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Area towns working on affordable housing plans

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Representatives of boards and commissions have been meeting regularly in area towns to draft state-mandated plans for affordable housing and gain approval of those plans before a June 30 deadline.

A state law requiring all towns to submit a plan to increase availability of affordable housing was passed in 2017. Salisbury became

the first town in the area to adopt and submit its completed plan, in May 2018.

Recently, the towns of Kent, Sharon and North Canaan each held information sessions led by planning consultant Jocelyn Ayer, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunities. She is providing technical assistance to guide each town's process. The information sessions were held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, Thursday,

Feb. 24, and Monday, Feb. 28, respectively, each following a similar format and presented on Zoom.

Reviewing requirements, Ayer explained why the towns must adopt a five-year plan for affordable housing to meet local needs, working within their own local Plan of Conservation and Development that presents a 10-year view of each town's goals.

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North Canaan faces massive increase in education spending

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — North Canaan is looking at an increase of \$745,476 in regional education spending.

At its regular meeting Monday, March 7 (online) the Region One Board of Education received a proposed spending plan for 2022-23 with a bottom line of \$16,665,968, which represents an increase of \$639,968 or 3.99%.

By town, assessments under the proposed spending plan (and the difference between 2021-22 and proposed 2022-23) are: Canaan/Falls Village, \$1,497,256 (plus \$20,936); Cornwall, \$1,450,214 (minus \$34,347); Kent, \$2,459,300 (minus \$50,443); North Canaan, \$5,508,122 (plus \$745,476); Salisbury, \$3,996,448 (plus \$270,797); and Sharon, \$1,754,629 (minus \$312,912).

The \$745,476 increase for North Canaan is startling. At the Monday, March 7, meeting of the regional board, Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick noted that North Canaan's assessment increase is a larger dollar amount than the overall increase in the spending plan.

Board Chair Pat Mechare (Falls Village) said she sympathized with North Canaan's situation, but added, "This is the fairest way to do it. We all pay the same cost per pupil."

The board approved the proposed spending plan and sent it to an online public hearing Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY ELVIA GIGNOUX

Proud parent

Warm weather and mud season don't automatically mean that spring is on its way. But new lambs at area farms absolutely are a sign that winter will be over soon.

Miner urges streamlining overdose response

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LITCHFIELD — State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) is urging the state Legislature to streamline the process of getting non-medical school personnel trained in spotting opioid overdoses and in administering opiate antagonist medication.

In a phone interview Saturday, March 5, Miner said he testified in front of the Legislature's Committee on Children last week.

"We want to make sure every school has a supply of opiate antagonists," he said March 5.

Miner added that he hopes the

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Forum probes link between forests and brain health

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORFOLK — The next time someone suggests you go take a hike, you may want to heed the advice. Research reveals that connecting with nature, particularly forests, can be beneficial to your brain.

"Science shows that placing one foot in front of the other leads to some seriously impressive mental and physical benefits," Susan Masino, professor of Applied Science at

Trinity College, told attendees at a talk at the Norfolk Library (and online) Saturday, March 5, sponsored by Great Mountain Forest as part of its winter lecture series.

About 30 people attended in person and 22 watched online.

(Great Mountain Forest has more than 6,000 acres of contiguous forest in the towns of Norfolk and Falls Village.)

Walking outdoors, for example, is one of the most underrated forms of exercise, Masino said. "We need

nature. This is not optional."

During the talk, Masino, a neuroscientist and forest researcher, explored the relationship between forests and brain health. She emphasized the benefits of natural ecosystems, ranging from medicines to minds, and with special opportunities for veterans, adolescents and people dealing with mental health disorders.

According to Masino, anxiety, depression and stress are associated with mental health issues that can

distort how we reflect on ourselves and our surroundings. Such disorders, she said, are not confined to age, race, gender or socioeconomic factors.

"There is a mental health crisis in this country. People are very anxious about a lot of things and it's important to feel that we can figure this out together," she said. "Linking forests and brain health is advancing rapidly as a research

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Buddy Dawson, foreground, and Kyle McLoughlin, mechanics at Hall's Garage in West Cornwall, inspected a tire damaged by a pothole.

Brutal pothole season is taking a toll on road crews, drivers' wallets

By Debra A. Aleksinas

LAKEVILLE — Buddy Dawson, a mechanic at Hall's Garage Auto Repair in West Cornwall, said a customer recently shelled out more than \$1,000 for repairs to her Mercedes-Benz after hitting a nasty pothole.

"It's on the lift now," said Dawson, who had difficulty locating a replacement wheel for the newer-model car, which alone cost

\$700. The customer is in the same camp as a growing number of drivers, he said in an interview in late February. "We're seeing a lot of low-profile cars. They don't have a lot of suspension and the front-end parts do take a beating."

While pothole season is nothing new to Northwest Corner drivers or town road crews assigned to patch them up, this year's weather pattern of repeated freezing and thawing, plus heavy downpours, has created the perfect storm for road damage.

Highway department budgets take a hit

"It's bad," said Brian Carlson, highway foreman for North Canaan, summing up this year's battle with potholes. "The water is not getting off the roads in many places. You fill one pothole and before long you're going right back out to fill it again."

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Three-day forecast

Friday Cloudy, high 50°/low 28°
Saturday Rainy, 52°/25°
Sunday Cloudy, 36°/19°

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.

Drove into a tree

On Feb. 27 at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Race Track Road in Salisbury a 2002 Nissan Pathfinder driven by Tyler Yarmouth McLellan, 26, of Lakeville drove over a patch of ice and slid off the road, colliding with a tree. The Nissan was towed and McLellan was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the proper lane.

DUI

On March 1 at approximately 4:30 a.m. Troop B responded to a report of a vehicle found off the roadway of Route 44 in Salisbury. The driver, Elias Papchaoc, 33, of Millerton failed a standard field sobriety test and

was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to drive in the proper lane. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 15.

Drove into a tree

On March 1 at approximately 2 p.m. on Canaan Road in Salisbury a 2016 Ford Escape driven by Linda Palmer, 59, of Sharon drove off the left side of the road and collided with a tree. Palmer was transported to Sharon Hospital. No police action has been reported at this time.

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.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Correction

The photo of the winning runner from the Polar Bear Run in Lake Waramaug was incorrectly credited to Hunter Lyle. The photo is by Lans Christensen.

Scholarships for health-care workers

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.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

A high note for Crescendo with two major grants

LAKEVILLE — Crescendo, the Lakeville music organization founded in 2003, has received two Connecticut Cultural Fund Operating Support grants, for a total amount of \$24,500.

The first grant in the amount of \$12,500 is the Connecticut Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. This support has been provided to Crescendo from CT Humanities (CTH), with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature. A total of \$16 million of grants were awarded to over 624 non-profit organizations including Connecticut museums and historical societies as well as cultural, humanities and arts organizations.

The second grant in the amount of \$12,000 is the

General Operating Support for Theaters and Performing Groups by the Connecticut Office of the Arts, with the support of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Connecticut Office of the Arts provided up to \$3 million in general operating support grants to support Connecticut's non-profit and arts organizations.

These grants will enable Crescendo to maintain the momentum it has started with Crescendo At Home, its new online series. It will also enable the organization to hire more performers for its upcoming live performances. Videos of both filmed new live performances and archival materials are being produced to reach new audiences.

For more information about Crescendo, go to its website at www.crescendomusic.org.

Northwest CT student scholarship opportunity

The Northwest CT Community Foundation is awarding scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. Scholarship applications are now available for the more than \$150,000 available to area students. Scholarship guidelines, requirements and applications are available on the Community Foundation website.

Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year must be submitted by April 1, 2022. The Northwest CT Community Foundation serves Litchfield County with

a collection of more than 30 scholarship funds from local donors. These funds provide scholarships to area students throughout the Northwest Corner.

Most scholarships are awarded to residents of the Foundation's 20-town service area. The Foundation serves towns which include of Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

For a full list of scholarships go to www.northwestcf.org/scholarships

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LEONIE BREWER Late of Salisbury (22-00041)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 24, 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: Salisbury Bank and Trust Company c/o Stephen K Gellman Shipman & Goodwin, LLP

One Constitution Plaza Hartford, CT 06103 Megan M. Foley Clerk 03-10-22

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In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, a public auction consisting of miscellaneous personal property, furniture and household goods will be held at Stor-It-All, Inc., 325 Ashley Falls Rd and 13 Clayton Rd, Canaan, CT 06018 at 1:00 PM on Friday, March 25, 2022. Stor-It-All, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time, for any reason.

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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 February 28, 2022:

Approved with Conditions - Application 2022-IW-048 by owner, Lime Rock Park II, LLC to construct a new Paddock B garage building. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 4 as lot 16 and is known as 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville.

Approved - Application 2022-IW-049 by the Town of Salisbury to replace a bridge over the Salmon Kill River on Salmon Kill

Road between Brinton Hill Road and Furnace Road in Lakeville.

Approved - Application 2022-IW-050 by Riga Construction, LLC to repair the foundation of a pavilion. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 9 as lot 14 and is known as 34 Indian Orchard Road, Lakeville. The property is owned by Jon M Hoffman Trustee, C/O Howard Karshan.

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.

03-10-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DIANE MAGNUSON Late of Salisbury (22-00070)

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The fiduciaries are: Gregory Siner and Troy Magnuson c/o Mark J Capecelatro Mark Capecelatro, LLC 117 Main St-Box 1045 Canaan, CT 06018

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Our Towns

HVRHS's 'Into the Woods' heads into the home stretch

By Patrick L. Sullivan

have been robust.

FALLS VILLAGE — A reporter wandered into a rehearsal of "Into the Woods" at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Wednesday afternoon, just in time to hear director Michael Kevin Baldwin deliver a pep talk to the cast.

Baldwin told the group that having a rehearsal for a theatrical production at all was a sign that life is getting back to normal after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Baldwin is the new face of the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society, as long-time stalwarts Michael Berkeley and Lori Belter have stepped down.

Baldwin cheerfully informed the group of some 15 students in the cast that ticket sales

And he and assistant director Christiane Olson proceeded to coach cast members Gavin Budny and Haley Considine in a tricky scene that involved kissing.

"Into the Woods" is at HVRHS for four performances: Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, at 2 and 7 p.m.

Purchase tickets at www.HMTS.org.

Seating is at 60% capacity to ensure social distancing within the auditorium. If online sales have not reached capacity by the day of a performance, tickets will be available for purchase at the door with cash or check. All audience members will be required to wear a mask while inside Housatonic and for the entirety of the performance.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

"Into the Woods" cast members Gavin Budny and Haley Considine, left, worked with director Michael Kevin Baldwin and assistant director Christiane Olson on a tricky scene involving kissing, during a rehearsal Wednesday, March 2 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Discussion begins on Falls Village receiving ARPA funds in 2024

By Patrick L. Sullivan

of the calendar year 2024 and completely spent by 2026.

FALLS VILLAGE — About 30 people came to the Emergency Services Center Thursday evening, March 3, for a presentation on possible uses for federal funds.

First Selectman Henry Todd and Selectman Dave Barger explained that Falls Village will receive a total of \$311,000 (in two installments) from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Todd said the money must be allocated by the end

They emphasized that ARPA is a one-time program, and that it would be wise to apply the funds to non-recurring expenditures.

The two selectmen also pointed out that the state of Connecticut has its own ARPA money, and the town should take care not to fund projects the state is handling.

And they said the town should use other dedicated grants before using ARPA money.

"We're looking for 'return

on investment,'" Todd said.

The town put out a survey about the use of ARPA funds, Amy Wynn, who designed the survey, reported that 67 people responded and their top three priorities were: Invest in water, sewer and/or broadband infrastructure; address negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on workers, households, and small businesses (including nonprofits); to support ongoing pandemic response efforts.

Wynn said when survey respondents were asked to "share ideas" for ARPA fund

uses, the top three were: Rental housing and affordable housing; capital improvements to town buildings; grants to nonprofits and local businesses.

Using ARPA funds for emergency services, "town communication technology," and broadband also had significant support.

The selectmen's broad outline for the \$311,000 started with \$10,000 for determining whether certain town-owned properties can support one or two affordable housing units.

The lion's share, \$221,000,

is earmarked for infrastructure projects, including a new septic system for the former firehouse; sidewalks and parking on Railroad Street; an electric vehicle charging station on Main Street (Todd said this will be partially covered by a \$20,000 grant); a one-time expenditure on road and bridge maintenance (also supplemented by grant funds).

Nonprofit organizations get \$50,000 under the plan. Todd said a fund will be established and an oversight committee formed to eval-

uate grant applications.

And the selectmen have allocated \$30,000 for broadband access.

Several people said they were disappointed by the amount for nonprofits.

Asked if the amounts were set in stone, Todd said no, not at all. "It's all open for discussion."

He urged the audience to think in terms of the future.

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Sticky situation

Eric Carlson, at left in photo, and Lou Timolat started boiling down maple sap into syrup on March 1.

Cornwall signs five-year MIRA plan, with regret

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — After months of consideration, the Board of Selectmen agreed to join with other area towns and sign the five-year MIRA (Materials Innovation and Resource Authority) contract for municipal solid waste hauling and recycling.

The decision was made at the regular meeting of the selectmen on Tuesday, March 1. The meeting was held on Zoom, attracting 12 viewers.

Seeking answers to questions raised at the previous selectmen's meeting, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway contacted MIRA in Hartford to learn the fate of the recyclables. He reported that MIRA has always sorted the recyclables and will continue to do so at its new recycling center, in Berlin, Conn.

"Cardboard and plastics are hot commodities," Ridgway said. The cardboard is trucked to Canada to make more cardboard; plastics are processed to make into more plastics. At this time, there is a good market for purchase of recyclables, he said.

Ridgway said MIRA is estimating a \$111 per ton municipal solid waste transporting fee for Cornwall, which is lower than the initial estimates.

"This seems to be the most economical option at this point," Ridgway said. He added that he hoped that the towns will have a better solution to the handling of municipal solid waste by the

end of the contract's term; the plan now is to ship waste out of state.

In the meantime, residents are encouraged to imagine ways to reduce the town's tonnage through efforts including composting.

Renovations to the Cornwall transfer station are well underway with the old building having been razed and new footings now being poured, transfer station coordinator Ted Larson reported.

Temporary electrical service is being installed. Residents are cautioned that it is a construction site, so care should be exercised when visiting.

Housatonic Railroad herbicide spraying will be announced in advance, Ridgway said, adding that he will try to determine the actual date and to confirm the "no spray" areas shown on a map. He added that usually herbicide spraying occurs in the early spring, when the green shoots of invasive plants are evident.

Having obtained 30 "no spraying" signs that she will offer free to residents within the mapped "no spray" zones, Selectwoman Janet Carlson described her plan to visit affected homeowners, offering them an opportunity to post the new signs in advance of the spraying.

Ridgway reminded homeowners that signs should not be placed within the railroad's right of way. Any sign must be posted on the residents' own private property.

Remaining on your toes in an emergency

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — There is no reason to be caught flat-footed in the face of an emergency if you follow the tips described by Cornwall Emergency Management Director Diane Beebe during a talk sponsored by The Cornwall Association on Tuesday, Feb. 16. The talk on Zoom attracted an audience of 25 participants.

Emergencies in the Northwest Corner are likely to be weather-related or involve fires. Situations unlikely to be faced by area towns involve volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, although the latter can bring a detectable rumble once in a great while, Beebe noted.

Building on a lifetime of emergency assistance work, Beebe said she has been a member of the town's vol-

unteer fire department for 12 years.

She is also qualified as an Emergency Management Technician, and is a member of the town's Emergency Management Task Force.

As a family, an individual or a community, preparation is key, Beebe explained.

"Collect your thoughts, know your risks, establish your plan and do what is needed to prepare to act on your plan," she advised.

Be aware of your surroundings and know the location of exits. The safest way out may not be the way you came in.

Deserving special mention is the caution never to drive on a water-covered road. There is no way to know the depth of the water, and more important, the road itself may have been washed away by an under-

current. Best to turn around and find another route.

Beebe uses and recommends Midland Radio for up-to-date coverage of Litchfield County emergency information.

If you are driving through an area full of smoke from a brush or forest fire, close the car windows and turn on the air conditioner, Beebe said.

Whatever stay-in-place or evacuation plans you develop, let others know your plans. And, of course, hold fire drills at home with your family to determine escape options and decide where you will gather safely outside.

Turning her attention to the community of Cornwall,

Beebe urged that residents not be shy about calling 911 in an emergency.

"Call 911 if you are in any emergency situation. Contact us. Tell us what you need," she said.

Residents shared stories of neighbors coming out to help during emergencies, highlighting the sense of community that supports the town.

"We are a really great community," Beebe agreed. "It makes emergency management work easier."

Beebe's presentation offered more valuable advice. The recording is available on the Cornwall town website, www.cornwallct.org.

Woman's Club raffles handmade quilt

SHARON — Raffle tickets are currently on sale for a handmade quilt made by a Sharon Woman's Club member. The 60-by-60-inch quilt is on display at Town Hall in Sharon. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each. The drawing will be in May at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Individuals do not need to be present as long as there is a name and phone number on the ticket. Tickets can also be purchased by calling Kathy Fricker at 860-364-9890. Contributions are always welcomed.

Selectmen, school board present budget proposals

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen and Board of Education made their initial 2022-23 budget presentations to the Board of Finance in an online meeting Thursday, March 3.

The selectmen's budget proposal (second draft) comes in at \$7,699,671, an increase of \$310,617 or 4.2%.

The budget proposal for Salisbury Central School is \$6,227,905, an increase of \$236,745 or 3.95%.

Salisbury's share of the current Region One budget proposal was \$4,018,544 (plus \$292,893) as of March 3. That number has since been adjusted downward, to

\$3,996,448 (plus \$270,797).

The next step comes at the finance board meeting Tuesday, March 22 (online), when the selectmen and school board will make their final budget proposals. The Board of Finance will then vote on sending the budget proposals to a public hearing on April 25.

Register for kindergarten

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

All children born during the calendar year 2017 should register. Call Pat in the school office at 860-435-9871 to schedule an appointment.

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Jeff Jarvis

Jarvis is Professor of Journalism Innovation at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, and the author of *What Would Google Do?*, *Geeks Bearing Gifts*, and the upcoming *The Gutenberg*

Paraphrase. He postulates that the internet is young, not broken, and is best used by society for conversation, collaboration, and community.

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OBITUARIES

Lois C. Bailey

MILLERTON — Lois C. Bailey, 67, a 39-year resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.



Lois worked as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service out of the Dover Plains Post Office for 33 years prior to her retirement in 2010.

Born Jan. 24, 1955, in Monticello, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Emma (Furman) and John Bailey.

She attended and graduated from Monticello High School.

She was a longtime member of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association and served as secretary and then president of the American Postal Workers Union, where she was currently serving as their webmaster.

She also worked the elec-

tion polls for the Town of North East for many years.

In her spare time she enjoyed spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and many friends and colleagues.

Lois is survived by her son, Albert Bailey and his wife, Danielle, of Millerton; her two grandchildren, Emma and A.J. Bailey of Millerton; her brother, John Bailey Jr. of Florida; her nephew, Scott Bailey and his wife, Ginger; her niece, Kristy Kelly and her husband, Joe; and many friends.

Calling hours were held March 8 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service followed, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating.

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

Jay Michael Haft

SALISBURY — Jay Michael Haft of New York, son of Helen and Jack Haft, passed away on Feb. 7, 2022, at the age of 86. The world has lost a great husband, father, grandfather and leader.

Born in Brooklyn on Nov. 9, 1935, Jay attended the Horace Mann School before graduating from Yale College, and then Yale Law School. After starting his legal career with an established law firm based in New York City, Jay started his own law firm with several friends and colleagues, which grew to be more than 100 lawyers in New York City, Florida and Long Island. Jay was widely regarded as a preeminent corporate lawyer, frequently structuring and leading complex transactions that were novel and innovative, and that are now regarded as commonplace.

Over the course of practicing law for many years, Jay served and partnered with global business and political leaders and participated on the board of directors of many well-known privately- and publicly-held companies. Later in his life, Jay moved on from the practice of law into international venture capital and technology finance, where he continued to follow his love for advising and participating in intricate and significant financial and political opportunities and transactions.

Jay was also a philanthropist, and he contributed his immense knowledge and critical thinking to a number of institutions and organizations in the various communities around the world. He served as a member of the Florida Commission for Government Accountability to the People, a national trustee and Treasurer of the Miami City Ballet, and a Board member of the Concert Association of Florida. Jay also served as a trustee of Florida International University Foundation and as a member of the advisory board of the Wolfsonian Museum and Florida International University Law School.

Jay was also a "collector of collections," amassing important collections of African and other art, rare books, unique cars, and even toys, among other things. He was

a well-read man who had a great sense and appreciation of history, yet he never took himself or anyone else too seriously. His wit, self-effacing humor and practical approach to life made Jay stand out as a person whom so many people loved and admired. Yet, despite his many interests and passions, starting with his family, Jay was always available to provide his guidance and help to others in his life. When people in Jay's life were facing a dilemma or issue, whether rooted in personal or business matters, they would inevitably contact Jay for his thoughtful and practical advice. He was a person whose opinions carried significance and meaning.

Jay is survived by Clayre, his beloved wife of 40 years; his children, Jackie and James, and their mother, his first wife, Elsa Daspin Suisman; his stepson, Andrew; his son-in-law, Carl, and his former daughter-in-law, Simone; and his eight grandchildren, Frances, Harrison, Harry, Isaac, Jacob, Jake, Jesse and Max.

A graveside service was held Feb. 9 at Cedar and Beth-El Cemetery in Paramus, N.J.

Local arrangements were under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home.

Send obituaries to cynthiah@lakeville-journal.com

Ann (Watkins) Schopp

NORTH CANAAN — Beverly Ann (Watkins) Schopp, 87, of Claverack, N.Y., and North Canaan, passed away March 1, 2022, in the comfort of her home in North Canaan.

Born in Brooklyn on Oct. 28, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Vincent Benjamin and Gertrude Charles Watkins.

Beverly and her family moved from Brooklyn to Birmingham, Miss., in 1937, where she later graduated from The Kingswood School in 1952.

She attended Middlebury College in Vermont, where she met her future husband, Roald "Rollie" Schopp, also a 1956 graduate.

While raising five children Beverly was a Hudson High School substitute French teacher and worked part time at Pattison, Koskey and Lawrence. She raised her family in the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, N.Y., and continued to be an active church member in many capacities for decades.

Beverly was dedicated to many civic organizations in Hudson including the Hudson Day Care and Hudson Junior Service League; she worked tirelessly to manage the Hudson train station snack bar venue to benefit the Hudson Day Care. Beverly was an avid golfer, gardener and seamstress. She loved to read, play tennis and piano, and bake for her family — the cookie tin on top of her refrigerator was never empty. A Columbia Golf and Country Club long-time member, Beverly held several board

positions and competed and won the women's club championship.

Beverly instilled environmental conservation values in her family.

Beverly was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Rollie Schopp in 2018; her grandson, Arthur Joseph Schopp; and her great-grandson, Miles Bishop.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara Struthers of Arizona; her five children, Kenneth C. (Rebecca) Schopp of Sheffield, Julie S. (Patrick) Roach, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Michael A. (Heather) Schopp of North Canaan, Laura L. (Richard) Sheft of Lake Placid, N.Y., and Edward V. (Shannon) Schopp of North Canaan; 16 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren, Caroline, Charles and Catherine Schopp, Brooke (Andrew) Bishop, Frederick (Alisha) Schopp, Benjamin Schopp, Colleen (Liam) O'Reilly, Michael (Madeline) Schopp, and Greyson Schopp, Haley, Henry, Lillian, Jackson and Harrison Schopp, Theodore Roach and, Jodi Pfeifer, Jeff Roach, Julie Maury and Emily (John) Sheft and Trevor Sheft; and eight great-grandchildren, Rowan, Katherine, Noel O'Reilly, Elizabeth Bishop, Emerson and Tallulah Schopp and Mark and Annette Schopp.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 5, at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hudson Day Care Center or the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson.

Laura Katrina Keefe

LAKEVILLE — On Oct. 3, 2021, Laura Katrina Keefe, beloved daughter to Terri Lee Young and Francis Edward Keefe and beloved sister to Gerald Francis Keefe and Judith Johanna Frost, passed away at the age of 51.

Laura was born on Jan. 14, 1970, in Exeter, N.H., to Terri and Francis. She graduated from The Hotchkiss School in 1987 and Yale University in 1991 and lived thereafter in New Haven, Boston, New York and finally in Los Angeles, involved in various creative pursuits. She forayed briefly into investments, music and dance, but principally spent her time writing. Laura was a loving aunt to her nieces, engaging, thoughtful and kind, and brought a sophisticated presence to her visits. She drew them to John Langstaff, Tasha Tudor and centerpiece crafting rather than allowing them to "dissolve in front of the television" as she

put it. Talented at virtually everything she touched, including mathematics, languages, sciences, music, art and creative writing, she ultimately committed to a life spent in pursuit of peace for her soul. Tragically, this proved elusive for her on earth. Despite missing Laura deeply, her family finds solace in the knowledge that she has at last found the peace she sought.

Laura is survived by her mother, Terri; her father, Francis, and his wife, Joan; her brother, Gerry, and sister-in-law, Tracy; and her sister, Judith, and brother-in-law, Scott; and by six nieces.

A memorial service will be held at the chapel of The Hotchkiss School on Friday July 15, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow immediately after. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Worship Services

Week of March 13, 2022

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| <p>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</p> | <p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. "The Evangelicals: Where they came from" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoio@gmail.com All are Welcome</p> |
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FAMILY & FRIENDS

United Nations help for high school seniors

The United Nations Association of Connecticut has announced that three scholarships will be available to Connecticut high school seniors graduating in the spring of 2022.

Joseph Baxer, president of the Connecticut Chapter emphasized the scholarship goals to encourage and support students with a demonstrated interest in promoting peace through work in international relations and diplomatic service and to cultivate an understanding of, and support for, the work of the United Nations in the United States.

Application information is available from the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation by going to www.northwestctf.org and the Connecticut Community Foundation by going to www.concf.org.

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Sports

HVRHS girls advance in state tournament

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — In a grit-and-grind battle, the Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls basketball team squeezed out a 39-32 win over Windsor Locks in the second round of the CIAC state tournament.

The Mountaineers, who are the No. 6 seed in the Class S bracket, entered the tournament with a blowout 41-15 win against the No. 26 seed Vinal Technical High School on Tuesday, March 1. With the win against Vinal Tech came an opportunity to defend their home court again three days later, this time against a more familiar challenger: No. 11 Windsor Locks High School.

“Going into Vinal Tech, it wasn’t as competitive of a game, so I thought we were getting into bad habits which I was really worried about,” said Sydney Segalla, a senior. “We knew [Windsor Locks] had beaten Thomaston and Shepaug, who we had lost to twice now. I think it’s always good to have a little nerve coming into a game.”

In front of a deafening home crowd, the Mountaineers looked to set the tone early with an aggressive full-court-press that saw three steals within the first minutes of the game. However, while their defense stunted the Spartans’ drives, neither

team could string together successful possessions. By the end of the first quarter the Mountaineers had a slender 8-7 lead.

In the second quarter, the Mountaineers started to pull away. Tenacious rebounding, especially from seniors Segalla and Tori Dodge on the offensive glass, resulted in multiple baskets deep in the paint while their scrappy defense took several possessions away from the Spartans. At halftime, the Mountaineers led 19-13.

“I told them that defense and getting offensive rebounds tonight would be the key to success,” said head coach Steve Dodge. “They did a great job on defense.”

The game slowed down for the Mountaineers in the second half. While they were still grabbing rebound after rebound, the Mountaineers failed to score for minutes at a time, allowing Windsor Locks to open the quarter with a 5-to-2 scoring run and cut the deficit to just three points going into the final quarter.

Backed into a corner, the Mountaineers focused on their defensive efforts to stop the Spartans. While they struggled throughout the fourth quarter to finish easy opportunities, their relentless offensive rebounding, coupled with Segalla’s ironclad defense in the



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Sydney Segalla, a senior, went to the line to try to protect the 39-32 lead against Windsor Locks on Friday, March 4.

paint, kept the Mountaineers ahead.

The three-point lead coming into the fourth quarter stretched to nine with just over a minute left. A pair of clutch free throws from freshman Tessa Dekker forced the Spartans to start intentionally fouling. After a few more trips to the free-throw line, the Mountaineers secured the 39-32 win.

Next the Mountaineers will travel to No. 3 Coventry High School on Tuesday, March 8.

“I think the key to success going into the playoffs is keeping that same energy and same mentality of ‘we can win’ and ‘we can beat bigger schools,’” said Segalla, who finished with a team-high 17 points. “If we focus I think we can beat anyone.”



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Northwest Corner towns are being asked to help with the installation of new signs indicating US Bicycle Route 7.

Signs will guide travelers on a new Route 7, for bicyclists

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — Motorists and bicyclists in the Northwest Corner may soon see signs that indicate they are on U.S. Bicycle Route 7 (USB7), a new cycling route that runs parallel to U.S. Route 7, from Norwalk, Conn., to the Canadian border with Vermont.

The route was designated in 2016, with support from Northwest Corner towns.

It is part of the Western New England Greenway, which connects two of the largest bikeways in North America: The East Coast Greenway and La Route Verte.

The Greenway connects New York City to Montreal, and runs through western Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. It is a combination of dedicated trails and on-road routes suitable for long-distance cycling.

About 80% of the Greenway is on-road, utilizing roads with lower speed limits and less traffic than major highways.

Dan Bolognani, executive director of the federal Upper

Housatonic National Heritage Area asked the members of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments for their assistance in putting up the USB7 signs at the group’s Feb. 10 meeting. The Council of governments is made up of the first selectmen from 21 area towns.

The signs are paid for, Bolognani said, but Housatonic Heritage is asking for help from town crews to put them up.

“Installation is a big cost that we don’t have budgeted right now — so town assistance on this part of the job would be amazing,” he said in an interview Feb. 15.

Each sign (including the cost of the post and the different parts and materials) costs about \$80, Bolognani said, but installation can double that cost.

With approximately 236 signs to put up, Bolognani said he hopes the same towns that helped with the designation of USB7 will be receptive to helping install the signs.

Go to www.housatonic-heritage.org for more information.

Regional middle school sports wraps winter season

By Anne MacNeil

FALLS VILLAGE — The Regional Middle School Athletics and Activities Winter Program finished up on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Fifty students from the district participated in girls and boys basketball and artgauge. Basketball was held at Cornwall Consolidated and Salisbury Central Schools. And artgauge was held at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The biggest challenge continued to be transportation, with some practices and games canceled due to lack of buses and/or drivers.

Despite the large number of participants, all 23 boys basketball players saw playing time during the eight game season. Over 90% scored at least once, with Wiley Falls sinking a three point basket at the buzzer to win the last game of the season

versus Kent Center School (KCS). The team compiled a 4-4 record facing out of district teams such as Mt. Everett, Indian Mountain, Gilbert and Shepaug, and an in-district team, KCS. The team was coached by Bobby Chatfield, Ronnie Reid and Heather Kearns.

Coached by Kiera Bisenius and Emily Egan, the girls basketball team finished 4-3 and saw the 17 girls bond as a team both on and off the court. Like the boys team,

nearly every member of the team scored during the season. By the last game, the team stepped up and put all the skills they had been working on to the test claiming a second victory against KCS. While the team will graduate ten players, coaches Bisenius and Egan look forward to an exciting next season.

Started as an after school creative open space for high school students and staffed by local artists, nine middle school students participat-

ed in artgauge. This once a week activity was under the direction of John Brett. Students were given the freedom to focus on their passion instead of being directed or assigned. When the middle school students were in attendance, Brett said “the atmosphere was almost electric.”

The spring sports season will begin on Tuesday, April 5, with students participating in baseball, softball, track and field and artgauge.

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Can the State Trust Nuvance?

Representations by Nuvance, made in support of its efforts to close maternity and ICU services at Sharon Hospital:

Obstetricians cannot be recruited to the Sharon area.

Nuvance pledged in an agreement with the State in 2019 to maintain labor and delivery services at Sharon for at least five years.

Nuvance planned to close the Sharon Hospital ICU, without State approval, contending that patients needing ICU level care would do well after transport to other Nuvance hospitals.

Facts:

Sharon Ob-Gyn (a private physician group) has successfully recruited a new and experienced obstetrician, Dr. William Schweizer.

Nuvance has announced that it will close maternity services at Sharon this year.

The State has undertaken not one, but two, investigations of the truthfulness of Nuvance’s representations (2/2/2022, 10/19/2021).

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Our Towns

Industry flies high, powered by great wings

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Featuring a varied selection of American cuisine, Industry Kitchen and Bar, open in North Canaan since mid-September, is by all accounts a success.

“Business has been tremendous,” said owner Fes-tim Ajro during an interview on Thursday, Feb. 17.

“We are the new kids on the block,” he added, borrowing a familiar phrase, but also referencing the Railroad Street location, replete with new businesses that are attracting growing numbers of customers.

The menu offers “a little bit of everything,” Ajro said, including hand-pressed burgers on brioche buns,

various cuts of steak, fish, pasta, salads, tacos and wings. The now-classic Buffalo wings are there, but to vary the selection, diners can also try the popular Sriracha Cilantro Honey or Garlic Parmesan wings.

“We offer the best wings in the Tri-state region in traditional and unexpected flavorings,” Ajro said, having noticed that diners come from far away, often to enjoy Industry’s wings accompanied by a variety of sauce choices.

Signature specialties are also on the tempting menu of entrees. One of the most popular sandwiches, Ajro said, is Industry Chicken Filet, buttermilk fried chicken with a secret sauce.

Ajro has been in the

restaurant business his whole life, having worked under the watchful eye of his father in the kitchen at Roma’s from childhood onward. He and his father now co-own Roma’s Pizza, which is just down the street in downtown North Canaan, but he owns Industry on his own.

Having grown up in the business, he said he wanted to open a restaurant with a different concept.

Industry offers diners two environments. There is the comfortable bar with a decidedly contemporary look and vibe, complete with large TV screens for sports enthusiasts. And there is a more traditional dining side with large windows for taking in the sidewalk scene.

Bartender Quinn Silva was at her station on the bar side and paused for an interview on Friday, Feb. 18.

“It’s fresh, a new space, making North Canaan more recognizable to the area and to the local residents as well,” she said. Silva has been a member of the Industry team since its opening.

“It’s an adult space and makes for a great date night,” she said, whether on the bar side or in the spacious dining area.

Industry Kitchen and Bar is located at 14 Railroad St. and is open Wednesday through Saturday, between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m., and on Sunday, between noon and 9 p.m. To learn more, go to www.industrykitchenbar.com.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Bartender Quinn Silva has served at Industry Kitchen and Bar since it opened in September in North Canaan.

Rising population numbers prove a boon to area antique dealers

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Northwest Corner towns are enjoying a boost in population numbers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shops in the region are also reaping the rewards of increased numbers of shoppers seeking to furnish their new homes. In particular, a cluster of antique shops along the southern end of Railroad Street is reporting robust customer traffic and steady sales.

A recent visit to three Railroad Street shops proved the point. Antique shop owners like to say that they don’t see proximity of other stores as a problem; rather, it is believed that a cluster of shops brings more shoppers.

A case in point is Flea at 99 at 99 Railroad St., which has 65 vendors — and a waiting list for retail spaces.

Vendor Susan Bradley was among the first to have one of the retail spots. Pausing for a recent interview, she said she opened her space when Flea at 99 began, on Sept. 15, 2019, to be precise.

A question about the increase in business brought an emphatic “yes,” without hesitation. Bradley said she has seen a great increase in sales of home furnishings, lamps, table linens, just about



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Linda Erwin owns Clover Antiques, one of several North Canaan vintage shops that has done well following the COVID-19 real estate boom.

everything needed to furnish a home. Mirrors are popular.

The past year has been busy, and it has been particularly picking up in the past month, she said.

“It’s really been good for North Canaan,” she added, speaking on behalf of other shops who have similar stories to tell.

On another afternoon at Flea at 99, Brenda Wilson was available for a chat. She describes herself as a “vendor volunteer.”

“I enjoy it. It’s fun,” Wilson said, noting the large numbers of first-time visitors who come through. She had started by displaying some of her items in a bookcase

at the shop, one of the space options that go all the way up to having a display room. She soon expanded out of the bookcase into a larger space. She agreed that furniture does really well these days.

Pointing out Susan Bradley’s room, Wilson said Bradley knows what to acquire.

“People come in just to see what she has,” she added.

Proceeding on to Clover Antiques at 32 Railroad St., the story was much the same. Owner Linda Erwin indicated that she has enjoyed a similar increase in business since opening about 18 months ago.

She has recently retired from a nursing career. Her

interest in antiques had been a hobby until she went into business.

“The buyers are different,” she said of current customers. “There are more single women purchasing home furnishings.”

In addition to those moving from New York City, Erwin has noticed that a few are moving here from California. She supposes that they are distancing themselves from the fires and politics as well as COVID-19.

She recalls that there was a slowdown in business for a while, probably an effect of the pandemic, but now it is really good, particularly on

weekends. Area rugs are a popular item.

A particular problem is finding help for the shop, “If you are a shopkeeper, you are working it yourself,” she said.

Erwin said she is often made aware of the effects of the pandemic lockdown on the mental health of the general public, a long-term issue that will need to be addressed.

Appended to the rear of Clover Antiques, a shopper can take a look into Stuart’s Treasures, also at 32 Railroad.

Owner Scott Price moved his shop to this location from Torrington in December 2020, building on his 30 years

of experience in buying and selling antiques and oddities.

Customers are searching these days for outdoor furnishings, Price said. Mirrors are popular, too.

Younger customers are seriously shopping; older people tend to reminisce over objects, Price has observed.

He sells mostly his own items but does carry a few consignment articles. Also, he repairs lamps.

The hours of all three shops in the cluster are similar. They are open Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., although Stuart’s Treasures lists a 4 p.m. closing time.

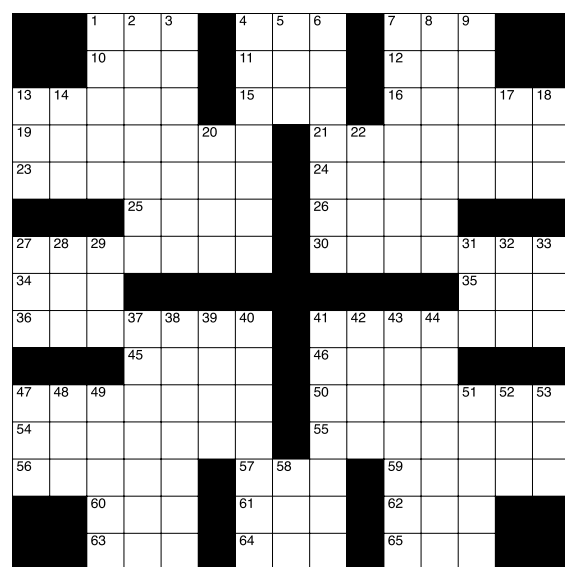
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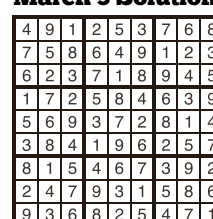
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Finding strength through gratitude and positive thinking

By Cynthia Hochswender

So far 2022 hasn't been a year of wonderful for most people. Even if everything has gone pretty well in your personal life, there's still COVID and Ukraine, and the deaths of so many beloved celebrities (which is sad and also a reminder that we all are aging).

After two years of pandemic and assorted other depressing developments, how do we continue to find the motivation to wake up every day and brush our hair and go meet the world (even if it's only on Zoom)?

One answer comes unexpectedly from a coaching course I've been doing. The program insists that every

morning you wake up and think of at least a few things for which you're grateful.

At first I felt like that was a giant eye roll but before long I began to find I was looking forward to my morning gratitude. It was a relief from the alternative of waking up and immediately becoming anxious about the hurdles ahead.

It turns out that there is some science behind this idea of gratitude.

On the simplest level, you obviously can't Think Positive and Think Negative at the same time. You can only do one at a time. Make your choice.

On a more profound science level, Alex Korb is a neuroscientist who

specializes in mental health and is a professor at UCLA. He wrote in his book "Upward Spiral" that you train your brain to look for particular types of information.

If you wake up in the morning and think, "ugh," and then continue to think, "ugh," throughout the day, you are training your brain to seek information that reinforces your sense of "ugh."

Studies have been done (by smart people who like to remain in the Ugh state, apparently) that claim that you can find ways to improve your outlook but that we all have a baseline mood. You can make yourself happy for a while (or you can make yourself sad, presumably) but in time you will

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A study with a different outcome was done in 2005 at the University of Pennsylvania by a team led by Dr. Martin Seligman, a founder of the Positive Psychology movement.

Seligman is also an expert on, among other things, resilience — something that we all need as we enter our third year of hard times.

The Seligman team did studies in which they assigned six positive thinking tasks to people who were mildly depressed, and then tested them for six months after to see if there were any lasting effects.

Four of the tasks had only short-term effects. But two seemed to bring a lasting change in mental state: "Our results suggest that lasting increased happiness might be possible even outside fairy tales."



One of the key elements was that the tasks had to be fun and easy to do; the two most effective tasks were ones that people enjoyed enough that they continued to do them after the study ended.

Those two exercises:

- "Three good things in life."

"Participants were asked to write down three things that went well each day and their causes every night for one week. In addition, they were asked to provide a causal explanation for each good thing."

- "Using signature strengths in a new way."

"Participants were asked to take

an inventory of character strengths and receive individualized feedback about their top five ("signature") strengths.... They were then asked to use one of these top strengths in a new and different way every day for one week."

There are a number of other "gratitude" exercises that you can find online, from sources including Harvard Health. But these two exercises seem to be ones that have a lasting impact.

At the conclusion of their study, the Seligman team summed up by saying that modern psychotherapy always focuses on the negative (how to be less anxious, less depressed, less angry).

Perhaps, the team suggested, psychotherapy in the future will ask patients to also focus on the positive, things they like about themselves, things for which they are grateful.

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POTHOLES

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Highly traveled roads tend to take the biggest beating, said Carlson, whose department oversees 33 miles of paved roads and about two miles of dirt roads. "North Elm is a busy street and water runs down the side. We are there daily checking it."

The temporary cold patch material used to plug up gaping holes in the road surface during winter has little staying power, he said. "The cars are hitting and hammering it and it ends up on somebody's lawn."

It's also expensive. Carlson noted that the temporary cold patch costs \$120 a ton, while the more permanent hot patch costs \$70 a ton. The longer into the season his crews need to make temporary repairs, the more costly the process. "It will take away from our paving budget, we won't be able to pave quite as much" once warmer weather arrives, said Carlson.

Challenging time for road crews

This winter's wildly varying temperatures and heavy rains are the perfect setup for potholes, which are created when moisture gets beneath the asphalt and then freezes and pushes the road surface upward. As warm temperatures thaw the ground, the weakened pavement is further damaged by traffic. Heavily traveled roads, as well as older roads, are more prone to potholes.

For town road maintenance crews, this year is akin to a game of pothole Whack-A-Mole. The gaping holes in the asphalt are filled with temporary patch material which weakens during the freeze/thaw cycle, "and that tends to blow them back out again," said Jamie Reid, Road Foreman for the Sharon town highway department.

While most of Sharon's 85 miles of roads are structurally sound thanks to a major paving project about a decade ago when roughly 30 miles were resurfaced, potholes are a recurring problem, said Reid, particularly on unpaved dirt roads. His crews do the best they can by laying crushed stone on unpaved roads, yet with every warm-up, "it gets really muddy."

The scenario is similar in Salisbury. "Like every other town, we have potholes. We have guys out patching potholes right now," reported Don Reid, the town's road foreman. While complaints have been few, he said, the highway department is keeping an eye on problem areas, particularly Race Track Road. "There is a swampy area on the side of the road, and that makes it kind of hard to keep up" with recurring damage,

said Reid.

It's all in the timing

Tim Downs, supervisor for the Town of Canaan/Falls Village highway department, said timing is the name of the game when it comes to repairing potholes. When craters in the road get filled with water and then freeze, road crews have to either wait for Mother Nature to melt the ice, or they take out a torch to do the job themselves.

The latter option, said Downs, is time consuming and can put a big dent in his department's budget. Falls Village has 31 miles of paved roads, and roughly three miles are unpaved.

"How much money are you going to pour into a pothole when you can wait a couple of days to fix it?" said Downs. "It's a matter of when you are going to get to it and then the conditions are right to patch it."

Dangerous gashes on roadways, however, are a priority to repair under any circumstance, he said. Some of the highly traveled areas that are taking a beating from this winter's freeze/thaw cycle include portions of Sand Road, Johnson Road and Warren Turnpike.

Downs said he is not a fan of temporary repairs. "It's kind of a headache. You see a pothole and know you can't really fix it right this time of the year. So the same guy who complained is going to call again next week and say, 'Why didn't you fix it?'"

On the bright side, said Downs, "Most of the town roads are 30-mile-per-hour roads, unlike the state highways" where higher speed limits and heavy traffic worsen the pothole potential.

How to report damage on state roads

State road crews, too, have their share of pothole woes, and safety of motorists is a priority for the Connecticut Department of Transportation, according to a statement from spokesman Josh Morgan.

"Every year the freeze/thaw cycle impacts the pavement and creates potholes, cracks and other road imperfections. We are constantly working to expand and improve our paving program to minimize future problems."

"It's important to remember that CT DOT only maintains state roads, such as interstates, parkways and major roads. Issues on local roads should be reported directly to the municipality." Potholes on state roads can be reported to the CT DOT Customer Care Center by calling 860-594-2560 or emailing DOT.customer-care@ct.gov.

HOUSING

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Ayer is presently consulting for nine area towns, she said, having assisted six others during the past year.

The affordable housing plans will have no regulatory authority, Ayer explained. Local boards and commissions have the authority, but it presents town-approved guidance toward considering future adjustments to local regulations.

As a first step in the planning process, each town's housing task force distributed a resident input survey to each household to gather information on existing housing stock and residents' opinions on the present and future housing needs (and solutions) for their towns.

The next steps in the process will be to specify action steps and strategies for meeting those housing solutions, Ayer said. Included in those steps are such topics as site identification, zoning, volunteer resources and funding sources.

The process anticipates that a draft of an affordable housing plan will be ready in April or May, with a community-wide forum to be held in June.

Following public hearings and resulting amendments to the plan, the board of selectmen will vote to adopt the final plan, Ayer said.

The affordable housing landscape among all three towns is similar. There is scarcity of rentals and finding an affordable home for first-time homebuyers is difficult. Young people who want to live in the area and seniors who want to remain in their towns as they age have difficulty doing so. The high costs of housing are stressing many family budgets. There is a pent-up demand for affordable housing alternatives. Affordable solutions among the towns may vary.

Kent

"This has been a long time coming," First Selectman Jean Speck commented on the process of creating a plan. Participants viewing the Zoom meeting numbered 27.

Kent Housing Committee representative David Birnbaum reported that 260 residents completed the survey. Some 74% were concerned that housing costs adversely affected affordability; 60% favored more senior housing; 50% saw need for smaller units for down-sizers, and 44% saw advantages in centrally located housing options. Half of the respondents did not know that accessory apartments were an allowable option.

Ayer indicated that 78% of existing housing in Kent is single-family homes. Only 15% of those residences have

ment," said the researcher,

Forests, she continued, have natural healing powers, including the antibiotic properties present in forest soil and antiviral plant compounds such as aromatic terpenes, which are found in many plants and are especially abundant in conifers. "I can't overemphasize how important this is," she said of the research.

Global approach crucial

Masino said a global approach is crucial to addressing global crises and protecting brain health. More than 200 health journals call on world leaders to address "catastrophic harm to health" from climate change, said the neuroscientist. "Wealthy nations must do much more, much faster."

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children and yet 60% of those homes have 3 or more bedrooms. She felt it likely that many of those homeowners might prefer smaller homes.

A shortage of rentals is an existing problem with only three current vacancies in the rental market, with monthly rental cost ranging between \$2,200 for a 2-bedroom, \$3,500 for a 3-bedroom and \$24,500 for a 5-bedroom.

Many young adults are living with their parents, Ayer said, and 199 households are paying more than half of their income on housing costs. The recommended percentage of income to be budgeted for housing is 30%.

Sharon

There were 37 people viewing the online Sharon meeting. The housing survey was completed by 222 residents, according to Housing Plan Steering Committee representative Dale Jones, who also serves the town as a selectman.

A substantial majority (82%) of residents recognized that high housing costs affect affordability for many; 79% agreed that housing costs affect affordability for young families; 76% favored more rental options; 67% felt that the town needs more options for down-sizers and 57% agreed that the town needs more options for renters to be able to go on to purchase their first home.

Ayer reported that Sharon has 465 families who earn less than 80% of the area's median income and would therefore qualify for affordable housing options. Sharon presently offers 36 total units of housing, mostly at Sharon Ridge, where 80 households are on the waiting list.

Some 90% of Sharon's housing is single-family detached homes, and 16% of those households have children. But 75% of those homes have three or more bedrooms. Only 17% of the housing is classed as rental property, with only five

homes listed as being available to rent.

There are 205 households paying more than half of their income on their housing costs, indicating a severe housing cost burden for those families.

Comments offered by meeting participants sought clarification, and supported locating housing within easy walking distance of the town center. Others supported providing broadband coverage. The need for providing housing opportunity for employees of local businesses, local school personnel and younger families was discussed, along with a question about whether the town should include support for affordable housing in its annual budget.

"We're going to need residents' input to find ways to move forward," Jones said. "Please stay interested as we move into the idea phase." Speaking for the housing committee, Jones said that each committee member "will welcome input with open arms."

North Canaan

Participating in the Zoom session were 24 residents, considering information provided by the 96 residents who have completed the input survey so far.

Ayer reported that 595 North Canaan households would qualify to reside in affordable units, although the town presently offers 162 such units, 68 of which are found at Wangum Village. The waiting list there stands at 21.

Kevin O'Connell, Geer Village CEO, spoke of the difficulties of recruiting staff to fill openings, given the lack of affordable housing.

"There is a real deficit in housing," O'Connell said, adding that professional staff are not so much seeking affordable housing to purchase, but would want to find reasonably priced rental properties. He said that 10

such rental units would be a help.

"I could hire 20 people tomorrow if I could find them, and housing is a huge component of that," O'Connell said.

Throughout the town, 438 households are cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of income on housing, and 229 of those are paying more than 50%.

In the town, 15% of single-family homes have children living at home, but 53% have three or more bedrooms, Ayer noted.

Only two homes in town are listed for rent, with the lower rent being \$1,900 per month.

Two surveys measured housing interests, one for people who live in the town and the other for people who work in North Canaan.

A majority (74%) of respondents who live in North Canaan believe that the cost of housing is a problem; 62% need affordable rentals; and 60% favor options where renters can purchase. One respondent asked for rental apartments in the town center so that younger employees could walk to work.

Of the respondents who work in North Canaan, 67 did not live in the town, 38 might want to purchase an affordable home and 17 would want to rent.

Residents offered favorable comments about the town and its propensity to step up and help local residents when the need arises. A few spoke of attracting more young people to live in North Canaan, perhaps by expanding the rental market.

Selectman Craig Whiting said that the town has very limited listings for sale.

"We need to add buildings," Whiting said, "keeping things central to the business district." He pointed out that North Canaan does not have much land area available for development.

"It's a big undertaking," First Selectman Charles Perotti said of the affordable housing plan to be developed. "We don't have that much land in town, and what we do have is wetlands," he said, adding however, "I think we can do it."

OVERDOSE

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state Board of Education will create a model policy for school districts to adopt.

Such a policy would "assist in training non-medical professionals in overdose recognition and administration" of opiate antagonists such as naloxone (trade name "Narcan").

Miner testified in front of the committee as it considered legislation that includes training and recognition of substance use and abuse. He said that as the legislation stands, recognition of substance use acts as "a trigger" for making funds available for naloxone.

Miner's idea is to streamline the process.

"Withholding resources at this time could be deadly," he said. "Let's make these funds available now."

Miner said that in a post-testimony conversation with state Sen. Saud Anwar (D-3), one of the committee's co-chairs, Anwar indicated the committee was inclined to agree with Miner's point.

The Legislature is also

considering bills that would increase the criminal penalty for dealing in fentanyl, a powerful opioid that is added to heroin, or in some cases sold as heroin.

Miner said he believes there is more fentanyl (or fentanyl analogues) in street heroin than anyone suspects.

"It's so lethal," he said. "To have it in the same category with less-lethal drugs seems problematic."

FORESTS

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topic. There is no one this doesn't benefit."

Thoreau, Darwin

Masino pointed to some famous people who, throughout history, have recognized the restorative values of nature, including Frederick Law Olmsted, landscape architect, author and conservationist who was famous for co-designing many well-known urban parks with his partner Calvert Vaux; Henry David Thoreau, a well-known advocate of transcendentalist best known for his book "Walden," a reflection upon simple living in natural surroundings; and the English naturalist Charles Darwin.

Masino said Olmsted was a staunch believer that nature engages yet relaxes the mind.

"He felt that everyone de-

serves access to nature," thus his quest to design public parks. "He felt these places were democratic spaces that allow meandering and organic interactions to happen and provide a profound and effective antidote to the stress of urbanization."

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Then the action moves forward 20 years, where an older Kirsten (Mackenzie Davis) leads a troupe of actors who travel among survivor



settlements to perform Shakespeare.

Along the way you'll be rewarded with some stunning and unforgettable passages, such as episode five, where a settlement of survivors in an airport terminal watches the arrival of a flight of sick passengers; will they disembark? Or episode nine, when Jeevan is attacked by a wolf and ends up assisting in a rough and improvised birthing center.

"Station Eleven" received rapturous reviews; I don't disagree, but you will have to pay close attention as the story jumps among three time periods. There are some disturbing scenes, but you'll see more Shakespeare than violence, maybe too much for someone like me with thriller genes. Be assured that the emphasis is not on the pandemic, but on a rebirth of art and the

bonds that connect the survivors.

Stream on HBO Max. 'WALL-E'

As a one-time science fiction editor, I'm occasionally asked for my favorite sci-fi movies. Some are surprised when I mention "Wall-E" in the same breath as "2001: A Space Odyssey" or "Blade Runner." The animation wizards at Pixar have made many memorable films, but this is their most ambitious and original and in my view the best.

Hundreds of years into the future, our environmental recklessness has turned Earth into a giant trash heap. Wall-E is a garbage bot who tidies up his tiny corner of the planet during the day and at night inserts a tape into a dusty Betamax and watches "Hello, Dolly." He has cute binocular eyes and is quite huggable, but

there's no one to hug him except for his sidekick, a cockroach. One day a probe bot named Eve lands in search of life. She's been sent from the huge starship where humans have escaped into an orgy of luxury. The two bots have a magnetic attraction, and when Eve returns to the ship, Wall-E hitchhikes a ride; much action ensues.

I love many things about "Wall-E." It's an almost Chaplinesque silent film with little dialogue. It's a charming love story. Although Earth is a grim and desolate mess, the ending offers hope for its future. Its only human star is my favorite character actor (and an old personal friend) Fred Willard. And the music is playful fun: from "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" to Louis Armstrong's "La Vie en Rose" — to Strauss's "Thus Spake Zarathustra," in a nod to Kubrick and one of the great openings in film history. I guarantee 97 enjoyable minutes for the entire family. Don't skip the end credits.

Stream on Disney; rent on Amazon, YouTube.

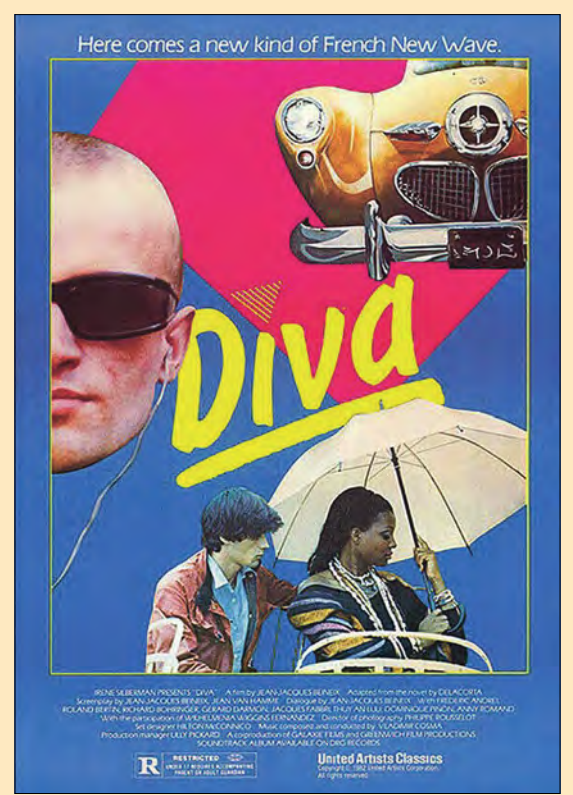
'INTO THE WOODS' IN FALLS VILLAGE

Musical theater returns to Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., with performances of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's "Into the Woods" on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, at 2 and 7 p.m.

Michael Kevin Baldwin is director and producer of the show featuring 15 student performers from the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society and a six-piece live orchestra.

All audience members will be required to wear a mask while inside Housatonic and for the entirety of the performance. Due to some mature themes, parents should use caution in bringing young children.

Seating for "Into the Woods" is general and all tickets are \$15. The primary way to purchase tickets is online with a credit card at www.HMTS.org. Seating is at 60% capacity to ensure social distancing within the auditorium.



Opera great Wilhelminia Wiggins Fernandez co-stars (and sings) in the 1981 French cult classic "Diva," which will be shown this month at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn.

FILM: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER Boondocks Is Back, with 'Diva' on March 19

The Boondocks Film Society is back after a six-month hiatus with a screening on Saturday, March 19, of Jean-Jacques Beineix's cult classic, "Diva."

Boondocks is run by Jeff Palfini as a sort of labor of film love. He selects iconic and cult films from the past half century or so and matches the film with a local venue. Hayao Miyazaki's 1992 anime film, "Porco Rosso," about sky pirates, was shown at the Great Barrington airport; the John Cusack film "Better off Dead," which includes a confrontation on a ski slope, was shown at Catamount Ski Area.

Anyone who remembers "Diva" will understand why it's being shown at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn.: This combination love story-crime thriller begins and ends in a gorgeously decrepit theater in Paris.

The film's design is credited to Hilton McConnico, one of the most famous names in fashion and design of that period. A native of Texas, he spent most of his life in Paris and was the perfect visual maestro for a French film inspired by American (and Asian) culture.

The "Diva" screening will not be in the Warner's ornate main theater, Jeff Palfini said; it will be in the smaller "black box" theater. That will give the Boon-

docks team more leeway to create little vignettes inspired by the film.

One such vignette will be a small stage where soprano Lisa Williamson will sing "Ebben? Ne Andro Lontano," the aria from the opera "La Wally" that is the musical theme and the lynchpin of the film's plot. In the film, it is sung by actress Wilhelminia Wiggins Fernandez, the opera great whose career had not yet launched when the film came out in 1981.

Fernandez made her debut in Paris and New York in 1982 in a production of "La Boheme," as Musetta, with co-stars Placido Domingo and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

For the Boondocks event, soprano Williamson will also perform "Musetta's Waltz" from "La Boheme."

Craft cocktails are always a feature of Boondocks events; the bartender from Torrington's Brinx will be the guest mixer on March 19.

The film features a memorable scene in which one character lovingly and lavishly creates a "tartine" sandwich, a French classic that involves a baguette and a lot of butter (and in this case, caviar and onions). For the screening at the Warner, Boondocks will partner with the popular Le Gamin in Sharon, Conn., to offer tartines (jambon et beurre as well

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BOTANICALS BY MOSS AT ARGAZZI ART

Art gallery owners don't always love every work they show, but Judith Singelis clearly has a passion for the work of Kathy Moss, on display now at her Argazzi Gallery in Lakeville, Conn.

"It's the kind of work I love," she said. "Spare. Bold. Simple. Iconic imagery."

"I find her work compelling and hypnotic."

Sit in front of the canvases and they begin to reveal themselves. At first you see black and white, but gradually you find other layers of color hidden beneath.

Singelis first encoun-

tered the work of Moss, who lives in Beacon, N.Y., when she saw a show of her work in Sun Valley, Idaho.

"I tracked her down when I moved to Salisbury, I wanted so much to show her at my gallery."

Moss specializes in botanicals, simple sketches of daisies, roses, echinacea. Thistles.

— Cynthia Hochswender

Argazzi Art at 22 Millerton Road in Lakeville, Conn., is open on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment (call 860-435-8222 or email info@argazziart.com).



"Untitled" by Kathy Moss is one of three works by the artist on display at Argazzi Art in Lakeville.

IMAGE COURTESY ARGAZZI ART

'SALOME' AT BARD

The Bard College Conservatory of Music in Anandale on Hudson, N.Y., presents "Salome," an opera by Richard Strauss with libretto by Oscar Wilde on Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.

The performances will be in the Sosnoff Theater in the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center.

Adapted from Wilde's one-act play, Strauss's "Salome" depicts the biblical story of the Judean princess who demanded — and received — the head of St. John the Baptist.

Tickets start at \$25, with free tickets for Bard students. Virtual livestream tickets are pay what you wish. To purchase or reserve tickets, go to www.fisher-center.bard.edu, call 845-758-7900 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or email box-office@bard.edu.

Cronin Sketches, Grown to Full Canvases

About four years ago, Robert Cronin, just before falling asleep at night in his home studio in Falls Village, Conn., found himself doing small line drawings in pencil on 8 x 6 inch pads of Fabriano paper. They were like little prayers. Laying on his side, with the day's cares and thoughts falling away, he was experiencing a freedom in drawing unlike at any other time.

A figure might start as just a line that suggests the bend of a wrist and would simply go from there into whatever figure wished to be discovered from this. Only one per night. Sometimes it was only one continuous line. Always a nocturnal surprise, usually followed by very good sleep.

From these simple line drawings, only a select few would be

considered good enough for scaling up with absolutely no corrections in proportions or details, to canvases in which form and color would come to celebrate these images.

A new exhibition of the artist's work at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., represents only these

results.

The exhibition opens on March 18, with a reception on Saturday, April 2, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The full exhibition can also be seen virtually at www.huntlibrary.org/art-wall, beginning March 18; works can be reserved for purchase.

Cronin received his

degrees at RISD and Cornell University and has taught at Bennington College and Brown University. His work is in the permanent collections of many major museums including the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the National Academy Museum (New York), the Carnegie Museum of Art (Pittsburgh) and the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston). Learn more at www.robertcroninart.com.

The Robert Cronin exhibition will be on display at the D. M. Hunt Library during operating hours through Friday, May 6. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



IMAGE COURTESY DM HUNT

A special collection of canvases by Robert Cronin will be shown at his hometown library, the D.M. Hunt in Fall Village, Conn., beginning March 18. Included is Green Dress on Black, left.

...Diva'

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as a vegetarian option) on fresh baguettes.

Palfini said that Boondocks Film Society is back in full swing, with screenings planned for every month of the year to come. Keep an eye out at www.boondocksfilmsociety.org for more details.

And to get a "taste" of the esthetic of "Diva," go to YouTube and search for "Zen in the art of buttering bread."

Tickets for "Diva" are \$20 and can be purchased at <https://boondocksfilmsociety.org/now-showing>. Cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m., the musical performance begins at 7:45 p.m. and the film begins at 8 p.m.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Send calendar items to calendar@lakevillejournal.com. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
DRAWING CLOSER: THINK SPRING!, March 11, 11 a.m. to noon.

Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.nrm.org
The Time We Spend with Words: A Conversation with Bascombe & Steven Heller, March 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
A New Way of Thinking about Gardens, March 12, 4 to 5 p.m. (online).

The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org
JEFF JARVIS, March 18, 7:30 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).

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
Compartment No. 6, opens March 11; MET LIVE 2021-22: ARIADNE AUF NAXOS (STRAUSS), March 12, 12:55 p.m.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group, www.berkshiretheatregroup.org
Moondance - The Ultimate Van Morrison Tribute Concert, The Colonial, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

The Egremont Barn, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com
Putnam vs. Jaffe, March 10, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; The BTU's, March 11, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Misty Blues, March 12, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

TALKS

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
LIZABETH PARAVISINI-GEBERT—WHERE THE OZAMA MEETS THE CARIBBEAN SEA: DOMINICAN ART AND SOCIAL ADVOCACY, March 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THEATER

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
TOM PAPA, March 11, 8 p.m.

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org
Ariadne Auf Naxos, March 12, 12:55 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Challenges remain for young families

On Feb. 17, the Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy released a report on the effects of the expiration of the Child Tax Credit, which President Biden had expanded upon entering office. The conclusion is that 3.7 million more children were in poverty in January 2022 as were in December 2021. Go to www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/news-internal/monthly-poverty-january-2022 to see the report.

Knowing the positive outcome of cash payments to families struggling to keep their households going, it's hard to understand how Congress can justify, to its constituents and its collective conscience, sunsetting the tax credit. But this is where our leaders are now, after having found it in their hearts to support young families of all economic strata during the worst of the COVID pandemic. Biden's Build Back Better bill would have fixed this, but remains stalled in Congress.

All of us should consider how the changes in programs to support the needs of children will affect families in the Tristate region. As if there weren't enough challenges for those who are working here, this will only add to their concerns for keeping their households stable.

There has been an uptick in the numbers of children in the schools and new families entering the area, yet those who are based in the local economy have as many problems as ever, if not more, to solve. Some have already been displaced from their housing due to upgrades to rental units that priced them out of places where they often have lived for years. (In the city this is called gentrification. What is it called in the country?) Finding new living accommodations is not a simple task, with a dearth of available rentals or affordable homes throughout the region.

Many of the local businesses that often employ these young parents have struggled through the pandemic, and especially the restaurants are just now starting to reopen with more expanded hours. It seems that more people are finally becoming comfortable dining out. But with inflation and gas prices ballooning, they won't have much extra cash to put into the local economy for anything but essentials, still.

Another ongoing problem for parents is finding affordable child care so they can work outside the home. During COVID, the child care centers in the region have been deeply challenged to retain both their families and teachers. After all, parents working remotely could find ways to save the cost of outside child care. Now that they are getting back to prepandemic schedules, they may still be looking for alternatives to the professional child care available in each of the Northwest Corner towns.

But in that young children aren't protected through vaccines and are naturally in close quarters with one another when in group care situations, it is not easy to put aside fears of outbreaks of COVID that affect all involved. Nevertheless, the centers are providing a critical good start for these young students as they are in their important formative stage of learning.

Now is the time to pay attention and support those centers as they are trying to find ways to remain in place to serve children and their adults. And to support those young parents who are facing so many other challenges as we are coming out of the pandemic's worst times.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Monolithic trees

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trying to make sense of a chaotic world

With the world overwhelmed with Ukraine's dire takeover by Russia, it's hard to know what to say or how to keep abreast of local, state and national issues.

Things can change overnight and sometimes it seems "Might Makes Right" is winning out even if it's Illegal and Denying Basic Human Rights in these modern times. We need independent forums and thinkers in part to object to the erasure of all such venues in Russia and many lower forms of humanity destroying the lives of others.

There are many spiritual

views that humanity is evolving to see the "higher abilities of working together" with our thoughts, words, deeds and relationships on every level. Our human souls are not easy to factor into the equation yet may be the key aspect of our times to help us heal our bodies, minds, relationships and ability to use resources wisely on "Planet Earth."

Some may think that's magical thinking or a pipe-dream or prayer, but grains of truth and common sense from permaculture may help more people take a chance

and connect with their inner wisdom, join forums to advocate for human rights and the planet and much more.

Keeping forums such as Southern Berkshire Toastmasters of Massachusetts (which could meet monthly on zoom if it does not close up shop this month) and The Lakeville Journal are urgent opportunities to explore skills of listening, reading, writing, communicating and growing meaningful relationships. There are special photo exhibits at the Hartford Capitol celebrating Connecticut women and online

at RebeccaRoseFinePortraits.com.

All leaders and members in politics, business, faith, education, military, family or other group would benefit from learning the basics of what is being offered. Please join in through Facebook or other group in one's area or with family and friends to advocate for peace and growing community anew with spring as an added inspiration of hope and growth. Work with nature and feel free to be in touch.

Catherine Palmer Paton Falls Village

OHS: Accounting practices must be investigated

This letter was also sent to the OHS:

An editorial in the March 3 Lakeville Journal alerts its readership to possibly egregious accounting irregularities by Nuvance Health, a not-for-profit organization. The alleged misrepresentations as to the Sharon Hospital's recent financial experience seem to have been published to justify cutting the Hospital's services to patients

in northwest Connecticut. In a letter to the Editor, Victor Germack of Save Sharon Hospital, Inc., reports that Nuvance has conceded its published financial reports are grossly in error.

As two of the many who rely on Sharon Hospital, we urge you to investigate these charges and the qualification of Nuvance as a not-for-profit hospital organization. As you know, the Connecticut

Attorney General's office has responsibility for the conduct and continued certification of not-for-profit organizations. We do not know if that office is already investigating possible financial misrepresentations by Nuvance, but we hope you will coordinate your own oversight with the

Connecticut Attorney General's office.

The unilateral actions taken and threatened by Nuvance threaten thousands of us living in the Northwest Corner.

Marian and Carr Ferguson Lakeville

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — March 1922

It is reported that Mr. W.H. Kenyon of New York has purchased the Banner place at Sharon.

The frost appears to be coming out in many places and as a result some highways are in bad condition and difficult for auto travel.

SALISBURY — Miss Marguerite Marston of New York is recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marston. She has been quite ill, caused by a nervous breakdown, her doctor ordering a complete rest for her.

LAKEVILLE — John H. Garrity is building a new garage and barn at his residence.

50 years ago — March 1972

A raging fire in zero weather gutted the West Cornwall home and almost took the lives of Mrs. Doris Siena, 67, her grandson Christopher Goddard, and their tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Strong Jr. and their baby, last Saturday morning. The fire, which broke out in the kitchen of the house, was discovered at 4:55 a.m. by Chris Goddard who immediately awakened his grandmother.

Blocked by flames from leaving the building, Mrs. Siena pounded on the walls of her tenants' apartment and awakened Mr. Strong, his wife Mary and their 11-month-old baby girl. He immediately sounded the fire alarm and located a ladder which he placed against the building, enabling Mrs. Siena and Chris to escape with the flames closing in on them.

While descending the

ladder, Mrs. Siena, who had already suffered severe burns on the arms and chest, fell from the ladder, injuring her back. She was taken to the home of a neighbor, where Cliff TenBroeck and Fred Bate III administered first aid before rushing her to Sharon Hospital.

Stage and screen actor Robert Montgomery and his wife have purchased an estate of 195 acres along the Whiting River in East Canaan from Jack Boyd Ward for an undisclosed amount. The transaction was handled by Lakeville Realtor Albert Borden. The house, a stately 11-room edifice of mellow pink brick, lies at the end of a tree-shaded lane, surrounded by broad lawns. The property includes a guest cottage, superintendent's cottage, garage, barn and other out-buildings. It is understood that Mr. Montgomery pur-

chased the estate for less than the asking price of \$425,000, but the exact figure will not be revealed until the deed is transferred, probably at the end of this month.

KENT — The town seems to have "lost" about 1,000 acres, according to the Grand List of 1971. Last year's total acreage amounted to over 25,000 acres, while the just-completed abstract shows considerably less. Assessor Albert Edwards believes the fault lies with a misplaced decimal point, rather than any failure to assess the land involved.

Penn Central Transportation Company real estate officers have accepted a \$6,600 bid for the Cornwall Bridge Depot from Dave Williams of Ontherun, a design, planning and media group.

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Rural hospitals are in grave danger in Connecticut

Rural hospitals in Connecticut are having essential services eliminated, putting the health of Connecticut residents at risk. Recently, the labor and delivery unit at Windham Hospital closed and the same unit at Johnson Memorial Hospital was suspended, following closures of more units at Milford and New Milford hospitals. The latest victim is Sharon Hospital — the pending closure of its labor and delivery unit was announced in September 2021 by its parent, Nuvance Health.

Nuvance, created in 2019 pursuant to a merger, filed a Certificate of Need (CON) application to Connecticut's Office of Health Strategies (OHS) for approval in which it stated that the purpose of the merger was to enhance the focus on primary care and expand local access to specialty care, with no planned reductions in healthcare services.

On April 1, 2019, OHS approved the merger in an Order directing that Nuvance maintain for five years, among other services, Sharon Hospital's emergency room, inpatient obstetrics/gynecology and critical care unit services in order to meet the needs of the community. Nuvance's pending closure of Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit within three years is in direct violation of OHS's 2019 Order. Nuvance is proceeding to close the unit without waiting for OHS to conclude its formal investigation into the propriety of the closure.

Nuvance's closure of Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit is based primarily on two false premises. The first is that the number of births at Sharon Hospital has steadily declined in recent years. This is false: the number of births at Sharon Hospital has increased since OHS's 2019 Order, from 197 in 2019 to 216 in 2020 and 210 in 2021. Moreover, in a recent submission to OHS, Nuvance described an anticipated 1.4% increase in the number of local women of child-bearing age over five years.

The second false premise is that hiring and retaining qualified medical staff at Sharon Hospital has become impossible. In fact, the community OB-GYN group recently hired a new full-time obstetrician; physician coverage is not an issue. A nursing shortage has only occurred following Nuvance's announcement, causing most of Sharon Hospital's full-time birthing unit nurses to leave or announce their departures.

Nuvance refuses to replace full-time nurses and, instead, is employing expensive and temporary "travel nurses."

The closure of Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit will put mothers and their unborn children at

unacceptable risk. Pregnant mothers will have to travel long distances to give birth and for emergency care. Given inclement weather conditions, especially during winter months, travel to distant hospitals is sometimes impractical, forcing women to give birth at home or en route to a hospital. As Connecticut Attorney General William Tong stated concerning the closures at Windham Hospital: "[A]sking these parents to travel an additional 25-45 minutes in order to undergo a major medical procedure at another hospital is not a mere inconvenience; it creates additional burden and risk for an already vulnerable mother and baby."

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology conducted a complete review of Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit in 2021 and determined that it was highly qualified to provide obstetric care and that everything should be done to preserve its labor and delivery unit. Sharon Hospital also has received a Five-Star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. However, Sharon Hospital will no longer be a full-service hospital and doctors may leave.

Nuvance is also eliminating the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Sharon Hospital — in the middle of a pandemic — and cutting surgical services so that emergency surgeries cannot be performed after regular business hours or during weekends, again in violation of OHS's 2019 Order requiring Nuvance to maintain Sharon Hospital's ICU for five years. Nuvance's new policy requires that ICU-level patients be transferred to other facilities for admission and has caused multiple ICU nurses to resign.

These closures will have detrimental effects on the community at large. The inability to provide healthcare services could cause residents to leave and discourage young families, the elderly, and people with health conditions from moving to the area. Recruiting new businesses to the area, or their expansion, will become diffi-

cult as firms consider quality of life, quality education and access to healthcare.

If Nuvance is permitted to use its dominance to forcibly

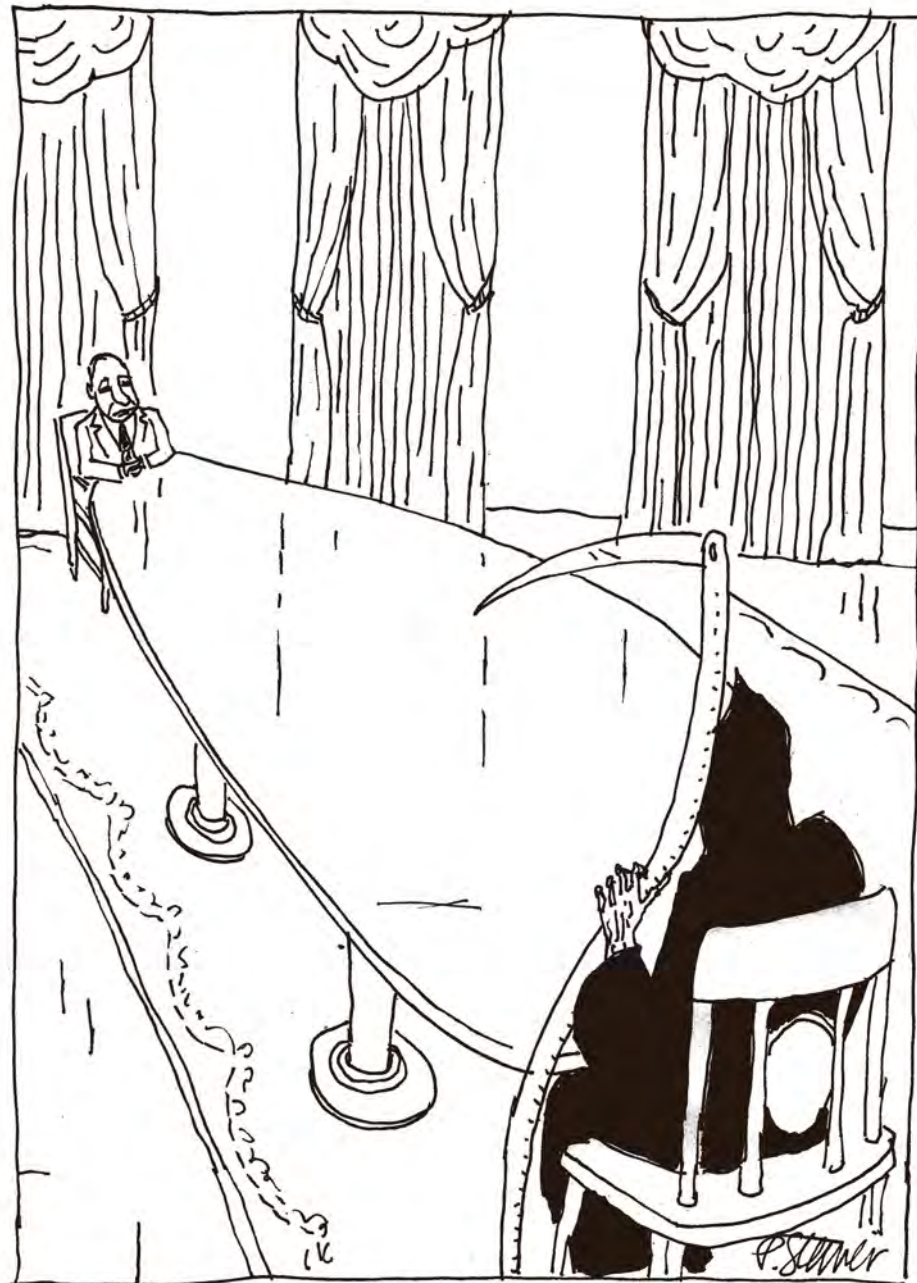
close Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit and ICU — and it should not — large swaths of Connecticut residents

will be denied access to the healthcare they need and deserve.

David C. Singer is an attorney, arbitrator and mediator. He is also on the Board of Save Sharon Hospital, Inc., and is representing them here.

GUEST COMMENTARY DAVID C. SINGER

Nuvance's closure of Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery unit is based primarily on two false premises.



Attack the Russian money

Pootie Poot, W's name for Vlad the Impaler, about to be impaled.

And Foreign Secretary Sergei Lavrov.

Hanged from lampposts in Red Square. If there aren't any, they will be erected.

But don't put their eyes out, we don't want them having any Oedipal awarenesses. We want them to see what is happening to them.

O, Lord, am I in to revenge. Bad on me. Mercy, please, the quality of, thank you, Portia.

OK. Now what?

I am not sure how courageous any of us would be given the Russian assault on Ukraine, who among us would have President Zelensky's strength, or Foreign Minister's Kubelo — did you hear him opposite Secretary of State Blinken, Kubelo, heavily accented, but brilliant English, and the pocket square, nice, could any of us speak that well? — I know not me.

Revenge. I have read and seen the great revengers' tragedies of the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras and they are bloody like crazy. Did I say Putin?

Cyril Tourneur, John Webster, did they have tanks? Knives, poisons, were all they

needed. But their characters, evil courage, which the KGB Colonel does not have.

Attack the money. The Pootiecrats. And their children. So they will not be able to cruise around in their Bentleys or their yachts anymore. Then maybe Daddy will bail on and boil Old Snake Eyes Tovarishch.

Did you see the length of the table that separates Pootie from his "advisors." It is the distance of a curling alley. Apparently, he is terrified of COVID.

If only we had Adolph with that footage.

(Pluto — I don't mean to attack the gentle dog or the erstwhile planet.)

Attack the money. Cannot say it enough. It's always been the ticket. Cut the head off and Snake Eyes will die.

Back to the beginning. Vlad the Impaler. An insult to our Romanian Blood Sucker, Dracula, who at least had the sartorial imagination, in tuxedo, not shirtless off his horse, the former KGB Colonel Impaler, not to do cowardly bloodthirst from thousands of kilometers away.

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lash, are taking in the Ukrainians.

Here's the former President of Ukraine, Poroshenko — You have to stand above your fear. And that is his English.

And President Zelensky? A Jew. With Lavrov justifying the invasion to "de-Nazify" Ukraine? The gallows awaits, Tovarishch.

My Lord, who can do that? And who's that articulate? The Ukrainians.

And finally, the Russian people who are being fed disinformation, like mad. A young Russian woman in Ukraine is in touch with her parents in Russia who have been told that it is the Ukrainians who are shooting their own. That is what Snakey tells them. (I have to

stop belittling snakes. They can't help it they look like Poot. And the fact that they slither...)

Senator Lindsay Graham has called on the Russian people to assassinate Vlad. Best idea he's ever had. Channeling your inner Rasputin, are you, Lins? But how about your Trainer who calls V a Genius! What will he think of you now, lapdog?

Rocky and Bullwinkle. Remember them? If you do, you'll also recall the snakey Soviet spies Boris and Natasha, making Get Smart look smart. If we can get them to rebel, to put up the nooses, perhaps the one-sided carnage will stop, and the Russian bear will understand what "carnival" really means. Goodbye to meat. And he will lie down with the Ukrainian lamb after all. Let's give it all up for Lent. And stand above our fear.

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The Poles, the Romanians, the Hungarians, who you couldn't get to agree on pierogi or kozonac or goulash, are taking in the Ukrainians. Here's the former President of Ukraine, Poroshenko — You have to stand above your fear. And that is his English.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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Tom Zetterstrom of Canaan, Mr. Williams' associate, said this week that the firm will preserve the depot, built in 1888, and put up for bid by Penn Central last month. The railroad has also disclosed that it expects to dispose soon of the West Cornwall station, recently cited by Town Sanitarian George Senseney as a source of pollution of the Housatonic River. Waste from a shop there by the Little Guild of St. Francis is discharged into the river.

Harlan Tracy retired from the Canaan National Bank

last Wednesday after working for 44 years in local banks. Mr. Tracy started his career in the Falls Village National Iron Bank in 1928 as a bookkeeper. At the time, the Falls Village bank was one of the last banks to use the old Boston Ledgers, in which all accounts were posted by hand and the balance was carried forward daily.

25 years ago — March 1997


CANAAN — A plan to build a 195-foot communications tower in town will go to a public hearing soon. When the Planning Commission meets again March 12, members will set a date

for the formal hearing on a subdivision application now before them. Approval of the plan would give Litchfield County Dispatch the go-ahead to erect the tower on Church Hill near downtown Canaan. Tom Foley is seeking to separate four acres at the rear of the 105-acre Foley Farm property on Lower Road so he can sell the land to LCD as a tower site.

An employee of National Iron Bank on John Curtiss Road in Norfolk discovered March 1 that the bank had been forcibly entered, and a large amount of money was taken from the Automated Teller Machine.


The FFA chapter at Housatonic Valley Regional High School has been selected from 18 FFA chapters statewide to participate in "Agriscience Careers for the 21st Century." The program will appear on Channel One, a subscription-based service for nationwide schools, on March 14 at 2 p.m. HVRHS does not subscribe to Channel One, but will be able to participate in the program via a satellite uplink.

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