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Why we're shipping our trash elsewhere

SALISBURY — It's hard to imagine that it would ever get to this point. Up until recently, what we did with our waste in most of the Northwest Corner was quite simple: we bought a sticker at town hall, separated the trash from the recyclables, and took it all to the transfer station, where they would be taken care of.

Anything that might be reusable went into the Swap Shop, a dusty room full of what most people considered junk, but that others saw as an opportunity for reuse. The recyclables were turned over to a company that hauled them away to a facility that separated them, cleaned them and broke them down. If the towns were lucky, the recycling hauler would pay something for the privilege. The trash was sent to an incinerator in Hartford for a fee. End of story.

NEWS ANALYSIS TERRY COWGILL

Before our towns started sending their garbage — known formally in Connecticut as municipal solid waste (MSW) — to incinerators, they deposited them in their own landfills. But by the 1990s, Connecticut had closed almost all of its dumps.

Most of the towns simply converted their landfills to transfer stations. Since 1975, Salisbury and Sharon operated a shared transfer station on land leased from The Hotchkiss School. That changed when the two towns leveraged their partnership to build a new \$4.8-million transfer station on

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Area residents brought their trash and recyclables to the Salisbury-Sharon transfer station on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Towns grapple with broadband, garbage and how to use federal funds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — State Commissioner of Revenue Services Mark Boughton told the members of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) that over the next five years Connecticut will receive about \$6 billion in federal funds for infrastructure projects.

The list includes funding

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Despite weird weather, Junior Nationals on track for Feb. 22-26



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Work continued on the 65 meter ski jumping hill at Satre Hill in Salisbury on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20. For more, turn to Page A5.

Changing the way we eat and farm, to combat climate change

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — Jonathan Safran Foer, author of "We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast," offered suggestions for how ordinary people can combat climate change during a Salisbury Forum online interview Friday, Feb. 11.

Foer was interviewed by Amy Sidran, farm education coordinator at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville.

Sidran began by asking Foer about how he came to write nonfiction, and how he became interested in animal issues.

"You referred to it twice as a passion, and I don't know if that's really how I feel," Foer said. He said that from a young age the thought of animals being put on a plate was upsetting on a basic level, but like many he just tried to get over it.

As an adult, and having learned about the factory farming industry (which he described as "the most secretive industry in America after the military"), Foer said he considers himself lucky to make a living writing about it.

Asked about the structure of his writing, Foer said he considers two phases: writing and editing. He doesn't like to make a very concrete plan or outline for his books.

"The things I stumble upon are more interesting than the destinations I set out to reach," Foer said. That said, he still realizes the need to keep the reader's attention. "At the end of the day I'm not a diary writer, I'm an author."

In "We Are the Weather" Foer lists what he sees as the primary

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reasons for climate change: meat consumption and factory farms; emissions from airplanes, cars and other motor vehicles; and the steadily growing global population.

Foer said there are about the same number of farmers in the U.S. today as there were during the Civil War, despite the fact the population has doubled 11 times over. This is because farming methods have changed significantly in modern times, and production has increased accordingly.

But at a cost. Foer said a hunter who walked into a factory farm would be disgusted.

He described practices such as chickens being so overfed their legs break. American turkeys have lost the ability to reproduce sexually, he said, thanks to factory management.

Foer said that 99% of the animals we eat come from factory farms.

"It isn't a coincidence or accident we don't have images of those farms in our mind," Foer said.

While he has respect for traditional farmers, he believes it is not a feasible solution to produce enough meat and dairy for a grow-

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235 years of election results now online

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Do you think that a world government is a good idea?

Connecticut voters thought so — in 1948.

Secretary of the State Denise Merrill held a quick online presentation Thursday, Feb. 17, to announce the creation of an online elections database (go to www.electionhistory.ct.gov).

Merrill said she'd been playing around with the database and found a little-known nugget in the form of a ballot question in the election of 1948:

"Do you, as a sovereign citizen of Connecticut and the United States of America, direct our representative in the national congress to

urge the president and the congress to take the lead in calling for amendments to the United Nations charter strengthening the United Nations into a limited world federal government capable of enacting, interpreting and enforcing laws to prevent war?"

In a lopsided vote, 141,625 Connecticut citizens voted "yes," to just 14,312 "no" votes.

Merrill said when she was first elected and took office in 2011, "I was startled how behind we were in access to [election] data.

"Nothing was digitized." She said she was determined to make the data available to the public in an online form that could be easily used for research.

Adam Friedman of Civera Software is the brains behind the new database.

Appearing with Merrill, Friedman said the old "request - respond" model for research is obsolete.

The new website includes every state and federal general election

from 1787 to the present, and municipal elections from 2001 to the present. Statewide primary election results are available starting with 1998, with more results to be added shortly.

"This is 235 years of results," Friedman said. "We do it one time and never have to do it again."

Asked if there are plans to add municipal election date prior to 2001, the answer was "probably not."

Merrill said there is no central repository for municipal election data, so adding town election results would entail visiting every town and city hall and going through records.

The state and federal election results are archived at the Connecticut State Library.

Asked if someone had to go into the State Library with a laptop and type in numbers, Friedman laughed and said between 80 and 90% of the data was compiled using software

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FEBRUARY 10, 1972

Fifty years ago, were we more resourceful? In winter of 1972, William Whitbeck repurposed a rotary sweeper and metal saucer to fashion a snowblower that cleared Factory Pond.



SAILING ALONG...behind his clever improvised equipment is William Whitbeck, who finds this method of clearing Factory Pond for skating is a breeze — albeit a rather chilly one. The rotary sweeper for summertime sidewalks has been converted for winter use, and the disc-like device under Mr. Whitbeck's feet should be familiar to anyone who has watched children sliding. — Photo by Richard Hayward

The Lakeville Journal celebrates 125 years of continuous publication.

Watch this space for a look back through our reporting history.

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Three-day forecast

Friday Snow, high 34°/low 18°
 Saturday Sun, 25°/10°
 Sunday Sun, 36°/11°

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Scholarships & grants for students from BTCF

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation offers competitive scholarships and grants for students and non-profits in northwest Litchfield County.

Apply for funding during the winter grants cycle at www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships and www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Grants.

Students who plan to attend an accredited college, university, trade school or graduate program may com-

plete Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's common scholarship application to determine their eligibility for all of the foundation's scholarships. Awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and support a variety of academic interests. Some funds offer renewable awards.

Applications are due March 15. Apply with the common application by going to www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships.

The Green Pastures Fund supports nonprofit organizations or public entities that encourage or preserve small, community-based agricultural ventures. Grants range up to \$3,000. Applications are due March 1.

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.

Bring your child's birth certificate to confirm the date of birth, and a current record of childhood immunizations.

Correction

An article in the Feb. 3 Lakeville Journal incorrectly said that the Couch Pipa VFW raised \$6,000 to aid veterans in Kentucky following a tornado. It was the VFW Auxiliary, and the auxiliary's president is Grace Kelly.

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.

Interfered with a 911 call

On Feb. 13 at approximately 3 p.m. on East Street in Sharon Cameron Shayne Majette, 20, of Sharon was arrested at his home address and charged with interfering with a 911 call and violation of a protective order. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court the following day, Feb. 14.

Sideswiped

On Feb. 16 at approximately 9 a.m. on Millerton Road in Salisbury a 2017 Volkswagen Tiguan driven by Sarah Eckler, 17, of Ancram, N.Y., and a 2005 Honda Pilot driven by M. Guarcascipriano, 50, of Millerton were traveling in opposite directions and both sideswiped the other vehicle. No police action was taken as the report claims no fault could be determined.

Deer caused accident

On Feb. 16 at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Route 112 in Salisbury a 2014 Ford Focus driven by Alicia Latorre, 61, of Sharon swerved off the road and struck approximately 50 feet of guardrail. No injuries were reported. Latorre stated she had swerved while driving to avoid a deer in the road. She was issued an infraction for failure to drive in the proper lane.

Hit and run at The Boathouse

On Feb. 16 at approximately 10 p.m. on Main Street in Salisbury Troop B responded to a report of a vehicle evading a motor vehicle

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

accident in the parking lot of The Boathouse restaurant. The damaged vehicle was a 2008 Honda Accord registered to Alex Ryan Kellner, 21, of Sharon. No witnesses were present to report any information about the vehicle that struck the Honda in the parking lot. The motor vehicle accident remains under investigation.

Evaded scene of accident

On Feb. 17 at approximately 5 p.m. on Belden Street in Falls Village Dora Duplessis, 68, of Falls Village was taken into custody based on a vehicular accident. She was charged with evading responsibility and making an improper turn. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 3.

Two-car collision

On Feb. 17 at approximately 2:45 p.m. on Millerton Road in Salisbury a 1988 Volvo 740 GLE driven by Thomas Morton, 71, of Sharon slowed to make a left hand turn and failed to

grant the right of way, colliding with an oncoming 2007 Honda Civic driven by William O'Brien, 71, of Amenia. O'Brien was transported to Sharon Hospital. Morton was issued an infraction for failure to grant the right of way to oncoming traffic.

Domestic arrest

On Feb. 18 at approximately 7:30 a.m. Troop B responded to an active domestic disturbance at a residence on Terry Lane in North Canaan between a mother and son. Aaron Roth, 37, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on that same day.

Blown-out tire

On Feb. 19 at approximately 5:15 p.m. on Cornwall Hollow Road in Cornwall a 2016 Hyundai Elantra driven by Zina Vadney, 56, of Falls Village lost control due to a front tire blowing out. The Hyundai collided with a tree. No injuries were reported and no enforcement action was taken.

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.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2022, at a special town meeting duly warned, the legal voters of the Town of Salisbury voted to amend Ordinance #86 to remove the sentence: "The Town Clerk shall be a resident of the Town."

NO. 86 June 20, 2003 - Passed at Special Town Meeting

Repeals and replaces Ordinance #78 - June 24, 1993

APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

BE IT ORDAINED, that Ordinance No. 78 is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Pursuant to General Statutes §9-185, the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector shall each be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. ~~The Town Clerk shall be a resident of the Town.~~ The term of office of each shall be four years and until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. The first person so appointed to each office shall be appointed upon the expiration of the term of office of the official in office at the effective date of this ordinance or the occurrence of a vacancy in said office, whichever first occurs.

The amendment to Ordinance 86 will become effective fifteen (15) days after publication of this notice. It is available at the Town clerk's office for inspection.

Patricia H. Williams
Town Clerk
02-24-22

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0160 by Cassidy & Teti for a change of use to hotel and a use rendering a lot more than 30% impervious in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District at 9 Academy Street, Salisbury, Map 54, Lot 74 per Sections 205.2 and 403.4.c of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and

meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
02-24-22
03-03-22

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0163 by Lime Rock Park II, LLC for land filling/grading/excavating in the Flood Plain Overlay District at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 4, Lot 16 per Section 401 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
02-24-22
03-03-22

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Site Plan Application #2022-0161 by Lime Rock Park II, LLC for the construction of new 'B' paddock garages and infield kitchen/concession building at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 4, Lot 16 per Section 221.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where

interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CATHERINE F. SHERWOOD Late of Salisbury (22-00019)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 10, 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:
John Richards
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz, & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street
P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-24-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CHARLES J. PAINE Late of Salisbury (22-00044)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 8, 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 fiduciaries are:
Heidi K. Paine and
Jeffrey C. Paine
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Our Towns

Students reveal a history of slavery in New England

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Salisbury School students Duncan Rider and Jack Norris explained how New England in general and Salisbury in particular contributed to the perpetuation of slavery, in the first of three online presentations on Thursday, Feb. 17.

In part one of "Slavery and the Northwest Corner," the students noted that Salisbury didn't have a large number of slaves listed on census records, at least not compared with Southern states and towns.

But Salisbury's iron industry was involved in slavery.

Iron from the Barnum and Richardson Company was used to make wheels for railroad cars, and one significant customer was the Alabama and Tennessee Railroad Company, which in turn provided "an essen-

tial way to ship slaves, tools and resources effectively throughout the South."

The New England economy as a whole relied on slave labor for raw materials.

Molasses for rum and cotton for textiles were produced by slave labor in the Caribbean and in the American South.

During the question period, moderator Claudia Cayne thanked the students for shedding light on the topic. "We somehow believe we weren't part of it in the Northeast."

Part two on Thursday, Feb. 24, focuses on Joseph Mars, and on Thursday, March 3, the series wraps up with a look at the process of documenting enslaved people through primary sources such as property records and census data.

Go to www.scovillelibrary.org for more information.

Cornwall objects (once again) to railroad herbicide spraying

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Application of herbicide along the tracks belonging to the Housatonic Railroad Company was discussed by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported that the town has received the required annual vegetative management plan from the

railroad and that chemical spraying is expected to begin around March 1.

Describing the plan as "disappointing to us," Ridgway explained that the town has no authority to stop the plan.

Nevertheless, he plans to write to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and other state offices, indicating that the town opposes the spraying

and wants to designate no-spray zones within the town.

Ridgway added that he plans to draw attention once again to the several long-dead trees along the tracks, asking for their removal. The trees were killed years ago by spraying. The trees in the village of West Cornwall in particular need to be dealt with, he said.

"It does cost the town money when vegetative man-

agement is not done properly," he said, suggesting that residents could send letters of concern to DEEP and the state Department of Transportation.

Selectman Janet Carlson suggested that residents post "No Spraying" signs on their private property if they border the tracks.

"We like to be a green town, not a brown town," Ridgway said.

How climate is affecting our local farms

SHARON — Three well-known farmers from area towns will take part in a discussion about farming and climate change on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Following this in-person panel event there will be a reception at the Sharon Historical Society & Museum, which has organized the talk as part of a new exhibit put together by Carol Ascher.

The exhibit is called Reinventing Farming: How Small Farmers in the Northwest Corner Are Finding Niches Amidst Climate Change, Industrial Farming & Large Supply Chains.

There will be a display at the museum on the Green of farming implements through the years.

One point Ascher hopes to highlight in the exhibit is

that people today only spend about 7% of their money on food, compared to 25 or 35% in the 1950s and 1960s.

Working with her on the exhibit are Marel Rogers and Jonathan Doster. Videos that the team produces for the exhibit (which runs through May) will become part of the historical society's oral history collection.

To register for the panel

discussion with Matt Freund of Freund's Farm in East Canaan, Rebecca Ridgway of Ridgway Farm in Cornwall and Sarah Paley Coon of Paley's Farm Market in Sharon, call 860-364-5688 or go to www.sharonhist.org/events2/

Future panel discussions will be on April 2 and 23 and May 28.

— Cynthia Hochswender

Celebrating our future agricultural leaders

Every year, for one week in February, FFA members from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands come together to celebrate what FFA means to them. During this week, FFA members organize activities that raise awareness not only about the organization, but also the role agriculture plays in our lives. This week also gives students the chance to educate themselves and the general public on what the future of agriculture is all about.

The Housatonic Valley FFA was chartered in 1940, not long after the national organization formed in 1928. Back when our chapter was chartered the letters "FFA" stood for "Future Farmers of America." These letters are a part of our chapter's rich history and they will forever hold a special place in the hearts of members past and present. However, agricultural education has evolved since 1928. Back then, Ag-Ed used to focus on students who would go into production farming straight out of high school. Since rebranding to "The National FFA Organization" in 1988, FFA supports members who aspire to enter the agriculture industry and all other industries. FFA is not just about

farming, it is about growth, cultivating leaders, diversity and new opportunities.

Over the past two years of uncertainty there have been many changes that have needed to be made to ensure the safety of students and educators across the nation. Despite these changes and pauses, FFA members have continued to live by the FFA motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

Our chapter has continued to donate funds to local food banks and the Jane Lloyd Fund from our successful holiday store. Through the Connecticut Dairy Grant and with the help of Amanda Freund our chapter was able to secure a grant to donate gallons of fluid milk and coupons to those same nonprofits.

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Housatonic Valley graduates have started countless agribusinesses, attended trade schools, attended post-secondary education through the PhD level, have entered traditional agricultural enterprises as well as law, education, medicine and



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FFA officers and alumni celebrate FFA week every year at the end of February.

Chapter. Our program also relies on the support and generosity of community members, state staff and national program.
— Mackenzie Casey, FFA reporter and Danielle Melino, FFA faculty advisor

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Our Towns

Cornwall will wait to March 1 to make MIRA decision

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Cornwall's selectmen decided at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15, to wait until March 1 to decide whether the town should sign up for the state's new trash disposal plan.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported that he remains in contact with other area towns, all of whom are facing the anticipated shutdown of Hartford's MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) facility in June.

When the plant is shut down, the state plans to shop solid waste from area towns out of state, which will be more costly than disposing of it in-state.

Many town officials said they object to the higher costs and also to the idea that Connecticut garbage is being shipped to other states.

However, Ridgway said, "This is the only option at this point."

He said that most area towns seem inclined to agree to the commitment.

The town's transfer station coordinator, Ted Lar-

son, reported that the disposal fee is likely to climb to \$100 per ton, although there would be no additional charge for recyclable materials.

Selectman Janet Carlson asked whether the recyclables are actually recycled, leading Ridgway to agree to research the plans for handling those materials.

Larson pointed out that the town does not yet know with certainty the destination state for the solid waste, whether Ohio, West Virginia or Pennsylvania, but that recyclables are to continue to be sorted at the Hartford MIRA plant.

Discussion centered on a composting program to lighten the tonnage of waste (towns pay for trash disposal based on weight).

Ridgway said area towns have discovered that it costs more to pull out the food waste, collect it and deal with it than to simply include it in the waste load. He added that the costs charged by the food waste collection services are increasing substantially.

"We are in the beginning stages of this," Ridgway added.

Selectmen vote, reluctantly, to stick with MIRA

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — With a notable lack of enthusiasm, the Board of Selectmen voted to sign up with the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) plan to ship the town's garbage out of state for a five-year period.

The selectmen held their regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 14, online and with a new Owl Pro camera that allows viewers to see all three selectmen, plus anyone else in the room.

First Selectman Henry Todd said that Falls Village, like most of the 49 towns that have sent municipal solid waste to the MIRA trash-to-energy facility in Hartford, doesn't have any better option.

Selectman Greg Marlowe said he has looked into alter-

Student Open Recital Feb. 27

SALISBURY — For a young musician or dancer, the opportunity to do a formal recital in front of an audience can be thrilling, memorable and perhaps a little terrifying.

Artists on both sides of that divide can gather on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m. in the meeting house of the Congregational Church in Salisbury, Conn., for the 40th anniversary Student Open Recital.

The artists are as young as 8 and no older than 18. There will be recitals on piano, classical guitar, cello, the new Salisbury School Classical Music Ensemble and the Salisbury School Jazz Ensemble. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com.

— Cynthia Hochswender



SCREENSHOT BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Falls Village has a new camera system for online meetings. It was used by the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 14.

natives and found that "there is availability" elsewhere, but at a significantly higher price.

Selectman Dave Barger concurred. "There's no alternative that is cost-effective."

Todd announced a meeting at the Emergency Services Center on Thursday, March 3 to discuss possible uses for federal pandemic relief funds.

The selectmen discussed selling the former firehouse building at 35 Railroad Street. Todd said one problem is the building and adjacent park-

ing lot are one parcel.

Another problem is there is no acceptable septic system for the property.

A third is that the building sticks into the Falls Village Inn property by a matter of inches.

Todd said he favors splitting the property into two parcels, the building and the parking lot. He also said there has been some interest from a private party in buying just the building, and reconfiguring it to end the encroachment issue.

Speaking of the parking lot, Todd read a letter from Richard Stone of the Cornwall Water Company stating that he inspected the lot in January after "an unseasonable rain" and followed the runoff 119 feet to the south to the catch basin. Stone lifted the grate and looked for residue from the lot and found none except sand.

"No rainbow film from petroleum byproduct was present."

Denny, Judy and Dave Jacobs attended the selectmen's meeting in person (and could be seen with the new camera setup).

Todd noted that the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) had received a complaint about contamination from the parking lot and from Jacobs Garage.

Judy Jacobs said a DEEP inspector came, checked out the lot and the garage, "and found no problems."

Todd reported to the selectmen and to the Board of Finance that the Grand List has increased 1.36% to \$191,195,435 from \$188,625,363.

A rich Olympic history, on view

SALISBURY — For a small rural town, Salisbury has had a large number of participants in winter and summer Olympics.

An exhibit that tells their history is on view through March at the Salisbury Association, 24 Main St. The building is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This week, because of the Junior Olympics in Salisbury and Cornwall, exhibit hours have been extended: Until Saturday, Feb. 26, the exhibit can be seen between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

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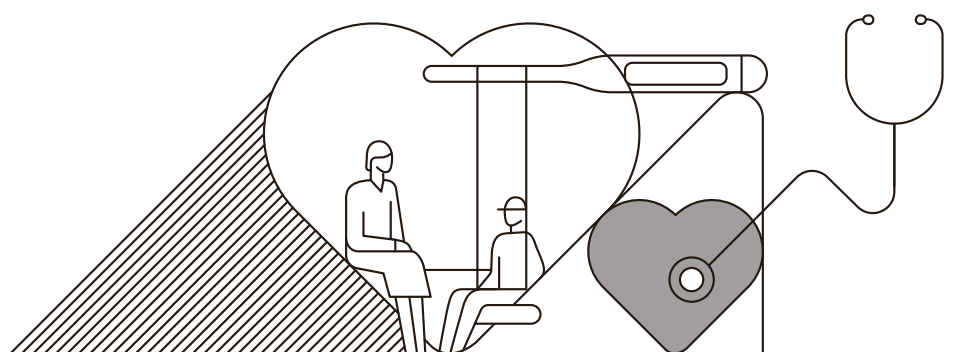
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Philip D. Waugh

SHARON — A lifelong resident of Sharon, Philip D. Waugh, 81, passed away peacefully on Feb. 15, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loving wife, Dobrila, and his three children.



Philip was born on March 24, 1940, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late Dr. David Darwin Waugh II and Bertha (Raeder) Waugh.

In the mid-1940s, Philip's parents moved to Dover Plains, N.Y., where his father began his ophthalmology practice, and to be near relatives on Chestnut Ridge in Millbrook. Philip often shared many fond memories of Chestnut Ridge, where he explored the open fields, hills and farmlands, hunting and fishing with his beloved dog, Penny. This began Philip's lifelong passion of the great outdoors, which he instilled in his children.

In 1950, his parents moved to Sharon to continue their practice. Philip attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School and graduated from Cornwall Academy in Great Barrington, Mass.

In 1960, Philip joined the United States Air Force, completing basic training in San Antonio, Texas. He served as an officer in the U.S.A.F. in administration at several U.S. bases including Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., and at Fort Myer (South Area) in Arlington, Va., where he worked at the Pentagon during the Kennedy Administration. While there, he attended the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

He was honorably discharged in 1966 and moved back to Sharon, where he met and married his wife, who was visiting Yugoslavian relatives. They were married in 1966 at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon, and soon after relocated to Pleasant Valley, N.Y., where he worked at DeLaval Corporation.

In 1976, they moved with their three children to Sharon, where he started his very successful real estate career, Waugh Real Estate. Philip and Dobrila worked tirelessly for over 30 years building their real estate business covering the Tri-state area,

and making many wonderful friends along the way.

During this time, Phil built the family house, his real estate office, and pond. He was a member of the Sharon Country Club, Sharon Lion's Club, Salisbury Rotary Club, and helped in the annual Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. He also enjoyed walks along the Appalachian Trail.

One of his greatest pleasures was flying Piper Cubs and Cessnas at the Great Barrington Airport (Walter J. Koladza Airport). Phil enjoyed taking aerial photos for his real estate business during his many flights. In later years, he loved visiting the airport on weekends, sharing aviation stories with fellow pilots and enjoying the camaraderie at the "Friendliest Airport in the Northeast."

Philip was known by all as a true gentleman and the kindest of souls. He had a deep commitment to his family and a great appreciation for classical music and opera. Phil loved to recite "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost, one of his favorite poets. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed for his smile, good nature, and his sense of humor.

Philip is survived by the love of his life of 55 years, Dobrila; his three children, Tanya Waugh of Sharon, Diana Bisselle and her husband, Andrew, of Lakeville and David Waugh of Sharon; his granddaughter, Nina Imperatore of Darien, Conn.; his grandson, Dylan Waugh; and his step-grandchildren, Lucille and Agnes Bisselle. He is also survived by his first cousin, Susan van Limburg Stirum of Carmel, Calif., and John Raeder and his wife, Susan, of Nevada and their children. He is also survived by another first cousin, Elizabeth Parsons and her husband, Tim, and their daughter, Sarah Yarbrough, her husband, Edwin, and their children.

He was predeceased by his first cousins, Robert Raeder and Mary (Waugh) Waterman.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sharon Ambulance, Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association or Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. The family would like to thank Dr. Kurish for his outstanding care and the very compassionate hospice nurses.

To send online condolences, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

In appreciation:

Jim Charlton

Jim Charlton was a gentleman of the old school, a devoted husband and father, a warm and generous friend, a host who brought out fine wines and lively conversation. His wit and optimism endure in his books and in a marvelous tale he recounted for this paper in July 2016, the story of "Three Writers in a Barber Shop," featuring James Thurber, Thomas Costain and Georges Simenon when they all lived in Lakeville.

Helen and Donald Ross

Lakeville

Raymond J. Duprey

CANAAN — Raymond J. Duprey, 86, of Sand Road, died Sunday evening Feb. 13, 2022, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

He was the husband of Judith (Giulian) Duprey.

Raymond was born Oct. 3, 1935, in Sharon, son of the late Ruth (Houghtaling) and Clarence Duprey.

Raymond worked for many years as a farmer, alongside his father-in-law, Albert Giulian, on the Giulian family farm, Sun Set Hill Farm in Canaan. In later years he especially enjoyed his winter stays in Florida.

In addition to his wife, Raymond is survived by his stepson, Jody Neal of Lime Rock; his sons, John

Duprey of Canaan and Jimmy Duprey of Queensbury, N.Y.; his brother, Robert Duprey of Millerton; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Raymond was predeceased by his stepson, Robert Neal.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in Raymond's memory may do so to the VFW Couch-Pipa Post #6851, 104 South Canaan Road, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

David A. Wheeler Sr.

CANAAN — David A. Wheeler Sr., 84, of West Main Street died Feb. 3, 2022, at the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was the husband of the late Evelyn V. (Schufelt) Wheeler, who passed on Nov. 11, 2021. David and Evelyn were married for 62 years.

David was born Dec. 19, 1937, in Sharon, son of the late Margaret (Hanley) and John Wheeler.

David was employed by The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. He worked for the school for 33 years as a custodian.

After retiring from there he began a 14-year employment at the North Canaan Elementary School as a custodian. David loved to work, but in his free time he enjoyed time at home with Evelyn, his dog, and watching television.

He is survived by his children, Trudy Dennis of East Canaan, Lois Derwin of Canaan, Muriel Cassidy of South Carolina and David Wheeler Jr. of Long Island, N.Y.; his brother, Gerald Wheeler of Ancram, N.Y., his sister, Joan Wheeler; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Robin Wheeler; his granddaughter, Margaret Derwin; and his brother, John Wheeler.

Funeral services will be held later this year. Memorial donations may be made to the Margaret Derwin Scholarship Foundation, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main St., Sheffield, MA 01257-9503.

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Astrid, John and Julie Baumgardner, and Peter Fusco
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With thanks to those who serve.

The State of Connecticut opens an investigation into Nuvance's action regarding the closure of the ICU.

In a letter dated 3 February 2022 from the Office of Health Strategies (OHS) Deputy Director, Kimberly Martone, to Nuvance Health VP Planning, Sally Herlihy, regarding Sharon Hospital's Compliance with 18-32238-CON, Ms Martone concludes:

"Given the apparent inconsistency in the Hospital's actions and statements concerning its compliance with the Settlement, OHS is hereby initiating an investigation into this matter to gather and review additional information relevant to assess the Hospital's compliance with applicable statute and the Settlement."

How will our community hospital board respond?

The Committee in Support of Rural Reproductive Rights.

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SPORTS

Junior Nationals remains on track for Feb. 22 to 26

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Willie Hallihan of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association said on Sunday, Feb. 20, that "all systems are go" for the Junior Nationals Nordic Combined competition this weekend in Salisbury and at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area in Cornwall.

Hallihan did add the caveat at "subject to change" to his assessment, and urged spectators to go to www.jncjn2022.com for updates.

Last week saw unseasonably warm temperatures and rain, followed by an abrupt cooling-off and about 4 inches of new snow.

Hallihan said that on Saturday, Feb. 19, the SWSA volunteers "re-snowed the 65 meter tower and insulated it to preserve it. We've been making more snow these cold

nights so I think we're OK."

The Junior Nationals bring top young ski jumpers and Nordic combined competitors from around the U.S. for four days of events that began on Tuesday, Feb. 22, and conclude on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Jumping contests on Thursday, Feb. 24, and on Saturday, Feb. 26, are scheduled to begin at Satre Hill in Salisbury at 9 a.m. and continue until about noon. The cross-country racing at Mohawk in Cornwall begins at 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday.

On Friday night, Feb. 25, there is elimination jumping under the lights at Satre Hill at 6 p.m.

Admission to the competitions is free. Check the website for changes to the schedules, www.jncjn2022.com.



Worship Services

Week of February 27, 2022

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

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<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
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<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<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>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
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<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	

TRASH

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Route 44 near the New York state line.

The only landfill of any size remaining in the state is in Putnam, where a massive dump receives nearly 600,000 tons of ash per year from trash-to-energy plants such as the one that burns our waste in Hartford.

Now the situation has become much more complicated and likely much more expensive for our towns. Using two General Electric turbines that date back to the 1950s, the aforementioned trash-to-energy incinerator burns garbage and turns it into electricity — 45 megawatts, to be exact — enough to power 35,000 homes.

Located in the North Meadows section of Hartford and operated by the quasi-public Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), the facility we send our garbage to is on its last legs.

MIRA's aging trash-to-energy plant, which handles an estimated 35% of the state's waste, broke down in 2018 and was out of commission for several months, causing MIRA and its member towns, including Salisbury and Sharon, to scramble. Meanwhile, thousands of tons of garbage began to pile up inside and outside the aging facility.

"It was nerve-racking," MIRA President and CEO Thomas D. Kirk told the CT Mirror's Tom Condon. "Thank God we didn't have a fire."

After a temporary fix in 2019, MIRA came up with a plan to replace the plant to the tune of \$330 million. The administration of Gov. Ned Lamont practically laughed the proposal right out of the Capital City.

So MIRA's board made the decision to shut down the trash-to-energy plant and use the property as a glorified transfer station from which to ship the garbage out of state for its remaining member towns.

MIRA's problems, however, did not start with its busted incinerator. MIRA, formerly known as the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA), prompted ridicule, contempt and cries of injustice when, during the administration of then-Gov. John Rowland, it made an ill-fated \$220 million loan to Enron, the energy-trading giant that later went belly-up in

an accounting scandal.

When Enron defaulted, CRRA raised its tipping fees to cover its losses, resulting in a protracted and costly lawsuit from its then-70 member towns seeking compensation for the overcharging. The authority finally settled the suit for \$21 million.

As one might expect, the antipathy between CRRA and its member towns extends well beyond an ill-advised and unsecured loan to a corrupt corporation. To wit, the authority took legal action in 2006 to try to stop the Salisbury-Sharon transfer station from sending its recyclables to a third party that paid the two towns for the raw materials.

Since it was accepting garbage from the two towns, CRRA insisted it was entitled to taking their paper recyclables as well. What was the price CRRA was willing to pay? Nothing. Town officials said the arrogance was staggering.

"They said they would take our junk mail and not charge us for it," then-First Selectman Val Bernardoni quipped to this reporter. "They have 70 towns under contract; they'll make a bundle."

So it's safe to say that there's no reservoir of goodwill among MIRA's member towns, including those in the Northwest Corner, which relies heavily on the authority. That's probably why the Lamont administration wanted no part of approving MIRA's pricey proposal to build a new incinerator. And reputation management might very well be the main reason the General Assembly allowed CRRA to change its name. If you Google MIRA, you won't find much about its past problems as CRRA.

And so we find ourselves in quite a pickle. The costs of operating our transfer stations will rise — perhaps sharply. Thanks to COVID-related money from the federal government, states and municipalities can probably foot the bills in the short term.

But the day of financial reckoning will arrive soon enough. Last spring, MIRA put out requests for bids for contractors to haul away the waste from its facility. MIRA President and CEO Thomas Kirk told Condon its current disposal rate for garbage is

\$105.

If the 49 member towns don't jump ship, Kirk forecasts a tipping fee of \$114-\$119 a ton in the first year of a five-year disposal contract, going to \$139 in the fifth year. That rate could rise by \$15 if more towns bail out on MIRA, or it could rise by even more if, as expected, MIRA must ship waste to landfills as far away as Alabama or Michigan. To give you a sense of perspective, as recently as 2019, the cost was \$83 per ton.

With antiquated systems for collecting fees and perverse incentives for recycling still in place in our towns, the current trajectory is clearly unsustainable. What can we do? Stay tuned.

This is the first of a two-part series on Connecticut's waste crisis and how it affects the Northwest Corner.

FORUM

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ing population. To meet the Paris Climate Accords goals, "we need to eat 90% less meat and 60% less dairy."

Foer said he considers meat consumption the most important issue. He also acknowledged that everyone is different. "My book offers suggestions, but there isn't a prescription that will work for everyone."

The author suggested that people who wish to change their habits start by occasionally swapping out a meat meal.

He said it is neither fair nor feasible to tell people to find another way to get to work, or to not fly if their job requires it.

"But food is a choice we make three times a day. The impact is really profound."

During the question and answer period, Foer was asked his opinion of organically raised animals for consumption.

He said he thinks organic farming is more ethical than factory farming, but he considers it a "boutique" luxury rather than a solution.

Foer closed by asking for more discussion about climate change and related issues, conversations that are "generative, not destructive. We just have no hope if we can't find a better way of talking."

To see the interview go to www.salisburyforum.org.

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for water infrastructure and broadband coverage.

Boughton spoke to the NHCOC members at the regular monthly meeting (online) Thursday, Feb. 10. The organization is made up of the first selectmen of 21 Litchfield County towns.

He said the federal government has some \$550 billion in funds available to states for existing and future infrastructure projects.

Broadband internet

Wayne Hileman of Northwest Connect and Henry Todd, first selectman of Falls Village, told the group that Google Fiber has approached NW Connect about bringing broadband internet service to northwestern Connecticut.

Todd said any successful plan to bring reliable, high-speed internet to the area will have to be a combined effort between the public and private sectors. "Each town going it alone won't do it."

Todd said, "We need critical mass" (enough subscribers) to interest a private company such as Google.

He proposed that towns with relatively small populations form "an informal coalition" in order to move ahead.

Hileman emphasized that Google approached Northwest Connect, not the other way around.

"They're essentially asking for a conversation."

Northwest Connect is a grassroots group seeking to improve internet and mobile phone service in the region.

He added that, "Google is not interested in deals with

individual towns. They want to deal with a regional entity."

Towns and trash

Tom Kirk, president of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), reiterated his past message to the NHCOC members: The MIRA trash-to-energy facility in Hartford is indeed closing as of July. MIRA is asking its member towns to ship municipal solid waste out of state.

Of the 21 towns in the NHCOC, only Kent is not a member of MIRA. (Kent is a member of the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority.)

Kirk said MIRA will set a tipping fee in the last week of February. The tipping fee for member towns will likely be \$116 per ton.

The towns will have 30

days from that meeting to decide whether to get on board with what Kirk described as a short-term solution.

Kirk was not sanguine about the long-term prospects, describing the waste disposal crisis as "a 10-year failure of foresight and leadership."

He said options such as "pay as you throw" or increased separation of food waste from the solid waste stream are helpful but do not represent a cure-all.

"From an environmental standpoint, trash-to-energy is still the best option."

Michael Criss, chair of the NHCOC's legislative committee said he was keeping an eye on proposals to modify property and motor vehicle taxes and changes to the state's education funding formula.

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that recognizes tables and numbers.

But handwritten records are a completely different matter, and must be collected and entered the old-fashioned way.

Friedman said he hoped the ability to do a "longitudinal study" of election results would prove beneficial to citizens considering public office.

"You don't have to pay

consultants" to get an accurate idea of voting patterns in a particular town or district.

"I have a quiet hope this will encourage people to run. I think a lot of elections are woefully uncompetitive."

Back to that 1948 ballot question. How did the six Region One School District

towns vote on the idea of creating a "limited world federal government"?

All six Region One towns voted yes — overwhelmingly. Cornwall was in favor, 275 to 40. Falls Village, 51-19. Kent, 202-17. North Canaan, 332-44. Salisbury, 344 to 98. And Sharon, 232-15.

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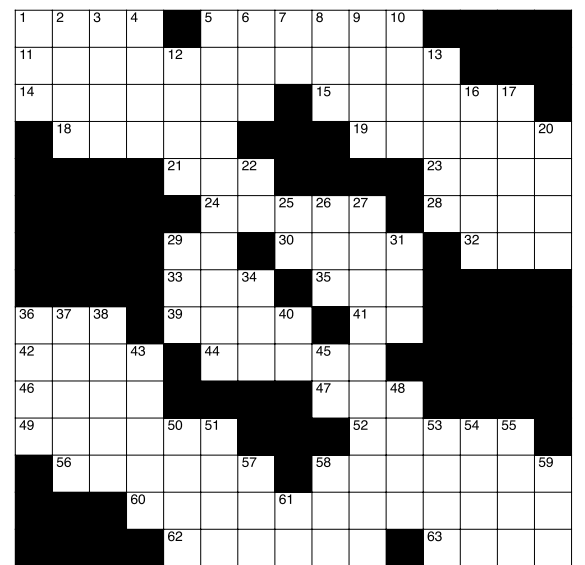
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Constrictors
5. Abounding in rocks
11. Speed
14. German city
15. Lacking sympathy
18. Visionaries
19. Wastes away
21. One precursor to the EU
23. Nursemaid
24. Unconsciousnesses
28. Baby's word for father
29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. When you hope to get there
35. Electronic data processing
36. Passports and drivers' licences are two
39. Fishes
41. Air Force
42. Personal computers
44. Ecological community
46. Wings
47. Halfway
49. Cool, calm and collected
52. Jewelled headdress
56. Musical composition
58. ___ Falls
60. Repeating remarks
62. Periods in one's life
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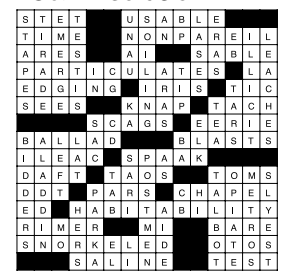
CLUES DOWN

1. ___ Humbug!
2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
3. Grocer
4. One point east of southeast
5. Subjects to hostility
6. Work unit
7. Atomic #56
8. British thermal unit
9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
10. Fastened over animal's neck
12. Device

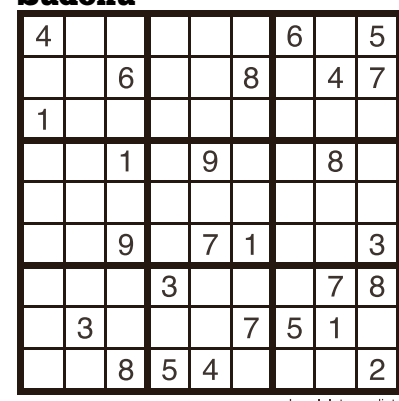


13. Rechargeable power source
16. Ancient sage
17. Consist of two elements
20. "Pygmalion" writer
22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
25. Of I
26. Get older
27. Brotherhoods
29. Buzzing insect
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's dad
43. Horse mackerels genus
45. Morning
48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. Small, twisted bunch
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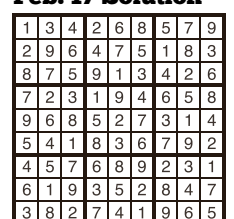
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COOKING: LEILA HAWKEN

A Delicious Dinner, No Matter Who Cooks It

Chef Robert Arbor (owner of Le Gamin in Sharon, Conn.) demonstrated the art of traditional French cuisine in the first of a series of cooking programs that aired on Zoom on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The cooking series is hosted by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn.

The cooking class was offered two days before Valentine's Day, giving men and women the chance to win hearts the old-fashioned way: through the stomach.

Chef Arbor surely paved the way toward spicing things up, with his chicken fricassee paired with oven-roasted potatoes.

Le Gamin opened in March 2021 at the Sharon shopping plaza and quickly attracted a large and devoted following. In January, Connecticut magazine recognized Le Gamin as one of the top 25 best new restaurants in the state.

Hotchkiss Library Executive Director Gretchen Hachmeister joined Arbor in the restaurant's small kitchen for the live action class on Zoom. Recipes had been provided ahead of time, offering viewers a chance to have ingredients ready so they could cook along with the class.

Arbor quickly showed how to cut up a chicken and simmer it in water to make broth, then got some potatoes roasting in a hot oven with garlic and thyme.

Meanwhile he and Hachmeister chatted easily, with some viewers

Chicken Fricassee

Cook along with Robert from Le Gamin Café in Sharon!

Serves 4 generously with leftovers.



Have ingredients on hand and Robert will explain the needed amounts as we cook.

Ingredients:

- 1 whole chicken (or 6-8 pieces of bone-in chicken)
- 10 mushrooms (shitake, chanterelle or morels) brush off, remove and slice caps, reserve stems
- 1 onion, peeled, cut in half, then cut horizontally and vertically for 1/4 inch cubes
- 1 carrot, peeled and quartered lengthwise, then cut into 1/4 inch chunks
- 1 celery stalk, halved, then cut into 1/4 inch cubes
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- butter
- Herbes de Provence
- cream
- white wine
- salt & pepper



Directions:

Melt a knob of butter, cook the onions and one garlic clove till they sweat a bit, then add the carrot, celery, remaining garlic, mushroom stems, some herbes de Provence, a pinch of salt and pepper. Add the chicken backbone and about a quart of water. Bring to a boil, then turn down and simmer for a bit. This is your chicken stock for the finished recipe.

Melt another knob of butter in a skillet, season the chicken heartily with salt and pepper, and sear, skin side down until the skin is golden brown. Flip and sear the other side for a bit, then remove and set it aside. Pour excess fat from the skillet, add some fresh butter to sauté the mushroom caps. Remove when they've softened a bit. Deglaze the pan with a touch of white wine, cooking it down so it reduces a bit. Drain your stock, and put the liquid in the skillet with the wine reduction, and then add the chicken back in. Simmer for about 30 minutes and then remove the chicken again. Add some cream to the skillet, bring it to a boil, and then turn down to reduce it a bit. Test for seasoning—does it need more pepper or herbes de Provence? Stir the mushrooms in, add the chicken back for a final reheat and Voila!

Serve with Oven Fries a la Nicole

PHOTO BY TAM TRAN

Chef Robert Arbor of Le Gamin Café in Sharon gave a class on how to cook chicken fricassee on Saturday, Feb. 12, on Zoom.

sending in questions about cooking and about Arbor and how he and his family came to find a home and restaurant in Sharon.

Arbor's journey from France to New York City was indirect; stops were made along the way, Arbor recounted. He spent some time in Hong Kong, where he met his future wife, Tam Tran, now a noted jewelry designer and artist (her home studio is in Sharon).

He opened his first restaurant in New York

City in the 1980s, finding just the right location in Greenwich Village. Several successful restaurants followed, as did a book that he co-authored in 2003, "Joie de Vivre: Simple French Style for Everyday Living."

The recipe for the chicken fricassee and roasted potatoes is on this page.

For those who prefer to have their chicken fricassee prepared for them, Arbor said that it does appear on the

menu from time to time. And for those who are unsure what a fricassee is, it is loosely defined as a stewed or fried meat in a creamy sauce.

Watch the video on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXb-bIXTBir0. Learn more about this and other programs at the library website, www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

Lisa Steele will talk about her new cookbook, "The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook," on Thursday, March 3.

A third program will be offered in spring.



PHOTO COURTESY SHARON PLAYHOUSE

Demi Remick and Dancers will perform tap dances to classic jazz and more modern numbers at Sharon Playhouse on March 5.

TAP AND JAZZ, FROM THE ROARING 20S TO THE 2020S

Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will present "Radio Days," a vignette-style tap dance performance that takes you from the Roaring 20s to the 2020s, on Saturday, March 5.

The two performances, at 7 and 9 p.m. on the Bok stage, are by New York City dance company Demi Remick

and Dancers.

The dancers perform to the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Scott Bradlee, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey and more.

Tickets are \$35. Review COVID-19 protocols and purchase tickets by visiting www.sharonplayhouse.org.

CALENDAR

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

ART

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
Eclectic Collective: Works in Pastel, Watercolor, Acrylic, Oil, and Pen/Ink by Monday Morning Group, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28.

Salisbury Association, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyassociation.org
Exhibit: In Her Own Words, through Feb. 28.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
HLS Tuesday Evening Book Group – Buddenbrooks by Thomas Mann (Parts 1 – 6), March 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (online).

KIDS

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Family Storytime, Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

MOVIES

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
The Gods Must Be Crazy (1980), March 4, 7 p.m.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Cyranos, opens Feb. 25; The Batman, opens March 5; The Outfit, opens March 18.

MUSIC

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org
Folk and Baroque Concert, Feb. 26, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

The Egremont Barn, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com
Sam Barron, Feb 24, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; The Lucky 5, Feb. 25, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Amy Helm Duo, Feb. 26, 8 to 10 p.m.

TALKS

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org
"COLORING OUR PAST" – THE UNTOLD STORY OF A FREE FAMILY IN NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT, Feb. 24, March 7, 7 p.m. (online).

THEATER

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
LONDON NATIONAL THEATRE: FOLLIES, Feb. 26, 1 to 3 p.m.



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KK Kozik's Dreamy World on Display in Two Shows

Painter KK Kozik has her studio and ICE-HOUSE project space gallery on the historic Green in Sharon, Conn., but her work is shown widely at other venues as well.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., includes Kozik in a group show that is open until March 13.

And the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., will continue its show of 14 works by Kozik until March 5, with an artist reception on Wednesday, March 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Kozik's work captures scenes of life in New

England, sometimes at familiar locales (beaches, houses, forests) and sometimes with overlays that suggest the way our minds reimagine the places where we find ourselves.

In a short description of her work for the Berkshire School show, the artist said, "The days are getting longer and when I think about transitions like these, I think about how light and weather, time and place really impact individuals' perceptions and interior states."

"I think that is an aim in my work, setting a scene that can resonate

"Glass" by painter KK Kozik is on display at Kenise Barnes Fine Art; more work by the artist is in a major show at the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass.

with viewers."

Find out more about the show, "Time and Place" and about the Warren Family Gallery at www.berkshireschool.org/arts/the-warren-family-gallery. Find out more about the artist and her work at www.k2kozik.com.

— Cynthia Hochswender



GLASS BY KK KOZIK, IMAGE COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

CHANGES AT SLOANE MUSEUM

Learn about the Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, Conn., dedicated to the artist whose simple drawings of historic houses and building materials capture so much of the charm of old New England.

Museum Curator Andrew Rowand will give a talk on Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in which he explores the life and career of Sloane and the museum he helped establish more than 50 years ago in Kent. Rowand will show examples of Sloane's works and collections and talk about the museum's history and recent developments.

This talk is sponsored by the Kent Memorial Library. For more information, call the library at 860-927-3761 or email kla-kzarin@biblio.org.

FICTION: ALEXANDER WILBURN

The Beauty and Violence at the Heart of Edith Wharton's Works

If only Edith Wharton could have lived long enough to embrace the wonders of scratch-and-sniff.

Gardeners up and down the East Coast — from Wharton's former home in Lenox, Mass., to the Vanderbilts' Newport, R.I. — might consider winter a time of pruned canes and seed packets tucked away until the earth has thawed; but the January of Wharton's "The Age of Innocence" is heavily perfumed with florals.

Verdant freshness emanates from the gardenia fastened in the buttonhole of Newland Archer's jacket. A powdery scent rises from the lilies of the valley resting on the lap of his fiancée as she watches the opera from her balcony seat. The rich notes of the sun-gold roses enchant Archer enough that he clandestinely sends to them another woman — the decidedly off-limits Countess Olenska.

A deep Wharton dive leading into the months of spring, author/teacher Mark Scar-

borough, who seasonally holds literary seminars on daunting classics, will guide Wharton readers — both old and "nouveau" — on a journey to realize just how dangerously meaningful a bouquet in *The Gilded Age* could be.

Flowers of all kinds are zipped back and forth across the pages of Wharton's 1921 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, just one of the many books she wrote chronicling the morals and manners of New York City's Knickerbocker set. There are secret yellow roses, salacious orchids and the Countess even receives what's described as "hampers of carnations." Peonies line the stage of the opera house's production of "Faust," a performance where the audience is as much the spectacle as any soprano. The customs of civility are to be publicly and blindly followed, to be seen and acknowledged.

Lethal beauty. If it all sounds familiar, that may be in large part to Julian Fellowes. The television writer and

Wharton enthusiast will unabashedly proclaim her as inspiration for his British costume drama hit, "Downton Abbey." His new HBO series, "The Gilded Age," is an even more direct imitation, jumping across the pond to dramatize Manhattan's milieu back when the Sheep Meadow in Central Park was exactly that.

But "Downton Abbey," despite the decoration of its high-born historical setting, was a soothing soap opera. It's stiff-lipped characters landing in frothy, implausible little messes was at the heart of its good-natured appeal. In comparison, decades earlier when adapting Edith Wharton's most famous novel for the big screen, Martin Scorsese called "The Age of Innocence" his most violent film.

As relevant today as when they were written,

Wharton's largely tragic works are about the destructive consequences born from the need for acceptance. The instinctual pull toward social inclusion, she suggests, to be seen as belonging, as upstanding and well-liked, with a polished, even enviable reputation, could be exactly the thing that tears us away from our own potential happiness.

Could Edith Wharton have ever imagined a New York City that wakes up every day to the comparison and discontent of scrolling through images of their friends' vacations and home renovations and purchases and pets?

Or that we would so freely and permanently chronicle our political beliefs, our intimate thoughts, even financial details, all willingly signed to our full name online for anyone to

read? Could she have imagined us gawking in disbelief as Kim Kardashian received not a bouquet but a full wall of roses for Valentine's Day? (Yes, probably that part.)

Voyeurism, public posturing, social cache and the expulsion of those who break from an agreed-upon morality are as contemporary discussion topics as one can find. We may have learned technology far surpassing the scratch-and-sniff, but we've hardly learned our lesson.

Mark Scarborough's seminar on Edith Wharton's New York is presented by the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., and will meet over Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting on March 8.

To register or for more information go to www.scovillelibrary.org.

FROM HAYDN TO LENA FRANK IN FEB. 27 CONCERT AT SIMON'S ROCK

The Rolston String Quartet, an award-winning young ensemble from Canada, will perform on Sunday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m. in the McConnell Auditorium of the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass.

The quartet will perform works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and the contemporary Peruvian-American composer Gabriela Lena Frank.

The members of the quartet are Luri Lee, and Jason Issokson, violins; Hezekiah Leung, viola; and Peter Eom, cello. The Rolston String Quartet performs on the Eugene Ysaÿe quartet of instruments. The set was made by Samuel Zygmuntowicz and is on a generous loan from the El Pasito Association.

The concert will be open to the public;



PHOTO BY SHAYNE GRAY

The Rolston String Quartet performs at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass., this weekend.

vaccination certificates and COVID-19 masks are required. Audience members will be safely seated in socially distanced groups.

Admission is free, and reservations should

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EDITORIAL

The power of regional thinking

Connecticut is a state that values New England virtues of hardy independence and individualism. For those of us who reside in the Northwest Corner of Litchfield County, it can seem that those values are especially strong in this rather remote, lightly populated, rural region. Yet in order to be seen as having enough critical mass to receive state and federal funds to support necessary maintenance and improvements for the area, it has over the years proved worthwhile to form coalitions of municipalities, rather than trying to stand alone.

After all, in other states, such as New York, there are several layers of government that provide support for such programs: town/village/city, county and state. But Connecticut has 169 municipalities and the state; there is no county government layer here that pulls together automatic groupings of municipalities that have common interests. So geographically adjacent towns pooling together to find more revenues to support their needs has been a successful approach over the years.

At this moment, the group that represents our towns in Hartford and the wider world is the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG), based in Goshen and made up of 21 municipal leaders in northwest Litchfield County. There has been some public scrutiny (never a bad thing) of the worth of this organization, with some trepidation over the possibility that individual towns might not have their needs expressed with the urgency they should be by a regional organization.

Yet its members are the individuals elected by town citizens to run their governments and be best educated on their towns' top priorities. If the first selectmen aren't deemed by the town residents to understand and represent them well, then it's time for others to step up and run for that office.

To get a good idea of what the NHCOG does for the region, read Managing Editor Patrick Sullivan's story on the front page this week, describing the work the group did at its Feb. 10 monthly meeting. They welcome in experts in the fields they are analyzing, like Tom Kirk, who is president of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), and who minced no words in expressing his disdain and disappointment in the way the waste disposal crisis has been planned for (or not) over the past 10 years by state and waste officials.

This is one of the most critical challenges facing our region: Twenty of the 21 towns in the NHCOG use MIRA for their waste disposal. The five-year solution of shipping the trash out of state is not a good one by anyone's standards, so now is the time to look further ahead and try to find a better one.

The revelation that Google Fiber approached NWConnect about providing broadband service to the region makes the case for the grouping of towns to make them more attractive with population and density to such development. Access to the internet is another of the most important needs in the Northwest Corner, and if there are solutions that can be better found because of the towns' cooperation, that is another good argument to have this coalition represent our mutual interests.

Go to www.northwesthillscog.org for more on this regional planning organization.

From the outside looking in
Memories of change in
Lakeville and Salisbury

After reading Sharon Charde's letter and editorial on Jan. 27 of the Journal, I have some thoughts about Lakeville-Salisbury. I decided to write before I put it off and never do. A New Year's resolution.

I speak as an outsider. I came to the northwest part of Connecticut in 1968 after living in several areas of the U.S. Grew up on a farm in Central Iowa about 30 miles from Ames, home of Iowa State. Spent four years in Denver, Colo., and then time in California and Mississippi on Naval Air Stations. My

then-husband was a pilot for TWA and flew out of JFK. He had to live within two hours driving time to the airport. He wanted a home in the country so he could garden. We found land near North Canaan after looking around Lakeville.

I found Salisbury and Lakeville quiet little towns with a variety of stores owned by local people.

They were just like I'd seen in the movies. There were several white-steepled churches and the houses along Route 44 were attractive with trees and flowers.

The Shagroy Market was

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PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

February sky of blue

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions leading in survey

The town of Salisbury is updating the Plan of Conservation and Development in a survey emailed out Feb. 8 to people registered with the town.

I'm all for surveys to inform our elected officials, but this one has far too much obvious bias in the way the questions are worded. In a courtroom setting, leading questions are usually filled with detail and suggest what a witness has experienced, as opposed to letting the witness explain what happened.

In the context of a customer survey, you want to let your customers give an accurate account of their experience, instead of dictating how they should view it. Under question 8 (in the survey), which asks "How

important do you feel the following issues are to Salisbury over the next 10 years?", there are 28 issues for which the survey is looking for a response. All but one (#18) is unquestioningly a leading question.

There isn't enough space to go over them all here so let's just use the first one as an example: "1) Modestly-priced houses are being bought by investors who convert them to high-priced rentals. This reduces the housing stock below \$500,000 particularly in neighborhoods that were traditionally affordable." This is clearly a leading question. It tries to get you to respond to the housing affordability issue by highlighting what may be a hot button, "investors", in a question where housing

affordability is impacted by a constellation of things and not just "investors."

The better question would be: "Is housing affordability important to you?" If it turns out that this is a top 10 issue for residents, then the next question would be should the town address it, at which point you would look at all the remedies, including housing stock conversions.

Before this survey goes any further, I would suggest the Town re-write and re-issue the survey to eliminate the leading questions. It will get a better and fuller response and while it may want to shoot the messenger, I volunteer to rewrite it.

Theodore Rudd O'Neill
Lakeville

Good options for Lakeville RR depot

Thanks to the Salisbury selectmen for applying for a grant to assess and restore the old train depot in the heart of Lakeville's local and National Register Historic District. I hope the grant comes through. If not, I am grateful to the Lakeville Community Conservancy for their long-standing offer to assess and restore the station at their expense. The LCC has worked under the radar for the past

six years to improve Lakeville—creating and maintaining gardens at Bauer Park, Cannon Park (across from the firehouse), Bicentennial Park and Community Field, planting flowerboxes in 16 locations along Main Street, and attending to the gardens of the Lakeville Post Office.

The grant that the selectmen have applied for stipulates use by "a local not-for-profit organization whose

purpose involves public benefit with a historical factor."

Perhaps the town could grant use of the Depot to the Lakeville Community Conservancy — with its Committee devoted to historic preservation — the same way it gives the Salisbury Association use of the Academy Building.

Donald K. Ross
Lakeville

Could it be a 'wag the dog' situation?

We live in an age of distraction. We are bombarded daily with crises of national and world significance. The media keeps us up-to-date but never seems to stick to an issue long enough or deep enough to identify the relevant or material issues involved. Take Ukraine for example. The main stream media has focused exclusively on Putin's and Russia's aggressiveness. We are subjected to a constant drumbeat of propaganda that we face an "imminent" threat of war by Russia invading Ukraine.

We are not given any contextual information that would explain why or how come we are suddenly in the midst of this "imminent crisis". The corporate media ignores certain facts that could help to explain the why now of the issue — Biden's poll numbers are in the toilet and the U.S. fossil fuel industry wants to prevent Europe from securing a direct pipeline of cheaper oil and gas from Russia because it will infringe on its profits.

These two facts provide us with a "wag the dog" possibility. Oh, that couldn't be the case! Let's remember that we have been lied to many

times before by both Democrats and Republicans about false attacks to provoke those quick to respond to any insult patriots among us to jump up and defend us, even when the bogeyman is fake.

"Remember the Maine" was a cry that got us into the Spanish-American war. And don't forget the fake attack that led up to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that paved the way for public acceptance of the Vietnam War buildup, and untold suffering. And who could forget the lies about Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction that never existed, costing thousands of deaths and wounded U.S. soldiers and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians dead and wounded.

And today, we are being told of an imminent threat of Russia invading Ukraine. Let's not be fooled into passively accepting this false flag or moved by knee-jerk patriotism of the loudest among us into silence. We all need to focus our attention on the real horror of war and speak out to demand a diplomatic solution to this conflict.

Call or email President Biden and our Representa-

tives and Senators today to urge them to cool the rhetoric and put their energies into a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine conflict. In the words of Smedley Butler's famous book, "War is a Racket."

Leonard D. Polletta
Lakeville

TURNING
BACK THE
PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — February 1922

SALISBURY — Kennard C. Suydam has been training for some time to enter the foot race with Yale and Harvard, in the State Armory at Hartford on February 28. Kennard, who ran for the Pratt and Whitney athletic team on Sept. 10, was one of the prize winners. The events will be 75 yds., quarter mile and half mile.

R.C. Miller of Lakeville reports having seen three robins the past week, which makes us wonder if the backbone of winter has been dented.

Lakeville has some excellent side walks but no one would have guessed it the past winter.

John Grogan, who is employed at St. Mary's Rectory, has been exhibiting a prize egg which was laid last week by a White Leghorn pullet hatched last August 1st. The egg measures 8 inches around the ends and 6 1/2 inches around the sides.

50 years ago — February 1972

Birgit Torrissen of Salisbury has been named to the National Ski Hall of Fame, a distinction conferred on only 135 persons. A member of the 1936 U.S. Olympic Team, Mr. Torrissen holds many trophies from a skiing career which spans more than 40 years. His work with young people in Salisbury is largely responsible for the tremendous popularity of Nordic and cross-country skiing in this area.

The Farnam Apartments, one of Lakeville's oldest and most historic buildings, is taking on a new look. New siding is transforming it from dark gray to antique gold.

Answering critics who questioned the efficiency of the town crew in removing the snow from Saturday's storm from Canaan's roads, First Selectman Leo Segalla this week invited anyone interested to ride on the trucks as they clear away the snow. This, he contends, would give people an insight into the problem after such a storm. Mr. Segalla reports that there is no problem with either equipment or manpower in the snow removal program

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Viewpoint

The forgotten pandemic, from 1918 to 1921

My grandparents lived through the 1918 Influenza as teenagers, but I never heard them talk about it. Historians call it the “The Forgotten Pandemic.” But why was it forgotten, when by most accounts, it was even fiercer than ours? It infected a fifth of the world’s population, killing 675,000 Americans, more than six times our casualties in World War I, and a higher percentage of the U.S. population than COVID has taken.

Also called The Grippe, it seized with a vengeance, sickening people so fast that victims dismounting a trolley collapsed on the street. It singled out people in the prime of their lives. Of the 8,500 killed in our state alone, 5000 were between 20 and 39 years old. It left many orphans.

Harold Nelson Willard was one of the first to succumb in Salisbury. He was the son of the first chairman of the federal railroad board, Daniel Willard, who owned a summer home on Canaan Road. Harold and his family

were there in early October, 1918, when he and his wife fell ill and died. His parents came up from Baltimore to retrieve their two small grandchildren and raise them.

The first documented cases occurred in March of 1918, in the American Midwest, when 100 soldiers fell mysteriously ill at Fort Riley, Kansas. So why was it nicknamed The Spanish Flu? Because of wartime press censorship. Countries battling World War I didn’t want to alert enemies to the fact their troops were dropping like flies. Spain was neutral so when King Alfonso contracted the flu in May, 1918, the Madrid press was free to report on it.

Connecticut was one of the states hardest hit. The first cases here occurred in September 1918, as thousands of military made their way through the Navy base in New London.

A month later, it struck in the Northwest Corner.

“The extent to which the influenza epidemic has

reached in towns all around us is appalling,” observed this newspaper on Oct. 17, 1918, noting, “Our own town [Lakeville] is singularly spared” thanks to Dr. W. B. Bissell who “at once closed our schools, picture houses,

churches, Sunday schools, post office lobby and public meetings.” If there was opposition to these lockdowns, it wasn’t widespread. “In this he has been unanimously backed up by the public.”

The article also praised Henrietta Van Clef, our first visiting nurse.

Henrietta was 58 years old when the pandemic hit, but she confronted the emergency with remarkable vigor, ministering 24/7 to over 100 neighbors fallen ill all at once. She made house calls and even stayed overnight, rarely eating a meal at home, we know from careful notes she inked in her day books, a gift to posterity preserved by

our Town Historians. “Nice dinner at the Parsons. Supper at the Nortons.”

“Mask” she wrote on Nov. 2, after the State Department of Health urged people to wear one. Newspapers and magazines printed DIY instructions (use gauze or cheesecloth.) “Better ridiculous than dead.”

Remedies abounded. The Connecticut State Council of Defense prescribed Epsom salts followed by a chaser of hot lemonade. Salesmen of (actual) snake oil made killings. So did purveyors of quinine pills. Preventatives included eating raw onions — which may have worked by keeping others at a safe distance.

Perhaps survivors of the 1918 flu found their pandemic less remarkable because in the days before vaccines and antibiotics, fearsome diseases were always coming and going. In 1916, polio raged. In

1912, scarlet fever. In 1906, a restaurant with an asymptomatic cook (“Typhoid Mary”) became ground zero for an outbreak that killed 25,830 Americans.

By 1918, Hotchkiss’s Headmaster Buehler was an old hand at dealing with contagion. He locked down the campus. “I hope this quarantine can be lifted at the beginning of next week,” he wrote to headmaster at the Taft School which didn’t fare so well. By the end of October, Taft had 125 cases, including a master and a senior who died.

Most lockdowns were lifted by early November, then reinstated when another wave surged, after impromptu gatherings to cheer the end of the war.

“A big bonfire was set off in front of the Congregational church, and the ex-Kaiser was burned in effigy,” reported this paper on November 14. “Patriotic songs were sung and...young people paraded blowing horns and cheering.”

In December, Henrietta

faced what must have been the most challenging month of her career, recording 565 visits to 134 patients.

The virus finally subsided in the summer of 1919. A variant emerged in 1920, but public officials were too weary to enforce precautions.

In 1921, it mutated into ordinary seasonal flu. Then came outbreaks of diphtheria and tuberculosis. Followed by the Crash of ‘29, the Great Depression and another World War.

May our pandemic remain vivid to us, unclipped by the gravity of future events.

The writer was assisted in research by Joan Baldwin, Lou Bucceri, Katherine Chilcoat, Rosemary Davis and Jean McMillen.

Helen Klein Ross lives in Lakeville. She is the editor of The Traveler’s Vade Mecum (Red Hen Press), an anthology of new poems titled by telegrams sourced from a compendium published in 1853, the year yellow fever ravaged New Orleans.

A closer look at octopus and an insurrection; and La dolce Velveeta!

Did I see that commercial correctly? La Vida Velveeta! Whichever, it was definitely the “cheese” that was being pushed.

Federico Fellini? Formaggio? Marcelo MastGreatroiani? Anita Ekberg cavorting in la Fontana Trevi. Not a lot of men would not eschew their shoes, Ferragamo notwithstanding, and join her. Even with Anouk Aimée in the wings.

(Fellini did a film “Intervista” years later when Marcelo visits Anita at her villa outside Rome. There’s a priceless shot when the two stars see each other after a very long time. The expression from both as they realize what the ravages of time have done. No more trysts in the Trevi, per favore.)

Well, a lot of us grew up on the V. And we knew *niente* about la TreVi.

Other gastronomic oddities? How about, I was in my 20’s before I realized that peas were not gray. That was their color when they came out of the can.

And bread? We had Silvercup in Chicago which made Wonderbread taste like the best San Francisco sourdough.

Peanut butter? Skippy, of course. Could not get creamier; no chunky would cross our palates.

As I and several of my pals are barreling toward our Octo years, some having already completed the barreling over Niagara, how ever did we make it this far?

And do we recall the Fifties’ TV show, “Life Begins at 80”? Check it out.

And does an octopus have eight legs and do they live to

be three score and 20, 10 past the Biblical allotment?

These and other weighty matters are bedeviling me of late, taking my mind off the RNC labeling the Jan. 6th insurrection as “legitimate political discourse”. That’s right up there with the Pentagon’s famous definition of peace as “temporary pre-hostility”.

George what’s his name, his surname lives on as an adjective, roiling in his grave. My friend the late great raconteur and novelist, Robert Terrall, entering his nonagenarian self, used to ask, “Now, what’s the name of that disease when you can’t remember things?”

Robert, who insisted on chopping his own wood, got Lyme disease and it did him in, or he would have lived to be a centenarian. Robert whose eidetic memory stretched to the writing of numerous detective novels, usually under pseudonyms, was at a holiday party at someone’s mansion nearby. A plutocratic blowhard, early in his cups, or was it always, was holding forth about a Broadway mystery he had just attended — the darnedest thing he had ever seen, you couldn’t possibly figure it out.

It was “Sleuth” by Anthony Shaffer. Robert said, “Tell me

the first five minutes.” Blowhard Pluto did. Robert then told him the entire plot.

Orwell — see, I knew it all along — wrote of “doublespeak” and the “unperson”, the deliberate expunging of a person’s past, wrote the great “1984”, but before that, the equally great “Down and Out in Paris and London”.

It took the un-great Dan Quayle to talk ex-VP Pence off the cliff, Pence about to be declared an unperson by you know who.

Quayle? Really? The guy who couldn’t spell potato(e)? Let’s hear it for the Hoosiers.

I’m reading a lot of these detective books nowadays, not only because it takes my mind off the awfulnesses for half a second, but also because I couldn’t possibly write them. No Robert Terrall or Anthony Shaffer am I. I get to the end of one when all is explained and I still don’t know what’s what.

One I’m at right now is “State of Terror” by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny and it does NOT take my mind off the awfulnesses. It plunges me right into them. I hate the phrase, but it is a page-turner.

I guess there is no escape. As Frederick Douglass reminds us, “There is no progress without struggle.”

If only Robert and Anthony and George, let alone Frederick, were here.

I’m pretty sure they’d get us to November and victory, but we’ll just have to step back from the cliff without them.

SOVEREIGN STATE
LONNIE CARTERMemories of change in
Lakeville and Salisbury

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on Main Street or Route 44 in the center of town. Shoppers parked at an angle in front of the store. Backing out onto Route 44 wasn’t a problem then. Moving the store to an area off the highway was still a great improvement. The store changed owners and names. LaBonne’s was and is known for great foods and service. I am a big fan of the deli department.

There was a grocery store in Lakeville in the building where The Boathouse Restaurant is now. I think it was called Lakeville Food Market.

The most important spot was The White Hart, then a cozy country inn with a friendly bar that was popular with everyone. There was a Country Store and bakery off the lobby. The bakery had items that were served in the restaurant. At Christmas one room had a gingerbread village with many colored lights and miniature figures.

Each year an antique fair was held in a tent on the White Hart lawn. Dealers came from all over New England. The churches had their fall festivals that same time. I could always find great costume jewelry in the St. John’s parish hall. They always had used books, too.

Across the street from The White Hart was an antique bookstore. Mike McCabe was a young clerk there. He later opened a bookstore next to LaBonne’s Market.

The pharmacy in Salisbury had some gift items and always the newest magazines. There was also a pharmacy in Lakeville owned and operated by Richard Walsh. There was a small soda fountain area there.

Designing Woman had knitting and needlepoint designs, yarn and thread. It was in several locations over the years. The ladies who were in the store were always ready to help with any project.

And who can forget Danny’s Shoe Repair? There were other businesses, but for one reason or another I didn’t shop in them.

I am not mentioning restaurants as I didn’t go to them. My then-husband didn’t like going out to eat when he was home as he ate out so much when traveling. I know eating out is a big deal with visitors.

There were a few years when I drove thru the towns twice a day on my way to work in Sharon. I would stop in the various stores as I wanted and watched things slowly change. Now that I’m retired I’m seldom on that highway.

I don’t know what the future has in store, but I think the towns must solve the housing problem or they will become ghost towns. I’d like to see businesses owned and operated by local residents, but that may be a pipe dream.

Carolyn McDonough lives in North Canaan.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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and that the work is proceeding as rapidly as possible.

Ralph Nader this week described a “citizens’ lobby” founded by his own Connecticut Citizen Action Group as the “most powerful statewide citizen force for change in the United States.”

25 years ago -- February 1997

Thirty-three-year-old Bicon Electronics in Canaan last week won fresh recognition that it is positioning itself to compete effectively in a global market, according to company president Peter Kent. The company earned certification through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) that it meets the “ISO 9001” standard for quality assurance in design, development and production.

Few people know that the first president of the United States and commander in chief of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Revolutionary War spent a week in Litchfield County -- from Sept. 18 to Sept. 25, 1780. His trip is described in a book written in 1930 by Erick K. Rossiter entitled “Washington’s Journey Through Litchfield County.” Washington made the trip from his headquarters in Tappan, N.Y., on the west bank of the Hudson to Hartford to meet with General Lafayette and the Count De Rochambeau about military matters.

LAKEVILLE -- Kate Schapira, a senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, knows that a person can’t make a living writing poetry. But earning \$3,000 cash for six of her poems from the National Foundation for the Advancement of Arts gave her a good start in that direction. The cash award came from the Miami-based foundation as a result of her participation in ARTS Week ‘97, a program of the NFAA held from Jan. 7 through 12 in Miami.

CANAAN -- A proposal to implement optional all-day kindergarten at North Canaan Elementary School was met with a mixed reaction from school board members and Principal Tom Gaisford last Thursday night.

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



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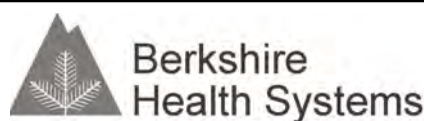
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