places where the road narrows.

Lasagna take-out night

FALLS VILLAGE — The eighth-grade class at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village is selling lasagna dinner tickets for \$15 for adults and \$8 per child, for Friday, March 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The snow date is Saturday, March 19.

Meals can be picked up at the Falls Village Emergency Center on Route 7 South in Falls Village.

The takeout dinner includes a choice of meat or vegetarian lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

All proceeds will benefit the eighth-grade class trip to Boston, Mass. Raffle items will be available the night of the dinner.

Cash or checks should be made payable to LHK Class of 2022 for all purchases. For more information, call 860-824-4851.

Overeaters Anonymous meets weekly at Trinity Episcopal

LIME ROCK — Compulsive eaters and those suffering from compulsive food behaviors are invited to a new weekly meeting of Overeaters Anonymous beginning Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road/Route 112.

Overeaters Anonymous is not a diet club. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop

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It's not over (yet)

Photographer Lans Christensen optimistically titled some photos "Last snow of the year ... maybe" when he sent them to us on Thursday, March 10. They showed farm and forest scenes from Kent, including the one above. Of course, new snow fell on Saturday, March 12, just as the Thursday snow was beginning to melt. It's all still lovely — and doesn't discourage hopes that spring will be here soon.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Curtain opens at HVRHS March 17

Choreographer Amber Cameron worked with the cast of "Into the Woods," a production of the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society, at a rehearsal March 2. The show opens Thursday, March 17.

Salisbury WW2 vet featured in 10th Mountain documentary

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A documentary miniseries about the 10th Mountain Division's role during World War II in Italy is in production.

And Salisbury resident Edward "Nick" Nickerson is a big part of it.

Nickerson was pleasantly surprised to receive an email from an 18-year-old Italian, Luciano La Valle, inquiring not just about the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, but Company G of the 85th Infantry.

This was Nickerson's unit — and the unit of John D. Magrath, the division's only winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor (awarded posthumously).

In a series of emails, La Valle explained why he focused on Company G (edited slightly for clarity):

"I wanted to deepen everything by studying all the various actions undertaken by the division.

"Then I found the story of John Magrath and in turn the story of the company. John Magrath was killed on April 14, 1945. He was the only soldier in the entire 10th Mountain Division to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II.

"After John Magrath, I went ahead with my research

and found most of the stories about the other members of the company.

"I was struck by the history of this unit, by the sacrifice of many young and good guys."

Asked how he found Nickerson, La Valle replied:

"The first time I heard about Nick was when I read the book 'The Last Ridge' [by McKay Jenkins]. In April 2021 I was able to get in touch with him thanks to someone who knows him. I'm in touch with another veteran of Company G, his name is Raymond 'Ray' Johnson. He and Nick are the only remaining veterans from Company G."

The 10th Mountain Division Foundation is taking donations for the project. The foundation's website describes the goal of the miniseries:

"The objective is of a historical and cultural nature; it is mainly aimed at passing the story on to young people of the new generations so that it remains alive, fixing in images the memory of the past through the personal memories of veterans.

"The project is also a tribute to all those who fought and gave their lives for our freedom, especially the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division during World War

II."

Nickerson was delighted by La Valle's inquiries.

When The Lakeville Journal dropped into Noble Horizons for a visit a few weeks ago, Nickerson said he was naturally pleased that a young person in Italy was interested in the story of the division.

But Nickerson is also a veteran journalist, and his antennae went up.

"I think this is a hell of a story," he said.

For more information, go to the foundation website at www.10thmountainfoundation.org (click on "news"). There is also information at www.10thmtdivdesc.org (click on "news").

Audubon seeks volunteers in Sharon

SHARON — The Audubon Center in Sharon is hosting two virtual open houses to explain volunteer opportunities.

They will be held on Zoom on Friday, March 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Audubon is seeking trail stewards, who can "adopt" and maintain a trail at the center by clearing away woody debris, ensuring consistency of trail markers, and alerting the land manager of any fallen trees across the path. Trail Stewards are expected to walk their adopted trail on a weekly basis for at least three months and report their maintenance and observations to the land manager.

No prior experience is necessary.

Volunteer gardeners are also needed to help with weeding, composting, planting and other tasks in the Pollinator, Native Plant, and Nature Center garden spaces. Volunteers need to commit to a weekly schedule for at least three months.

Foundational botanical and/or ecology knowledge are helpful. Prior experience is also helpful, but not necessary.

Housekeeping and hospitality volunteers would help with light housekeeping inside the Audubon Center and would greet visitors and ring up purchases at the store. Workers must commit to a

weekly shift of a minimum of three hours, for at least three months.

To receive the Zoom link for the open houses, contact Volunteer Coordinator Bethany Sheffer at bethany.sheffer@audubon.org.

Also on tap at Audubon is the annual Maplefest on Saturday, March 19, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., with educational short walks to the sugar shack.

Syrup and other maple-themed products are for sale at the center.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (2 and under free.) Wear warm clothes and boots, as the entire tour is outdoors and trails are often muddy or snow covered.



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WILD AND SCENIC

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are now running into the end zone.”

The commission was established in the late 1970s as a regional planning board responsible for monitoring and advising Northwest Corner towns on issues involving the river.

What it means

to be ‘Wild and Scenic’

The intent of the National Wild and Scenic River System is to protect outstanding rivers from harmful effects of new federal projects such as dams and hydroelectric facilities. In order for a river to achieve the designation it must be free flowing and have at least one outstanding natural, cultural or recreational resource value, such as fisheries and wildlife, exceptional scenery, cultural resources or water quality.

A river’s designation into the national Wild and Scenic System ensures protection of river resources and comes with federal funding to support conservation efforts.

A Partnership Wild and Scenic River, which is the designation proposed for the Housatonic, is a subset of rivers in which collaboration between local governments, watershed groups, the National Park Service (NPS) and other stakeholder groups allows local communities to protect their own river and river-related resources.

River advocates said the status can also benefit individual towns through management plans and studies required to qualify for consideration and increases the likelihood of support funding and matching grants.

A push from

Congressional delegates

In mid-February, U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) visited Kent, one of the seven towns situated along the 41-mile segment of the river from the Massachusetts border to Boardman Bridge in New Milford.

The state lawmakers sought local input on legislation they drafted affecting the river towns of Canaan (Falls Village), Cornwall, Kent, Salisbury, North Canaan, Sharon and New Milford. Murphy also backed successful efforts to have two segments of the Farmington River designated Wild and Scenic.

Only four rivers in Connecticut have achieved the federal status: the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook, the West Branch of the Farmington River, the Eightmile River Watershed in Haddam and the Pawcatuck River Systems in Stonington.

As of early March, the Housatonic River legislation was “being reviewed internally by the U.S. National Park Service,” said Liz Lacy, community planner and river manager for that organization. Should NPS approve the application, it faces one final hurdle in Washington, D.C.

“It depends on how long it takes Congress to bring it up and decide on it,” said the NPS official, who also assisted the Farmington River group. Could 2022 be the year the Housatonic earns its designation? “It’s definitely a possibility,” she said.

A look back: decades of challenges

In order to appreciate the latest legislative push and the efforts that have brought the Wild and Scenic designation within reach of the Housatonic, one must look back on the challenges, and the vast, collaborative effort among the veteran river advocates.

Tingley recalled a period in the late 1970s when the National Park Service paid its first visit to the Housatonic to consider it for possible in-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Crowds of people seeking relief from the heat — and COVID-19 — ignored regulations prohibiting swimming and picnicking at the Housatonic River in June 2020.

clusion in the Wild and Scenic System. “At that time the Act itself was not particularly user-friendly,” he said. Five years earlier, advocates across the nation successfully built the case for protecting rivers and the Wild and Scenic River Act became law.

The Housatonic’s original proposal focused on a stretch of river from the Massachusetts border to the Shepaug dam, said Lynn Werner, executive director of the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). “The federal Wild and Scenic Act dealt well with rivers where there were a lot of federal land holdings already, but not so well in New England,” where private property dotted the rivers.

While the NPS found the section of the Housatonic to be worthy of Wild and Scenic designation, the federal program lacked answers for landowners concerned about federal overreach, recalled Werner.

“It was fertile ground for people to be afraid” about losing control of their property to the government. “So the attempt established on our river and Massachusetts kind of went down at the time,” she said.

From 1978, HVA and the river commission worked in tandem to keep the river designation afloat and educate the public on what it means: that it is a tool in the toolbox of protection; and what it doesn’t mean: that the measure would allow federal control over the Housatonic and that it is an anti-energy project.

Then came turbulent times. The 1980s brought years of distractions and delays, including a failed plan by Iroquois Pipeline to cross the Housatonic River in three places and proposed construction of a “Super 7” freeway project impacting Route 7 in New Milford.

But about a decade ago, she said, the quest for Wild and Scenic status was back on the front burner.

‘It can’t take care of itself’

There are two routes to designation, one through Congress and the other through the state. Congressional designation leads to federal funding, but the Housatonic River Commission backed the state application first time around to avoid federal strings attached to the funding.

Werner said river advocates at that were mainly concerned about protecting the Housatonic against major threats. Then, more delays:

“The federal administration changed, COVID hit and our section of the river was inundated with people. Access blew up. People were coming here from all over.”

Housatonic River access sites that traditionally served a few intrepid fishermen, she said, were flooded with visitors. “It quickly became clear that a river corridor was a valuable asset that serves the recreational needs of different interests,” said the HVA official.

Overuse without adequate oversight and infrastructure, said river advocates, is a threat to its health. “This river is a public resource and that means that you have to take responsibility for it,” noted Werner. “It can’t take care of itself.”

‘A different tack this time

Fast forward to February 2022, and an updated direction and application brought forth by HVA and HRC, with the blessing of its coordinating committee which includes two representatives from each of the seven communities, NPS, DEEP, HVA, FirstLight Power Resources and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

“I reached out to our partners across the state, and we switched our approach and proceeded with a partnership design” via the Congressional route, said Werner, who invited lawmakers Murphy and Hayes to speak at the recent Kent forum. “We felt we would have more resources and more direct help from the National Park Service, and that maybe we should explore that option.”

Gov. Ned Lamont has endorsed the river group’s revised approach. “Although initially proposed to the Department of the Interior in 2016 by then Governor Dannel Malloy as a state administered Wild and Scenic River under Section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, river circumstances have changed and I believe that congressional designation as a Partnership Wild and Scenic River is the best approach for Housatonic River management and protection.”

Werner said the designation will be an economic driver for local businesses and that decisions affecting the river, and disbursement of federal funding, will be made “100 percent locally by the towns and whoever wants to be at the table.”

Management Plan update

Tingley said the Housatonic River Commission will soon be updating the 2006

Housatonic River Management Plan to reflect current and future management goals for the river.

It was time to “get the ball rolling again,” he said. “Once we had been made aware of how much the river could benefit” from Congressional backing and additional funding “we changed our tack, with support from the state, and we are now on track to be nominated by our federal elected officials. There is zero downside and a huge amount of upside.”

Tingley expressed confidence that with the added layer of protection from the federal status, the Housatonic River will be protected for future generations.

“We’ve come a long way. People aren’t throwing refrigerators and sofas over the banks anymore. I think the river being Wild and Scenic will give people a lot of pride, and it gives the river its proper due.”

ASSESSMENT

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bury, minus \$140,443; Sharon, \$332,463.

In the 2017-18 budget, the changes in assessments were: Canaan/Falls Village, \$56,789; Cornwall, \$106,333; Kent, \$15,800; North Canaan, \$149,599; Salisbury, \$92,063; Sharon, minus \$137,512.

In the 2019-20 budget, the changes in assessments were: Canaan/Falls Village, \$279,144; Cornwall, minus \$142,459; Kent, minus \$44,634; North Canaan, \$10,814; Salisbury, \$43,914; Sharon, minus \$146,177.

So fluctuations in assess-

INSECTS

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enge among the forest’s leaf litter layer. These are not the black ants that enter homes and self-invite to picnics.

The one thing that they do really well is to pick up those wildflower seeds and deposit them in a spot where they will grow well and produce new plants to adorn the forest.

“We don’t notice them because they are just doing the work,” Clark said.

Yet some are devastating

The dastardly invasive insects are found at the other end of the popularity spectrum, although the designation of an insect as good or bad, is a human measurement, Clark said.

The most destructive insect in the state at present is the tree-killing Emerald Ash Borer.

“They are a problem,” he said of the ash borer. “This insect is here and doing damage, and it has been here for years with no natural enemies.”

Latent insect pests go through cycles, but do no real damage, Clark said. For example, the lesser maple spanworm will create pinholes in some maple leaves without causing lasting harm.

Birds and other natural predators provide reasonable control of the insect populations. Healthy forests and healthy plants also discourage pests.

The hemlock woolly adelgid has been destroying hemlocks for more than 70 years. Clark noted that some years are good, with little damage; in other years the damage is significant.

Cold winters can help

Mild winters bring on a significant outbreak, he ex-

plained, but a cool, shady ravine can offer protection.

Climate change is a factor. Tree health is boosted by a cold winter.

The insect formerly known as the gypsy moth, dating back to 1900, has a new name: spongy moth. They first got the new designation in Quebec and in France; the name has now been adopted in the U.S. The word “spongy” describes their egg masses deposited on tree bark and wood. They are wholly different from tent caterpillars.

Spongy moths are especially drawn to oak trees. An oak tree can survive an infestation for two consecutive years. Any longer, the tree probably will not make it.

Expect to see the spotted lanternfly, coming this way from China as it pursues its favorite Tree of Heaven, used widely as an ornamental. It is also partial to vineyards and is now attracted to walnut and sycamore trees.

Some good news: the Asian longhorn beetle is being controlled successfully by quarantine.

After a stint at Washington State University, Clark has returned home to his native Connecticut to pursue entomology research with a home base at Great Hollow Preserve. He now works as an independent scientist for nonprofit organizations and private groups, also encouraging citizen science along the way.

A “tree health hike” at a Cornwall Conservation Trust property is being planned between April and June; Clark will lead the live tour. To view the video from Saturday’s talk, go to www.cornwalllibrary.org.

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FOOD: LEILA HAWKEN

Having a Frank Talk About The Art of Beautiful Food

Restaurant owner Frank Way joined his friend, food stylist Frances Boswell, for a chat on Zoom about food that is both beautiful and delicious — as meals are likely to be at Way's new West Cornwall, Conn., restaurant.

Way was the owner of frank.food in Kent, Conn., until the pandemic. He is now working on a new restaurant in West Cornwall that is likely to open in May.

Sponsored by The Cornwall Library and hosted by Jane Bevans, the conversation happened on Sunday, March 6. For those who missed it, a video is available on the library's website at www.cornwalllibrary.org.

The infectious conversation between Way and Boswell drew 65 Zoom participants, who had the chance to look at the new frank. food site (still being renovated) overlooking the Housatonic from the West Cornwall side. The restaurant will be in the carriage house of the building known for years as The Pink House (although at the moment it is a creamy light yellow).

Way and Boswell worked together at Martha Stewart Living for years, and now are pleased to be back together as Cornwall neighbors.

Boswell's life has always maintained a thread of a connection



PHOTO BY FRANCES BOSWELL

Food stylist Frances Boswell, who created this still life with asparagus, chatted with her friend and fellow food professional, Frank Way, on Zoom.

with food. She always loved cooking, from a young age.

But she had no experience in television production when Stewart asked her to take on a television cooking show. Although none of the food experts working on the show had any idea how to make a TV production, somehow it all worked out.

"That's how life is," Way interjected. "You just figure it out."

That was something of a theme in the conversation between the two friends: Life throws you opportunities, and sometimes you just have to reach out and catch them.

"I have always said

'yes' to opportunity," Way said.

Way first came to Kent as a weekender, but soon found that he was spending more and more time here. He was working for several large companies as an expert on "branding," and found he could do much of his work from The Country.

Although he had no experience as a professional cook, a friend invited him to open a small business in a retail space she owned on Main Street in Kent. He called it frank.food, not just because his name is Frank but also because he liked the idea of food that was sincere, open and honest.

The restaurant did

well for three years, even when the pandemic made indoor dining impossible. He laid off most of his staff and started doing take-out dinners — and was so successful at it that he was spending about 75 hours a week cooking.

He eventually gave it up, and was then invited to open in the Pink House carriage house by the property's new owner/developers.

Way used his laptop computer to give a walking tour around the future restaurant space, noting the river view from the outdoor deck that will seat 40 guests.

The inside is clean and modern, with a bar counter fashioned of dark walnut from a tree on the property that needed to be removed.

The menu will be simple, with artisan pizzas produced by Joel Viehland of Swyft in Kent. There will also be burgers made with local beef, fish and chips, salads

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VAN CLIBURN PIANIST SUNWOO PLAYS BRAHMS, CHOPIN

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center presents A Night of Chopin and Brahms on Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m. in partnership with Close Encounters With Music.

The program showcases Van Cliburn Medalist Yekwon Sunwoo's piano prowess both as a soloist and a chamber musician and partner.

Violinist Daniel Phillips, violist Daniel Panner and cellist and artistic director Yehuda Hanani join Sunwoo for Brahms's epic Piano Quartet Opus 25 in G minor

with its intoxicating Gypsy finale.

One of Brahms's most viscerally seductive works, the Quartet in G minor is much beloved for its famous rousing finale, the Rondo alla Zingarese (Gypsy Rondo), reflecting Brahms's lifelong fascination with Hungarian folk music.

In-person tickets are \$52 (\$28 balcony); virtual tickets are \$28 (a private link is sent, to view the concert one week after the performance).

To learn more and order tickets, go to <https://cewm.org/>.

HOMAGE TO ELLA FITZGERALD IN FREE CONCERT

Melinda Rodriguez, the winner of the 2019 Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Vocal Competition, will perform a free livestream jazz concert that is an homage to Fitzgerald and Nancy Wilson, on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Her band includes Matt Wilson on drums, Matt Dwonszyk on bass, Albert Rivera on saxophones and pianist Will Evans.

The concert comes from Litchfield Jazz Presents and can be viewed at www.LitchfieldJazzFest.com and the Jazz Fest Facebook and YouTube pages.

Learn more about Rodriguez at www.melindarosemusic.com.

Melinda Rodriguez, a finalist in Season 17 of The Voice, performs a free concert of jazz standards on March 25.



A Late-Winter Lich Gate Concert!

Come enjoy a late-winter concert featuring music written for Piano Trio (violin, cello and piano) on **Sunday, March 20 at 2pm** in the beautiful sanctuary of the **First Congregational Church of Sheffield.**

Artistic Director and violinist Jorge Ávila has invited cellist, Sarah Hewitt-Roth, and pianist, Adrienne Kim, to play works of Ludwig van Beethoven, Camille Saint-Saëns, Joaquín Turina, and one of Felix Mendelssohn's greatest chamber music pieces, the Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 49.

For everyone's safety, **attendees must be masked** and seating is limited to 100 people to accommodate social distancing.

Questions: Concerts@ChristTrinityChurch.org



Lich Gate Concerts are a production of Christ Trinity Church, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

When: Sunday, March 20 at 2pm
Where: First Congregational Church of Sheffield, 125 Main St.
Purchase Tickets: \$40 at www.ChristTrinityChurch.org and click on Lich Gate Concerts

There can be no refunds for any reason.



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YOUNG ADULT FICTION: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Goshen Players To Offer a New Wrinkle on Work by Goshen Author

Back when Madeleine L'Engle wrote her groundbreaking novel "A Wrinkle in Time," books for young adult readers weren't yet categorized as YA.

Time has passed and genres have changed, but this science fiction novel for young adults (written in the late 1950s and published in 1962) remains relevant to young people — enough so that Disney made a television version of the story in 2003 and followed that up with a feature film in 2018 that starred Oprah Winfrey and Reese Witherspoon.

Here in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, "A Wrinkle in Time" is beloved not just because it's an award-winning and thoughtful story, but also because its author was a resident of Gosh-



PHOTO COURTESY L'ENGLE WEBSITE

When she wasn't writing her famous novel, "A Wrinkle in Time," award-winning author Madeleine L'Engle ran the general store in Goshen, Conn., which she owned with her husband, Hugh Franklin.

en, Conn.

Although she was born in New York City, L'Engle moved to Litchfield County in 1946 with her husband, Hugh Franklin, whom she'd met when they were

both acting in a production in the city of Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard."

They took an active part in Goshen life and even bought and ran the town's general store for

many years.

This year, the all-volunteer Goshen Players community theater has decided to put on a production of L'Engle's Newbery Award-winning novel. Auditions are being held this weekend at the Old Town Hall at 2 North St./Route 4 (on the rotary).

Audition times are Saturday, March 19, and Sunday, March 20, from 3 to 5 p.m.

"A Wrinkle in Time" will be performed June 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and June 5 and 12 at 3 p.m. There will be additional performances at 10:30 a.m. on June 3 and 10.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday, June 27. To find out more, email goshenplayers_joe@icloud.com.

...beautiful food *Continued from previous page*

and more. Way said he is working with a chef to help make the cooking more streamlined and professional, but he will still come up with the menu ideas.

As for what a food stylist does, Boswell described her career with several major magazines, including Martha Stewart Living and its spin-off, Real Simple.

As a stylist, her aim is to create visual balance. She said that one of the first things she has to tell clients is to calm down the presentation; there doesn't always have to be a "cheese pull," the food can stand on its own.

Her Zoom tour of her city apartment showed



PHOTO BY FRANCES BOSWELL

Food stylist Frances Boswell explained to Frank Way in a Zoom last week how to take ordinary dishes and enhance their beauty.

a sea of sheet cakes awaiting frosting and due for plating and a photo shoot the following day.

"For all the downsides of COVID-19," Boswell said, "it has made people drive their creativity to new levels."

Boswell finds food essential to post-pandemic life and noted "how important food

is as a connector." She is looking forward to seeing people experience food-human connections at frank. food. The long community table is expected to be a popular gathering spot.

Preparing at full tilt to open his new restaurant, Way said, "I don't really know what I'm doing, but I'm giving it 150%."

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ART

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
IMPRINTING RACE: ARTIST TALK BY CURLEE RAVEN
HOLTON, March 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (online).

Kent Art Association, 21 S. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentart.org
Kent Art Association presents A Celebration of Women's History Month, March 4 to 26.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Oscar Wilde: A Life by Matthew Sturgis, March 31, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org
READ WITH HOTCHKISS SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR CARITA GARDINER AND HER STUDENTS, March 23, 5 to 6 p.m. (online).

DANCE

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org
Nutmeg Spring Studio Series, March 23 to 26.

KIDS

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Online Teen Writing Club, Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (online).

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
Storytime and Craft, March 19, 11 a.m.

MISC.

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org
Spring Pruning of Woody Ornamental Plants, March 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
BERKSHARES PRESENTS: LOCAL CURRENCY GOES DIGITAL, March 21, 5:30 p.m. (online).

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com
The Batman, through March 17.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Opens March 18: The Outfit, The Automat. Opens March 25: The Lost City, Infinite Storm.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group, www.berkshiretheatre.org
The Irish Comedy Tour, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org
A Night of Chopin and Brahms—Presenting Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Yekwon Sunwoo, March 20, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

THEATER

TheatreWorks, 5 Brookside Ave., New Milford, Conn. www.theatreworks.us
"The Extremists" by C.J. Hopkins directed by Francis A Daley, March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, April 1, 2.

THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Auditions: A Signal That There Will Be a 2022 Theater Season

In normal times, auditions for small-town theater companies are really only of interest to small-town actors.

But after two years of COVID-19, which essentially put an end to live drama productions, it's very exciting to see the Great Barrington

Public Theater in Massachusetts and Sharon Playhouse in Connecticut putting out a call to actors for their summer seasons.

The Sharon theater put out its audition request earlier this winter; the deadline for submissions is this week, on

Friday, March 18.

Go to the website at www.sharonplayhouse.org/auditions to find out how to take part in diverse productions that include "Guys and Dolls," "Shear Madness" and "A Raisin in the Sun."

Great Barrington Public Theater announced auditions last week, for two shows: "Public Speaking 101" by Berkshire County playwright Mark St. Germain (rehearsals begin June 21; the performances are July 14 to 24); and for "Things I Know To Be True" by Andrew Bovell (rehearsals begin July 8, performances are Aug. 4 to 14).

The auditions will be held on Zoom on Friday, March 18, from 2:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. To arrange an audition time, email headshot, resume and phone number, to Tristan.greatbarrington-public@gmail.com.

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EDITORIAL

Let's appreciate America's open government laws

There is no better time to think about open government and transparency than now, as we are all watching the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russia happening in real time. There is more reporting from the ground on this war than perhaps any previous one, yet in Russia itself, the truth about their country's actions has been kept from its citizens.

Reporting within Russia is now limited to state media, with all independent groups shut down by the government. And reporting from outside the country is being stymied from being delivered to the Russian people. Some Russian citizens have been hearing about their nation's actions of war from family members and friends in Ukraine in personal communications, yet have a hard time believing what they're hearing, given the misinformation they are being fed by their government.

The Russian government has imposed a penalty of prison time for anyone who reports on the Ukraine attack in any language except that accepted by the state. Even so, there have been demonstrations against the war in Russia, with thousands of citizens arrested.

There is no point in painting a rosy picture of the way information is made available in the United States, in that there are still situations in this democracy where it takes more than a simple request to obtain information about many public incidents. Some examples are misconduct by police, for instance, or governmental corruption. Yet U.S. citizens have a different kind of recourse: We can use the power of state and national freedom of information laws to force those who would rather hide information to release it.

Sunshine Week is March 13 to 19, the week when the News Leaders Association and state news associations and media across the country join in the annual nationwide celebration of access to public information and what it means for you and your community. We need to appreciate what government can do for our communities, yet still hold fast to the idea that government must also be accountable and open to those it serves. Keep that in mind as the nation, and our region, deal with different kinds of threats and find the best ways to mitigate them at the local, regional, state and federal levels of government.

Below are guidelines for understanding and taking action on your right to know.

This Sunshine Week, know your rights to government information with tips from the transparency experts at MuckRock:

1) Know the law: Federal agencies are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), but each state has its own laws (For example, it's the Freedom of Information Law in New York, and in New Jersey you file an Open Public Records Act request, or OPRA. In Connecticut, it's the Freedom of Information Act). Look up which rules apply — in some states, for example, legislative records are exempt from disclosure. Cite the correct law in your requests.

2) Keep it specific: FOIA can be used to dig up all sorts of information, but you have to ask for something that exists. Avoid asking questions; instead, request documents or data an agency would likely have that would answer your questions.

3) Work together: Most records officers are happy to discuss requests. There's also a community of requesters eager to help: Look up your local National Freedom of Information Coalition chapter, browse requests others have filed publicly on MuckRock and other online resources:

- The Reporters Committee Open Government Guide: www.rcfp.org/open-government-guide/
 - MuckRock's state-by-state guides: www.muckrock.com/place/
 - NFOIC's map of state Freedom of Information organizations: www.nfoic.org/organizations/map
 - State of Connecticut resources are www.ctfog.org and ctfoicouncil.nfoic.net/ccfoi-news/
 - State of New York resource is opengovernment.ny.gov/freedom-information-law
- Muckrock info courtesy of www.sunshineweek.org.

Salisbury folks: Thanks for responding to POCD

On behalf of the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission, I would like to thank those individuals who completed the town's online Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) survey, which closed on Sunday, March 13. Close to 700 individuals (681) responded to the POCD survey. Roughly a third of the town's population

above 25 years old participated.

These data as well as the additional written comments made by 25% of the respondents will be analyzed and presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission at a public meeting. For those individuals and organizations, including the media, who helped get the word out

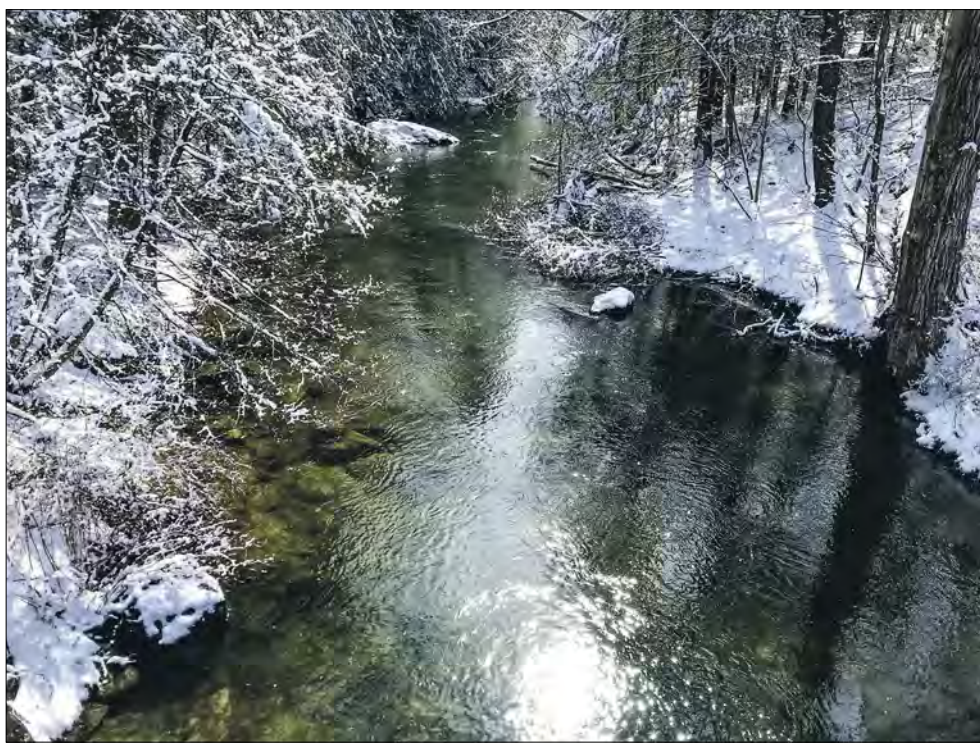


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Winter's last blast?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sincere thanks to Lime Rock Park

This is a thank you letter to the new management team at Lime Rock Park. On February 22, 2022, the team at Lime Rock went before the Salisbury P&Z (application #2022-0161) with a site plan to construct both garages and a new infield concession stand. An audio recording of the meeting and the application are both up on the P&Z website.

The plans for the infield concession building are long overdue and an enormous step forward in handicap ac-

cess. Anyone in a wheelchair knows that there has never been any access by wheelchair to the Lime Rock concession stands because the walkway to each is covered in loose stone and in the case of the concession stand in Paddock A, there are also steps.

The proposed new infield kitchen will have both handicap parking and a 5' wide concrete walk allowing access by wheelchair to the stand and the new seating area for the first time!

I realize that the wheel-

chair bound community is small here, but if you aren't aware, with the exception of the old concession stands, Lime Rock Park is a wheelchair paradise in a closed off world. Having an expansive paved area to safely walk my son outdoors is an enormous plus for which Lime Rock Park should be proud. It even has easy to access handicap bathrooms. The new accessible concession stands simply make it perfect. Thank you.

Theodore Rudd O'Neill
Lakeville

Sharon Hospital merry-go-round

I am (again) sorry to read of the Sharon Hospital's latest operational problems. I was born there, and have had the pleasure of using its excellent services over the many years of its existence in our fantastic Northwest Corner of Connecticut.

Now, once again, the latest owner is taking the unfortunate step of slimming it down, reducing staff and services, all because NuVance can't seem to understand that a hospital exists

to serve and benefit people, first, over their "economic health" needs.

To people like me, it has been a blessing to have the Sharon Hospital in our corner; historically, the doctors, staff and services have been routinely excellent. As a person making my life here in real estate, it has been a great asset when promoting our area as a place to own a home, whether full or part time.

NuVance is just the latest

in a series of owners trying to make Sharon Hospital be an asset in their holdings, instead of a "burden." NuVance, you "owe" it to us to keep this hospital open with all its services active for the people who need them, and for the doctors and other staff who give their lives to keep our lives as healthy as possible, without having to drive long distances to get the same services.

Robin Leech
Lakeville

Good reasons to save the hospital

Thank goodness the state will finally begin to investigate NuVance's proposed closure of the ICU at Sharon Hospital.

I am a retired nurse, and worked at Sharon Hospital for years. In fact, my first job after moving to Lakeville from New York City, in 1967, was in the "new" ICU, which was possibly four beds. That was 55 years ago.

Fast forward to 2007. I was experiencing "heart burn," went to the Sharon Hospital Emergency Room and was transferred to the ICU for observation. During the night, the nurse on duty noticed something unusual on my EKG and after consultation with the physician, I was transferred to St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

After examination by the

new medical students and interns, it was suggested I had "heart burn." However, the attending cardiologist prepared me for a cardiac catheterization and the final diagnosis was two vessel artery disease, 95% and 70% coronary artery stenosis, ripe for a heart attack.

In 2010, two weeks after a tick bite, I developed some very scary symptoms and went to the emergency room. I was diagnosed with babesiosis, a deadly parasite transmitted by ticks. Babesia parasites infect and destroy red blood cells that carry oxygen to the brain and body organs. The end result can be death. I spent about a week in the ICU, and was monitored around the clock by the very best doctors, nurses and auxiliary personnel.

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ary state funding.
Michael W. Klemens,
Chair
Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission
Salisbury

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — March 1922

SALISBURY — Miss Grace Speed returned to Torrington last Sunday after having spent the week with Mrs. Fred Seeley.

TACONIC — Mr. Kelsey who gives dancing lessons gave his pupils a masquerade dance last Saturday.

LAKEVILLE — William McAuliffe last week sustained an injured eye while doing some electrical wiring. A piece of wire entered the eye, but fortunately missed the sight.

A truck belonging to Martin's Garage was quite badly damaged by fire on Tuesday evening. The chemical truck was called out and quickly extinguished the blaze. It is thought that a spark from the muffler ignited some escaping gasoline, as the tank was being filled at the time.

The present issue of the Journal has been gotten out under extreme difficulties, as practically the whole office force have been victims of the grippe or flu or whatever the pesky ailment is that has been epidemic in this section.

50 years ago — March 1972

Northeast Utilities is reliably expected to announce this week a further delay of at least a year in the time when power might be needed from the proposed Canaan Mountain pumped-storage project. The previous date had been 1982. This means in effect that a decision whether to seek permission to build the project probably need not be reached until the beginning of 1974, and possibly for some time beyond that.

David N. Parker, who has served as Canaan Editor of The Lakeville Journal for the past year, has been named Managing Editor of the newspaper. He has been succeeded as Canaan Editor by Kathryn Bickford, who has worked as his assistant in Canaan.

Service on the Super Service bus line ain't so super any more. This week, daily bus service between Danbury and Pittsfield was suspended. Sunday service will

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Viewpoint

Extremist fringes damaging both parties

Our two, not-so-great political parties are stumbling and fumbling their way to the the 2022 and 2024 congressional and presidential elections because of the antics — to use a kind word — of their respective extremist wings.

The Republicans are suffering from a tendency to pander to the pro-Donald Trump, populist/right base that seems to have become noisier since his defeat

while still not growing large enough to win anything.

At the same time, the Democrats appear reluctant to offend their very own crazies on the left.

“Signs of Progressive Overreach Abound” was The New York Times headline the other day over a story

about the Democratic Party’s left wing trying to outdo the Republicans’ right in sowing discord.

Of course, nothing the left has done has come close to the Jan. 6, 2021, Trump-led insurrection aimed at

illegally overthrowing the election of a president.

But you’ve got to give the Democratic left credit for trying.

However, the party’s moderates have been fighting back. In normally liberal New York, the very unpopular progressive mayor Bill De Blasio, his gubernatorial and presidential dreams demolished, was succeeded by a Democratic centrist, retired NYPD Captain Eric Adams. In one of the new mayor’s first moves, he proposed cuts in nearly every part of the city budget — except the police at a time when crime was on the rise and the left was campaigning to defund the police.

Minneapolis, home of the murdered George Floyd and the subsequent anti-police demonstrations that sometimes became violent, survived a referendum that would have replaced the city’s

police department with an agency that emphasized social work over law enforcement.

That Minneapolis vote seems to have ended the brief run of the aforementioned “defund the police” movement.

But the most interesting reaction to the excesses of the Democratic left came in mid-February in San Francisco, the most liberal locality in all these United States.

While keeping the city’s public schools closed longer than most places during the pandemic and showing little to no interest in the impact of remote learning on students and families, the liberal board of education occupied its time conducting a crusade against 44 figures from America’s past whose names adorn the city’s public schools.

All 44 were considered guilty of what amounted to not living up to the contemporary moral, social and cultural standards of the San Francisco board of education even though they lived mostly in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

The list contained the usual, but also, the most unusual suspects. Slave holders like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were

easy targets, without regard for their other, rather significant contributions. But others on the list attracted more attention and ridicule. Abraham Lincoln was considered unworthy of having his name on a school because he wasn’t sufficiently anti-slavery and Paul Revere, the guy who rode through the Massachusetts countryside notifying the Colonists that “the British are coming,” also had to go.

Other victims included John Muir, one of the fathers of the environmental movement, and the current senior senator from their own state of California, the apparently not liberal enough liberal Democrat Dianne Feinstein.

But the board’s greatest offense — after keeping the schools closed while working diligently on rename them — was the decision to end the merit-based admissions policy that had made San Francisco’s Lowell High School a city and state treasure.

The school’s merit-based admissions resulted in an overwhelmingly white and Asian-American student body, so the school board’s action especially rankled the city’s large, politically active Chinese-American citizenry.

While this was going on, Chinese-Americans across the nation were being attacked — sometimes violently — following the discovery of COVID-19 in Wuhan, China and President Trump’s attempt to dub the spreading disease the Chinese Virus and the slightly more pejorative “Kung Flu.”

But it didn’t stop the school board from ending merit-based admissions, leaving San Francisco’s largely Democratic, Chinese/Asian-American population mad as hell and not going to take it anymore, to quote the old movie.

In a city that is 36% Asian-American and 40 percent white, they formed a recall movement that removed the board’s three most progressive members by a whopping 70 percent of the referendum turnout.

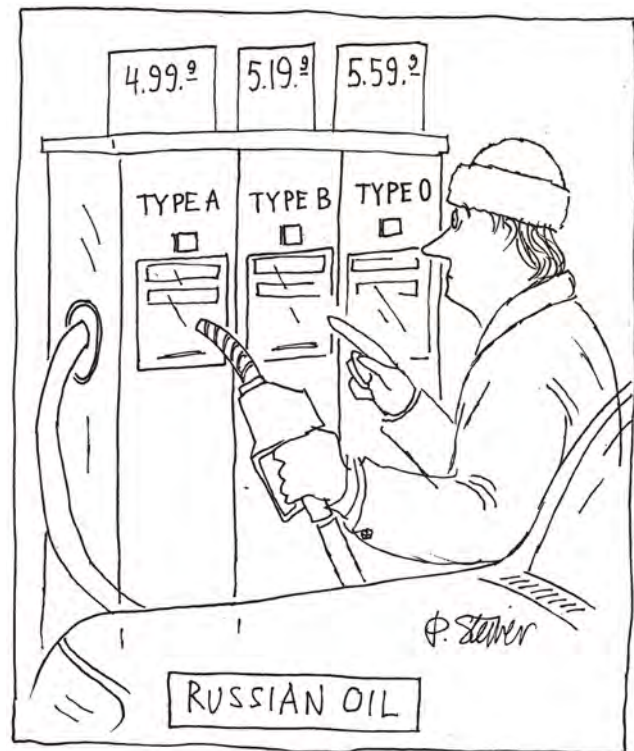
So, which party’s extremists can do their party the most harm as we move toward the coming elections? It was interesting on a recent Sunday to hear the respected Republican pollster Frank Luntz offer his analysis.

Without knowing the future of the pandemic and Ukraine, said Luntz, “If you look at polling data and do the focus groups and talk to independents, I find it difficult to see any other conclusion than Republicans winning control of the House and Senate.”

But, and there was a big but, “only Donald Trump could stand in the way. If he tries to make it [the election] about November of 2020 or January of 2021, if he tries to make it about himself, the Republicans could lose.”

Can you imagine Donald Trump doing anything like that?

Simsbury resident Dick Ahles is a retired journalist. Email him at rahles1@outlook.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common sense politics are sorely needed

Common sense — the ability to make what most people would consider sound and/or prudent judgment decisions. How do you think our government rates?

Does it make sense to rush ahead with the attempt to push the use of electric vehicles? Presently we don’t have the generating capacity that’s required or for that matter sufficient charging stations. Worse, nobody wants a generating plant in their backyard.

Consider the protests over

the gas generating plant recently opened in Winddale. Solar farms and wind generators haven’t been that well received either, making any future expansion iffy at best.

It comes as no surprise progressives won out when the decision was made to discontinue oil shipments from Russia. It was always the intention of this administration to lower oil consumption via higher prices. Russia merely supplied the avenue to do so.

The socialist agenda has contributed to higher prices

for housing. Two years of no need to pay rent comes with consequences.

On a local level, the city of Beacon recently enacted legislation that landlords cannot raise rents more than 5% without board approval, can we be far behind? No need to explain what that means.

Government interference is never a good thing. I’m not sure how it’s legal for any entity to tell a property owner how much they can charge to lease their property.

Open borders, artificially

low interest rates, increased spending along with a huge increase in government entitlements have pushed inflation beyond our wildest dreams. They have also led to more government control. That should be a concern to everyone, yet we continually vote the same idiots back in office.

So, dear readers, will you use common sense in the next election?

John Walters

Millerton

More letters previous page.

Ukraine Strong: a courageous clan, fighting evil

“No tyrant need fear till men begin to feel confident in each other.”

— Aristotle

A table set empty, white and long
Befitting a dictator, short on all
That’s good, true & right-fully strong
Shirted, dressed head to toe
Oblivious to his nation’s woes
Puffy faced Putin commands, solo
Ordering thousands, conscripted lads
Naïve, unready, battle untried
Fuel less, foodless, they do his bad

Enemies: children, women, the old
Such easy targets, they move so slow
Babes in arms, Ukrainians bold
Bomb them, deny them, say they bear arms
Babies just born, cuddly, warm
In Mariupol doth do Putin harm
Cloistered in his B\$ palace sublime
Putin executes a plethora of crime
Death, destruction, deceit - full time
Protestors afoot on Russian land
Blocked from news, steadfastly band
Thousands arrested, a

courageous clan
In shuttered Moscow, glitzy stores
Big macs, apple bites, - the city core
Tastes of the West, present no more
The world ignites against Putin’s will
Oligarchs jerked from lavish to still
Nations together forge an economic kill
Wallowing, deranged, an ancient false past
A Russian Empire long since surpassed
Putin will perish, his evil can’t last
It didn’t for Stalin, Hitler or Mao
For Putin it’s just When and How

History favors not tyrants then, or now
Lessons in bravery, on day one began
Tall Zelensky speaks, Ukrainians stand
Cometh the hour, Cometh the man

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it — always.”

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remain, and fuller service will be implemented in June. Super Service Coach Corp. officials said curtailment was due to lack of patronage.

25 years ago — March 1997

A parents meeting will be scheduled soon for those with children in the Lee H. Kellogg School kindergar-

ten through second grade (K-2) program, which came under fire for overcrowding at a recent Board of Education meeting. The program now has 51 students in the mornings and 35 in the afternoon after kindergarten pupils leave school. “There’s no argument that we have too many students for the space we have, but we’ve compen-

sated by scheduling some students in the library and the gym,” Mr. Pozzi added. “A new school renovation plan should consider our additional space needs.”

Region 1 school officials have determined that as of March 14, all delayed openings due to inclement weather will be a uniform 90 min-

utes, rather than one hour as in the past.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury’s Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. For more archival fun, go to www.scovillelibrary.org and search the newspaper archives.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following applications were approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on March 7, 2022:

Special Permit Application #2021-0163 by owner Lime Rock Park II, for land filling, grading, excavating in the Flood Plain Overlay District in accordance with Section 401 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 4 as Lot 16 and is located at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville,

Connecticut.

Site Plan Application #2022-0161 by owner Lime Rock Park II, to construct Paddock 'B' garages and an Infield Kitchen/Concession building in accordance with section 221.2 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 4 as Lot 16 and is located at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Site Plan Application #2022-0162 by owner Deborah Orelup to convert an existing screen porch on an accessory apartment to living space in accordance with section 803.5 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury

Assessor's Map 7 as Lot 21-1 and is located at 70 Race Track Road, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Site Plan Application #2022-0164 by Mountain View Carpentry to replace a nonconforming stoop in accordance with section 504 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 33 as Lot 28 and is located at 281 & 283 Wells Hill Road in Lakeville. The property is owned by 281 Wells Hill Rd, LLC.

Site Plan Application #2022-0165 by the Hotchkiss School for the renovation of Memorial Hall (dormitory) including additions and associated site work. The

property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 06 as Lot 08 and is located at 11 Interlaken Road in Lakeville.

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
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Martin Whalen, Secretary
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the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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