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## Seeing the forest and the trees in a multi-layered protest against DEEP actions

By Cynthia Hochswender

SHARON — In the end, they were not able to overcome the might of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and its fleet of mighty rolling steel. The 66 pine trees that DEEP had determined were a safety hazard were cut down on Thursday, Jan. 13, at Housatonic Meadows State Park, just off Route 7 near Route 4 in Sharon.

As the powerful timber cutters did their work, about 30 protesters stood politely behind the barriers that had been set up to keep them away from the workmen. They held hand-lettered signs on old bits

of cardboard, saying, "DEEP shame" and "Homewrecker."

The fight over the fate of these pine trees (and several hardwood trees) has been going on since December, when a DEEP crew took down about 70 trees, including a stand of oak trees, at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

A number of area residents who take walks there noticed the limbs and tree stumps and immediately began an email campaign that included entreaties to state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) to intervene; see story this page by Patrick L. Sullivan.

The state responded to the outcry by offering a meeting on Zoom on Jan. 6 in which DEEP Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble tried to explain why the trees had been removed and why there were plans to remove another five



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

A peaceful protest was held on Jan. 13 against the cutting of pine and hardwood trees at Housatonic Meadow State Park in Sharon.

dozen or more.

The youthful, bearded Trumble introduced himself as a former river guide, a hiker and a fly-fisherman. He promised the 90 viewers who had signed in to the Zoom that a full hour of the presentation

had been set aside for public comment.

He and other DEEP staffers then explained in detail why the decision had been made to remove what adds up to about 100 trees from the state park, which is a popular site for day

visitors and for campers.

The graphics from their presentation, showing the number of trees removed after the Jan. 6 meeting, can be seen on Page A6.

**Who uses the park**

After the meeting, Will Healey in the communications department for DEEP responded to questions from this newspaper about the park.

Healey noted that use of all outdoor recreational areas in Connecticut has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, as people seek a safe way to get out of the house.

That explains in part a large

increase in daytime use of Housatonic Meadows State Park. Because of park closures that significantly throw off the numbers, 2020 statistics are not included.

- In 2019, there were 28,727 daytime-only visitors
- In 2021, between January and October there were 41,300 daytime-only visitors (statistics are not yet available for November and December)

There has been a decrease in overnight camping, in part because the campsites have been closed at times because of COVID concerns.

- In 2019, there were 3,250 campsites reserved
- In 2021, there were 2,899 campsites reserved

Housatonic Meadows, which became a state park in 1927, is on 452 acres right on the shores of the Housatonic River, with a 2-mile stretch of the river dedicated to fly-fishing. There are 61 campsites, a parking area and several picnic tables there.

Although no one has done a census of the number of trees in the park, Healey said it is estimated that there are more than a thousand trees in the day-use area of the park

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## Legislators criticize DEEP for tree cutting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) said he expects the state Legislature's Environment Committee to address Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) policies and procedures in the wake of the cutting of trees at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

Interviewed by phone on Saturday, Jan. 16, Miner said DEEP should be able to cut trees in "real emergencies."

"Outside of that we have to have a much broader conversation — before the cut."

He criticized the agency's process of designating hazard trees. Once identified and marked with "an orange dot," the agency is obligated to re-

## Sullivan will extend his reach

Like many Lakeville Journal staff people (including this writer), Senior Reporter Patrick Sullivan did a stint at the newspaper, left for a bit, then returned for a second run. He was a reporter from 2005 to 2007, took a break from the exciting life of a journalist, then reappeared in these pages as senior reporter in 2008. Now, in 2022, Sullivan, to the delight of his coworkers, has agreed to step into the role of managing editor as other transitions are happening in his department and the company. He will continue reporting the news, with the plan that some new reporters will be hired to assist in writing the area's weekly news.

There are those who play down what they do, and those who do their best to play it up. Sullivan is in the first category.



PHOTO BY THOS GALLUCIO

Lakeville Journal Senior Reporter Patrick L. Sullivan has been promoted to managing editor. He will continue to write his popular column about fly-fishing.

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## Horn and Miner share top topics for new session

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Connecticut General Assembly convenes next month for a "short session," which is restricted by law to budgetary, revenue and financial matters. State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said in a phone interview Jan. 15 that solid waste disposal and the plan from the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority to ship trash out of state is on her radar.

She described the plan as "an impending disaster" and said she didn't understand why the issue hasn't received more attention.

"This has to be resolved." Horn is also focused on broadband access. The state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority is working on the "one touch make ready" aspect of broadband infrastructure. (One touch make ready means the owners of utility poles must allow a single crew to make changes to multiple utility wires.)

She said the state Depart-

ment of Energy and Environmental Protection has a grant program for broadband infrastructure, and federal money is available as well.

A third focus will be on mental health. Horn is co-chair of the Public Safety Committee, and that group will be working on mental health issues, including how law enforcement officers interact with citizens who have mental health problems, and also the mental health of police officers themselves.

State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) said in a phone interview Jan. 15 that the Environment Committee (he is one of two ranking members) is "close" on the provisions of a bill involving the producers of small gas tanks (the kind used for grilling), the recycling of the tanks, and who pays for what.

He said the committee wants to know why vacant positions in the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Environmental

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## Dr. King's early experience of equality in Connecticut

By Patrick L. Sullivan

CORNWALL — Historian and activist Jeremy Brecher told the little-known story of Martin Luther King Jr.'s experience picking tobacco in Connecticut in a Zoom talk Monday, Jan. 17, sponsored by the Cornwall Library. (There were 106 people on the Zoom.)

Brecher explained that Con-

necticut had a thriving tobacco industry, specializing in "shade grown" or "Sumatran" tobacco used for cigar wrappers.

But in the years leading up to World War I, as European immigrant workers returned home and the economy shifted into war production, Connecticut's tobacco farmers faced a serious labor shortage.

Initially the growers tried recruiting regionally, with little success.

The growers then turned to the Urban League, which was involved in helping Afri-

can-Americans from the South to move North and find employment.

The growers and the Urban League reached an agreement that covered wages and conditions, and included inspections by the League, which helped recruit students from what are now known as "historically Black colleges and universities," including King's alma mater, Morehouse University.

The practice diminished during the Great Depression but picked up again as the U.S. geared up for World War II.

King was among 100 or so Morehouse students who came to Simsbury, Conn., in 1944 to pick tobacco.

Brecher said it was King's first experience outside of the segregated South, and a part of King's biography that was largely neglected until the publication of King's letters in 1992.

King wrote to his parents about his amazement at the difference between Connecticut and the South.

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## Towns seeking input for housing plans

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#### Three-day forecast

Friday ..... Cloudy, high 16°/low 0°  
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 Sunday ..... Cloudy, 30°/9°

### POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### DUI

On Jan. 11 at approximately 10:15 a.m. John Alexander Day, 28, of Millerton turned himself in on an arrest warrant stemming from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Sharon Road in Salisbury. Day was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to drive in the proper lane. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Jan. 25.

#### Two-car collision

On Jan. 12 at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Millerton Road in Salisbury a 2014 BMW X3 driven by Gerald Freeman, 78, of Sharon pulled out of Freeman's driveway and caused a collision with a 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan driven by Cathleen McCollian, 52, of Sharon. Freeman was issued a warning for failing to yield when making a left-hand turn.

#### Second-offense DUI

On Jan. 13 at approximately 8 p.m. on East Main Street in North Canaan, following a traffic stop, Robert J. Perotti, 66, of North Canaan failed a field sobriety test and was charged with a second offense of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, operating a motor vehicle without the minimum insurance, failure to drive in the proper lane and failure to renew his driver's license. Perotti was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Jan. 28.

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](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com).

### Juried photography contest of historic Connecticut landscapes

Preservation Connecticut is accepting submissions for a juried photography show, "Picturing History: Historic Landscapes of Connecticut."

In celebration of Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th birthday this year, the nonprofit is looking for photographs of Connecticut's historic landscapes. Serious amateur and student photographers ages 8 and up are invited to submit works featuring landscapes in the following categories: Color, Black & White, Olmsted Firm Design and Smartphone.

Learn more and submit images at [www.gogophotocontest.com/preservationconnecticut](http://www.gogophotocontest.com/preservationconnecticut).

Historic landscapes are those that have been shaped by human involvement. They may be associated with a person or event. They may be big or small; they may reflect conscious planning and artistic achievement, or they may have evolved through use and reflect the everyday lives of the people

who inhabit or created them.

Examples include residential gardens and community parks, scenic highways, rural communities, institutional grounds, cemeteries, battlefields, zoological gardens. They may contain water features such as ponds or fountains, circulation systems including roads, steps and paths, buildings, furnishings including benches, fences, lighting and sculptures.

Photos must show how the landscape has historically been used and shaped by people. Submissions will be accepted online until April 23. All fees will support Preservation Connecticut's work.

In June, Preservation Connecticut will display the selected works at the Art League of New Britain's gallery space in a circa 1870 barn, with walking tours of Olmsted's Walnut Hill Park nearby, followed by additional exhibitions across the state.

Three towns in the region are now working on their housing plans, and are seeking input from town residents. A survey is being offered online that should take about five minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous.

The surveys will be used to create a housing plan that will be implemented over the next five years. Anyone who has trouble accessing the survey online can get a paper version of the survey in the town hall at the office of the selectmen.

#### Sharon

In Sharon, the survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SharonHousing](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SharonHousing) un-

til Feb. 15.

The Sharon Steering Committee will host an informational forum for Sharon residents on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. on Zoom to share survey results and answer questions.

Members of the Sharon Housing Plan Steering Committee include Selectman Dale Jones, Planning and Zoning member Larry Moskowitz, Sharon Housing Authority Treasurer Pat Whalen and Habitat for Humanity NWCT Executive Director Bob Whelan.

#### Kent

In Kent, the survey can be found until Jan. 25 at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/kentHOME](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kentHOME).

#### North Canaan

In North Canaan, the survey can be found until Jan. 20 at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NChousing](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NChousing).

There will be multiple opportunities for input from residents during the process of developing the housing plan. Members of the North Canaan Housing Plan Steering Committee include Ashleigh Bergenty, Dalton Jacquier, First Selectman Charlie Perotti, Mike Pallone, Will Perotti, and Marybeth Wabrek.

### Upcoming COVID vax clinics, free testing site

There will be a vaccine and booster clinic for area residents ages 12 and up at the Grove Senior Center, 42 Ethan Allen St., in Lakeville on Wednesday Feb. 9. All three vaccines and booster shots will be available.

No appointment is required. For further information, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email [lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us](mailto:lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us).

Geer Village Senior Community is offering a booster vaccine clinic at the Geer Lodge, hosted by Hartford HealthCare, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both Moderna and Pfizer boosters are available. Pre-register at [www.geercares.org/covid-vaccine-clinic-1-25-22/](http://www.geercares.org/covid-vaccine-clinic-1-25-22/). Proof of prior vaccinations is encouraged.

Free weekly drive-through testing is now being offered to

all area residents at the Town of Kent Transfer Station, 46 Maple St. This is a PCR-type test and results are generally available within 24 to 48 hours.

No appointment is needed. Connecticut residency is not required; insurance is not required—but you must have an email address to get test results.

There is a priority lane for First Responders.

Testing is offered Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. When lining up on Saturdays, keep in mind that the Transfer Station is operating until 3:30 p.m.; follow the traffic pattern to keep the entrance clear.

Forms should be filled out in advance; they can be found online at <https://www.townofkentct.org/sites/g/files/vyh-lif3311/f/uploads/covidforms.pdf>.

### Help wanted for Junior National ski competition in Salisbury

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) is hosting the 2022 Junior Nationals this year at Satre Hill in Salisbury, from Feb. 22 to 26. Volunteers are needed to help with this national ski jumping event, which is separate from the annual Jumpfest (which will be held this year Feb. 11 to 13).

As the name implies, the Junior Nationals is a national event, which SWSA hosts every five years. This competition will draw some of the best junior ski jumpers from around the U.S. for five days of jumping and cross-country skiing competition.

During the Junior Nationals, Salisbury and the surrounding area will be abuzz with hundreds of competitors, coaches and families.

SWSA needs help from area residents with managing the opening and closing ceremonies; jump measuring; cross-country course set up (at Mohawk Ski Area) and cross-country marshals; hill work (snow preparation); swag

handouts; and much more.

If you want to be a part of something really special this winter, email [info@jumpfest.org](mailto:info@jumpfest.org), and let your friends know too.

To learn more about the Junior Nationals at Salisbury, go to <http://jncjn2022.com>.

### Moose on the loose, Jan. 22

FALLS VILLAGE — On Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library will host a Zoom presentation on the history of moose in Connecticut.

Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the state, will discuss this mighty beast's life cycle and habitat, share photos and artifacts, and answer questions.

Although moose sightings in the Nutmeg State are sporadic, they have been spotted since the early 1900s. In May 2021, there was a motorists advisory to be wary of as moose calves dispersed to seek habitat.

Moose population in Connecticut is estimated to be 100 animals.

Register at [HuntLibrary.org](http://HuntLibrary.org), on the library's Facebook page, or call the library at 860-824-7424.

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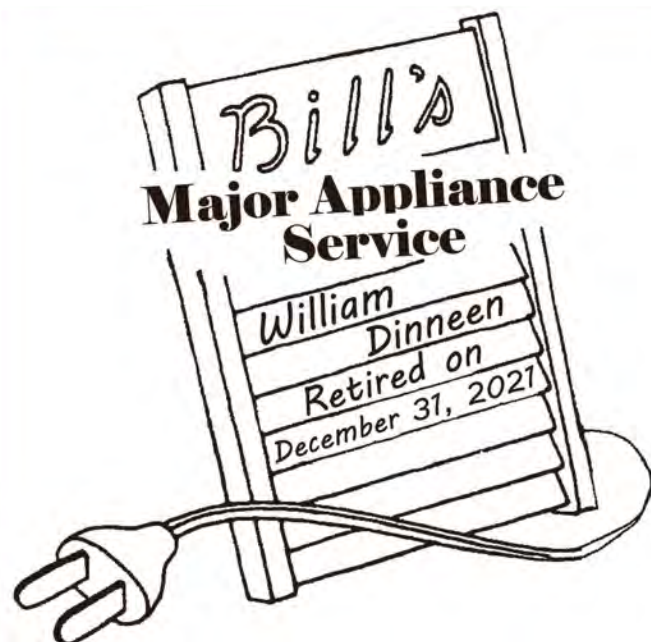
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# Our Towns

## The Ice Man declares the lake is frozen

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Don Mayland reported “ice in” on Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville on Sunday, Jan. 16.

He wrote: “January is always a strange month and this was no different for calling ‘ice in.’”

“There was no sign of ice until the morning of Jan. 12. Then, the very cold temperature and little wind allowed for a skim of ice to cover the entire lake, with the exception of some open holes in the northwest corner.

“The air temperature then went up a bit the next few days, but the skim stayed.

“The real cold set in on the

14th and 15th, which did the trick.

“So, I am declaring ‘ice in’ as of Jan. 16. However, the holes in the northwest corner have a very thin ice cover at this time.

“Let me give a bit of historical perspective. I took over as the Ice Man in December 2008. The earliest ‘ice in’ calls by me were Dec. 30, 2010, and Dec. 30 2017. I checked the records that were left with me when I took over from Walt Shannon and I see that the earliest ‘ice in’ on record was Dec. 6, 1901. The latest was Feb. 21, 1950.

“As always, nobody should assume that the ice is safe this early in the season, especially in that northwest corner.”



PHOTO BY DON MAYLAND

Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville is officially frozen, but there are still soft patches.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Mohawk Mountain, celebrating its 75th anniversary, has been packed with ski enthusiasts every weekend despite the bitterly cold weather.

## Sharon's selectmen begin conversation about the parking lot expansion

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Long under consideration, a plan to expand the Town Hall parking lot took a step ahead last week. A preliminary plan was announced at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The meeting was conducted in person at Town Hall and remotely on Zoom, drawing six observers.

First Selectman Brent Colley announced that WMC Consulting Engineers had drawn a preliminary plan for parking lot improvements, a project that has already been awarded funding through a state STEAP (Small Town Economic As-

sistance Program) grant. The grant stipulates that the work be completed by August 2023.

According to the plan, parking spaces would increase from 41 to 53, including space for a van and two vehicles with “handicapped” tags. There would also be new lighting, landscaping and improved drainage, to direct water flow away from Town Hall and neighboring 67 Main St. As directed by the STEAP program, two electric vehicle-charging stations would be accommodated by installation of a conduit installed under the new pavement and a generator.

One resident questioned the wisdom of the charging

stations and learned that it was a requirement of the STEAP program. Colley explained that the state grant program called for implementing charging stations within these types of improvements.

“We are looking toward the future and the future seems to be electric vehicles,” Colley said.

“This is one of the biggest projects undertaken at the Town Hall in years,” he added.

Residents can pick up a copy of the plan at Town Hall. Future informational hearings will be scheduled, giving residents opportunity for comment on its features.

The plan will need to be

approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Historic District as part of the process, Colley said.

Following a report from Selectman Casey Flanagan and seeing no other viable option, the selectmen agreed to continue with a five-year MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) program contract that will transport the town's solid waste to a distant state for landfill disposal.

Under the plan, Colley explained, Hartford's MIRA, once a functioning trash-to-energy facility, will become a transfer station from which the town's trash will be combined with that of other towns and hauled away, likely to Alabama or Ohio. The new system is expected to be costly.

The selectmen discussed the importance of promoting local programs to reduce the amount of household waste, mentioning the current food waste collection and composting program, along with recycling, at the local transfer station.

## A refresher in Freedom of Information laws

By Leila Hawken

KENT — As new members of boards and commissions step into place in area towns, a refresher session on Connecticut's Freedom of Information (FOI) laws was offered on Zoom on Wednesday, Jan. 5. The session was hosted by the town of Kent.

Leading the workshop were state FOI Commission Public Information Officer Tom Hennick and Kent Town Attorney Randy DiBella.

“It's about access,” Hennick explained. The FOI regulations ensure access to public meetings and access to public records.

Anytime a board, a committee or even a subcommittee gathers, advance notice must be issued, an agenda posted, and meeting minutes produced and posted promptly, Hennick said.

There are three types of meetings, he said. They are regular, special and emergency — the latter used only for true emergencies, where lives of area residents might be endangered if action is not taken.

Regular meetings are pre-scheduled, pre-announced and must have agendas posted in advance. If such meetings are to be virtual or hybrid, it is recommended that the log-in

link be included on the posted agenda to ensure convenient public access, Hennick said. The agenda of a regular meeting can be amended by vote during the meeting, he added.

Special meetings are pre-announced but have a fixed agenda for the special purpose only; the agenda can not be amended.

Clearing up a common misconception, Hennick said, “The Freedom of Information Act does not guarantee the public the right to speak at a meeting.” The individual board or commission has the right to control its own meeting, setting rules for public comment.

DiBella added that the FOI law was nicknamed “the sunshine act.” But, speaking to the officials, he said, “It's your meeting where you are conducting public business.”

Executive sessions are permitted within meetings for only four purposes, Hennick said. Those purposes include personnel matters (with specific details about the nature of the personnel matter, without including the employee's name, but rather some descriptive term posted in advance); pending claims or litigation; security matters; or property transaction negotiations.

No votes can be taken on any matter during Executive

Session, Hennick cautioned. All votes are to be public.

About access to public records, Hennick said, “If it's created doing town-related business, it's public. Think of everything as being a public record.”

DiBella echoed, “Everything is a public record. When you receive an inquiry from anyone, it is public record.” He also cautioned strongly against taking any notes during an Executive Session, as such notes may be classified as a public document.

Serving his first term as a member of the Kent Board of Selectmen, Glenn Sanchez asked for clarification of the rules for recusal. He was told that if an official recuses, it is permissible to remain in the meeting to hear discussion while not participating in that discussion or voting in the matter.

Resident Wendy Murphy sought a statewide standard to guide public participation, but DiBella countered that each of the state's 169 towns has jurisdiction over its own management policies.

Noting that the FOI Commission welcomes calls from the public seeking answers to FOI concerns, Hennick invited residents to call his office as questions arise.

## It's never too cold to ski at Mohawk Mountain

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Celebrating 75 years of providing a winter destination for ski enthusiasts, the Mohawk Mountain Ski area has been welcoming weekend skiers in large numbers this winter.

As Martin Luther King Jr. Day approached on Jan. 17 — typically a popular weekend date for skiing getaways — Mohawk owner Cassie Schoenknecht said that she expected many visitors, similar to the impressive volume on the previous weekend despite chillingly cold temperatures.

Skiers come to Mohawk from throughout the Tristate region, she said. All ages and abilities can find just the right level of downhill challenge.

Noting that there would be frigid temperatures again over the holiday weekend, Schoenknecht said, “With the proper gear, cold is nothing to worry about.”

“It looks beautiful out there,” she added, describing the “packed powdery and precisely groomed surface.”

Cold weather, in fact, creates the perfect conditions for the snowmaking machines, a technology invented by Mohawk founder Walt Schoenknecht.

“It's actually gorgeous,” she said, describing the conditions at the ski area that has been in operation since 1947.

A new feature at the website offering lift passes has been popular this year, adding convenience and reducing wait times, Schoenknecht said.

COVID-19 protocols remain in effect at the ski area, with visitors asked to don their ski gear in the parking lot and use their cars as their home bases. The lodge is open and visitors are welcome to go inside, but not to stay long.

To get snow reports, updates on day and night skiing, and more go to [www.mohawkmntn.com](http://www.mohawkmntn.com).

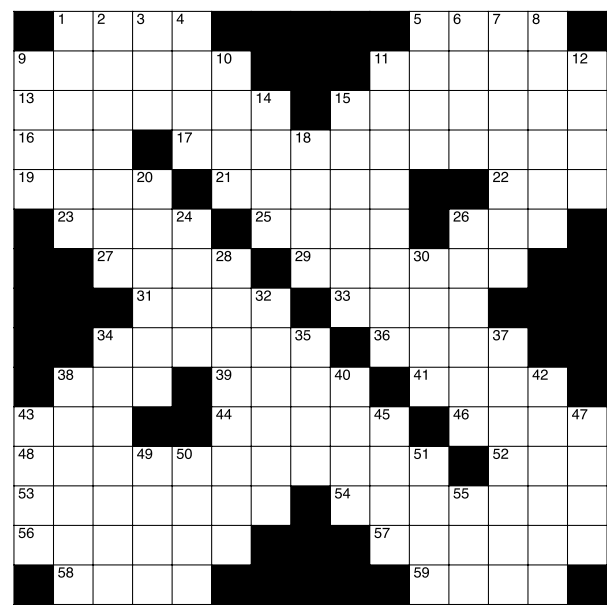
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Breathe noisily
5. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island
9. Reddish browns
11. Simple shoes
13. Produce alcohol illegally
15. Home to famed golf tournament
16. Tax collector
17. Famous people
19. Urban area
21. Units of syllable weight
22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
23. Dismounted
25. Actor Damon
26. Vietnamese offensive
27. Retail term
29. Netted
31. Partner to carrots
33. Witnesses
34. Caulked
36. Satisfy
38. R&B performer \_\_\_ Lo
39. Monetary units of Macao
41. Give advice, explain
43. Possesses
44. Turn back
46. Gentlemen
48. One who fertilizes
52. Italian monk title (prefix)
53. Parties
54. Type of horse
56. Cuts in half
57. Raises
58. Expresses contempt or disgust
59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

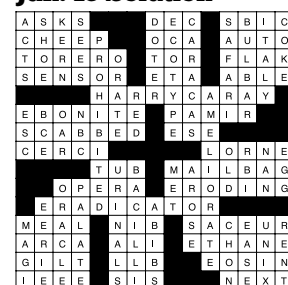
### CLUES DOWN

1. Illinois city
2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
3. Young form of a louse
4. Type of powder
5. Finger millet
6. Share a common boundary
7. Assumed as a fact
8. Provide clear evidence of
9. Invests in little enterprises
10. A way to be
11. Monies given in support
12. Fashion accessory

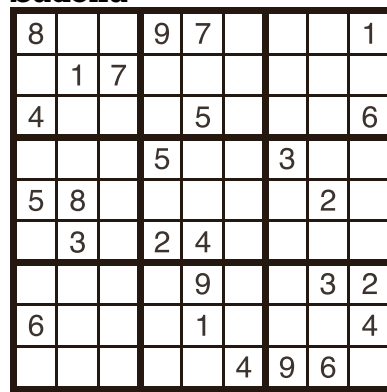


14. Steal
15. Becomes less intense
18. Geological times
20. Hooray!
24. Monetary unit
26. Male reproductive organs
28. Earnings
30. Close by
32. Small integers
34. Fixed in place
35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
37. Large, imposing building
38. A rooflike shelter
40. Stiff, hairlike structure
42. Print errors
43. To show disapproval
45. Body of traditions
47. Without
49. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
50. Dangerous illegal drug
51. Infrequent
55. Sound unit

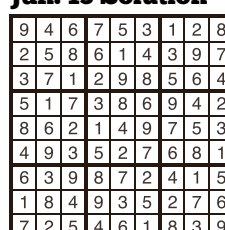
### Jan. 13 Solution



### Sudoku



### Jan. 13 Solution



Level: Intermediate

The following letter was sent to Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy in opposition to Nuvance's plan to close Sharon Hospital's ICU. See Docket Number 32504 at <https://dphconwebportal.ct.gov/Report>

Dear Ms. Martone:

As one of the community physicians who admits to the Sharon Hospital ICU, I am against the shutdown of the ICU and substitution of a progressive care unit. Since 1978, after completion of my internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at the University of Rochester, I have successfully cared for patients in our ICU. Also, there are two other intensivists with ICU training who capably care for critically ill patients. There have never been board-certified intensivists here. All the community practitioners, not just one, refer patients for admission to the SH ICU. If a patient needs an intensivist in a tertiary care center, they are transferred to a tertiary care center.

Critically ill patients and their families want to stay in the ICU at SH. In inclement weather, it may be impossible to transfer these patients to Vassar or Danbury Hospital. Without an ICU, ICU nurses will leave and there will be a shortage of nurses with the skills and desire to care for these patients that require a special expertise. There is already a shortage of ICU nurses. For about a year, the administration has announced its plan to shut down the ICU, scaring several ICU nurses away. At times, the ICU has had to be shut down due to a lack of ICU nurses. Their plans to train med-surg nurses to care for critically ill patients are flawed. You cannot give an in-service to a floor nurse on arrhythmias, monitoring respirators, and titrating pressor drips and expect a safe outcome, as Nuvance plans. The seriously ill, ICU level of care patient may be neglected. Patient mortality and morbidity could increase. Our hospital has had a Five-Star rating with CMS with the present ICU arrangement and that may be lost with a progressive care unit. The administration has already “jumped” to close the ICU. As an admitting physician, I am not allowed to order “admit to the ICU.” Instead, I must order “admit to telemetry.”

Nuvance is obligated to keep present services in place for five years per the last CON approval. Without a fully operational ICU in its present location, the SH will not be a full-service hospital and patients in the service will suffer.

Respectfully yours,  
David R. Kurish, M.D., DRK/lda

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## Louis Brodeur

NORTH CANAAN — Louis Brodeur, 89, of North Canaan, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Jan. 16, 2022.

Lou was predeceased by his wife, Judith Brodeur. He is survived by his daughter, Kathy and her husband, Tom Hoskinson; his son, Michael Brodeur and Marsha Morey; his grandson, Andrew and Robin Hoskinson and their children, Mason and Connor; his granddaughter, Katlyn and Tim Kinsella, and their children, Emma and Henry.

Lou attended UConn College of Agriculture and was a

lifelong farmer. He was a well-known breeder of Brown Swiss dairy cattle and shared that love with all he knew. Lou was an active supporter and mentor for the local 4-H and FFA organizations and known as Grandpa Lou to most.

Lou is also known for his garden and farmstand filled with strawberries, veggies and gladiolas at his home on Route 44 in North Canaan.

He will be greatly missed by all. A memorial will be held in his honor in the spring. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home.

## Richard L. Ridge

SHARON — Richard L. Ridge, one of the country's leading interior decorators, who was known for his color and comfort, died on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021. He was 93.



His sudden and unexpected death was confirmed by his husband and business partner of 40 years, Roderick Denault.

Richard was born in Kansas City, Mo., on June 22, 1928, to Francis L. and Guy R. Ridge. His father had a banking business in Kansas City and also worked for the government in Washington, D.C.

Richard graduated from Pembroke Country Day School and attended the University of Missouri. He was a member of the XiXi Chapter of Sigma Chi. He served in the Army in Germany for two years during the Korean War.

After getting out of the Army, his father gave Dick and his mother a six-month trip to Europe. This is how his collecting and knowledge of the arts began.

Dick worked for his father's banking business but banking was not to be in his future. He got a job at Ray Bates Interior Design. Clients loved Dick and encouraged him to start his own business. He decided to move to Washington, D.C., where his business took off instantly.

He met his first love, Joe Barrett. They had a townhouse in Georgetown and a home in Middleburg, Va. Joe died at an early age from a brain aneurysm.

Dick decided to make the big leap and move to New York City. He became the darling of the press and had many celebrity clients such as Ruth Warrwick, Susan and David Brinkley, Rex Reed, Aldo Gucci and Nancy Ames. Nancy said, "Knowing and loving Dick Ridge for 63 years simply wasn't

long enough. Our initial appreciation of each other's talent grew into a deep affection, keeping us in each other's lives wherever we roosted."

In 1982 Richard met Roderick and they lived and worked together for the next 40 years. They were co-chairmen of the prestigious Kips Bay Boys and Girls Showhouse for 10 years. They created nine rooms for the showhouse, more than any other designer has ever done.

In addition to their apartment in Manhattan, they also had a home in Sharon. They were members of the Sharon Country Club. For a few years they had an antique shop in Washington Depot. They have appeared on television, radio and gave numerous lectures around the country.

His great friend, and acclaimed architect, Preston Phillips said, "Dick was a mentor of my fledgling architectural practice in the mid '70s. He told me early on that no matter how successful I become to never believe my own press, an edict I continue to follow."

Richard was a great horseman. Together they had 11 Hackney Ponies. They won the 2-year-old horse of the year award in London. They won horse championships in the United States and Canada. Richard received a posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award from the Devon Horse Show. When he was notified of the award, Rod said, "A Lifetime Achievement Award was like winning an Oscar!" Dick replied "No Rod, its like winning the Nobel Peace Prize."

In addition to his beloved Roderick, he is survived by their kitty, Reggie Von Schnauzer.

Donations in Richard's name would be most appreciated to the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair Foundation.

## In appreciation:

### Ann Arensberg

The first time a representative of the New York publishing world paid me the slightest bit of attention was when Ann Arensberg, an actual editor at the actual Viking Press, invited me to lunch at Luchow's, that cavernous German restaurant near Union Square.

I'm sure she chose that picturesque but fundamentally ridiculous restaurant because she knew it was close to the national offices of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, where I had a 9-to-5 job.

We both ordered the wiener schnitzel, and when I mentioned something about potato pancakes, Ann reminded me that Viking Press was paying for lunch and that perhaps we should have the potato pancakes as an appetizer. A publisher was putting food in my mouth! How extraordinary! It was like a dream for me.

And to be there in that insane restaurant with someone so elegant, so capable of throaty, complicit laughter. She gossiped with me as if I was not a recent arrival from the Midwest working in the lino-

leum scented offices of a dying union, but a writer on the cusp of recognition.

We never got to work together — but I have always thought of Ann as the editor who launched my career.

Scott Spencer  
Rhinebeck

# OBITUARIES

## In appreciation:

### Ann Arensberg

To her many devoted friends in Salisbury and the Tri-state area, in New York City and around the globe, Ann Arensberg, who died at age 84 at the Sharon Health Care Center on Friday, Jan. 13, was a uniquely enchanting person.

Winsome and brilliant, with an adorable snort of a laugh and irrepressible spirit, her speech peppered with endearments and mock exclamations, every visit had the air of a happy picnic.

After graduating from Radcliffe in 1958 and obtaining a Master's Degree in French Literature from Harvard in 1962, Ann worked as an editor at The Viking Press from 1967-1974 editing such stellar writers in the world of theater as Eric Bentley and John Lahr and discovering fiction writers of the caliber of Laurie Colwin.

Her stories "Art History" and "Group Sex" were chosen for inclusion in O. Henry Award volumes in 1975 and 1980 respectively, and then Ann came to Alfred A. Knopf, where I was privileged to be her first editor, succeeded by Victoria Wilson when I migrated to The New Yorker in 1987.

As a novelist Ann announced her special powers

with "Sister Wolf," winner of the National Book Award for best first novel in 1981.

That triumph — the reception was amazing to her — was followed by "Group Sex," a sophisticated romantic comedy (and marvelous expansion of her original story) demonstrating unusual novelistic range and verve; and "Incubus," a main selection of the Book of the Month Club in 1999, set in a small town such as Salisbury. Ann had moved here in the 1980s with her equally dazzling husband, Richard Grossman, prodigious writer and editor famed for his early championing and editing of Ralph Nader, and later in life a cherished therapist here and in New York City.

In this stressful and isolating time, it's been hard to see much of those we love. I'll be forever grateful that I barged in on Ann (with the blessing of the place) a few days before Christmas, bearing an Irish woolen throw, Harney's "Paris" tea, and a Mickey Mouse back scratcher—she loved all things Minnie and Mickey. She looked as pretty as ever, and it was heaven to be with her.

Alice Quinn  
Millerton

## In appreciation:

### Ann Arensberg

I can still hear Ann's raucous laugh. She was always laughing at something and making you laugh, too.

Ann Arensberg and Dick Grossman were a dazzling couple, consummate hosts and guests. (Dick was publisher of books my husband, Donald, wrote with Ralph Nader.)

They were generous contributors to our community, and Ann was selfless in helping other writers, including me.

She was the epitome of style, looking glam even in jeans meeting you for pancakes at O'Hara's Landing.

Ann's unique style came through on the page. She perfectly captured the zeitgeist of marriages, small towns, and

friendships, winning her a National Book Award.

She was not a screen person. She didn't like computers, though she'd submitted to using one. I was appalled when she told me she made appointments at Visionary to open new file folders. But her resistance to virtual existence accounted for one of many enjoyments of being with her, making her fully present with you, as if in that moment you were the person she most cared about in the world.

Missing Ann as I write this, I go to my book shelf and how grateful I am she is still with us on the page.

Helen Klein Ross  
Lakeville

## In appreciation:

### Ann Arensberg

The first thing to be said about Ann Arensberg straight away was that she was crush material. She had a kind of classic 20th-century beauty about her ... the girl next door — but with a dazzling quality of fun and spirit. She was full of girlishness with a kind of prankster spirit about her. She was not a receded beauty.

She was generous about herself, though somewhat shy, and she pushed through that shyness and went out to you and drew you to her. She was hard to resist and why would you?

In back of the country gaiety and charm, the girlishness and slight sense of conspiratorial naughtiness, Ann was a deeply serious, deeply private

person. She felt deeply, and lived with equal intensity. At heart, she experienced the world in knotted ways and expressed that in her writing, which was as she was, on the surface, a reassuring patina of everything as it should be. Further in, things were askew, dark, complicated with dangers lurking in unforeseen places.

Ann was disciplined as a writer and she was deadly serious about it — about her work, about the dailliness of it, about the thinking of it. It was meditative and she gave it the room in her life and insulated and protected it. She was a dazzler.

Victoria Wilson,  
VP Executive Editor,  
Alfred A. Knopf  
New York City

## In appreciation:

### Ann Arensberg

Ann was an exemplar of the perfect gamine.

She presented in a way that revealed childlike innocence: boyish, short hair, petite, very attractive, and with exquisite taste in what she wore and how she wore it.

In one-on-one conversations, and like a natural writer, her sharp attention to the other suggested a deep interest in whomever she was with.

With her charming girlish



femininity she radiated playfulness, intelligence, and a wicked sense of humor — qualities her colleagues, readers, and friends treasured.

Her perennial promise to herself was to never grow old and those who knew her appreciated that she always intended to be here and now.

I took this photo, above, of Ann and her husband, Dick Grossman, in 2013.

Mary Lanier  
Falls Village

## In appreciation:

### Ann Arensberg

Many of us called her Annie. Partly because she was so accessible: friendly, funny, at times coquettish, other times schoolgirlish. I adored flirting with her. But underneath the Annie was a person of remarkable sophistication evident

in her writing. Her curiosity about everything and everybody was boundless. She was the most inquisitive person. I always knew that Annie, well, just *knew*.

Dan Dwyer  
Salisbury

## Worship Services

Week of January 23, 2022

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

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| <p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b><br/>30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT<br/>Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!<br/>Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.<br/><a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a><br/>Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy!<br/>(860) 435-2442</p>                    | <p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b><br/>9 South Main, Sharon CT<br/>Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M.<br/>Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker<br/>All welcome to join us<br/>860-364-5260<br/><a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>   |
| <p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br/>12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT<br/>Rev. Paul Christopherson<br/>SUNDAY SERVICE<br/>10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II)<br/>In-Person and on You-Tube<br/><a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a><br/>860-435-9290</p>  | <p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b><br/>40 Leedsville Road<br/>Amenia Union, NY<br/>SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30<br/>IN-PERSON AND ONLINE<br/>Visit our website for links<br/>Rev. AJ Stack<br/>845-373-7135<br/><a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a><br/>A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>   |
| <p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b><br/>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people<br/>172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT<br/>Worship services Sundays at 10 am<br/><a href="http://www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a><br/>860-824-7232</p>   | <p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b><br/>484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock<br/>In person services on Sundays<br/>8:00 and 10:30 A.M.<br/>Livestream at 10:30 on<br/><a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a><br/>The Rev. Heidi Truax<br/><a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a><br/>(860) 435-2627</p>   |
| <p><b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b><br/>is at Pilgrim House,<br/>30 Granite Ave., Canaan<br/>Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm<br/><a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a></p>   | <p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b><br/>Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m.<br/>For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jokialoi@gmail.com">jokialoi@gmail.com</a><br/>All are Welcome</p>   |
| <p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b><br/>112 Upper Main Street,<br/>North End of Sharon Green<br/>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits<br/>10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care<br/>No Sunday School in Summer<br/>Pastor Sun Yong Lee<br/>860-364-5634<br/><a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>  | <p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b><br/>319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039<br/>9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br/>9:50 a.m. Sunday School<br/>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"<br/>Pastor Joy Veronesi<br/>860-435-9496<br/><a href="mailto:Lakevilleumc@snet.net">Lakevilleumc@snet.net</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b><br/>29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT<br/>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome!<br/>Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!<br/>Sunday School - 10am<br/>Sunday Worship - 11am<br/>Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM<br/>(860) 824-5685<br/>VISITORS WELCOME!<br/><a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p> | <p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b><br/>Immaculate Conception,<br/>4 North Street, Norfolk<br/>St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan<br/>St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville<br/>MASS SCHEDULE<br/>Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church<br/>Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary<br/>Sunday 11 a.m.,<br/>Immaculate Conception Church<br/>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE<br/>Wednesday 6pm<br/>St. Joseph Chapel or Church<br/>Thursday 8am<br/>Immaculate Conception Church<br/>Friday 8am<br/>Church of St. Mary<br/>ALL ARE WELCOME!<br/>For information,<br/>please call 860-824-7078</p> |
| <p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b><br/>Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m.<br/>Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mmgates125@gmail.com">mmgates125@gmail.com</a><br/>for an invitation to the Zoom service<br/>If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.<br/>We hope you will join us!</p>                                      | <p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b><br/>Congregational<br/>Worship Sunday, 10 am<br/>Cornwall Village Meeting House<br/>8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall<br/>Outstanding Church School (10 am)<br/>Mission Opportunities<br/>Warm Fellowship following Worship<br/>860-672-6840<br/>FB - UCC in Cornwall<br/>Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister<br/>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>  |
| <p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b><br/>656 Smithfield Valley Rd.<br/>Route 83, Amenia, NY<br/>Services every Sunday 10 a.m.<br/><a href="http://www.thsmithfieldchurch.org">www.thsmithfieldchurch.org</a></p>   | <p><b>Sharon Congregational</b><br/>25 Main Street, Sharon, CT<br/>Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.<br/>Visit our website<br/><a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a><br/>for current online Bible studies and Sunday services<br/>Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.<br/>Contact us at 860-364-5002 or <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a></p>   |
| <p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b><br/>860-927-3003<br/>The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge<br/>MASS SCHEDULE<br/>SATURDAY VIGIL<br/>4 PM - St. Bridget<br/>SUNDAY MASSES<br/>8 AM - St. Bernard<br/>10 AM - Sacred Heart<br/>WEEKDAY MASSES<br/>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; First Friday<br/>9 AM - Sacred Heart</p>                 | <p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b><br/>313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT<br/>Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.<br/>Rev. John Kreta<br/>860-824-1340<br/><a href="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b><br/>2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT<br/>11 a.m. Worship Service<br/>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"<br/>Rev. Lee Gangaware<br/>860-824-5534<br/><a href="http://canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a><br/><a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a></p>  | <p><b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b><br/>6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812<br/>Millerton, NY 12546<br/>Services on the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M.<br/>518-789-3138</p>  |

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## Legal Ad

### Town of Salisbury, CT

The 2021 Grand List will soon be complete. If you wish to appeal your assessment you may apply to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Applications available at [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us). Applications must be received by the Town Clerk by February 22, 2022  
01-20-22

## LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of 11 Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Salisbury for election as Members of the Town Committee At-Large is on file in my office at 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 30.

A Primary will be held March 1, 2022 if 8 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with § 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Maureen Dell, Republican Registrar of Voters, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut.

Patricia H. Williams  
Town Clerk of Salisbury  
01-20-22

## LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of 30 Democratic party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Salisbury for election as Members of the Town Committee At-Large is on file in my office at 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 30.

A Primary will be held March 1, 2022 if 8 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with § 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Karin Gerstel, Democratic Registrar of Voters, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut.

Patricia H. Williams  
Town Clerk of Salisbury  
01-20-22

## LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of 25 Democrat party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Canaan for election as Members of the Town Committee At Large is on file in my office at 108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 25.

A Primary will be held March 1, 2022, if 6 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are

filed in accordance with § 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Nanci Howard, Democrat Registrar of Voters, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut.

Johanna M. Mann  
Canaan Town Clerk  
01-20-22

## LEGAL NOTICE

A certified list of 7 Republican party-endorsed candidates for the town of Canaan for election as Members of the Town Committee At Large is on file in my office at 108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 20.

A Primary will be held March 1, 2022, if 4 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with § 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Susan J. Kelsey, Republican Registrar of Voters, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, Connecticut.

Johanna M. Mann  
Canaan Town Clerk  
01-20-22

## Legal Notice

**PARTY - ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR THE TOWN COMMITTEE AT - LARGE**

A certified list of 25 Democrat party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Sharon for election as Members of the Town Committee at Large is on file in my office at 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 25.

A primary will be held March 1, 2022 if 6 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with Conn. General Statutes 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, by persons other than party endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Marel E. Rogers, Democratic Registrar of Voters, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT.

Linda R. Amerighi-CCTC  
Sharon Town Clerk  
01-20-22

## LEGAL NOTICE

**TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF CANAAN**  
Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the

Tax Collector, Town of Canaan gives notice that she will be ready to receive Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes and the 2nd installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due January 1, 2022 at the Canaan Town Hall, PO Box 47, 108 Main St., Falls Village, CT 06031.

Office Hours: Monday's 9-12, 1-4 and Wednesdays 9-Noon.

Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2022 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after February 1, 2022 will be charged interest from January 1, 2022 at the rate of 1.5% for each month from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of their responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-30. Dated at Town of Canaan, Connecticut, this 15th day of December 2021.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs,  
CCMC  
Canaan Tax Collector  
12-23-21  
01-06-22  
01-20-22

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF KENT

The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2020 is due and payable January 1, 2022. The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2020 will become delinquent on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from January 1, 2022 until the same is paid.

Bills may be viewed on line by going to the Tax Collector's page of the Town of Kent website at [www.townofkentct.org](http://www.townofkentct.org).

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and there is a drop box at the front door of Town

Hall. Payment is also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

Credit cards are not accepted in the office but you may pay online by going to [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com).

Deborah Devaux CCMC  
Tax Collector  
12-23-21  
01-06-22  
01-20-22

## Legal Notice

### Warning

Town Meeting to be Held on January 26, 2022 at 7 PM at Senior Center, 107 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

Electors and others qualified to vote at town meeting are hereby warned of an Annual town meeting to be held at the Senior Center for the Town of Canaan, Falls Village, Connecticut at 7 Pm to act on the following:

1. To Receive, review and act upon the Annual Auditors Report for fiscal year 2020-2021.

2. To receive, review and act upon the report of the offices of the Town of Canaan.

3. Shall the Town of Canaan approve an appropriation of \$27,000 from Reserve account #51001380 for the 5-year Revaluation required by state law.

4. Shall the Canaan approve increasing budget line 1016.160 Health benefits by \$6,000 to enable paying the health benefits of the Town Clerk.

5. Shall the Town of Canaan approve increasing budget line Website Maintenance 1002.WS.301 by \$2,000 to allow for additional expense in upgrading our security systems.

Procedure for the proceedings: Robert's Rules of Order will prevail, where not in conflict with

Parliamentary Law. In accordance with the principles of a deliberative meeting under both Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Law, participation will be reserved to those present.

Dated at Canaan, Connecticut this 11th day of January, 2022.

Masks are required and social distancing is recommended.

Canaan Board of Selectmen  
Henry W. Todd  
First Selectman  
01-20-22

## REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

A certified list of 15 Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Sharon for election as Members of the Town Committee at Large is on file in my office at 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is 20.

A primary will be held March 1, 2022 if 5 candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with Conn. General Statutes 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, by persons other than party endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Barbara Coords, Republican Registrar of Voters, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT.

Linda R. Amerighi-CCTC  
Sharon Town Clerk  
01-20-22

## Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on January 10, 2022:

Approved with Conditions - Application 2021-IW-044 by owner, Lakeville 75 Sharon Road LLC for stormwater improvements, stone revetment, and plantings in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 47 as lot 17 and is known as 75 Sharon Road, Lakeville.

Approved with Conditions - Application 2021-IW-045 by owners Daniel & Cameron Suratt for a tennis court and associated site improvements in the upland review area, and removal of invasive species in the upland and wetland. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 10 as lot 05-1 and is known as 105 Belgo Road, Lakeville.

Approved with Conditions - Application 2021-IW-047 by owners Katherine & Scott Koehler to construct a new septic system. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 66 as lot 28 and is known as 80 Rocky Lane, Salisbury.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

01-20-22

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SHARON, CT THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 6:30 PM SHARON CENTER SCHOOL ATTENDEES MUST FOLLOW CURRENT CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to

vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Sharon Center School, 80 Hilltop Road, Sharon, Connecticut, on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30PM to consider the following question:

1. Shall the Town appropriate \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund to The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Inc. towards their Expansion Project, as approved by the Board of Finance.

Dated at Sharon, CT this 11th day of January 2022.

Brent M. Colley  
Dale C. Jones  
Casey T. Flanagan  
Selectmen  
01-20-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CAROLE KAHN

#### Late of North Canaan (21-00580)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 6, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
Craig M Kahn  
c/o Ellen C Marino  
Ellen C Marino  
596 Main Street  
Winsted, CT 06098

Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
01-20-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF JOHN W. GALLUP

#### Late of Salisbury (21-00574)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 4, 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 L. Gallup  
c/o Stephen K. Gellman  
Shipman & Goodwin, LLP  
One Constitution Plaza  
Hartford, CT 06103

Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
01-20-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF AKKE JASMINE-DEVLAS

#### Late of Falls Village (22-00004)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 4, 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:  
Dennis H. Jasmine  
c/o Mark J Capecelatro  
Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC  
117 Main St.-Box 1045  
Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire  
Chief Clerk  
01-20-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CAITLIN P. LOVELL

#### Late of Canaan (21-00558)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 4, 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:  
Megan Reville-Lovell  
c/o Christine L. Curtiss  
Cohen & Thomas  
315 Main Street  
PO Box 313  
Derby, CT 06418

Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
01-20-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARK DOUGLAS NIEDHAMMER

#### Late of Lakeville (22-00002)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 6, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
Anne Bowen  
c/o Mark J Capecelatro  
Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC  
117 Main St.- Box 1045  
Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire  
Chief Clerk  
01-20-22

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF MARGARET ANNE BACHETTI

#### Late of Canaan AKA Margaret D. Bachetti (21-00583)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 6, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is  
David Balch  
c/o Kevin F Nelligan  
The Law Offices of Kevin F. Nelligan, LLC  
194 Ashley Fls Rd  
PO Box 776  
Canaan, CT 06018

Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
01-20-22

## TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the third installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 is due and payable on January 1, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 12-71b of the Connecticut State Statutes, the Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax is due on January 1, 2022. Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2022. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before February 1, 2022, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, Salisbury, CT 06068 or at Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-4pm or may be dropped off in the drop box located in the vestibule of the Town Hall, 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday, or online at [acipayonline.com](http://acipayonline.com), jurisdiction code 1759 (there is a fee for this service.) Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 9th day of December 2021.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC  
Tax Collector  
Salisbury CT 06068

12-23-21  
01-06-22  
01-20-22

## TOWN OF SHARON

### SEEKING BIDS

The Town of Sharon, CT is seeking bids for the interior renovation of the Community Center located at 99 North Main Street, Sharon, CT. Bid packets are available from the Town Hall and on the Town Website. Sealed bids are to be submitted by 12 Noon, Friday, February 25, 2022. The Town of Sharon reserved the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Town of Sharon is an equal opportunity employer.

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DEEP

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and another 1,000 trees in the camping section of the park.

**A matter of interpretation: Trees**

In this dispute over the fate of the trees, nearly every person involved has a different interpretation of what matters most.

One opinion is that of the DEEP staffers who made the initial decision to have the trees removed.

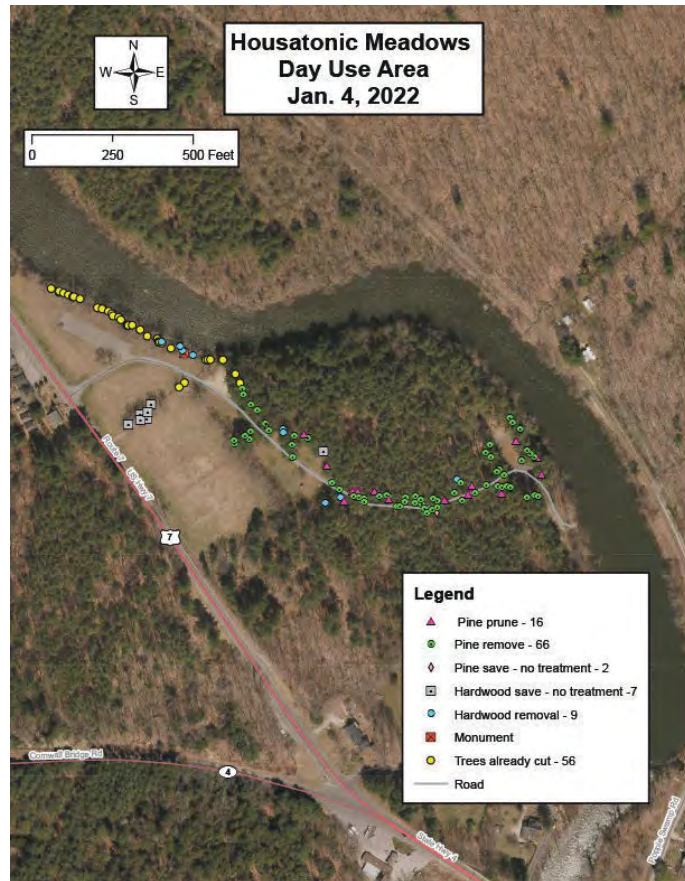
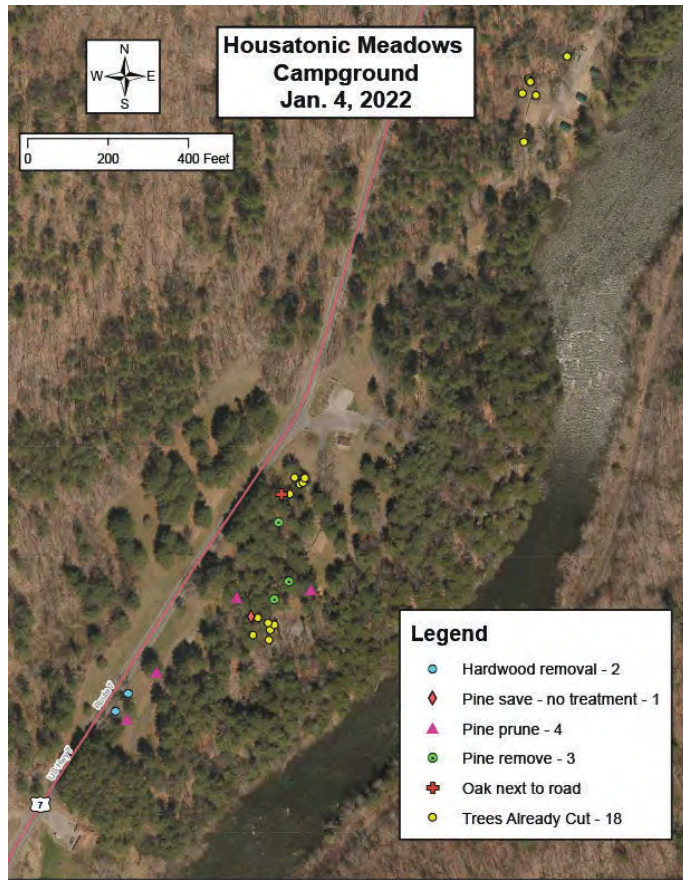
The state began a "hazard tree removal" project in 2018. Trees have a lifespan and eventually begin to fail and then fall. Even mighty oak trees eventually begin to age out. Adding to the stress on trees is the unpredictable weather and periods of drought and late frosts.

Also extremely damaging, according to the DEEP experts in their Jan. 6 Zoom presentation, is predation by invasive insects, which has been extensive in recent years.

Many ash trees died last year after they were attacked by the emerald ash borer; and many oaks were attacked by the caterpillar for what had been called the gypsy moth; that name is now being changed because it is considered derogatory to an ethnic group.

Trees often fall in the woods, and that is just part of the natural cycle. But when trees fall in a place that humans use, and which is managed by the state, steps are taken to remove potentially hazardous trees.

The DEEP staff said in their Zoom presentation that trees have fallen at several state parks in the area; there have been fatalities and there are now lawsuits pending against the state for negligence.



GRAPHICS COURTESY CT DEEP

At Housatonic Meadows, a tree fell across the parking lot in 2021.

No one was hurt.

But DEEP foresters then went in to the park and examined the trees there to determine which might conceivably fail and present a hazard to humans using the park. About 150 trees were selected and removed, in the December culling and a subsequent culling on Jan. 13.

**A matter of interpretation: Moratorium**

One topic that has been dis-

puted is whether DEEP promised during the Jan. 6 hearing to stop cutting trees.

Several of the protesters included in a long email list discussing the tree removal were certain that the state had said it would stop cutting trees for the moment.

Most of the people on the email stream confirmed instead that DEEP Deputy Commissioner Trumble had apologized for not communicating to the public the plan for the tree cutting, and had promised to be better at communicating

in the future. But he did not promise a moratorium on tree cutting.

By Jan. 7, the email group took note that the parking lot at Housatonic Meadows had been plowed, and this was seen as evidence that a tree cutting was imminent.

Several members of the group suggested that they meet at the park and have a peaceful protest in an attempt to stop the cutting. All potential participants were warned that they might end up being arrested.

The protest came together on Thursday, Jan. 13. About 30 people turned out with signs protesting the cutting. No state police troopers were there, but the workmen were protected by temporary barriers and the presence of Environmental Conservation police.

**A matter of interpretation: Wildlife**

Before the Jan. 13 protest, the pro-tree life group began to realize that the tree cutting would continue as planned; they sought solutions that might delay or stop the cutting.

Several people suggested that there might be an animal on the federal endangered list that could be spotted at the campsite, and that the site could be declared a habitat that should not be disturbed. Suggested animals included the slimy northern salamander, the Eastern cottontail rabbit, and the bald eagles that live in several spots along the river.

Funds were collected for possible legal action demanding that the state perform a survey of endangered species in the area. An attorney was consulted but said he would not take on the case.

While there is no question that this stretch of the river has eagles (including several that came out on the day of the protest), their presence was not enough to stop the cutting.

**A matter of interpretation: Trees II**

As for tree health, there was disagreement even among members of the protest group on what conditions should spark an intervention.

The DEEP staffers in their

Jan. 6 Zoom talk were very clear about why they considered the marked trees as a hazard. They talked about general aging, and about the damage caused by the emerald ash borer and the caterpillar for what was formerly known as the gypsy moth.

There was a huge infestation of the caterpillars last summer; new egg masses are already in evidence that show this year's infestation will be even worse, with as many as 100 caterpillars hatching from each egg mass. Trees can recover from one year of infestation, the DEEP staff said, but each year of attack weakens them.

While some of the protesters acknowledged the damage caused to area trees by the emerald ash borer and the caterpillars, others insisted that no one should assume a tree is going to die until its death is imminent. No tree should be cut down before its time; it would be preferable to go through and do a thorough pruning of the endangered trees and see if they can pull through. Taking two sides in this debate were two local arborists, one a resident of Sharon and the other a resident and longtime town tree warden from Cornwall.

In the debate over whether the trees should be removed, one well-known and respected environmentalist in the region said that, in his opinion, foresters should not be allowed to decide on the fate of trees because they make their decisions based on the sale of trees to loggers.

He said that only arborists

should be allowed to decide which trees are healthy.

**A matter of interpretation: Humans**

The same environmentalist who had said foresters primarily care about logging the trees and selling the timber had also suggested that the state simply move the picnic tables away from the trees if the main concern was the safety of humans using the park.

When that question was presented to Will Healey in the DEEP Communications Office, he responded that, "The picnic tables are only one of the potential targets in the area of the undermined trees that were removed at the top of the slope."

"Those trees also threatened the parking lot, as evidenced by the tree that fell into the parking lot in 2021."

"Also, simply removing the picnic tables would not stop the public from congregating along the top of the slope to enjoy that area with a view of the river."

It can't be determined ahead of time how people would respond if the picnic tables were moved or removed. However, an ongoing challenge for residents of area towns in recent years has been unsafe use of the Housatonic River. There have been several drownings in recent years in the river, especially near the fast-moving but apparently placid waterfalls in Kent and Falls Village/Salisbury.

Several people have also queried the decision by DEEP foresters to cut down the trees. Who will get the windfall from the treefall, they have asked.

Healey responded that, "Hazard tree removals are a cost to the state and taxpayers, not a revenue source."

"The contractor was awarded the work based on their lowest bid response to DEEP's detailed scope of work. Initially all logs and branches resulting from the tree removal/pruning effort were to be chipped. We have since changed the scope of work to include hauling those logs that are suitable for lumber to our DEEP Sawmill. The resulting lumber from these logs hauled to the Sawmill will be used for picnic table stock or other state park uses. The contractor is not selling or using the chips or logs for their own gain."

If anyone would like to watch the recording of the Jan. 6 meeting or read the transcript, they can be found online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Housatonic-Meadows-State-Park/>.

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move the trees.

"So it's not about risk," said Miner. "It's about liability."

Miner also pointed out that lawsuits against the state have to be approved by a committee of the Legislature, and that approval is not easy to get.

Miner said that DEEP ignored the input of local experts and angered people who normally support the department. "They violated the trust of grassroots people who have stood by DEEP."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said on Jan. 15 that she supports requiring a public notice and a certain period of time between proposed cutting and the actual deed.

She was critical of the department's internal communications, saying the list of hazard trees "did not get adequate review even at DEEP."

"Absent an emergency, this kind of removal needs a review and a record."

Miner and state Rep. Stephen Harding (R-107), the ranking members of the Environment Committee, issued a statement on Jan. 13, including this from Miner:

"Commissioner Dykes, having participated in a number of Zoom conference calls with some area stakeholders and me, could have avoided this public embarrassment had the process been handled in a more credible fashion."

SULLIVAN

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ry. He is self deprecating and enjoys using humor when it is appropriate in his writing, and life, but do not be fooled. He is extremely knowledgeable about many things, such as but not limited to: fishing, the outdoors, jazz, photography, filmmaking (especially B movies) and literature of all kinds (he wrote two crime noir short stories for a couple of New England Newspaper and Press Association anthologies). In addition, because of his long-term work on covering small town government meetings for this newspaper, he is an expert about this brand of governing. And, Salisbury School calls on him regularly to help out with their journalism classes.

He brings this knowledge and curiosity to his journalism writing, to the benefit of these publications and his readers. Now, Sullivan will bring all this background to supporting a new Lakeville Journal editor, Debra Aleksinas; the

Compass editor, Cynthia Hochswender; and Millerton News editor Whitney Joseph. He brings with him an institutional knowledge that is unique in its depth.

The Lakeville Journal is thrilled to have Sullivan in its group, as ever, but especially now to have him taking on a wider role. In addition to working with the editors weekly, he will work with new reporters, and with interns when they pass through in the summertime, to have them learn the ropes of community weekly news.

While Sullivan may have written this better (well, he certainly would have) it may not have had the same sense of appreciation for him that this lesser writer brings to it. Thanks to Sullivan for sticking with these small publications and for taking on these new roles. You as readers will only benefit.

— Janet Manko

SESSION

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Conservation officer ranks have not been filled. "We need more men and women in the field."

Miner said there will be discussion regarding the tax code, including taxes on food, and floated the possibility of a sales tax reduction below the current 6%, at least in some categories.

On the COVID-19 pandemic, now entering its third year, Miner said he believes the virus is not going to be eliminated, like polio. "We're just going to

have to continue taking a swing at it" when new variants appear.

But he said the state needs to get back to governance by the Legislature and executive branches, and away from emergency orders from the governor — especially with large amounts of federal relief money at stake.

"I don't think the state should be running itself by executive order," he said. "But we don't have a crystal ball on the future of COVID-19 either."

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

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## Until It's Safe to Travel, There Is Exotic Take-out Food

My friends are all making plans to travel the world again in the coming weeks. I'm still waiting until COVID-19 is less of a thing, so my travel plans for the moment mainly include forays to Torrington, Conn., which my daughter and I consider to be as exciting (in our lives) as Paris, France.

There is always shopping and errands to be done in Torrington but, to make your visit to the Big Town feel more exotic, why not pretend you're on vacation and just get something exotic to eat?

If you're like me, you probably aren't keen on sitting down to dine yet; but there are several excellent options for take-out that you can explore.

### TEQUANNA'S SOUL FOOD AND SWEETS

If you're driving through the center of town to get to, for example, Five Points Gallery or the Warner Theatre or the mall with Staples and TJ Maxx, you are likely to pass by a tiny little storefront on Main Street (next to the historic Howard's storefront, which is now a bookstore). In the middle of that row of storefronts is Torrington's first soul food emporium, called Tequanna's Soul Food and Sweets.

When Tequanna Tyson opened her restaurant last August, according to an article in a local newspaper, there were lines down the street and people crying when they saw the food choices. I stopped by late on a Thursday afternoon and it was fairly quiet.

Tequanna was out of town and her sister, Tiara, was running the steam table while their mother, Regina Tyson, cooked in the unexpectedly large kitchen behind the dining area.

Tiara and her mother



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

**Tiara Tyson dished up soul food at the Main Street, Torrington, restaurant opened by her sister last August: Tequanna's Soul Food and Sweets.**

were very friendly and were happy to show all the foods hiding beneath steel lids on the steam table. As Tiara lifted the lids, the scent was mouthwatering.

Regina said that the most popular dishes are the ribs and collard greens (a rib dinner is \$12). You can also get pulled pork, mac and cheese, "rasta pasta" and more; the menu is posted on Facebook daily ([www.facebook.com/Tysonfamilysweets](http://www.facebook.com/Tysonfamilysweets)) along with the restaurant hours, which are basically noon to 9 p.m. three days a week, noon to 7 p.m. three days a week, closed Mondays.

### YIAYIA'S GREEK KITCHEN

My friend Wendy, who is an exceptional cook and a fussy eater, has been raving about the new YiYia's Greek Kitchen, owned

by a young Greek couple who offer the classics of their native country's food repertoire, but with some healthy modern updates. The spanakopita (spinach pie) for example is made with spinach, leeks, Greek cheese and homemade phyllo dough. There are dips including hummus and the yogurt-based tzatziki (which in this version includes fresh goat's milk). Of course there is gyros (lamb or chicken). But unexpectedly there is saganaki, which is the most exciting dish to order at the Greek eateries in my hometown of Chicago: They light it on fire as they serve it to you and exclaim, "Ooopa!" There is no such combustible excitement at YiYia's but it's still delicious.

Get the menu and directions at [www.yiayias.net](http://www.yiayias.net).

But, be warned that this tiny restaurant in the back of a small strip mall is very hard to find. At the edge of its strip mall is a Smoke Take shop (don't judge this extremely cute little restaurant by its less stylish neighbor).

### VIENTIANE THAI

If you know me, then you've probably sampled the excellent Thai food at Vientiane Thai in the Stop & Shop mall on High Street. This restaurant has been open now for many years and is very clean and delicious. It's always busy — which of course also means that the food is very fresh.

My daughter and I generally order one of the curries with a side order of the sticky rice. I also love an item from the grill portion of the menu, listed very simply as "steak." It comes with chili sauce but I suggest you order a side of the peanut sauce that comes with the satay sticks. Satay of course is one of the standards of the Thai menu, as is pad thai; both here are excellent.

I could go on and on but check their website at [www.torringtonthaicuisine.com](http://www.torringtonthaicuisine.com) and know that you pretty much can't go wrong with anything you order here.

### BANANA BRAZIL

If Torrington is not exotic enough for you, consider taking a trip to one of the four Banana Brazil restaurants, in Danbury, Waterbury, Hartford and Meriden, Conn.

You have to enter the shops to order, but you will be rewarded with authentic South American grilled meats and side dishes. If you can, eat at the restaurant while the meats are hot. To find their locations and see some photos, go to [www.bananabrazilgrill.com](http://www.bananabrazilgrill.com).



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**Michael Favala Goldman brought the conclusion of Tove Ditlevsen's tragic trilogy to English language readers last year.**

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## How 'The Copenhagen Trilogy' Came To Be The Book of the Year

Winter has truly begun, a perfect time for a deep dive into the work of authors from cold and snowy parts of the world.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. three Connecticut libraries together present a talk by Michael Favala Goldman about the challenges he faced in translating the third section of the acclaimed "Copenhagen Trilogy" by Danish poet and author Tove Ditlevsen.

The first two portions of the autobiographical book ("Childhood" and "Youth") were translated into English in the mid 20th century. Goldman's new translation of the third portion of the book, "Dependency," has never been published before in English. This section of the book tells of Ditlevsen's drug addiction, enabled by her doctor husband, leading up to her suicide in 1976 at age 59.

The three parts of the

trilogy were published together, in English, for the first time in 2021 and sparked what Amazon.com describes as "Tove fever."

The talk on Zoom on Jan. 27 is hosted by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, the Essex Public Library and the Norfolk Library.

Goldman will talk about how he discovered Ditlevsen's work and decided to translate it, and how the book became an unexpected publishing sensation.

A resident of Northampton, Mass., Goldman is a respected translator as well as a poet, educator and jazz musician.

*This program is free, but requires advance registration at [hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/copenhagen](http://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/copenhagen).*

*For more information, contact the Hotchkiss Library at 860-364-5041 or go online to [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org).*

## TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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### ART

**Argazzi Art**, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. [www.argazziart.com](http://www.argazziart.com)

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**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org) Winter Watercolor, Jan. 5 to 26.

### BOOKS

**Noble Horizons**, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org) Ari Satok: "Love Too Can Spread", Jan. 26, 7 p.m. (online); James B. Flaherty:

"Dear Old Friends", Jan. 29, 11 a.m. (online).

### KIDS

**The Institute for American Indian Studies Museum & Research Center**, 38 Curtis Road, Washington, Conn. [www.iaismuseum.org](http://www.iaismuseum.org) Sunday Fun Day: Owl Edition, Jan. 23, 1 to 4 p.m.; Snow Snake Workshop, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Norman Rockwell Museum**, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.nrm.org](http://www.nrm.org) Zoom, Draw & Read with Jan Brett! (Via Zoom), Feb. 12, 1 to 2 p.m. (online).

### MOVIES

**Gilson Cafe & Cinema**, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. [www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com](http://www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com) Spider-Man: No Way Home, playing through Jan. 15.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)

Bolshoi Ballet: Jewels, Jan. 23, 12:55 p.m.; Metlive: Rigoletto, Jan. 29, 12:55 p.m.; The Velvet Queen, opens Jan. 21; Parallel Mothers, opens Jan. 28; Flee, opens Jan. 28.

### TALKS

**D. M. Hunt Library**, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. [www.huntlibrary.org](http://www.huntlibrary.org)

Zoom event: Mighty Moose of Connecticut with Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist, Jan. 22, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)

Scott Eyerly's Virtual Met Opera Lecture: Verdi's Rigoletto, Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m. (online).



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# A Lawyer's View of the Absurdities of Tort Law

Bill Littauer interviewed Tom Morrison's "Please Pass the Tort\$," the follow-up to "Torts 'R' Us," on a Zoom meeting sponsored by Noble Horizons Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The two "Torts" novels are legal farces, following the adventures of Pap and Pup Peters, the brothers who decide to chuck their traditional law practices and dive headfirst into the zany and lucrative field of class action and patent lawsuits.

Littauer, a Salisbury, Conn., resident who had a 50-year career in journalism, led off by asking if finding humor in the practice of law isn't oxymoronic.

Morrison replied: "Most lawyers take themselves way too seriously."

He should know, having spent 50 years in the profession. An attorney who now lives in Salisbury, Morrison has quipped that everyone likes to make lawyer jokes, so the legal profession lends itself naturally to comic fiction.

He said he conceived of a farce about modern litigation — "especially class action lawsuits."

Such actions rely on the notion that "every perceived slight in life" is a legitimate cause.

The result is a lot of frivolous lawsuits, he added.

Morrison said he tried to do to the legal profession what Joseph Heller did to the Army Air Corps in "Catch-22."

Asked about where he finds his raw material, Morrison said he drew on news and legal reports, and from his experience.

The novel relates the tale of a lawsuit against the makers of blueberry Corny Flakes, in which the plaintiff opened 21 boxes of the product without finding a single berry.

"There are hundreds of cases where similar claims have been made," said Morrison, adding there is an attorney on Long Island who specializes in such matters.

Such cases are frivolous, he continued, not because companies should be allowed to mislead consumers, but because "the consumer is going to get a coupon and a couple of bucks."

The big money goes to the lawyers.

Morrison noted that

certain jurisdictions, notably California, are fertile ground for class action lawsuits because they have broad consumer protection laws.

In "Please Pass the Tort\$" the Peters Brothers, who work in New York but live in Connecticut, try to convince the state Legislature to pass a similar law so that the federal courts in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford get an increase in the volume of class action suits, and thus bring economic prosperity

and tax revenue to those cities as legions of lawyers and their entourages pack hotels and restaurants.

Littauer asked about Morrison's writing process.

"I wrote all my life," responded Morrison, referring to his legal career.

"I wrote both books fairly quickly."

The court dialog came easily. "I did it all my life."

"Please Pass the Tort\$" is available at Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., and at the Salisbury General Store on Main Street.



PHOTO FROM AMERICAN MUSEUM OF TORT LAW

Ralph Nader's American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn., uses Roy Lichtenstein-style graphics to explain famous David versus Goliath lawsuits.

MUSEUMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Ralph Nader Shows Why Tort Law Matters

If Salisbury, Conn., resident Tom Morrison's new book, "Please Pass the Tort\$," makes you want to learn more about laws designed to protect the public, perhaps it's time to finally check out the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn.

The museum was created by Winsted native and four-time presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who is most famous for his work as a consumer advocate.

The museum is on Main Street in Winsted and is closed for the winter until April. But the website at [www.tortmuseum.org](http://www.tortmuseum.org) offers a virtual tour through the history of some of

the most famous law of wrongful injury in cases in the history of American jurisprudence.

The 6,500-square-foot museum is the first dedicated to the law in the United States. It is in the former Winsted Savings Bank and opened in 2015. Like Morrison's book, it treats serious subjects in an engaging, friendly way, with comic book-style drawings that inform visitors about famous cases of individuals versus corporations.

Some of those cases are vaguely familiar (the scalding hot McDonald's coffee, the dangerously combustible Ford Pinto); the museum exhibits, all of which

you can see online, explain concisely and simply what the issues were and how they were resolved.

However you feel about Ralph Nader and either his campaigns for the presidency or his strong advocacy for consumer rights, there is one thing that no one should ever doubt, and that is the immensity of Nader's heart and his love for his Northwest Corner community. Nader has been unfailingly supportive of The Lakeville Journal and on many occasions reached out to help us in our process of converting to nonprofit status.

People sometimes scratch their heads and wonder why Nader thought it was a good idea to open a tort museum in Winsted at 654 Main St. (across the street from the ambulance garage, which many people seem to find very comical).

It only takes one conversation with Nader to understand that his intention in opening the museum was 100% to create an institution that might conceivably draw visitors to his beloved hometown; and that would help regular citizens to understand that they have rights and power in the face of big corporations, thanks to tort law.

### BE AWARE OF POSTPONEMENTS

The fast spread of COVID-19 and the omicron variant is causing many entertainment and dining venues to make last-minute changes to plans. It's always advisable to check websites before going to an event.



CINEMA: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## A Smorgasbord Of Vintage Films, from 1953 to 2000

Of course there is a full schedule of first-run films and special events at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. But there are also screenings planned for the winter months at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in downtown Great Barrington, Mass.

The four films scheduled for the next two months don't seem old to viewers of a certain age; they seem positively current. Nonetheless, the two films from 1980 did come out 42 years ago — which is nearly a half century.

One of the 1980 films is, "The Gods Must Be Crazy," an independent film that was an enormous success when it came out. It tells the story of what happens when an airplane drops a glass soda bottle while flying over a South African village — a gift of sorts from the heavens. This film will be shown on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

The other choice from 1980 needs no introduction, as they say on nighttime television. "The Shining" by Stanley Kubrick has to be one of the most famous and most-quoted films of cinema history. This film will be shown on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. It's possible that screenings of "The Shining" will someday be like screenings of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," with audience members bringing toy axes and speaking all the dialogue aloud.

This selection of four films is incredibly diverse. If you had to think of a film that is the complete opposite of both "The Shining" and "The Gods Must Be Crazy," what better choice could you have than "Roman Holiday," the first film starring Audrey Hepburn. Filmed in black and white and released in 1953, it pairs Hepburn as young princess bursting with purity and Gregory Peck as a crafty older journalist, prepared to take advantage of the young woman — until, of course, he falls in love with her. This film (photo above) will be shown on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

And rounding out this quartet of very diverse cinematic experiences, "Remember the Titans" from the year 2000 (which is practically yesterday compared to the other three titles on the roster) will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Denzel Washington is Herman Boone, the coach of a high school football team during its first season as a racially integrated squad.

Tickets are \$8 each, or \$5 for ages 12 and under. All tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org) or by calling 413-528-0100 Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Proof of vaccination or a recent COVID-19 test and ID are required; masks must be worn at all times in the theater.

## A TALE WORTHY OF A WHARTON NOVEL, AT VENTFORT HALL

Historian and author Cornelia Brooke Gilder will tell the story of Constance Cary Harrison, theatrical producer and best-selling author in Lenox's Gilded Age, at Ventfort Hall in Lenox, Mass., on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 3:30 p.m. The lecture is also offered on Zoom.

Harrison's story is unique and worthy of an Edith Wharton plot. In the late 1860s, penniless but well-connected, she came to New York from Richmond, Va., after her husband's release from solitary confinement in a military prison. Together they reinvented their lives, and she became one of the most popular novelists of her day (a decade before Edith Wharton's rise to success.)

Tickets are \$20 per person. To attend at Ventfort Hall reservations are required by calling 413-637-3206. To attend via Zoom, go to [ventfort02052022.eventbrite.com](https://ventfort02052022.eventbrite.com) to purchase a ticket. Tickets are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Proof of vaccination, ID and masks are required.

Ventfort Hall is at 104 Walker St. in Lenox, Mass. For more information, go to [gildedage.org](http://gildedage.org).

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## EDITORIAL

## Yes: This is about affordable housing and more

This editorial space has been filled so many times with reasons why affordable housing is so very necessary for our region that it would almost seem superfluous to even mention it again. On Sept. 9, 2021, we made the case that no matter the many objections to such housing, it is in high demand in every area town where it exists, in any number of units.

So those reasons to keep affordable housing unbuilt in Northwest Corner towns should recede into the background of endless discussion. After all, if every housing proposal is immediately met with multiple reasons why housing can't possibly go in that particular spot, nothing will ever get done. If opponents don't like the options from their local planners, just wait until the state or federal governments step in because the towns can't get it together.

This should be the year, in our ongoing wish list, when the towns will be able to follow through with concrete steps to accomplish their stated goal of having more places for working people, including but not exclusively young people and families, to work and live. If that's going to happen, we will have to figure out some way to make apartments and small rental properties available and to have jobs of some kind that will help these people stay and pay their rent or mortgages. And, we need parking for residents and businesses. If we don't want to have those things in reality, when push comes to shove, then we should stop giving lip service to the idea that we do want more people, including those who work for a living, to live here.

While there are new families and younger households that have already moved into the region due to COVID migration, they are not often part of the local economy, but rather working remotely. Their children may enter the public school system, but they may more likely instead be part of the private school community. It's our wish that those who move here, though, would realize they would benefit themselves from taking the time to learn about and become part of their residential communities.

This area is more than just a place to find a home and be safer during a pandemic. It's quite unlike an apartment building where you move in and have your own space, a bubble. These communities have long histories, and longtime residents who value their history. It takes people stepping up to volunteer and learn their towns' histories to make this a better place for them to live even if that means quibbling at public meetings, as long as it's done with respect, truth and honesty.

It would be much better for the region and all who live here if all the towns here get more affordable housing built, and if their residents would stop tearing each other to shreds in the process. This could be helped by discussing town issues face to face, as noted above, rather than on social media, where it's easier to put out ill-informed statements without accountability being meted out fairly.

It's a complicated time in so many ways, but let's not allow the isolation that happens during flare-ups of COVID to create unnecessary division on issues like affordable housing that can negatively affect our region long term if not addressed in a way that reflects compromise but also effectiveness. This will define what Northwest Corner communities become, so now is the time to think hard about who we want to be.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

## Perfect day for a walk along the lake with JT

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## This is a deep injustice in Lakeville

I and my family have lived and worked here in Lakeville for over 50 years. As physician, psychotherapist and school board member, bait-seller at O'Hara's landing, EMT and Holley Place waiter, we have all been deeply involved in the life of the community, concerned about and connected with those in every echelon of it.

During that time, we have of course seen changes, but never more than in recent years. Our population has swelled as many have moved here to embrace the joys of a more rural daily life that our community elegantly provides.

Change is inevitable; it can be both revitalizing and destabilizing. We have seen both manifestations of it here in our community.

But I want to write about it in a very specific circumstance here in Lakeville. For 30 years, I have known and respected Leslie Eckstein, a person of enormous talent, absolute integrity, and incredible work ethic, who has most recently rejuvenated the center of Lakeville by creating the much-loved Green Café and gym. The old firehouse sat

vacant for years, and Leslie had a dream.

The two came together and with Churchill's stunning remodeling, a derelict building has become a hub for many of us who work out and take classes in the gym, consume delectable and lovingly prepared food in the café, and are recipients of her skillful massages. She and her family worked so hard during Covid to stay afloat, and what a joy and further testament to her tenacity and community support it has been to see this important business not only survive but thrive.

However, Leslie does not own the building. It has been for sale, and now as I understand it, has been purchased by an investment group from New York City that wants to turn it into a large Italian restaurant similar to others they own, seating close to 100.

There are many concerns. But to me the most important concern is Leslie herself. The group bought the building knowing she had a lease until September. They want to open their new restaurant in June.

Pinned on the bulletin board in the café are the exchanges between lawyers that tell you what I cannot fit in this letter. Go in and read them.

They describe deep injustices, and make me wonder what would make this restaurant feel in any way hospitable for town residents to patronize. Leslie deserves much better, for all she has given our town, she should be able to stay there peacefully and legally until September when her lease is up, not to be forced out with no way to continue earn a livelihood and support her four children.

We are better than this. Pushing out established and valuable community-owned businesses without thoughtful discussion of all the ramifications of doing so is plain wrong. Let's give Leslie Eckstein and Studio Lakeville our full-throated support and let her know how very much the vibrant pulse of her business has meant to us.

Sharon L. Charde  
Lakeville

## 100-plus trees gone: I am still learning

The 100-plus "hazard" trees have been cut. The logs are neatly stacked in piles behind fences, behind NCon security officers, behind a D.E.E.P. bureaucracy.

Housatonic Meadows Park is no longer a place of hopeful expectation. It has been transformed from a peaceful, even joyful little beauty with tall

oaks lining a sweet river into a battleground. And the battle was lost.

There were letters of protest launched to the highest levels, but the saws still came. There were phone calls to lawyers across the state, but the saws still came. There were placards of anguish held aloft, but the saws still came.

My dog still loves to visit the park. He's a real sniffer, that one. He still has found lots of olfactory pleasures away from the trees, in the field by the road. I guess I have a lot to learn.

Michael Moschen  
Cornwall Bridge

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. No more than 500 words, and please include a phone number where you can be reached by the editor for confirmation.

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## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary

100 years ago — January 1922

**SALISBURY** — Harry Travis has installed a wireless telephone at his home and is enjoying it greatly.

The sleighing at present is indifferent, but one doesn't see as many runners in use in these days of autos as formerly. There was a time when the jingle of sleigh bells filled the air but who would ever think of sleigh bells in connection with flivvers. Verily the times have changed.

After the 31st of this month, the government will withdraw the sale of thrift stamps by post offices. No more thrift stamps will be sold after that date. Those having thrift stamp cards must fill them up or leave them incomplete.

**LIME ROCK** — George Doty is suffering from boils on his back.

50 years ago — January 1972

Northeast Utilities has further amended its timetable on the proposed Canaan Mountain pumped-storage project and will not have to decide in 1972 whether to seek permission to proceed.

Four months after it was approved provisionally at a town meeting, the new sanitary landfill contract between the Erickson Brothers and the Town of Salisbury governing operation of the town dump still has not been signed.

William C. Lorch of Lakeville joined members of his Economics class this week in a tour of the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, Mass., in order to obtain insight into the banking system. Mr. Lorch is a student at Wentworth Institute in Boston.

Clark H. Dennison has sold the Reed hardware store in Millerton, N.Y., to Community

Service Inc., but will continue as general manager. The business was established in 1901 by Mr. Dennison's father-in-law, J.B. Reed, and has continued as J.B. Reed and Son, Inc. Mr. Dennison joined the company in 1936.

**KENT** — For the second time within a year, Crawford's Market was the target for a gourmet burglar. Sometime last Friday night or early Saturday morning, several steaks and cases of beer were apparently stolen from the store. Police report that entrance was gained through the front door, where a door window was broken. The case is being investigated by Canaan Barracks.

25 years ago — January 1997

Nancy Hopkins Tier, 87, of Salisbury, died this week at Sharon Hospital. An aviation pioneer, she first soloed in 1927 and got her pilot's license in 1928, becoming the youngest woman pilot in the nation at

the time. She maintained that license for 66 years. She also was a charter member of "The 99s," an international group of women pilots that started with 99 members.

The Lakeville Journal this week announced three editorial staff appointments. Elizabeth Healy of Torrington becomes associate editor of the company's newspapers, according to Editor David Parker. Reporter Marsden Epworth of Lime Rock has been named editor of special sections, including Taconic Week. Russell Coward of Lakeville becomes Lakeville Journal Sports Editor, succeeding Fred Heasley, who recently resigned.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. For more on history from the pages of The Lakeville Journal, go to [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org) and search the archives.

## Interstate COVID challenge

"Sports do not build good character, they reveal it."  
— John Wooden

At the 2022 Australian Tennis Open, currently underway, Novak Djokovic, an anti-vaxxer, created an international circus, focused on compliance with COVID prevention — public health. The conflict is ugly, unnecessary, and tangles the rights of individuals to take risk with their responsibility to not put others at risk.

This tangling of risks and rights is mirrored in the chambers of the U.S. Supreme Court. Recently, the Court reviewed in deliberations the legality of OSHA to regulate the work place for which the agency was created, has been legislatively empowered. Justice Samuel Alito, in these deliberations, made a remarkably uninformed argument that unvaccinated Americans have chosen to accept a risk of infection and should be allowed to do so.

Is Justice Alito aware, knowledgeable that there is a COVID pandemic raging globally and that unvaccinated Americans take a risk they have accepted but that most in their presence have not? COVID is highly contagious just being in the vicinity of someone infected—someone known, unknown, consciously taking a personal risk or unconsciously taking another person's life.

Interstate regulations for commerce and for airwaves are of long standing in the U.S. The Federal Communications Commission was established in 1934 because air belongs to all Americans and so airwaves need federal not state oversight. Ought there not be an Interstate COVID regulation as air belongs to all Americans? If Americans are protected from radio transmission ought they not be protected from disease transmission? Mr. Justice Alito, do not Americans have as much right to non-diseased, non-potentially fatal air as they do to radio & TV regulated air — in the workplace, any place?

"A sound spirit of legislation ... banishing all arbitrary and unnecessary restraint on individual action, shall leave us free to do whatever does not violate the equal rights of another."  
— Thomas Jefferson

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# First, the lies, then the betrayal

First, he lied to us — repeatedly — and then he betrayed us.

And that is how history will remember Donald Trump and his presidency.

We normally have to wait years or even decades to accurately assess a president's place in history but the history of Donald Trump's presidency has already been written — right before our eyes. He'll

be remembered, not for the court appointments, the tax cuts, the immigration policies or the trade war with China but for the lies and for the 6th of January.

The lying started long before his presidency.

Trump was little more than a much-married New York tabloid figure with questionable business ethics when he attracted media attention by repeatedly claiming that Barack Obama, the president of the United States, shouldn't be president because he wasn't a native born citizen of the United States. It was an attention grabbing dress rehearsal for the big lies to come.

Obama was, of course, born in the United States — in Hawaii in 1961 — but that fact didn't deter Trump and other enemies of the first Black president to claim he was born in his father's native Kenya. This continued even after Obama released his birth certificate.

But by the time Trump ran for president in 2016, Obama was nearly out of office and the birther movement had been largely discredited, so candidate Trump was forced to change his story before it became a campaign issue. He did it during the opening of his Washington hotel by shouting a 10-word non-apology: "President Barack Obama was born in the United States, period" as he walked angrily from the room.

What turned out to be a bigger, longer lasting lie — the stolen 2020 election — also underwent something of a dress rehearsal in 2016 when Trump charged during the campaign that opponent Hillary Clinton was stealing millions of votes.

After he won what turned out to be an electoral, but not a popular, victory, Trump continued to lie — without a shred of evidence — about his vote.

"In addition to winning the electoral college in a landslide," he tweeted soon after the election, "I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally."

Trump never stopped lying about Hillary's alleged larceny

but he added a new vote-rigging story when polls showed Joe Biden ahead of him in the 2020 race.

Once the polling was confirmed by the voters on Election Day, Trump broke ranks with his predecessors by refusing to concede defeat. Not only did he continue to tell the big lie about the stolen election, he actively worked to pressure state officials to help him overturn Biden's victory.

Working with reckless allies like Rudy Giuliani, Trump used the period between the election and the Biden inauguration to pressure voting officials in Georgia and other places to overturn the votes in their states. Georgia's secretary of state was even told to find the 11,780 votes needed to give Trump the state. Dozens of court cases, loaded with bogus claims, were filed on Trump's behalf and rejected, but still, Trump labored on, convincing his faithful that he was being deprived of the second term the people awarded him.

All of this led Trump to incite the last, desperate attempt to overturn the election and do it violently on January 6, the day Congress met to receive and confirm the electoral votes from each state.

It's all there on tape; he did it before our eyes, incited a mob of his true believers to join him in a march on the Capitol where Congress was about to meet and ratify Biden's electoral victory and Trump's loss. In doing so, he caused what was unarguably characterized as the worst assault on the Capitol since the War of 1812 when invading British troops burned the White House.

Trump didn't join the march, of course. It was just another lie, this time to those who most believed in him. Instead, he sat in the White House for hours, watching the rioting on live television while ignoring pleas from family and supporters to call the insurrection off.

I have never had patience with those who compare Trump to Hitler but there is one valid comparison. When Hitler was jailed after unsuccessfully trying to overthrow the German government, he wrote his memoir, "Mein Kampf" (My Struggle) and in it, coined the term, "the Big Lie."

He described it as a propaganda technique that allowed for the successful use of a lie so enormous that no one would believe it was a lie because no liar "could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously."

From Obama's birthplace

to the current election steal, Trump found big and not so big lies so useful that news organizations had to employ fact checkers to carefully dissect his more questionable assertions in order to determine their accuracy.

After Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016, one of the most prominent fact checkers, the Washington Post's Glenn Kessler, expressed the hope that a President Trump would mend his ways.

"Now that Trump is on the verge of becoming president," Kessler wrote on Nov. 27, 2016, "he needs to be more careful about making wild allegations with little basis in fact, especially if the claim emerged from a handful of tweets and conspiracy-minded websites."

But the wild allegations grew wilder and Kessler continued checking them, finally reaching a total of "30,573 false or misleading claims over four years." Some turned out to be true or harmless but then, there were the big lies too.

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# A variant with 50 mutations: omicron

A few months ago, we were enjoying the reopening of civil society. But events intervened. First, the protection of two-dose vaccines started to subside. Second, unvaccinated patients, including children, were sickened by the furiously infectious omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2. More patients survive the omicron virus many experts say, but there are so many that the medical system can still be overwhelmed. Nursing and medical staff are exhausted, and patients with other diseases or conditions may not get the treatments they need.

On Jan. 6, in New York, the number of people with positive tests was 22.5%; in Connecticut, 29.1% and in Massachusetts, 21.8%. By the time you read this these numbers will be higher. Infections do not go on indefinitely — eventually there will be no uninfected or unvaccinated people.

Epidemiologists, or rather the clan of mathematical modelers among them, predict a crash in the number of infections by early February 2022. That may signal herd immunity and a change from pandemic status to endemic. The latter causes sporadic infection at low levels and tends not to overwhelm hospitals or harm the economy.

Omicron appeared in Bo-

tswana and South Africa in November 2021. South African physicians have seen mild disease, and the infection is declining there. In the UK, some reports said severity is unaffected; others that the disease caused by omicron is milder than that caused by the Delta variant. The CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports appears every Thursday and is online. It provides no conclusions yet on the severity of omicron on unvaccinated people, including children. Deaths do not seem to be increasing as rapidly as infections. In the early stage of a new infection or treatment, information comes in press reports, which can be written with more enthusiasm than data. We will know more soon.

There are about 50 mutations in the omicron virus and a dozen in the delta variant. A virus-specific enzyme copies the RNA genome of SARS-CoV-2 but makes errors—30 have accumulated in the omicron spike protein and 20 in other omicron genes. Think of them as typos that the virus has not corrected. If the typos help the virus survive counterattack by the immune system, the typos (mutations) are retained. Each infected lung cell can make thousands of viruses, so the infection spreads fast. Since November, omicron, which makes about five times more

virus than the original strain, has nearly replaced the delta variant.

You may wonder how any living thing survives viral onslaughts; the answer is that sometimes they don't. When we do survive, it is because the human immune system is a wondrous collection of rapid defenses. Immunology is the science of engaging these defenses before a pathogen does. Think of it as an ambush. Immunity is as complicated as it is vital. I taught a course called The Cell Biology of Tissues and Organelles for beginning medical and dental students for 25 years. Immunology flummoxed the students. It takes time to learn.

A group at Baylor College of Medicine and The Texas Children's Hospital headed by Elena Bottazzi and Peter Hotez has fashioned a vaccine that does not employ an mRNA, but rather fragments of viral protein. The vaccine does not require refrigeration; a dose costs \$1.50 and it is not patent protected. In India, the vaccine, called Corbevax, has been approved. It is an older method, but sometimes that is best. A recent issue of Nature has a fine review on the status of COVID vaccines written for non-scientists. Type "How COVID Vaccines Shaped 2021" into your browser to read it.

Treatments are being developed that stop infections, including immunoglobulins that can be inhaled. In the same vein, nanobodies, tiny antibodies made by Camelids (alpacas) neutralize omicron or other viruses. Think of an

asthma inhaler spraying antibodies directly onto the virus in your lungs.

Drugs to inhibit viruses are a recent development — in the 1990s for HIV and now for other viruses. Pfizer has a drug called Paxlovid, which blocks the cleavage of viral proteins into functional units. It is highly effective early after symptoms of COVID have appeared.

There are limited supplies, and the drug is tricky to make, but it will be in use shortly.

The Merck drug Molnupiravir blocks the enzyme that copies the virus genome. Molnupiravir is less effective at preventing symptoms that Paxlovid, but it interesting (to me) because it appear to inhibit other unpleasant RNA viruses. These include influenza; RSV, respiratory syncytial virus (a major cause of ER visits by children); norovirus (infections on cruise ships); Chikungunya virus (a mosquito-borne virus that causes severe joint pain); Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus; and hepatitis C. Perhaps we are at the beginning of a vast improvement in antiviral drug therapy. Pray for it.

In the meantime, the best thing to do is get your vaccine and booster. Let's see if the epidemiologists are right and the peak comes soon. Watch positivity. Watch hospital admissions. Watch deaths from omicron. And hope for the best.

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# A conundrum: Who can or should write what?

Authentic. Who is? And who can write or paint or sing about whom?

If you are a Black gay man, can you write about a teenage Black straight girl losing her virginity, as James Baldwin did in "If Beale Street Could Talk"?

If you are Count Leo Tolstoy, can you write about a young woman name of Anna Karenina and imagine what drives her to jump in front of a train to her death?

If you are a woman name of Martha Grimes, the great crime writer and the American answer to the great women British crimees, how can you imagine Superintendent Richard Jury of Scotland Yard? Or Donna Leon, another American, writing out of Venice, chronicling the great Commissario Guido Brunetti?

Well, let us be frank. They cannot. At all. Unless they are writers. With, what is it called? Imagination. Empathy. Getting into another being's being.

What has it come to? If the term "cancel culture" had not become a wingnut shibboleth, that is what I would call it.

No, not Can you write this? Should you? And should you

even be allowed? Should you not be prevented from writing such travesties?

Should we not censor you from even attempting such transgressions against writing outside of your own box?

The late A.R. "Pete" Gurney wrote scads of plays within his box. Now, I have never met an Episcopalian I didn't like, but do I want to see scores of plays about them? Well, I won't violate the playwright's cardinal rule — Never criticize a fellow playwright, but really, "Muffy, Biffy and Everard Go to the Races"? Maybe not.

Try writing OUTside your experience. The old dictum — Write What You Know — goes only so far. How about — Write What You Ought to Know (not my coinage btw, although I would dearly love to claim it).

In Ancient Rome, the fabled orator Cicero, his speeches carefully scripted, not improvised, as some would have it, was in his carriage when two thugs ordered him out. Cicero put forth his head, blithe-

ly I am guessing, which they promptly decapped, then cut off his hands, crossed them in front of his lopped head, paraded the gore through the Via Veneto, for the crime of crossing, who was it?, Catiline? No, it wasn't, although he

had given one of the great orations against Catiline who was plotting to take over the city. No, it was Mark Antony of "Lend me your ears" fame (And hands and head as well.) And, to put too fine a point upon it, Fulvia, Antony's wife who was so incensed that Cicero had dared attack him from the rostrum that she pierced his dead tongue with her golden hairpins. As a friend more learned than I puts it: "The irony is that she had to try to achieve his power of speech to describe her joy." When it came to torture, it was hard to beat the Romans, although I guess if you are already dead, what's a little piercing between enemies? And does anyone beyond me understand this piercing craze among our nation's

young? Tatts, anyone?

Because Marcus Tullius dared to challenge who could say what about what and whom, he lost his life (a curious phrase) and never found it again.

Writers, and artists of all kinds, find themselves in this increasingly narrow pickle these days. Should I create something that is not me, and something that is so not me, that I dare not be recognized? Challenged? Silenced? Because if I am recognized et cetera, will I then not be vilified for examining the other, whoever and whatever that other is?

What was that about authenticity? My hazardous guess is that artists will go on creating what and how they want and need. However many boxes they inhabit or do not. However many boxes they break out of.

Finally, we have no other choice, no matter the danger to our souls and heads. Lewis Carroll described the Queen of Hearts as a "blind fury." Off with his head!


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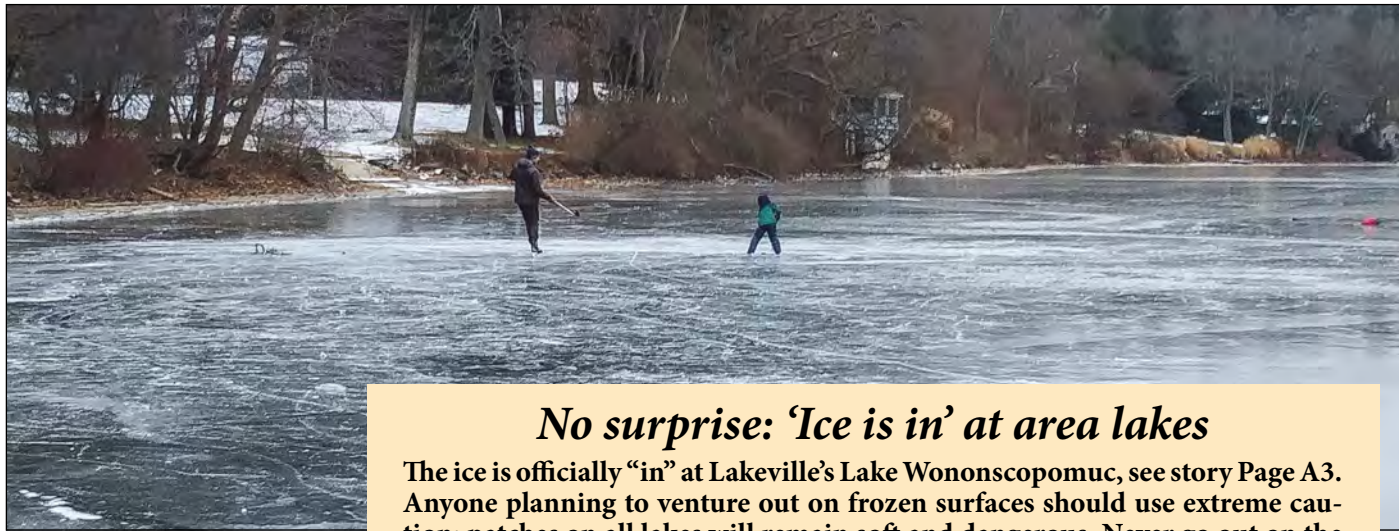


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## No surprise: 'Ice is in' at area lakes

The ice is officially "in" at Lakeville's Lake Wononscopomuc, see story Page A3. Anyone planning to venture out on frozen surfaces should use extreme caution; patches on all lakes will remain soft and dangerous. Never go out on the ice alone; always carry ice picks (you can make your own by driving two very long nails through two short pieces of wood) to help pull you out if you fall in.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020-21.

### Salisbury

May 19, 28 White Hollow Road from Margaret C. Glenan Revocable Trust to Martha Miller for \$470,000

May 20, 111 Main St. from Alastair and Jeanine Borthwick to James and Sabina Breece for \$2,100,000

May 27, Indian Mountain Road from Alice W. Cunningham to David Pachter for \$505,000

May 28, 4 Lime Rock Hollow Road from Lime Rock Ventures Incorporated to Jonathan Daniel Kosakow and Laura James for \$275,000

June 1, 75 Sharon Road from Celia Rochelle Bordwin to Lakeville 75 Sharon Road, LLC for \$2,850,000

June 4, 72 Main St. from Downey William F. Estate to Jonathan and Deborah Newcomb for \$770,000; and 21 Sunrise Ridge Lane from Lemon Properties, LLC to Patricia and Christopher Clark for \$665,000; and 4 East St. from Geoffrey B. Marchant et al to John S. Trahan for \$365,000

June 7, 11 Upland Meadow

Road from Diane Mae Magnuson to Bret I. and Shorena Bader for \$375,000; and 160 White Hollow Road from Kathleen M. Metz to Nancy M. Yoo and Marc O. Jansen for \$72,000

June 10, 22 Undermountain Road from Stoneledge Properties, LLC to WYCT, LLC for \$650,000

June 14, 21 Lakeview Ave. from John B. Sullivan to Athene Clayton and Alison Charlotte for \$592,000; and 323 Wells Hill Road from Charles A. Krulis et al to M&L Properties III, LLC for \$610,000

June 18, 3 Upland Meadow Road from Belter Properties, LLC to Jessika M. Jimenez for \$1,100,000; and Brinton Hill from Carrie Tippet Collins to Chancy C. Abraham for \$302,500

June 21, 377 Millerton Road from Long Shadow, LLC to Old Oak Hill, LLC for \$7750,000

June 23, 38 Bunker Hill Road from Kristine Elizabeth Jennings to Jenifer Kobylarz and Markus Baenziger for \$1,100,000

June 28, 3 Railroad St. from Jayne Fulton Kirber to Amy Fulton Longley for \$203,000

June 29, Between the Lakes

Road from Michael F. and Gail F. Weiss to David Rogers and Karen Vrotsos for \$777,500; and 130 Belgo Road from Barbara Elliott Niles Trust and Bethany M. Woods Trust and John A. Safford Trust and Shelley D. Martin Trust to Michelle McKenzie and Michael Waltman for \$1,251,000

### Sharon

Dec. 1, 33 South Main St. from Patrick Mullin and Thomas Delaney to 33 South Main St., LLC for \$3,300,000

Dec. 7, 36 and 48 Herrick Road from Herrick Road, LLC to 36 Herrick, LLC for \$10,470,000

Dec. 9, 40 Great Elm Drive from John F. and Portia L. Buquicchio to Thomas William Drake and Verena Botzenhart Drake for \$649,000

Dec. 14, 50 King Hill Road from Jennifer L. Zagaja to Mirna Isabel Garcia Galvez for \$60,000; and 21 Red Rock Road from Virginia Collins to Jack Breslau and Lucy Lyle for \$167,500; and 21 Red Rock Road from Susan Hager to Jack Breslau and Lucy Lyle for \$167,500

Dec. 15, Bartram Road from Timothy J. Helwick and Elaine

Buckberg to Steven and Nancy Bafundo for \$45,000

Dec. 16, 5 Knibloe Hill Road from Kurt Alan Gabrielson and Eleanor Ann Nurzia to Justin Lane and Corina Dennison for \$465,000

Dec. 18, 39 Hospital Hill Road from Robert J. Loucks to CJMD1, LLC for \$175,000

Dec. 21, 368 Cornwall Bridge Road from Bryan and Alison Dunn to Zachary Block and Rachel Loeb for \$1,200,000

Dec. 28, 555 Cornwall Bridge Road from Stone Resources, Inc. to Thomas A. Eckstein for \$138,000

Dec. 29, 22 Vanishing Brook Road from Robert Douglas Tompkins Estate to Brian David Anderson and Camilla R. Fallon for \$249,000; and 75 Amenia Road from Williston B. Case III to Marie Marshall for \$355,000

Dec. 30, Knibloe Hill Road from Stephen N. Sachman and Alexia S. Quadrani to Angelica T. and Andrew W. Baccon for \$550,000

Jan. 4, 27 South Main St. from Deborah C. Vaneck to Agnes Blanc Trust for \$4,300,000

Jan. 6, 10 Red Horse Hill from Joan Horst Bowen to

## KING TALK

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He wrote his father that, "I never thought a person of my race could eat anywhere."

Brecher noted that King could not have known about the troublesome history of race relations in Connecticut, and about the more subtle forms of discrimination that existed in 1944 in housing, education, and employment.

(Brecher also observed that Connecticut was one of six states that had a substantial number of people involved in what is known as "The Second Klan," a revival of the Ku Klux Klan that was primarily focused on Jews and Catholic immigrants. In the mid 1920s, the Second Klan had 23 chapters with 23,000 members in Connecticut.)

A state commission found in the 1940s that there were just 16 Black stenographers or typists in the entire state, and zero Black sales clerks in major department stores in Connecticut.

cut in 1943.

As King worked in Simsbury in the summer of 1944, 50 miles away at Bradley Field, Black servicemen were subject to a strictly segregated working and living environment.

Brecher said discrimination continues today in wages and housing, and noted that most of Connecticut's African-Americans live in 15 of the state's 169 municipalities, which he chalked up to "exclusionary zoning" and state housing practices.

Returning to King, Brecher said King wrote of his "bitter feeling" on the train back to Atlanta from Connecticut. After sitting wherever he pleased, he was required to move to a segregated car at Washington, D.C.

The Connecticut experience stayed with King, Brecher said, and quoted King:

"We must learn to live together as brothers, or perish together as fools."

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Emily B. and Peter R. Smith, Jr. for \$1,670,000

Jan. 12, 3 North Mountain Road from Gerda M. Janicke Estate to Keith and Lauren Peterson for \$410,000

Jan. 13, 38 Old Sharon Road #3 from Sharon Homestead, LLC to Anna Frangos and Luis Espinal for \$369,000

Jan. 14, Sharon Mountain Road from Thomas J. and Terri A. Euvrard to Kurt A. Gabrielson and Eleanor A. Nurzia for \$145,000

Jan. 19, 35 Fairchild Road from Gregory G. and Liza C. Reiss to Holly H. and Christian A. MacDonald for \$1,675,000; and 70 Hilltop Road from Clark O. and Claire A. Smith to David M. and Philicia G. Levinson for \$755,000

Jan. 21, 303 West Cornwall

Road from Geoffrey Spicer to Nellie Riendeau Lazar and Daniel Lazar for \$252,500

Jan. 22, 13 Route 7 from Preferred Housatonic Holdings, LLC to 13 Route 7, LLC for \$250,000

Jan. 25, 16-18 Vanishing Brook Road from Joseph M. O'Neill to Mohamed R. and Anne Huie Chalabi for \$249,000; and 12 West Mountain Road from Karen S. Dignacco Trust to Hermina Seiden and Martin Margulies for \$998,500

Jan. 29, Smith Road from Smith Road, LLC to Joseph P. Connolly and Katherine A. Lord for \$185,000

Feb. 1, 20 Upper Main St. from James L. Lipton to Perry and Rhonda Tymeson for \$325,000

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