

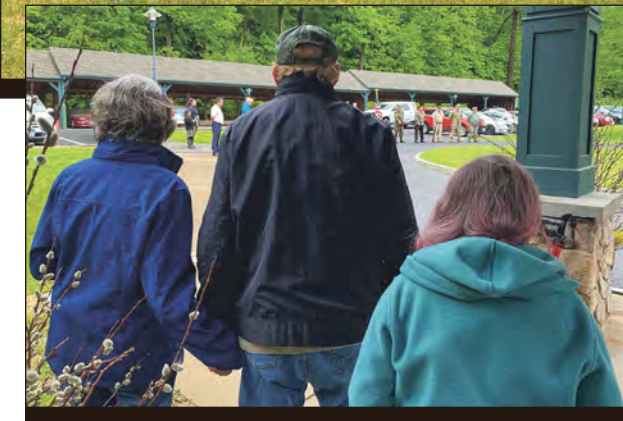


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## Honoring sacrifices



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The Couch Pipa VFW Honor Guard visited cemeteries in Falls Village and North Canaan on Memorial Day, offering an invocation, gun salute and taps. One stop was at the Lower Road Cemetery, above. Two stops were also made at Geer in North Canaan, photo at left. For more, see page A6.

## The supreme challenge and enduring effects of The Incident of 1966

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — As the nation paused last weekend to honor the bravery of those who served and sacrificed, one event that came to be known as “The Incident” remains fresh in the memories of those who lived it and met the challenge. This year marks the 55th anniversary of The Incident as it unfolded in the waters of the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Spain.

As with so many stories of service, The Incident was life-altering.

“I was a little cog in a vast system of gears; the operation was so huge,” recalled Sharon resident Bob Loucks in a conversation on Thursday, May 6. Loucks, a Navy veteran, serves as vice commander of American Legion Post 126 in Sharon. Loucks was speaking of Op-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Bob Loucks (at Memorial Day 2021 in Sharon in this photo) recalls a near nuclear disaster from 1966.

eration Broken Arrow, when he was serving as an electrician's mate aboard The Cascade, with clearance in nuclear weapons. He was one of 826 crew members. “Broken Arrow” is a military term for a lost H-bomb. “We were the workshop,” Loucks said about the role of The Cascade, a “destroyer tender” service vessel supporting destroyers and cruisers in time of conflict. A tender is a repair ship that carries all needed supplies, with workshops to accomplish maintenance tasks, Loucks said.

The Cascade had been built as a passenger freighter but was outfitted as a tender and sent to Pearl Harbor in 1942. From there it was assigned to service in the waters off Japan. It was decommissioned after the war and stationed in Philadelphia and then recommissioned in 1951 as a tender during the Cold War.

### Refueling a loaded bomber while in the air

“The whole Cold War mentality was something in those days,” Loucks said. As a deterrent to Russian aggression, Loucks recalled that there were 600 B-52 bombers in the squadron with 12 bombers in the air at all times, each loaded with four armed 1.5 ton H-bombs. Their flight route

took them from North Carolina to the Mediterranean, where they would circle over Turkey and return, routinely refueling in the airspace over Spain.

The Incident occurred in the late morning of Jan. 17, 1966 — 55 years ago.

A B-52 bomber carrying four H-bombs collided with a fuel tanker during mid-air refueling at 31,000 feet.

The tanker's 30,000 gallons of aviation fuel exploded, killing its crew of four instantly.

The B-52 broke apart, killing three of its crew of seven. The four H-bombs had been outfitted with parachutes for safety, although two of the four parachutes had burned in the blast. Three of the four bombs broke apart on impact with the ground.

The activation levers had not been positioned to explode as H-bombs upon impact, but the bombs themselves sustained damage. Their TNT detonated and radioactive plutonium scattered through the tomato vineyard where they landed, in the ancient fishing village of Palomares.

### No protective gear for the crews

Air Force personnel were summoned from bases in Spain

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## The history of the Cesars, a notable Black family in Sharon

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — “Looking for Color,” a short film made by students at Salisbury School, made its debut online Wednesday, May 26, via the Noble Horizons website.

Salisbury School is an independent boarding school for boys in grades nine to 12.

The documentary came out of history teacher Rhonan Mokriski's “Searching for Slavery in Connecticut” class.

Director Caleb May, who is from Salisbury, said the story of the Cesar family of Salisbury and Sharon caught his eye among the list of possible topics, because of the local connection.

Working with several other students, a trailer for the film was made.

May said he thought the project was finished, and was a little taken aback when Mokriski told him to go ahead and finish the film.

The film makes the point that while Salisbury's past, especially the town's connection to the American Revolution, is well-known and highly visible, the contributions of African-Americans remain largely unknown.

The film includes remarks by Dennis Culliton of the Witness Stone Project. (Mokriski's students commemorated the life

of James Mars with the placing of a witness stone at the Congregational Church in Norfolk earlier this month.)

Culliton says in the film that there are few mentions of African Americans in Connecticut historical records, a point picked up by Katherine Overton, a descendant of the Cesar family and a historian and genealogist.

She says she grew up hearing stories about her ancestors and became really interested when, after considerable digging, she finally found a Revolutionary-era record of Timothy Cesar.

She says she decided to learn more about this history and about her family. But the lack of records was a recurring difficulty.

“It's like going to the library and finding a whole section missing.”

Overton says it's important to find these missing pieces of the historical puzzle.

“If you take the narrative out you don't have the whole story.”

One document came to light: a “broadside,” meaning a small poster, inviting the community to the Sharon farm of George Cesar for a Fourth of July and 15th Amendment celebration in 1870. (The 15th Amendment: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”)



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Katherine Overton, a historian and genealogist and descendant of the Cesar family, talks about her family history in a documentary made by students at Salisbury School.

Overton said she interpreted this to mean that George Cesar, whose farm was on Sharon Mountain, was a man of some means and standing in the town, to be in the position to invite everyone for a party.

See THE CESARS, Page A5

## Creating a path toward more housing

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — With general agreement that Cornwall is a great place to call home, town residents gathered to hear from a variety of speakers during a housing forum, the first step toward complying with the state-mandated plan to achieve housing goals. The forum convened on Monday, May 24, and was conducted on Zoom, attracting 37 participants.

“Diversified housing op-

tions have long been a priority in town,” said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, who also serves as the chairman of the Affordable Housing Committee.

“We wonder as housing costs go up, who will provide services and enroll children in the schools?” Ridgway asked on behalf of the town. “It's a statewide issue,” he noted, adding that Connecticut ranks at number 45 in population growth among the 50 states.

Having first come to Cornwall as a weekender in 1979, Selectman Priscilla Pavel said that she later moved to town permanently.

“I've seen a lot of growth,” she said, but with only 12 students expected to graduate from Cornwall Consolidated School in June, “we need more young people.”

“The town needs to look at affordable housing as a larger issue,” Selectman Marina Kotchoubey commented, sharing

her perspective as a younger resident, who had returned to Cornwall to live where her family had property. That advantage, she said, is not open to her contemporaries who would not qualify for subsidized housing but who would find Cornwall to be an ideal location to raise a family.

### Schedule for housing plan

Planning consultant Janell

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### Three-day forecast

Friday..... Thunderstorms, high 77°/low 61°  
 Saturday..... Thunderstorms, 82°/61°  
 Sunday..... Thunderstorms, 84°/63°

## 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.

### Bee causes collision

On May 20 at approximately 11 a.m. on Salisbury Road in North Canaan a 2020 Subaru Forester driven by Michele Haab, 74, of Millerton lost control and struck a Frontier utility pole. Haab stated that she had been stung by a bee, causing the collision. She was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the lane.

### DUI

On May 24 at approximately 3:15 p.m. Michael Martin, 66, of Lakeville was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on June 7.

### Neighbor dispute

On May 24 at approximately 8:15 p.m. Troop B was dispatched to an active disturbance involving neighbors at Barlow Road in North Canaan. Sean Crowell, 52, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal mischief in the third degree. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on June 7.

### Abandoned vehicle

On May 25 at approximately 5:30 a.m. on Millerton Road in Salisbury a 2005 Honda Element was found with extensive damage and no driver. The vehicle was possibly stolen from Columbia County, N.Y. The accident and vehicle are currently under investigation.

### Disorderly conduct

On May 25 at approximately 6:30 p.m. Troop B was dispatched to investigate a disturbance at a residence on North Elm Street in North Canaan. Howard Monnier, 61, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 26.

### Harassment warrant

On May 25 at approximately 9:30 p.m. while Troop B was conducting a motor vehicle stop Jane Pellechio, 52, of Salisbury was charged on an active warrant with harassment in the second degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on June 8.

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).

## Klemm breaks Salisbury real estate sale record

SALISBURY — Klemm Real Estate reported handling the top eight of the top 10 transactions in Litchfield County in the first quarter of 2021, including the highest sale in Litchfield County, with an asking price of \$7,900,000. This sale marks the highest real estate sale in the town of Salisbury.

Klemm Real Estate has offices located in Washington Depot, Woodbury, Litchfield, New Preston, Roxbury, Lakeville and Sharon. For more information go to [www.klemmrealestate.com](http://www.klemmrealestate.com).

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## FAMILY & FRIENDS

### Grant for The Little Guild

CORNWALL — The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation awarded the Little Guild of St. Francis in West Cornwall a 2020-21 Animal Welfare Grant for \$29,000 to support capital improvements and equipment.

The grant will fund new computers and printers; new network and internet wiring; repair of the dog run fence

and a heating unit in the cat room; the installation of a new animal exam room; plexiglass installation in the lobby area; the removal of a hazardous tree; and the regrading of the parking lot and driveway at the Little Guild.

The Little Guild is grateful for the support in their mission to rescue and heal homeless cats and dogs.



Brennan Wilkins, on the look out for birds for his student project at the Marvelwood School in Kent.

## Marvelwood student birders take top prize

KENT — Two students at the Marvelwood School in Kent earned top awards in the Connecticut Maps Competition, where students in middle and high school showcase ideas using Esri's ArcGIS Online and StoryMaps platform.

Olivia Pignataro, Class of 2021, a boarding student, won first place for her StoryMap, "Cerulean Warblers in Northwestern Connecticut," which compiles information and research on the birds' habitat preferences within Kent and Sharon. Brennan Wilkins, Class of 2022, a day student from Kent, won second place for his StoryMap, "Swallowed in Kent," a guide to the swallow and swift species of Kent. The project was completed

through a community partnership with Kent Land Trust. As a first-place finisher, Olivia's story map will now represent Connecticut in the national competition. For more information go to [www.ctgis.uconn.edu/ct-maps-competition](http://www.ctgis.uconn.edu/ct-maps-competition).



Aiden Gilligan is a vice president and commercial loan officer at Salisbury Bank and Trust.

## Banking award to Gilligan

SALISBURY — Aiden Gilligan, vice president, commercial loan officer at Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, has been selected to receive the New Leaders in Banking Award.

Over the last few months, the Connecticut Bankers Association (CBA) and Connecticut Banking magazine asked bankers throughout Connecticut to nominate their peers for the leadership award.

Gilligan along with 13 other finalists, will be honored at the New Leaders in Banking Awards banquet at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn., on Thursday, June 10.

"Congratulations to Aiden on winning this award!" said

Richard J. Cantele Jr., president and CEO. "His positive attitude, professionalism, customer service and insatiable desire to learn have been identified as some of his strongest attributes, and he continues to make an impact within the bank and community."

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Canaan will conduct a public hearing by the Town Board of Selectmen on June 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm via zoom at 1-929-205-6099 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83073071148?pwd=OTI3QklLMHh1WjJWeGcxVFZBeU4ydz09> Meeting ID:83073071148 Passcode:752775 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits: \$1,500,000 for Public Housing Modernization; \$1,000,000 for Infrastructure associated with the development of Affordable Housing.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's new Application for funding for the year 2021.

The Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Canaan anticipates applying for a grant amount of not to exceed \$800,000 under the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Planning, Engineering and Construction eligible activity.

The Town of Canaan promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital

status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Canaan, Selectmen at 108 Main St., Falls Village, CT 06031, or you may telephone the First Selectman at 860-824-0707x23. In addition, information may be obtained, by appointment, at the above address Monday -Wednesday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am-Noon.

All are encouraged to attend.

The hearing is accessible to the handicapped.

Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Michelle Hanson, ADA Coordinator at 860-671-0585 at least five days prior to the hearing.

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### Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2021-0132 by Strelchun (Capecelatro) for a Frontage Variance, Salisbury Map 12, Lot 5 per Section 306.1 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 immediately after the regularly scheduled meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburycrct.us](http://www.salisburycrct.us). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday, June 7, 2021, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [aconroy@salisburycrct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburycrct.us). Paper copies maybe reviewed Monday

through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Stacie Weiner, Secretary  
 05-27-21  
 06-03-21

### 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 May 24, 2021: Approved-Application 2021-IW-017 by the Hotchkiss School to reconstruct tennis courts in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 6 as lot 9 and is known as 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is the Hotchkiss School.

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. 06-03-21

### NOTICE THE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic Districts Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 9:50am to act on an application (#2021-004) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace decking on the ground level front porches with composite material at 8 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: [www.salisburycrct.us/salisbury-historic-district-commission/](http://www.salisburycrct.us/salisbury-historic-district-commission/). The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: [www.salisburycrct.us](http://www.salisburycrct.us).

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# Our Towns

## HVRHS opens its doors for an aged open house

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Agriculture Education department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School held an open house Tuesday, May 18, with about 100 exhibits and demonstrations.

Much of the activity was outside, and everyone wore masks and tried to be mindful of social distance.

That said, it was almost normal.

Kathleen Bodwell, a ninth grader from Cornwall, had a Disney-inspired ring of roses and carnations she had created that afternoon.

There was a slight emergency when she ran out of flowers about a third of the way through, necessitating some last-minute shopping.

In the next room, ninth grader Haley Leonard of North Canaan had a basketball-inspired arrangement of white carnations and pistachio daisies, nestled in a glass container containing miniature foam basketballs.

Outside, sophomore Spencer Markow was demonstrating the operation of a Wood-Mizer sawmill to Holly Leibrock (who had been pressed into service



Spencer Markow demonstrated a Wood-Mizer for judge Holly Leibrock at the Ag-Ed Open House on Tuesday, May 18.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

as a judge).

Back inside, Paige MacNeil, a senior from North Canaan, served up a sausage and barley casserole that, when augmented with some lettuce and cut fruit, hit the correct daily percentages for the major food groups. It was very tasty.

And Philip Roberts, a sophomore from Kent, was allowing visitors to get an up-close and personal look at a group of ferrets.

Despite having had a busy day, the ferrets were quite active and supremely wriggly. "They're very flexible," said

Roberts as a ferret wormed its way out of his arms and into a plastic tub filled with plastic balls.

"And very mischievous," he added as another ferret poked its head out from under some bedding and decided to make a dash for freedom.

## Speeding cars to be the subject of town-wide discussion

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Responding to an issue raised by residents of Hilltop Road and ongoing concerns about vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit, the Sharon Board of Selectmen expanded the discussion about town-wide speeding concerns at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25.

The meeting was held on Zoom and drew light attendance. "Other roads have to be looked at," First Selectman Brent Colley said, having heard from residents who live along several other roads where speeding is a problem.

"It's not just one road," he added. Those residents have asked to be included in discussions."

In recent weeks, Colley has studied options used in other towns for speed mitigation. In addition to options using speed humps or bumps, Colley said that some towns use "speed cushions" which are longer or broader, made of asphalt or rubber.

To facilitate the wider discussion, Colley suggested that the town schedule a public meeting outdoors sometime during the summer, perhaps at the Veteran's Field pavilion.

"These roads belong to everyone," Selectman Dale Jones said. "Now we see how large this issue can get," he said, favoring the idea of a town-wide discussion.

"Who will spearhead the discussion?" Selectman Casey Flanagan asked, calling for expert information regarding selection of options, costs and liabilities for the town. He noted that facts are needed to back up differing perspectives on the issues and solutions.

Colley replied that the town is seeking someone to do just that at a hoped-for minimal cost.

The selectmen reached general agreement that the public meeting will occur during the summer, and plan to set a date soon.

## Railroad spraying continues to kill trees and be a concern

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — First Selectman Gordon Ridgway announced at selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, May 18, that he had received the required annual notice from the Housatonic Railroad company, informing the town that spraying is planned for this summer.

In response Ridgway said that he sent a letter to the company expressing the town's concerns. The selectmen voted unanimously in favor of the letter's content. The meeting was held on Zoom.

Dead trees serve as a reminder of the effects of the

annual vegetation control program undertaken by the railroad company.

Although some dead trees were removed by the company last year, many are still standing in West Cornwall, Ridgway noted, indicating that the trees were "very dead last year, and even more dead this year."

His letter asked that those hazardous trees be removed before this year's spraying begins.

The town also asked that densely populated areas in West Cornwall and in Cornwall Bridge not be sprayed at all.

Selectman Priscilla

Pavel supported the response. "In West Cornwall our wells are so close," she said, noting that she has seen more dead trees after each year of the spraying program.

Ridgway agreed. "We've seen what it's done to the trees; we don't want the same thing to happen to our wells."

Susan Eckhold added her support, asking that Cornwall Bridge continue to be protected from spraying. She noted that there are designated "no spray" zones in Cornwall Bridge, particularly where homes are located close to the tracks.

## Salisbury now has an assistant principal

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Education extended the contract of Salisbury Central School Principal Stephanie Magyar through June 30, 2024, and added a 3% par raise for the 2021-22 school year.

The board met online on Monday, May 24.

The board also hired middle school science teacher John Conklin as assistant principal. This is a new position, Magyar said.

"Historically, the two buildings have always provided a challenge for administration as you simply can not be in two places at once," said in an email interview after the meeting.

"With 314 students and 86 staff it seemed to be the right time to move forward with this position"

Magyar said that, in researching the idea, "we found that many area schools with similar numbers do in fact have two (or more) administrators."

"My hope is that having the added administrator will allow me to become more of an instructional leader. I want to be able to dig deeply into curriculum, assessment and instruction. I also want to be able to be more visible and available to staff and students. Having someone to share evaluations, reports, behaviors, committee meetings and more will allow me to provide better support for both buildings."

Graduation, end of school

Magyar reported to the board on upcoming events. Salisbury Central will have a field day on Friday, June 11. Graduation will be held outside on Tuesday, June 15 (rain date June 16), at 7 p.m. in front of the middle school building, with student speakers, flowers, photographs and an outdoor sound system.

The last day of school is Thursday, June 17.



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

## Bringing nature into Cornwall's classroom

Sharon Audubon's Wendy Miller came to Cornwall Consolidated School on Friday, May 21, and shared creatures and nature facts with students in grades one through four (one grade at a time). Among other things, students learned that snapping turtles can't withdraw into their shells, which is why they defend themselves by snapping.

## Books & Blooms is June 18 to 20

CORNWALL — Books & Blooms to Benefit The Cornwall Library will be Friday, June 18, and Sunday, June 20.

On Friday at 5 p.m. there will be a Zoom talk with George Schoellkopf about Hollister House Garden in Washington Depot (a tour of the garden will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 20).

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be tours of the gardens of John and Juliet Hubbard, Bart and Debby Jones, Roxana Laughlin and Michael Trapp.

There will be a sale at the library of gardening books; tea towels with the Books & Blooms design; and cut flowers donated by members of the Cornwall Garden Club.

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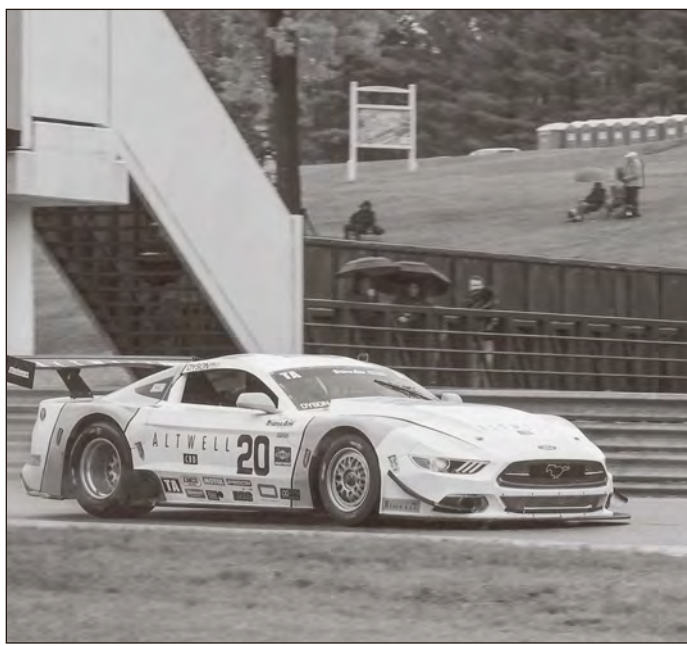


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Chris Dyson of Poughkeepsie, whose home track is Lime Rock Park, won Saturday's Trans Am events.

## Epic wet weather doesn't slow down Trans Ams weekend

By Cynthia Hochswender

LIME ROCK — Ticket sale information wasn't available at press time, but Trans Am weekend at Lime Rock Park seems to have been a big draw for visitors in spite of heavy rain on Saturday and Sunday and overcast skies and light drizzle Monday.

The big local action was on Saturday, when Jason Berkeley of Falls Village (driving a car sponsored by the Falls Village Inn) won second place in his class. Chris Dyson of Poughkeepsie (who considers Lime Rock to be his home track) was the overall winner for the day.

Look for more information on the big opening weekend at the track in next week's Lakeville Journal.

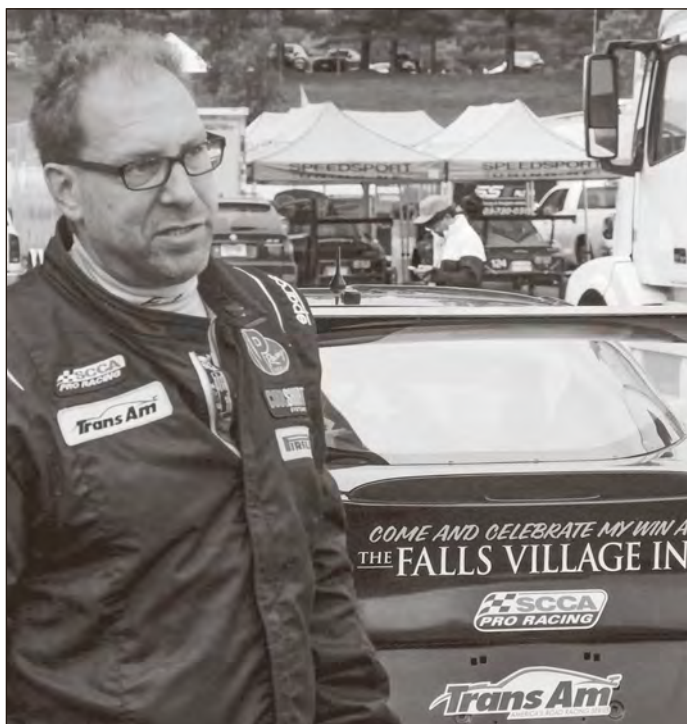


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Jason Berkeley of Falls Village, with car 67 sponsored by the Falls Village Inn, took second place in his class during Trans Am weekend at Lime Rock Park.

## Budget wins unanimous approval

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — With sparse attendance at the annual town meeting on Friday, May 21, the proposed 2021-22 budget moved to a quick approval by those attending either in person at Town Hall or on Zoom.

Only one resident chose to attend in person at Town Hall, and received a warm welcome. All others attended on Zoom, prompting First Selectman Gordon Ridgway to express his hope that future years will see a return to robust in-person attendance as in past years.

Elected to serve as moderator for the meeting was Lisa Simont.

A copy of the budget is on the town website. It shows an expenditure total (for town and education) of \$7,291,953, up by 298,849 (4.27%) over last year.

The town budget shows total expenditures of \$2,919,986, an increase of \$151,457 (5.47%). The Cornwall Consolidated School budget totals \$2,533,404, an increase of \$34,153 (1.37%). Adding the Region One School District expenditure of \$1,484,561, brings education costs to \$4,017,965.

Meeting to set the mill rate immediately following the town meeting, the Board of Finance agreed unanimously to establish the rate at 16.70, the same as this year.

Board of Finance Chairman

## True tales of baseball salaries

FALLS VILLAGE — Eugene Orza, Chief Operating Officer at Major League Baseball Players Association, will talk about labor relations in Major League Baseball in a Zoom talk on Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The talk is hosted by the D. M. Hunt Library.

Orza has been involved in all significant labor negotiations with Major League Baseball for over 25 years, including the major work stoppage of 1995-1996. His knowledge of the sport and the intricacies of the labor issues that have arisen is profound.

To register, go to [www.HuntLibrary.org](http://www.HuntLibrary.org) or call 860-824-7424.

# OBITUARIES

## Jack Erwin Dean

MILLERTON — Jack Erwin Dean, 78, a lifelong resident of Millerton, died peacefully on May 26, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Mr. Dean was currently working for 44 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator at Harlem Valley Sand and Gravel in South Amenia.

Born Oct. 19, 1942, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Mary (Liner) and Chester W. Dean. He was educated locally and shared the last 28 years of his life with his loving companion, Monika Barlow.

Jack served as the supervisor of the Village of Millerton Water Department for nine years and as a Village of Millerton Trustee from 1978 to 1984.

Jack loved life and people; he had a knack for brightening everyone's day. He loved to say that "Everyday was a good day!" He enjoyed socializing with everyone at the bank, post office and CVS and many other local stores. Jack also loved working outside and maintaining his beautiful gardens.

He very much looked forward to his annual trip to West-erly, R.I., and enjoyed reminiscing about his three special trips to Germany to visit Monika's family. Jack will be dearly missed by his beloved family and his many dear friends.

In addition to his longtime companion, Monika Barlow of Millerton, Jack is also survived by his devoted son, Scot Dean and his wife, Heidi, of Millerton and his beloved daughter, Robin Myers, and her husband, Rhett, of Poughkeepsie; his

dear grandchildren, Jen Wyck-off and her husband, Andrew, Aly Dean, Madison Myers,

Brittanie Cavanaugh and her husband, Matt, and Katie and Sarah Eckler; Monika's caring daughters, Linda Eckler and her husband, Larry, and Stephanie Barlow; his dear brothers, Jerry Dean and his wife, Carol, of Millerton and Gary Dean of

Washington state; his nephews, Chad Dean and his wife, Rebecca, and Brian Dean; his cousins, Tom Dean of Millerton and Buddy Dean and his wife, Janie, of Virginia; as well as several nieces and nephews and many dear friends; and his cat, Stretchy.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Maralyn Marshall.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Vassar Hospital Staff for the care and compassion provided to Jack.

An extra special thank you to Dr. Craig Shannon, Jack's neurosurgeon.

Calling hours were held May 29 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Funeral services followed at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will be private, in the family plot at Irodale Cemetery in Millerton, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sunday In The Country Food Drive, P.O. Box 789, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send a floral arrangement, plant a tree or send an online condolence to the family, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

## Craig S. White

NORTH CANAAN — Craig S. White, a loving husband, father and grandfather passed away March 19, 2021, at Berkshire Medical Center after a very brief battle with lung cancer.

He was the son of Austin and Betty Lovett.

Born in Great Barrington, Mass., he was raised in Salisbury and attended local schools.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his daughters, Kimberly and spouse Nate Cecchinato, Melissa and spouse Jeffrey

Perotti and the greatest joys of his life, his four grandchildren, Cohen Cecchinato, Annabelle, Lucy and Winnie Perotti. He is survived by his brothers, Tony White, William White, Timothy White and Lee Lovett; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Donald White and Donna Alamillo.

A private burial was held in May. A celebration of Craig's life will occur in July. Arrangements are under the care of The Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Joseph Pryor noted that having kept the mill rate flat by lifting \$270,739 out of the town's undesignated fund still results in impressively high reserves for the town. He added that the undesignated fund total is expected to continue to rise.

Commenting during the town meeting, Ridgway noted that an intensive budget preparation process begins each year in January. He thanked the selectmen and all of the town officials who worked hard to keep expenditures down and to save the taxpayers from a huge burden.

He noted areas of increase,

including transfer station costs, library and child care center, as well as an increase for the senior bus program. Increases on the education side of the budget were minimal, he said.

The budget increases, Ridgway observed, were "necessary, practical and won't cause sticker shock."

Simont recognized that residents' participation in the process (as they attended the many meetings offered on Zoom this year) may have contributed to their satisfaction with the final budget.

## The Reverend Richard H. Taber

SALISBURY — The Reverend Richard H. Taber, 80, a beloved community leader, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 24, 2021, surrounded by family.

His accomplishments were vast, but even more important was the way he touched each individual person's heart in every single interaction of the day, whether it was baptizing a child, doing a puzzle with a grandchild, or just buying milk.

He was the loving husband of Joanne (Townsend) Taber for 58 years.

Born Jan. 21, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Lois (Randall) and Robert Taber.

Reverend Richard was ordained at Yale Divinity School in 1976. He started his ministry at Wilton Congregational Church and was called to the Salisbury Congregational Church in 1981.

He retired in 2011 and later became Minister Emeritus of the church.

He enjoyed sailing, hiking and playing games with his family.

He was an organizer, a

humanitarian and a spiritual guide. He was instrumental in bringing many organizations to our community including: The CROP Walk, The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, EX-TRAS, Habitat for Humanity, The Salisbury Housing Committee and the Foundation for Community Health. His contributions to this community are unending and will continue to help people for many future generations.

His love for his wife, children and grandchildren was unconditional. He treasured time with his family.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his children, Chris, Matt, Laura, Maria, Joslin and Desean; and grandchildren, Katie, Ben, Rachel, Andrew, Ash, JoJo, Nicky and Elijah.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 29, at the Salisbury Congregational Church and can be viewed on the church's website.

Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan has care of arrangements.

Gifts made in Dick's memory will support the church's Christian Action ministries.

### Worship Services

Week of June 6, 2021

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

<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson <b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <b>In-Person and on You-Tube</b> <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 <a href="http://www.greenwoodschurch.com">www.greenwoodschurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <b>AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE</b> 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 ONLINE</b> Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627 <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a></p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 <b>VISITORS WELCOME!</b> <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Join our next service on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. Venue to be announced For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jokialoi@gmail.com">jokialoi@gmail.com</a> All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mngates125@gmail.com">mngates125@gmail.com</a> for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. <b>We hope you will join us!</b></p>	<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thsmithfieldchurch.org">www.thsmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church <b>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</b> Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>Sharon Congregational Church</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b> 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget <b>SUNDAY MASSES</b> 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Face masks required</p>	<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaantmc.com">canaantmc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaantmc@gmail.com">canaantmc@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b> 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	

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## ROBERT F. WRIGHT

June 1, 2009

Though you're no longer with us, you have left a lasting mark.

No one can eliminate the light you left us in the dark. The memories of all the jokes and pranks you used to play, still brings a smile to our faces each and every day.

It doesn't matter how much time goes by, it still remains, you are in our hearts, and in our thoughts and prayers each day.

We love you Robert  
We love you Dad

Your wife Ruth  
Your daughter Bobbie-Jo



# Sports

## This summer, baseball will be by region not by town

By Hunter O. Lyle

Instead of the traditional spring baseball offered across the Region One School District, the six towns have come together to offer a supplemental regional summer baseball program, focusing more on skill development than competitive edge.

With health and safety precautions in mind, summer programs that are normally offered by the park and recreation departments in the six regional towns have faced changes — if not cancellations. Such is true for the classic staple sport of summer: baseball.

Typically, in spring each town would form a roster of home grown talent and face off in a season that would start in mid-April and end in mid-June. After discussions together, the regional park and recreation directors have decided to delay the season as well as take a regional approach.

With the middle schools divided into cohorts to limit the spread of COVID-19, park and recreation directors wanted the start of the baseball program and the end of school to coincide, choosing to move the start date to after Memorial Day.

“As recreation directors, our first goal was not doing anything to undermine what the elementary schools were doing to stay open,” Salisbury Park and Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe said.

Along with a later start, the regional baseball program will pool participants instead of creating rosters by town. Throughout the levels of play, participants from around Region One will practice skills and drills before breaking up into random teams to play games.

### Summer ball schedule

Starting after Memorial Day,



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

**While the T-Ball team and the Farm team will make Trotta Field in Salisbury their home turf, the combined Major and Minor team in this summer's Region One baseball league will play at Veteran's Field in Sharon.**

T-Ball for kindergarteners and first graders will be held on Saturdays at Trotta Field on Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury for an hour each week. The Farm team, for second and third graders, will meet on Wednesdays at Trotta Field for an hour and a half.

This year, with the lack of participants, the Major team, which is the more competitive level of play in the league, and the Minor team, which both consist of children ages 9 to 12, will be combined. That team, which currently has 32 registered players according to the Sharon Park and Recreation Director Matt Andrulis-Mette, will meet at Veteran's Field in Sharon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first few meets will focus on skills development before adding games to the schedule.

Along with the regional baseball league hosted by the park and recreation directors, there will also be a team competing in the Region One Babe Ruth Summer Baseball League, a travel team that will compete in the Tri-Town baseball league out of Litchfield.

Similar to the regional league, Andrulis-Mette, who is leading

the effort to form a team, said they are combining towns to create an “All-Star” team. While the details, such as the start date for the season, are not fully ironed out between the Tri-Town league and the Region One team, children between the ages of 13 and 15 will be able to have a genuine and competitive baseball season.

Originally set to start Monday, May 17, Andrulis-Mette said the registration for both the regional team and the Babe Ruth league would most likely stay open for the duration of the season.

“Chances are we won't [close the registration] because it's summer,” Andrulis-Mette said. “We know kids go away for periods of time, so we probably can't have enough kids.”

Anyone interested in registering for the regional baseball league can go to [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us) and find the registration form under the “recreational” tab. For the Region One Babe Ruth Summer Baseball League, interested parties can contact the Sharon Recreation Department by calling 860-364-1400 or emailing [Sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net](mailto:Sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net). There is a \$50 fee for the season.

## Combined middle school sports to begin this fall

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One School District Athletic Director Anne MacNeil told the Middle School Athletics and Activities Committee on Wednesday, May 26, that she is proceeding with scheduling for fall of 2021-22 on the assumption that it will be “a relatively normal-looking school year.”

This school year would have been the first year of the new regional middle school athletics plan, in which middle school students play on Region One teams rather than teams from the six kindergarten to grade eight schools.

But the COVID-19 pandemic put all that on hold.

MacNeil said in a phone in-

terview Thursday, May 27, that coaching jobs are posted on the Region One website ([www.region1schools.org](http://www.region1schools.org)). She told the committee that she has not received many applications yet, and is trying to get the word out.

MacNeil said she has asked the K-8 administrators to notify faculty members (many of whom also coach) that the jobs are open.

The fall sports will be cross-country and soccer. On the activities side, middle school students will be able to participate in the artgarge after-school program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Coaches need to have a coaching permit and first aid certification; MacNeil said for

certified teachers this is an easy process.

For non-teacher candidates, it is a little more complicated and involves some course work. However, coaching candidates can get an emergency permit that allows them to coach while completing the course work.

MacNeil said she is happy to assist anyone in that process.

The committee discussed the name and uniforms for the middle school teams. They will wear blue and gold, same as the high school, and use the high school's team name, the Mountaineers.

MacNeil said calling the teams the Region One Mountaineers will build camaraderie and establish continuity between the middle school and high school sports programs.

## HOUSING

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Mullen of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments is assisting the town in preparation of its plan. She said the housing committee will work through June and July to devise a list of strategies for creating more housing options. The committee will provide those strategies to her office in August and she will draft a plan. In September, the plan will be shared with residents for review, comment and revision. In October and November the plan will be polished and presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Mullen noted that in Litchfield County, 46% of young adults are still living with their parents as their only affordable option.

Cornwall's population currently stands at about 1,400, but at its current rate of decline due to housing challenges, the population is expected to fall to under 1,000 in coming years, Mullen explained.

The 2020 Town Plan of Conservation and Development calls for the creation of 25 additional affordable housing units, increased rental opportunities and easier access for first-time

homebuyers, said Anna Timell, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Looking for ways to make it easier

“There are lots of ways to bring change and improvement,” said Maggie Cooley, president of the Cornwall Housing Corporation, who noted that the town's Kugeman Village offers 18 units. The town also has 10 units at Bonney Brook for older residents, and also offers rental and mortgage assistance for qualified families.

Challenges faced by younger families who have moved into Cornwall were highlighted by Melanie King, who at first found a unit in Kugeman Village as a single-income earner

for whom a rental would be out of reach. Now married, she and her husband are starting a family and have been able to purchase a home in town. She said she knows how hard it is for young people to find a home. King is a teacher and her husband is a landscaper.

Ron Goldstein, representing the National Iron Bank, described a program he is developing to assist first-time home buyers. His bank would establish a renewable lending program using grant funding intended for affordable housing. Such a fund could be channeled to assist with home ownership lending. Details are still in the planning and development stages, he said.

## THE CESARS

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The film shows students hiking up to what is believed to be the site of the George Cesar farm, and looking around the differently spelled “Caesar's Brook” campsite, where they used a metal detector, found a few objects (which they left) and made informed guesses about

the size and layout of the farm. After the screening, Overton and other Cesar family members thanked the students for their work.

Overton said during the discussion, “It's going to live with them just like it lives with me.” “Looking for Color” can be seen on the “Searching for Slavery in Salisbury” YouTube page.

## 1966

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to pick up the debris from the village, but no protective clothing or gear was provided, resulting in servicemen using their bare hands to collect the debris, Loucks recalled.

The fourth bomb plummeted into the sea with its parachute attached, five miles off the coast of Spain near Palomares.

It would take until April of 1966 for that bomb to be recovered from its precarious perch 2,850 feet below the surface. Its still-attached parachute complicated the process as it billowed with the sea currents, endangering divers and their equipment.

The USS Cascade of the 6th Fleet, with Loucks aboard, arrived in February to assist with the recovery, one of many responding vessels.

Loucks recalled how Russian trawlers regularly attempted to slip through the perimeter to recover the prize and take it away.

### Mapping the gully

The recovery work went on with the help of The Alvin, a research submarine furnished to the project from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

It was a small vessel, weighing 13 tons, measuring 22 feet in length and 8 feet in width. With its crew of three, including the pilot, it had a dive range to 7,500 feet.

Jon Lindbergh (son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh) of Seattle, Wash., came as a private contractor, a submergence expert representing Ocean Systems, and he brought along his Cubmarine, the same length as The Alvin, but narrower.

Lindbergh worked aboard The Cascade using its workshops to good advantage. He built a true model of the bomb using identical materials to test sonar effectiveness and whether sonar would function accurately or distort according to

the bomb's depth and position. “Our pattern makers created a massive model of the undersea floor,” Loucks recalled. The bomb was found to be resting in a gully created by its impact on a steep 70-degree slope pointed downward toward a deep valley, still attached to its billowing giant parachute. The situation was unstable and dangerous.

Lindbergh made many dives in the submersible vehicles and also in scuba gear. There were several reported episodes of serious entanglements in the parachute lines.

### Lindbergh invents ‘The Poodle’

Loucks recalled long conversations with Lindbergh during breaks, remembering him as personable, affable and accessible.

In mid-March, a device called The Poodle was being fashioned aboard the Cascade and outfitted with a winch device to grab the parachute ropes and haul the bomb to the surface. The Poodle was invented and built by Lindbergh and his associate, Ray Pitts, also from Ocean Systems. The Cascade crew assisted in the construction.

### Fish fascinated by the lights

“Anything electrical, we had the shop to make it, particularly lighting. With lighting the problems were extensive,” Loucks explained, “especially at the depths at which it was needed. The apparatus would get crushed by the undersea pressure.”

“Also, if you lit something, the fish would gather in such numbers, they would block the light,” Loucks said.

In March, the bomb was clearly drifting away due to heavily storm-tossed seas. The bomb had slid more than 20 feet farther down the incline — and it was taking the recovery lines with it.

The bomb was finally recovered — still entangled in

its parachute — and brought safely on board the receiving vessel, The Petrel, Loucks said.

The bomb then went on public display in Palomares on Good Friday, April 8, before being transferred to The Cascade for the long voyage home to the U.S.

### The aftermath of radiation exposure

Back at the scene in Palomares, a massive soil and debris clean-up effort began. Loucks said that the radioactive soil scooped from the scene filled 5,300 55-gallon drums that were transported to North Carolina. Work has continued ever since with earth being removed from the site and sealed in containers for transport and storage in the U.S.

Measurable contamination continues to be detected within the snail population in Palomares.

The nature of catastrophic events is that there is an inevitable aftermath and a long trail of effects.

The Incident continues to affect the dwindling number of military and civilian people who persist in asking for recognition of the dangerous health effects of radiation exposure, not well understood in 1966. An aging group of veterans and Spanish villagers, some bolstered by their descendants, are continuing to seek accountability, but those voices are dimming.

Because the long-term effects of radiation exposure were unknown at the time, there were no provisions for protective clothing or gear, Loucks noted. Hundreds of service members doing the clean-up work even ate the tomatoes collected from the contaminated tomato fields, and so did the local villagers.

Remembering lives lost during The Incident in 1966 as well as the decades of aftermath lived and remembered by Loucks remains an enduring story for Memorial Day.

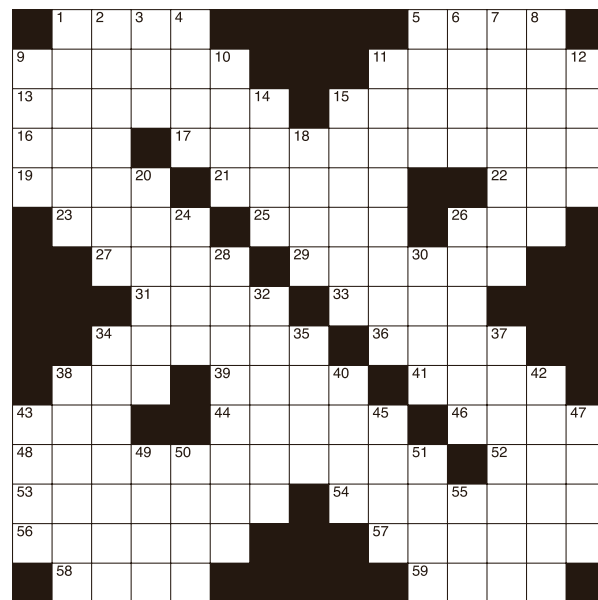
## Brain Teasers

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- French industrial city
- Diagrams
- Diplomat
- Hires
- Hawaiian island
- Set aflame
- Very happy
- Blue dye
- Small terrier with short legs
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Northern pike genus
- Expression of annoyance
- Female deer
- Casella and Kellerman are two
- Actor's lines to audience
- Days (Spanish)
- Close a person's eyes
- Cloaked
- Comedic actor Rogen
- It's all around us
- Neutralizes alkalis
- Native people of New Mexico
- No seats available
- Famed “Air Music” composer
- Fit of irritation
- Psychic phenomena
- Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
- Seed used in cooking
- “WandaVision” actress Hahn
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- Stair part
- Adieux

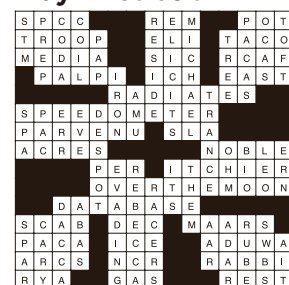
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- It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- Turn away
- Impersonal
- Shortly
- Indigenous Alaskans
- Subtle difference of meaning
- Sicilian city
- Put in harmony
- Administrative divisions
- As happily
- Horse mackerel
- Muddy or boggy ground
- Monetary unit of Italy
- Construction site machine
- 22
- Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- Earnings

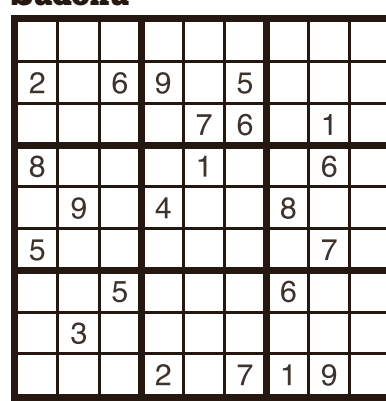


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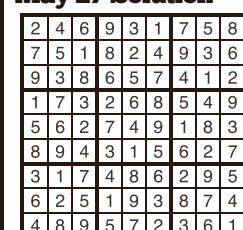
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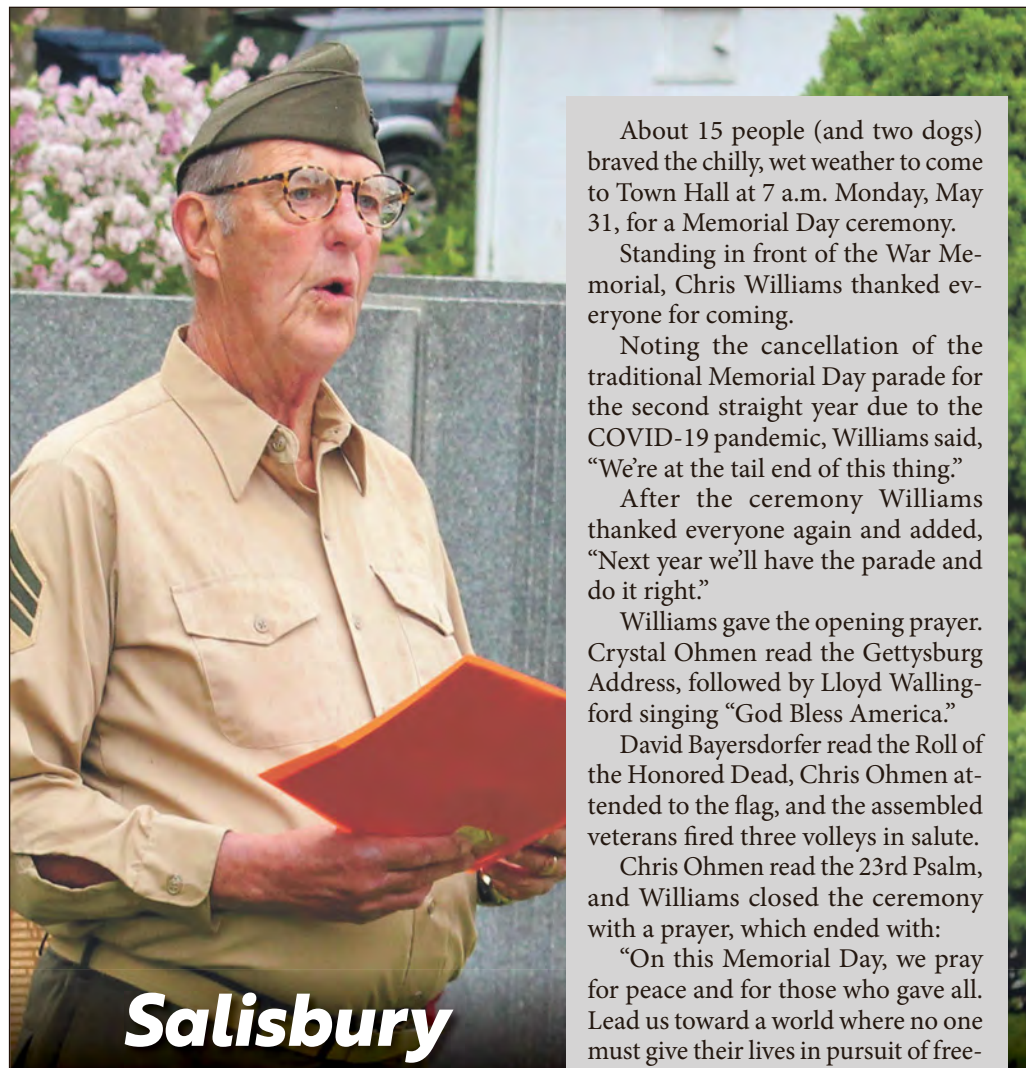
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# Honoring sacrifices

There were so many factors weighing against successful observances of Memorial Day this year. It had rained, buckets, for days leading up to Monday morning, and it looked as though Monday would bring more of the same. And then there were the continuing COVID-19 concerns. But in the end, towns and townspeople somehow managed to come out and honor lives lost in service to their countries, with small parades, small ceremonies and great respect and appreciation.



## Salisbury

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

David Bayersdorfer remembered veterans who have died, during a small ceremony at the war memorial at Town Hall in Salisbury.

About 15 people (and two dogs) braved the chilly, wet weather to come to Town Hall at 7 a.m. Monday, May 31, for a Memorial Day ceremony.

Standing in front of the War Memorial, Chris Williams thanked everyone for coming.

Noting the cancellation of the traditional Memorial Day parade for the second straight year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Williams said, "We're at the tail end of this thing."

After the ceremony Williams thanked everyone again and added, "Next year we'll have the parade and do it right."

Williams gave the opening prayer. Crystal Ohmen read the Gettysburg Address, followed by Lloyd Wallingford singing "God Bless America."

David Bayersdorfer read the Roll of the Honored Dead, Chris Ohmen attended to the flag, and the assembled veterans fired three volleys in salute.

Chris Ohmen read the 23rd Psalm, and Williams closed the ceremony with a prayer, which ended with:

"On this Memorial Day, we pray for peace and for those who gave all. Lead us toward a world where no one must give their lives in pursuit of freedom. May we be receptive to Your guidance, and may we never forget the fallen. Amen."

— Patrick L. Sullivan



## Sharon

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

An honor guard representing various service branches stood at attention during the Sharon Memorial Day ceremony to honor the nation's fallen heroes.

Although skies were overcast and there was a chilly wind, Sharon's traditional Memorial Day parade and ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial fittingly honored fallen heroes.

The parade was greeted with enthusiasm as it passed by the Green to its destination at the memorial. Led by Brian Kenny,

the ceremony included memorial speeches by First Selectman Brent Colley and Jane Strong, whose Equus Effect helps veterans cope with PTSD. Together they brought struggle, sacrifice and valor into focus.

A gun salute, a bugle and a bagpipe closed the ceremony.

— Leila Hawken



## Falls Village

PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Following an address by First Selectman Henry Todd the flag on the village Green in front of the Falls Village Inn was flown at half mast.

The 2021 Memorial Day ceremony was a short but reflective gathering on the Green near the Falls Village Inn, where a small monument honors fallen veterans from the town as far back as World War I.

The observance was led by First Selectman Henry Todd, Selectman Greg Marlowe and included a speech by Selectman and Housatonic Youth Service Bureau board member Dave Barger, who stressed the significance of remembering the important reasons for this holiday.

— Alexander Wilburn



## Cornwall

PHOTO BY LAZLO GYORSOK

A wreath was set afloat on the Housatonic River at the historic Covered Bridge in West Cornwall by Skip Lush, in honor of Navy veterans who died in service to their nation.

Both the rain and a recent upsurge in positive COVID-19 cases kept Memorial Day festivities at a minimum — and yet there was still plenty of activity.

In addition to the traditional salute to seamen, with a wreath set afloat on the Housatonic River in West Cornwall by Skip Lush, there was also a parade through the town's many villages by three town trucks and the ambulance.

On the Green, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway honored four women "who are key to keeping our town safe": Diane Beebe, Heather Dineen, Jenn

Markow and Joyce Hart.

Then Beebe, who is the town's Emergency Management director, was called back up to the podium and named Citizen of the Year by the town's VFW post.

Dave Cadwell read short remembrances of the seven veterans who have died in the past year.

He and others marveled that a couple dozen people turned out to take part in the ceremony, even though there was no parade and no carnival this year, and notices of the day's events had suggested that everyone stay home.

— Cynthia Hochswender



## North Canaan

PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Before the commencement of the Memorial Day service, the Honor Guard offered a gun salute in honor of military veterans at the Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851.

Because of the threat of rain, the Memorial Day service was held this year at Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851, instead of (as is traditional) at the Doughboy statue in the center of town.

The Honor Guard from Couch Pipa had visited nearly two dozen cemeteries that morning, beginning at 6 a.m., with an invocation at each read by Ken Merrill. The Honor Guard also visited the residents at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Geer Village to offer gun salutes and the invocation.

The group did offer the salute at the Doughboy, and then proceeded to the VFW post.

Retired Army Major Eric Carlson was the speaker. He honored fallen soldiers as well as Howard Lotz, a World War II veteran and the last living original signee of Post 6851's charter, which was dated 1955.

— Hunter O. Lyle



## Kent

PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Parade Marshal Andy Ocif, at right in photo, who has organized the Memorial Day observances for many years, announced that this will be his last year organizing the ceremony.

Kent, once again, honored Memorial Day with a parade.

Under cloudy but dry conditions, the parade proceeded from Kent Center School through the town center, with stops at St. Andrew's Cemetery (where the Rev. Douglas Worthington offered a memorial invocation) and the town's war memorials.

Veterans led the parade, followed by the Kent Center School band, fire department and am-

balance volunteers, and a vintage auto motorcade.

There were gun salutes, prayers and the recitation of the Gettysburg Address at the Civil War memorial.

Townspeople, waving flags, were hugely appreciative and turned out in great numbers.

This year's parade was, of course, organized by Andy Ocif — who has announced that this was his last year in charge.

— Lans Christensen



"On this Memorial Day, we pray for peace and for those who gave all. Lead us toward a world where no one must give their lives in pursuit of freedom."

Chris Williams



# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Visiting Galleries, Chatting with An Artist on a Sunday Afternoon

Kathleen Kucka was sitting quietly, listening to jazz and minding her own business at Furnace/Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., on Sunday afternoon, May 16, when a reporter barged in asking impertinent questions, such as, "How's it going? Sell anything?"

The reply was in the affirmative. Kucka said a couple of pieces from the current show by Stephen Maine had sold.

Then three women from New York City showed up. They had driven up from Brooklyn, had a bit of lunch at the Mountainside Cafe on Route 7, and then came over to see Kucka and the new gallery at 107 Main St.

"We're having what my mother would call 'a ladies' toot,'" said one of them.

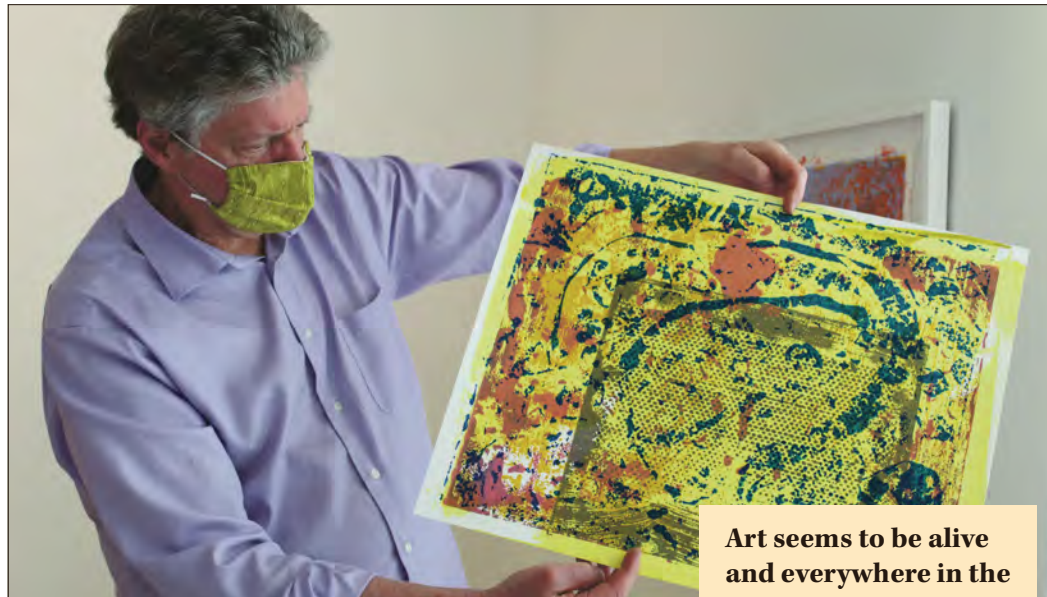


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Art seems to be alive and everywhere in the Tristate region now. A group of women visiting the area for lunch stopped at Furnace in Falls Village — and had the chance to meet artist Stephen Maine, who showed them some of the works he has now at the gallery.

And to put the butter on the spinach, Stephen Maine the artist arrived a few minutes after the tooters.

Introductions were made, pleasantries exchanged, and then the visitors began asking questions about the art.

The artist was happy to oblige, taking out pieces from the flat file to illustrate his points.

It was a very pleasant scene.

To find out the gallery hours, go to [www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com](http://www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com).



PHOTO BY TATIANA DAUBEK

Sylvia Berry will perform on the fortepiano during the Aston Magna Music Festival, on Sunday, June 13.

## ASTON MAGNA WILL REMAIN 'VIRTUAL' THIS SUMMER

Aston Magna continues its work of offering a deeper understanding of classical music through education about the world and times in which music was composed; and by using period instruments.

This is the 48th summer season for the Aston Magna Foundation, based in Great Barrington, Mass. Concerts this year will be performed and filmed on stage at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center and Saint James Place, and then presented online at no charge on weekends in June and July.

The virtual concerts will feature music from the Renaissance, Baroque and early Classical periods, with the music of Monteverdi, Marais, Leclair, Mozart, Beethoven and others.

The season begins on Sunday, June 13, at 7 p.m. with "Early Duos for Fortepiano and Violin" and the music of Mozart, CPE Bach, Joseph Boulogne and Beethoven, performed by Sylvia Berry, fortepiano and Aston Magna Musical Director Dan-

iel Stepner, on violin.

"Mozart: The String Trios" is Sunday, June 27, at 7 p.m. Information on other concerts during this summer's season can be found online at [www.astonmagna.org](http://www.astonmagna.org).

A highlight of the season will be the celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday, one year late because of COVID-19.

"Celebrating Beethoven's 251st Birthday" will be on Saturday, July 24, at 7 p.m. Musicians are Daniel Stepner and Julie Leven, violins; Jason Fisher, viola, and Jacques Lee Wood, cello.

The quartet will offer Beethoven's "Eye-glass Duo," a string trio in C Minor, and selected quartet movements, including the Grosse Fuge.

To see the concerts, go to [www.Mahaiwe.org](http://www.Mahaiwe.org) on June 13 and 27, and [www.astonmagna.org](http://www.astonmagna.org) for the July dates, shortly before "curtain time" for each event.

Although the events are free, donations to help underwrite the recordings are welcome for this virtual season.

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- As they experienced their own COVID-19 cash needs, our steadfast advertisers needed to scale back their commitments to us. Our advertising revenue has dropped over 30%.
- Effective October 15, 2020, we have raised the cost of the newspaper to two dollars, the first increase since 2003.

COVID-19 has awakened an awareness of the significance of our papers, as we seek information about our world. Thanks to our Community's generosity and the unwavering dedication of our fine Team, we were able to remain fully functional through this pandemic. We love our Community partnership. We will continue our work, with your kind respect and support.

— The Lakeville Journal Company, LLC

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## SEX, SENIORS AND STONEWALL IN JUNE 5 TALK

Sex educator Jane Fleishman will discuss her book "The Stonewall Generation: LGBTQ Elders on Sex, Activism & Aging" in an in-person talk at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, June 5, at 4 p.m.

An unapologetic depiction of queer identity and culture, and the fight for civil and human rights from the 1960s to today, the candid interviews in the book include the voices of those frequently marginalized in the mainstream narrative of LGBTQ history: people of color, transgender people,

bisexual people, drag queens and sex workers.

Fleishman is a certified sexuality educator, researcher and writer with more than 40 years of experience. In her recent TEDx talk, "Is it OK for Grandma to have sex?," she articulates her mission to promote the sexual well-being of older adults.

This event will take place outdoors in the library's tent. For more information, or to RSVP, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to [www.HuntLibrary.org](http://www.HuntLibrary.org). The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village.

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# As Sale Season Begins, an Explanation of 'Tag Sales'

Tag sale season in the Tristate region officially began on Memorial Day weekend. For longtime area residents, this is an absurdly obvious statement but newcomers to New England might wonder why exactly they are called "tag sales"?

Historically, at a tag sale each item has its own tag, with a top and a bottom portion. If you are 100% certain you are going to buy a piece, then you rip off the bottom portion of the tag. This signals to all other potential buyers that a piece has been spoken for; and it makes it easier for the sellers to tally up your purchases: You present them with your tags, they do the math, you write your check and then you can go and retrieve your purchased items.

A very famous tag sale team in the Tristate region was the Fitch Howard Estate Sale company of Salisbury, Conn., which no longer exists. Woe to the shopper who tore off a tag, carried it around for a while and then decided not to buy the item in



question. Either Elizabeth Fitch or Jerry Howard Ter Achter, who ran the company, would sternly or politely chastise the shopper who ignored proper tag sale etiquette.

The careful reader will notice that the company was called Fitch Howard "Estate Sale." An estate sale just denotes a larger property, as opposed to a yard sale or a garage sale.

Nowadays, many in-home sales are referred to as "tag sales," even if no tags are involved.



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The glorious season of outdoor "tag sales" has begun. In New England, they're called tag sales even if the traditional "tag" protocol is not observed.

## HOPING FOR SUNNY SKIES FOR CT TRAILS WEEKEND

The annual celebration of Connecticut's many history and nature trails will be this weekend, on June 5 and 6.

In all, there are 180 outings planned for the weekend (you can find the full list at [www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend](http://www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend)).

Two events are scheduled for Kent, Conn.

"Muffins and Martins at the Marvelwood School" on Skiff Mountain is on Sunday, June 6, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Extraordinary bird expert and science teacher Laurie Doss will talk about efforts to restore purple martin populations in the region.

That same day, Steve

Pener and Dave Paton will lead an educational mushroom walk at Pond Mountain Preserve, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Sharon Land Trust will introduce some new trails in Sharon, Conn., over the weekend: on Saturday, June 5, at the D'Alton Preserve at 101 West Woods Road #2; and at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 6, at the Hamlin Preserve, 19 Stonehouse Road, just off Gay Street/Route 41.

The new Goodbody Preserve at 140 Millerton Road will be opened in a short ceremony on Saturday, June 5, at noon.

Check the CT Trails website for rain plans.

## TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Look for a new calendar of events at our website, [www.tricornernews.com/events-calendar](http://www.tricornernews.com/events-calendar). We will also include the calendar in our print edition as space allows.

## JAZZ AND MORE AS HUDSON HALL OPENS

The gorgeously renovated Hudson Hall in downtown Hudson, N.Y., opens to the public again with concerts and art shows that began Memorial Day weekend with Camille Thurman and the Darrell Green Trio.

Jazz continues on the weekend of Saturday, June 5, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 6, at 5 p.m. with Grammy-nominated saxophonist and music producer Marcus Strickland and his eponymous quartet.

Tickets start at \$35. More information is at [www.hudsonhall.org](http://www.hudsonhall.org).



PHOTO BY PETRA RICHTEROVA

The Marcus Strickland Quartet performs at Hudson Hall on June 5 and 6.

## IN TIME FOR SUMMER AND THE HOLIDAYS, A NEW PUZZLE

The Lakeville Journal has a new jigsaw puzzle, featuring a watercolor done for us by Sharon artist Tom Goldenberg.

Goldenberg was featured in an October 2020 issue of the Compass arts and entertainment section of this newspaper, on the

occasion of a show of his work opening in Amsterdam.

Of the inspiration for the image, Goldenberg said, "The work on paper 'Map Reading' was made after studying early maps showing the configurations of ancient Italian Hill towns.

The topography of these places inspired the composition of this image."

We have made two versions of this puzzle. Both are 500 pieces but one is on cardboard and one is on wood. The Lakeville Journal Co. will receive 10% from each sale (the rest goes to the puzzle company; Goldenberg has generously donated his work).

The puzzles are made and shipped by Create Jigsaw. They take care of 100% of the order. To find our online puzzle shop, go to [www.createjigsawpuzzles.com/sell/lakevillejournal](http://www.createjigsawpuzzles.com/sell/lakevillejournal). We will not have any puzzles for sale at our office; each puzzle is made "on demand."

— Cynthia Hochswender



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Artist Tom Goldenberg of Sharon, Conn., has donated one of his watercolors to The Lakeville Journal Co. for use as a jigsaw puzzle — which is now available for sale.

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### EDITORIAL

## A tribute to a true local hero

The naming of the ball field at Housatonic Valley Regional High School after the late teacher, administrator and coach Ed Kirby could be the most appropriate action ever taken. For anyone who thinks that might be hyperbole, go to this newspaper's website, www.tricornernews.com, or its archives at www.scovillelibrary.org, and do a search of his name. Just when you think you likely knew everything there was to know about Ed Kirby, you will learn something new and vastly interesting.

What comes through most clearly reading of his accomplishments is that in his 93 years of life, Kirby made the most of every moment given to him. His interests expanded throughout his life, including education, coaching, the natural world, local and national history, geology and the history not just of his surrounds in the Northeast, but also of the West. He shared what he learned about any topic by authoring books about it. Even given 93 years, it is incredible the amount he did in every facet of his life. This was clearly a gentleman who knew how to have fun and enjoyed every minute of it all as humanly possible.

It seems everyone in the Northwest Corner and region was touched by Kirby at some point in time. He was generous with his time and his knowledge, eager to share with others what he learned over time, and his energy inspired them to be as enthusiastic about life as he was. The effects of his influence can be seen widely, perfectly illustrated by the memories of him that another local icon, Major League Baseball player and announcer Steve Blass, spoke of at the dedication of the Housy ball field May 21. Kirby, of course, was Blass' high school baseball coach at Housy, and Blass credited him with giving him just the right amount of encouragement and toughness to make it into professional baseball.

Those who thank Ed Kirby for inspiring them to move forward in life, whatever their specific interests were, are legion in their numbers. He stands as a brilliant example of what an educator can be to his students: a leader, a motivator and an inspiration to do more with their lives than they may have ever thought possible.

We would welcome hearing from any whose lives were touched by Ed Kirby, whether through academics, sports, history, geology, volunteering, the list can go on and on. Just hearing your stories could give those who come after you a better and fuller understanding of the man for whom the baseball field at Housy is now named. Those who play there will benefit from knowing more about Ed Kirby, the larger than life presence who made a difference to so many lives.

Please share your memories by sending letters of 500 words or fewer to publisher@lakevillejournal.com or PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, att. Janet.

## Some are turning a blind eye to the hidden war

As the world has witnessed an 11-day warlike event between Israel and the Palestinians, this Memorial Day I have been thinking of all lost in battles, soldiers and civilians of all ages in acknowledged conflicts. In the U.S. and around the world, there are thousands of women and children who been killed by the man, or others in their social circle, due to domestic violence.

Many times more suffer abuse and control dynamics for years and cannot find a safe way out many times even when they are willing and leave. Too many women are tormented with having to choose their freedom or their children, and some are forced from their children as well.

The courts in the U.S. and much of the world have turned a blind eye to the hidden war, but hopefully that will not continue. Jennifer's Law passed to prevent more of the coercive control that may not manifest with overt physical violence as a measure to allow women or other victims of abuse to be safe and together with their children.

David Mandel of SafeAndTogetherInstitute.com offers more online training around the world to highlight the need for all systems to advocate for victims and hold abusers accountable. Let's each learn from online and local situations about how we can improve safety for all across the life spectrum and as we share the roads and challenges any face with care and real support.

Catherine Palmer Paton

Falls Village



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Fence through the ferns



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

## A quiet sunset at Lake Wononscopomuc

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The sides of 'red flag' legislation

The "red flag" expansion bill is the next step forward to strengthening our safety as Americans. This new bill offers multiple different solutions to problems that arise from these strict rules. I am in favor of this bill. It is the next step to protecting citizens.

To take a person's gun away from them, they need a "risk warrant" from a police officer or somebody in judiciary power. This new bill offers people related to the person posing imminent harm (family members, doctors, community members, etc.) to be able to request a risk warrant. There is nobody who knows a person better than their own siblings or even trained professionals who work with that person. This change will help decrease the number of guns shootings significantly, if the person's relations use the new law.

Furthermore, the new bill would remove the one-year policy. The only way a suspect is able to receive his guns back is until proven not an imminent harm. According to the current law, the person would have their guns returned to

him/her after a year and possibly cause harm until another risk warrant is issued. This is obviously a flawed thought process. According to the predictions from the Connecticut State Government website, this will reduce gun fights and conflicts by 50 percent. This is significant because the more we help secure our citizens' safety, the better community we will have.

I had the opportunity to interview a local gun owner and ask their thoughts on the bill. As you could probably imagine, their take on the bill was not positive. When we began our conversation, he didn't know that this bill was in legislation. Furthermore, he was sincerely concerned about the law after I gave him the brief overview of the bill. When asked about the expansion of who can ask for a risk warrant, he replied, "there is merit" to those who are medically trained professionals. However, expanding it to "concerned community members" is "way too broad." However, when asked about the one-year policy being removed, he responded imme-

diately with "Not in favor... I own a gun to hunt and provide food for my family... people like me shouldn't have their gun removed for at least over a year because part of how I feed my family is through hunting." He further states that "I want my kids and grandchildren to like hunting as well, this bill (if passed), would maybe change their thoughts on that." He makes a very good argument.

Overall, when asked about Second Amendment lawmaking, he believes that they should be made in a "reactionary manner." I completely disagree with this statement because the red flag law was a reactionary bill to the Sandy Hook incident.

In conclusion, I am for this new bill, and this is the next step forward in the right direction in protecting our citizens. People will disagree, like the gun owner I interviewed. However, this bill will help protect the local and statewide citizens of Connecticut.

Steve Kondas  
Salisbury School

Salisbury

## The flip side of Michael Kahler

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And let the chips fall  
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The COVID-19 pandemic has done some terrible things to good people who are more relevant in our lives than we can ever imagine. The people who are mostly affected by the pandemic are those within small businesses, who are working endlessly to make the customers satisfied as well as making a living for themselves.

After being in Salisbury for the last two school years, it is evident how much these small business workers are needed and how useful they are in this part of the state. Every student here at the Salisbury School knows every small food business around, and most definitely has their favorites, me included. Although not all small businesses have been affected to the biggest capacity, it still leaves a lot of unneeded work to do in order to be in the best shape your business can be in during this time.

In 2020, the Department of Economic and Community Development established two programs that collectively provided approximately \$92 million in loans and grants to state businesses. Now in 2021, the small businesses around need higher compensation from the state because due to COVID, many businesses had people fired and let go because of the amount of space to pay their workers which then puts more work on their plates.

After interviewing a small business owner, Mr. Adam Mayer, who is also a teacher and coach at the Salisbury School, it has become evident that the pandemic has somewhat affected every small business in both good and bad ways. The unique part about his small business that you don't see every day is that he is the only employee. Since the pandemic, Mr. Mayer informed me that he has financially benefited from the pandemic, but a huge factor to that are the people who have moved into Salisbury and a growing market within the Paddle Boarding business. Although this is not something as tragic as other businesses, it provides solid information to why these businesses are so crucial and important to this town.

These men and women who work effortlessly every day to provide for us but more, so their own families are the real heroes. These owners need help to keep their businesses in the best possible shape. I hope that my thoughts and views on this topic help other people realize what is happening and to start their work to help the small businesses around Salisbury.

The people living in this phenomenon every day have done their part for this region, now it is the state's turn to return the favor and give more help to these businesses.

Kyle Aldridge  
Salisbury School

Salisbury

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No more than 500 words.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1921

LAKEVILLE — "Laddie," Miss Virginia Thrall's pet Collie, has disappeared, nothing having been seen of the dog since last Friday. The dog has the regular collie markings and wears a tag marked 50033. Any news of Laddie's whereabouts will be gratefully received by the Thrall family.

SALISBURY — A little attention to the Undermountain Road is strictly in order. That road is presently unspeakable. The little work with the scraper might help some.

LAKEVILLE — Mrs. Alice Bennett, who has been housekeeper for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, has gone to Sheffield to take a similar position.

50 years ago — 1971

State Trooper Bob Smithwick swears it's true. The other night a portly gentleman from out of town stopped at the telephone booth across the street from the Lakeville Fire House to make a call. In the process he became wedged into the booth and couldn't get out. Some 45 minutes later Trooper Smithwick, having been alerted by the State Police Barracks in Canaan, arrived to liberate what by now was a somewhat distraught visitor. It seems that he had a little difficulty convincing the telephone operator he was telling the truth about his predicament.

Salisbury's new Volunteer Ambulance Service has contracted to buy the former Hamzy Garage on Route 41 as a headquarters, SVAS President W. Rees Harris announced this week. SVAS plans to be in operation by the July 4 weekend with a new van-type Ford ambulance and a cadre of 10 volunteers who will provide around-the-clock emergency service with a regular duty roster.

One of the historic pines which grows out of the rock in Cathedral Pines, Cornwall, was blown over last week in a "Baby Twister" which struck Valley Road during an evening thunder shower last week.

Earl Stevenson Kilson, the last of the Schaghticoke Indians to make his home on the reservation in Kent, died at New Milford Hospital on Sunday, May 30. He was 72 years old. A life-long resident of Kent, he was a son of the late Michael and Bertha (Reilly) Kilson. His heritage reached back to Mah-Wee of the Pequot tribe, who established the settlement of Indians on the banks of the Housatonic in Kent, an area first known as Pish-gach-ti-gock ("Where the waters meet").



# University of Conn. makes the same money mistake twice

In the words of the legendary phrasemaker Yogi Berra, the University of Connecticut has found itself in an embarrassing “déjà vu all over again” situation by making another sweetheart financial deal with an ex president.

Way back in 2019, Susan Herbst stepped down after eight years as head of the state's higher education flagship and departed on a year-long sabbatical accompanied by the \$712,000 salary she received as president.

After that, she endured a significant salary cut, to a mere \$319,000, when she joined the Stamford campus of the university as a tenured full professor of political science, teaching a reported one course.

But there was still hope for advancement for the new professor because her contract couldn't keep her down in the \$300K range for long. It promised to pay her a salary equal to that of the highest paid professor the university might hire in the future.

If, for example, the university were able to acquire the services of a real academic star, say a Nobel Prize winner in physics, requiring the payment of as much as \$500,000 per annum, Professor Herbst would enjoy the same salary. She would, in fact, enjoy that happy reality forever, or at least until she stopped working. She is now just 57 years old and has indicated no interest in retiring. Why would she?

Along about the time the public was becoming aware of this most extraordinary

contractual agreement by a deficit laden institution, courtesy, as I recall, of The Courant's Jon Lender, the same Board of Trustees was negotiating with Herbst's replacement.

That would be Thomas (“Tommy, we hardly knew ye”) Katsouleas, who was hired as president in August of 2019 and announced his departure at the end of June 2021. How time flies.

Like Herbst, Katsouleas is leaving the presidency, but not the family. But unlike Herbst, his only two years as president do not qualify him for a sabbatical year with his full president's salary intact. You need five long years in office for that particular perk. So, in order to keep working, this former president will have to immediately assume the duties of professor. He will become a tenured professor in UConn's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, with what is called a courtesy appointment in the Physics Department.

His starting salary will be \$339,000, the same two other professors, one being Yiming Qian of the Business Department, the university's highest paid employee outside of those in UConn Health or coaching. The other top salaried prof is, of course, the aforementioned Herbst.

This arrangement, allowing the retired presidents to continue getting the pay of the best

## IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

paid member of the faculty, is, according to experts in this field contacted by The Courant, as unheard of as it is generous.

It seems colleges and universities are usually or unusually generous to former presidents who want to stay on, most often paying them 75% of their president's salary or matching the university's highest paid professor, whichever is more.

But the deal works only once and is not repeated every time a higher paid prof gets signed up — from here to eternity.

You may wonder why, after Herbst's sweetheart deal was greeted with such public disdain, the trustees negotiated the same extraordinary agreement with the two-year man, Katsouleas. I wonder with you. Maybe the trustees don't care what the public thinks.

I wonder, too, how the trustees could let this happen — twice — with tuition at an all-time high, with beleaguered students burdened by college loans until well into middle age. This comes after being frequently taught by poorly paid graduate assistants while their wealthy professors get away with teaching a couple of courses in order to pursue what looks like the “research university's” primary goal.

But do not despair. Connecticut taxpayers/fans will soon welcome a new football season, in which the team is expected to do better than

last season, when they didn't play. The question is, will the fan revolt against ticket costs continue and will the team improve upon its two most recent performances of 2 wins and 10 losses in 2019 and 1 win and 11 defeats in 2018? Or will everybody win if the university gets out of big-time football?

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# The Beat poets saw the harsh wall of America

## SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

len before Carson, before Ed McMahon shouted “Here's Johnny!”

“On The Road” — our Bible of the Fifties. Eisenhower, whose speech writers coined the term “military-industrial complex”, many wearing “I Like Ike” buttons, who came to us a Republican defeating Adlai Stevenson, the man from Illinois who, sitting on his Springfield porch looked out at the flat landscape and said that this vista was not boring but one where you could see very far in all directions.

Ike — golf; Adlai — tennis, the latter dying on his way to the court for a last game. Having just had great sex.

My father — I think he voted for Adlai, but he couldn't get over that iconic photo of Adlai with his feet on his desk showing a prominent hole in the sole of his shoe. “How could a man in his position have a shoe like that?”

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, the granddaddy of Beat poets (“A Coney Island of the Mind”), died in March 2021 at age 101. City Lights Bookstore was his baby, founding it in 1953, the first all-paperback store in the world. You cannot go to San Francisco without going to City Lights. The Golden Gate Bridge? Fishermen's Wharf? Chopped liver.

The details are a bit murky, but City Lights published Allen Ginsberg's poem “Howl.” The poet Michael McClure said in response to Ginsberg's reading, “Ginsberg read on to the end of the poem, which left us standing in wonder, or cheering and wondering, but knowing at the deepest level that a barrier had been broken, that a human voice and body had been hurled against the harsh wall of America.”

The harsh wall of America, indeed.

(In 1987 I had a 30-minute play “Mothers and Sons” done in Chicago at Victory Gardens Theater. The critic for the Sun-Times compared it favorably

to “Howl!” I might have quit then and there. But who believes critics?)

All and those other great Beats: Gary Snyder, Neal Cassidy, Kenneth Rexroth who learned Japanese in order to pen his haiku-like verse, and the indomitable William S. Burroughs who ate our Naked Lunch for us.

The incomparable Black Beat poet Amiri Baraka, first known as LeRoi Jones, wrote “The Dutchman,” which culminates in a white woman stabbing a Black man through the heart on a New York subway and then throwing his body out onto the tracks. It was first done in 1964, but, as someone has said, the Fifties didn't end until JFK's assassination in '63.

And who are the women alongside the Beat Men? That's for another column.

The Fifties. My 20-year-old daughter has become something of an expert on housing projects that began in that decade. She has written analytical papers (I have no powers of analysis) examining the practice of redlining, where a literal red line was drawn around urban areas that banks would not lend to, the system of preventing Black and Brown people from moving out of the Projects to middle-class “hoods. A system that was designed to help poor Caucasians move on and out. A system denied to people of color. We hear a lot about “systemic racism.” This is it in spades. That may not be the most felicitous of terms, but accurate nonetheless.

I wrote in a previous column about Gwen Reed who played Aunt Jemima for events, Kiwanis meetings, state fairs, et cetera, throughout the Northeast. She lived in the public housing of Bellevue Square in the North End of Hartford. There is a video of her describing when she first moved in. She says that there were trees everywhere. Every resident had their own tree. The video shows no trees.

The harsh wall of America, indeed.

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# What's ahead for Putin and Russia?

Not only is he one of the most powerful dictators in the world, some say he may also be the richest.

His early career with the secret police (the KGB) prepared him only too well for the acquisition of power in a totalitarian state. Vladimir Putin's career, has been a combination of skill, luck, and good timing. He entered government as a protege of President Yeltsin in 1999 and he has consolidated and increased his power ever since to the point he recently amended the Russian constitution such that he may now legally remain as President until 2033, at which time he will be 81.

In his first 15 years as Prime Minister and President, everything occurred in his favor. He straightened out the chaotic government left to him by Yeltsin and was the beneficiary of a greatly improved economy sparked by the enormous increase in oil and gas prices and other raw materials. Even with election “irregularities” Putin was very popular and won re-election in 2018 easily.

Russia is a depressed country. With the lowest life expectancy in Europe (men 64, women 76), and nearly one in seven adults is alcoholic. Also its drug use is now one of the highest in Europe. Russia's population of 148 million people has barely grown over the past sixty years and since the 1990s its death rate has exceeded its birth rate. At 1.6 children born per woman, Russia has one of the lowest fertility rates in the world and one of the oldest populations with a median age of 41 years.

Russia is the largest country in the world. And unlike most countries it is geographically well positioned and well endowed. While tropical and semi-tropical countries are battling excessive heat, drought, and flooding, most of Russia including Siberia is poised to become much more livable and agriculturally productive in the coming years thanks to climate change. The country is rich in natural resources such as fossil fuels, metals, forests and, most important, water. Currently Russian agriculture is backward; but with concentrated effort the country could become a world leader in food production.

But, like the U.S. only more so, Russia has devoted too large a share of its economy to the military and to harvesting natural resources, especially fossil fuels. To be prosperous a generation from now, Russia must rapidly start shifting its economy to other, more sustainable fields.

Materially speaking, Putin has most everything a person would want.

For the past several years, a new villa dubbed “Putin's Palace”

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has been under construction at a cost of more than \$1.5 billion along the “Russian Riviera” on the Black Sea.

Divorced in 2014. Putin has two daughters (ages 33 and 35) by an earlier marriage. He has been rumored to have a longstanding relationship with a woman the age of his daughters.

Putin's moves to recreate Russia as a great nation by dominating its former satellites has been generally popular at home including his seizure of the Crimea and his aggression against Eastern Ukraine. But at the same time Russians have more and more come to regard him as a despot, preoccupied with controlling everything, and enriching himself and his “oligarchs” in the process.

The imprisoning and murdering of his political challengers has not been popular with the Russian people. The poisoning and imprisonment of Alexei Navalny has brought more protesters out into the streets all across the country than any other of Putin's previous attempts to suppress dissent.

Although he could improve his standing with people in neighboring states, the First World, and his own country by permitting dissent at home Putin has no intention of doing so. He has improved his popularity at home by fighting a “cold war” with his neighbors and the “West”. And allowing dissent seems to him too menacing to his own, and national, security.

Foremost in the mind of Putin and his oligarchs is the threat of a popular revolution, where they might be replaced by Navalny or some other uncorruptible leader calling for honest government. Not only would Putin and his accomplices lose their wealth but might also be tried as criminals.

Were Putin to have a political epiphany and decide to turn the country much more democratic, the resistance from many sectors of the government might be enormous, perhaps even ending in his overthrow. Many thousands of Russians profit from the current corrupt system and would not give up their positions willingly.

A strong, heroic leader like Navalny, should he survive, coupled with the death of Putin would offer the best hope for a future democratic government. But don't hold your breath. In time, there may be another Russian revolution but probably not any time soon.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES NORMA BOSWORTH

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25 years ago — 1996

The Lakeville Journal Co. LLC has announced plans to publish a third weekly newspaper, The Winsted Journal, beginning June 21.

SALISBURY — A resident who wishes to remain unidentified for reasons that will become obvious was mowing her lawn recently. Her mower blade kept striking a rock. Exasperated, she stopped and dug out the offending stone, turned it over and, to her surprise, discovered a hollowed-out bowl clearly but primitively carved. Since then,

a section of her property has become a miniature archaeological dig for two groups of students, a site so full of possibilities even state Archaeologist Nicholas Ballantoni has become intrigued by samples of finds he has seen and hopes to come to Salisbury to see for himself in mid-June.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. Go to [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org) to find more archives.



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First peonies of the season

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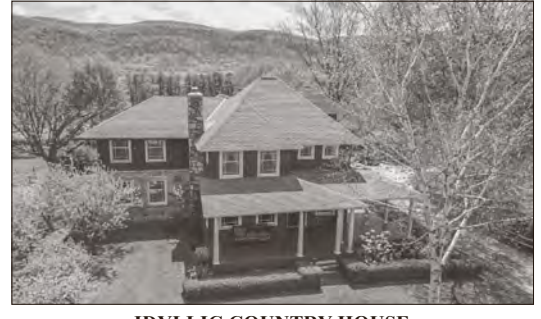
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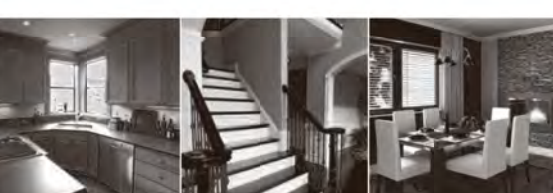
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