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Regional schools budget vote was May 4

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Restowns.

Results of the vote were not available at press time for this week's issue. They will idents of the six towns of the be posted online at www. Region One School District tricornernews.com as soon voted on the regional school as they become available budget on Tuesday, May 4, at and will be included in the town halls in the six regional May 13 issue of The Lakeville

Affordable housing plan vote on May 17

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission will vote on a resolution approving an affordable housing application on Monday, May

The commission met online Wednesday, April 28, to deliberate.

The commission concluded that the intervenors failed to meet their burden of showing that the Salisbury Housing Committee's affordable housing building at 11 Holley St. in Lakeville will unreasonably impair the historic resources of the state.

The commissioners then addressed a lengthy list of concerns that will be included as conditions in the resolution.

These included: A prohi-

bition on working on cars in the parking lot; reducing the size of the chimneys; "softening" the support columns in the rear of the building with stone cladding or some other material; restrictions on window treatments; a "no loading" zone in the front of the building (on Millerton Road/ Route 44); an enclosed area for garbage bins; approval from the State Historic Preservation Office; a recommendation that the town clarify the right of way near the site.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens said he, Land Use Administrator Abby Conroy and attorney Charles Andres would prepare an affirmative resolution with conditions for the May 17 regular meeting of

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The ceremony honoring James Mars on Sunday, May 2, ended with drumming led by Angaza Mwando, at right.

Paying tribute to the life of James Mars at a witness stone ceremony in Norfolk

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORFOLK — The life of James Mars was celebrated at the Norfolk Congregational Church on Sunday, May 2, with a ceremony marking the unveiling of a witness stone honoring Mars, the last slave bought or sold in Norfolk.

Students from Salisbury School, under the guidance of history teacher Rhonan Mokriski, put the event together as part of a new course, "Searching for Slavery in Salisbury."

In a Zoom interview Monday, May 3, the students described the considerable logistical effort needed to bring together U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5), state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), state Sen. Kevin Witkos (R-8), Dennis Powell of the Berkshire County, Mass., branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Angaza Mwando of Our Culture is Beautiful of Torrington, and the Rev. Cleo Graham, pastor of Faith Congregational

Church in Hartford. The students' efforts were assisted by a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

The Rev. Erick Olsen of the Norfolk Congregational Church welcomed the crowd, which the Salisbury School students counted at 115.

Brendan Cassamajor, one of the students, said the May 2 event was the result

of a school year's worth of planning. The Norfolk church and the Norfolk Historical Society were particularly help-

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Farm market season is here!

By Cynthia Hochswender

CORNWALL — Strong winds that began late Friday continued into Saturday morning, the first day of May and also the first day of the Northwest Corner farm markets. The Cornwall Coop Market opened on the Green on Pine Street at 9 a.m. with herbs, baked goods from legendary Cornwall baker Susan Saccardi, maple syrup, honey, meats, dairy products, eggs —lots of eggs.

"Look at these beautiful big eggs, you can't find anything like that at a grocery store," said Gordon Ridgway, a farmer and also the town's first selectman.

Ridgway said there will be even more vendors this year, thanks to the recent influx of new residents in town; and thanks to a particularly good 2020 summer market season. He said some vendors at the market saw a 50% increase in sales last summer.

The Coop Market is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday on the Green. In the afternoon, Ridgway said, anything that hasn't sold will go to The Local, at 415 Sha-

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PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER Gordon Ridgway hefted a large farmraised egg at the Cornwall Coop Market.

String of car thefts and burglaries in the region

By Alexander Wilburn

FALLS VILLAGE — The State Police at Troop B are currently investigating a string of thefts from private residences just blocks from each other in Falls Village. Four different vehicles were stolen from their owners' driveways — all on a single night, in the early hours of Monday, April 26.

• A red 2017 Subaru Forrester taken from a residence a residence on Facchin Street on Cobble Road between midnight and 2 a.m.

• A red Subaru Outback taken from a residence on Beebe Hill Road between 3 and 3:30

• A gray 2017 Acura RDX taken from a residence on Bee-

The four vehicles stolen be Hill between 3 and 3:30 a.m. • A silver 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland taken from

> between 3:50 and 3:55 a.m. The first three stolen vehicles were left unlocked with

> the keys inside. The Jeep was locked but still had a set of the owner's keys inside the vehicle.

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Sharon begins to explore owning its own cable network

By Rob Buccino

SHARON —The Sharon Connect Task Force updated residents about the town's ongoing efforts to improve local access to broadband internet service in a Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 29. Co-hosts of the meeting were Jill Drew and Meghan Flanagan.

Most of the call addressed progress toward potentially building a town-owned fiber

optic cable network to provide high-speed internet connections to businesses and residents situated along all town and state roads.

Fiber optic cable transmits data faster and farther than the coaxial cable currently connecting homes and businesses to internet providers such as Comcast and Frontier, and also lasts longer before needing replacement.

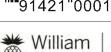
To explore this option rig-

orously, the Task Force has requested a \$30,000 grant from the town budget and has also applied for \$60,000 from federal funds earmarked for internet access enhancement.

These amounts would fund an engineering study to map town thoroughfares and utility pole locations, identify optimal locations for utility huts to house distribution technology,

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Three-da	y forecast
Friday	Rain, high 57°/low 39°
Saturday	Cloudy, 57°/37°
Sunday	Cloudy, 55°/37°

Vaccines for Salisbury residents

SALISBURY —The Salisbury School boys boarding school will host a Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Salisbury residents ages 16 and up on Saturday, May 8 (first dose), and Saturday, May 29 (second dose), between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Preregistration is required and information will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website at www.salisburyct.us. For more information, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Salisbury Central honor roll

SALISBURY — Salisbury Central School released its list of honors for the second trimester of the 2020-21 school year.

Sixth grade **Highest honors**

Levi Houck, Marygrace Hussey, Robert Nellson, Charlie O'Connell, Ishaan Tantri

High honors

Asher Blake, Hadley Casey, Gianna Cordova-Fiori, Carmela Egan, Wiley Fails, Cooper Grace, Fae Hall, Makenzie Lidstone, Jackson McAvoy, Cole Metcalf, Michael Philipp, Christopher Race, Grafton Reilly, Adele Russell

Honors Benjamin Fiorillo, Ryan

Segalla Seventh grade

Highest honors Annabel Prinz, Ella Woodworth, Mirabelle Wright

High honors Elizabeth Allyn, lleana Carter, Kip Carter, Mabel Fenton, Anna Gillette, Nicolas Gonzalez, Chloe Hill, Sara Ireland,

Neve Kline, Saoirse O'Connell, Eloise Prinz, Rebecca Sadlon, Ava Segalla, Orla Shillingford

Honors

Stella Fenton, Carter Haab Eighth grade **Highest honors**

Tessie Connell, Tess Marks, Jassim Mohydin, Mason O'Niel, Gabriela Titone, Elinor Wolgemuth

High honors

Kobe Brown, Lou Haemmerle, Sara Huber, Olivia Robson, Dominik Valcin

Honors Georgette Campagne, Briana Clark, Jayme Walsh

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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.

Two-car collision

On April 24 at approximately 9:45 p.m. a 2011 Toyota Camry driven by Olivia Rose Woods, 19, of Cornwall drove onto Route 41 from Low Road in Sharon without yielding the right of way and was struck by a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Robert Barnett, 71, of New Milford, Conn. Upon impact the Toyota was pushed into a utility pole. Woods was transported to Sharon Hospital for injuries from the collision. She was issued a written warning for failure to yield the right of way.

Struck a utility pole

On April 24 at approximately 10:15 p.m. on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall a 2010

Honda Civic LX driven by Mat-

verbal warning for distracted driving while using a handheld electronic device.

thew Peterson, 24, of Plainville,

Conn., lost control and struck

an Eversource utility post. Pe-

terson was issued an infraction

for failure to maintain the lane

and traveling too fast for the

Rear-ended

mately 8:30 p.m. on Main

Street in North Canaan a 2015

Ram 2500 driven by James

Dawson, 39, of Southfield,

Mass., stopped to turn left and

was struck from behind by a

2017 Honda Civic LX driven

by Kathryn Boughton, 73, of

North Canaan. No injuries

were reported. Boughton was

issued a written warning for

following too closely and a

On April 26 at approxi-

conditions.

Possession of cannabis On April 28 at approximately 10:45 p.m. on East Main Street in North Canaan Troop B was dispatched to the XtraMart gas station following a report of an intoxicated male at the gas pumps. After failing a standardized field sobriety test,

Preston Shaffer, 25, of Sharon was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, use of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than a half ounce of cannabis. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 12.

Two-car collision

On April 30 at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Main Street in Salisbury a 1996 Ford F350 driven by Barrie Richardson, 29, of Sharon attempted to make a left turn at the intersection and struck a 2016 Ford Focus driven by Mackenzie Dunlavey, 19, of Millerton. No injuries were reported. Richardson was found at fault and issued an infraction for failure to grant the right of way at an intersection.

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.

Trial tower balloon now scheduled for Friday, May 7

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand said on Tuesday, May 4, that the test balloon related to an application for a 94-foot cell tower at 106 Sharon Road (the Wake Robin Inn) will go up on Friday, May 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The rain date is Sunday, May 9.

The test had originally been scheduled for Monday, May 3, but was postponed because of weather.

The application for the tower may be viewed at portal. ct.gov/CSC/1_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/ Pending-Matters. The docket number is 501.

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Our Towns



Stanley Morby, the newest member of the town crew, planted two trees at North Canaan Elementary School last week in advance of an April 30 Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration.

Honoring beloved staff at Earth/Arbor Day celebration

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Arbor Day and Earth Day were combined for a day at North Canaan Elementary School (NCES) last week, as students, staff and community members gathered to dedicate two newly planted flowering dogwood trees in memory of two beloved staff members lost in 2021.

Now in its 31st year as an annual observance, the ceremony was held on Friday, April 30, the official date of Arbor Day in 2021, as NCES Principal Alicia Roy guided the program of appreciation for the contributions of two staff members, each remembered with their own memorial tree.

The pink dogwood was dedicated to the memory of Katy Sherwood, a paraprofessional at the school for the past three years. She was the mother of two NCES students: Jake in the eighth grade and Abby in the seventh grade. A third child, Carter, will soon enroll

The white dogwood is in memory of Leila Wood, who had served as school counselor since 1986. She was an unfailing source of comfort, courage and strength for NCES students over the years. (Her obituary is in this week's Lakeville Journal, on Page A5.)

Sixth grade students recited poetry that they had written for the occasion.

Many volunteers contributed to the event. Roy thanked The Canaan Foundation for its general support of the school's arboretum project, and she added thanks to the North Canaan selectmen and the town crew, including Chris Toomey, Bryon Carlson and Stanley Morby, for help with the planting work and seeing that the young trees got off to a good start.

Laurel Brook Natural Resources contributed three cubic yards of rich garden soil, and additional thanks went to Christian Allyn and Tom

Zetterstrom for their continued attention to the arboretum.

While the observance of Arbor Day dates back to its beginnings as the idea of a Nebraska newspaperman in the early 1870s, the idea had spread steadily when President Richard Nixon named it a national holiday in 1970. Earth Day (celebrated on April 22 each year) also got its start in 1970, generally recognized as the start of the environmental movement. That movement is now in its 51st year.

By Leila Hawken es, they decided unanimous-SHARON — Gathering in ly to make no changes to the budgets as presented and to person at Sharon Center School move the budgets on for consideration at the annual town

or remotely on Zoom, about 45 residents attended the public hearing on Friday, April 30, to hear details of the 2021-22 proposed budgets.

The budgets had been approved for presentation by the Board of Finance after submission by the boards of selectmen and education.

Some questions were asked by residents seeking clarification on proposed expenditures.

Immediately following the hearing, the Board of Finance met to review the comments that were voiced. Having heard

no call for substantive changmeeting scheduled for Friday, May 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The town meeting will be held at Sharon Center School.

Sharon budget vote will be May 14

Education spending

Reviewing the education side of the town budget, Board of Education Chairman Doug Cahill outlined the expenditures showing a total of \$4,513,781 for Sharon Center School, an increase of \$170,468 over the current year, or 3.92%.

Sharon's share of the Region One School District is esti-

The costs of upgrading and

The Board of Finance has

maintaining the town's website

is increased by \$3,000, from

not yet set a date for a public

hearing. Todd has said several

times that the selectmen want a

return to regular, pre-pandem-

ic order with a public hearing

on the municipal and Lee H.

Kellogg School budget pro-

posals and subsequent town

meeting. Both would be held

at the school, with appropriate

masking and distancing.

\$6,400 to \$9,400.

mated at \$2,066,112, down by \$146,411, or 6.6%.

Maintenance projects foreseen for the coming year at the school include a security upgrade (\$9,702) and air conditioning for the lower floor level, estimated at \$200,000. Air conditioning in the gymnasium would come along in a future year's budget.

An AC alternative

During the hearing, a representative of the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission did not question the need for air conditioning, but rather urged attention to today's high-efficiency options such as heat pumps that could be powered by solar energy. Newer systems are energy efficient and would provide lower utility costs, while reducing the town's carbon footprint substantially.

Municipal spending

The budget proposed by the Board of Selectmen totals \$4,852,223, an increase of \$181,956 over the current year, a 3.89% increase. First Selectman Brent Colley reviewed the anticipated expenditures.

Residents asked for clarification of salaries, and the wisdom of combining the duties into one employee, such as the merging of the fire marshal and the enforcement officer in the building department.

Another focus was on how support for local organizations is apportioned each year.

Town spending plan presented to FV finance board

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectman Henry Todd presented the 2021-22 municipal spending plan to the Board of Finance on Monday, April 26.

The bottom line is \$2,031,057, an increase of \$168,812 (9.06%).

Town Hall employees receive a 3% increase in salary. The town's insurance is up by \$6,000 to \$23,060.

The salary for the Economic Development Coordinator is up quite a bit, from \$2,000 to \$10,695, and the Recreation Director's salary is bumped up from \$9,300 to \$10,691.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Engine additive 4. A hearty laugh
- 8. Restrain
- 10. Dried coconut kernels 11. Nefarious
- 12. Elderly
- 13. Central part of a church building
- 15. Throw into confusion 16. Intestinal
- 17. Qualities of being religious
- 18. Live up to a standard 21. Seize
- 22. Go quickly
- 23. Automated teller machine 24. Bowling necessity
- 25. One point east of due south 26. Japanese honorific
- 27. A way to induce sleep 34. Makes cash register rolls
- 35. A city in S Louisiana
- 36. Make more cheerful
- 37. Manicurist 38. Consents
- 39. Network of nerves
- 40. Mocking smile 41. It covers the body
- 42. Partner to pans 43. Perform in a play
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Beautiful
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family 4. Self-governing Netherlands
- territory 5. Shared one's view
- 6. Tailless amphibians 7. Charge passengers must pay
- 9. Sound sheep make
- 10. Known for sure 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
- 14. Student (abbr.)
- 15. Criticize
- 17. Gathering place 19. Informal alliances
- 20. One's mother (British)
- 23. Landholder
- 24. Peter's last name
- 6 9

solution in next week's issue. **April 29 Solution** 34. Dal __: Musical navigation

Look for the



Sudoku

25. Parties

30. Frosts

27. Red wine

31. Cry of joy

marker

26. Title of respect

28. Pearl Jam's debut

32. Induces vomiting

33. Mother or father

36. Door fastener part

29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

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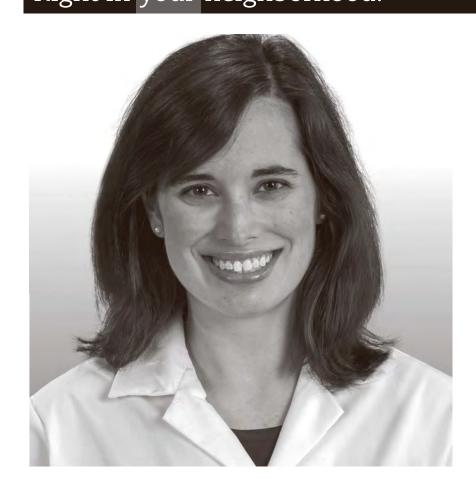
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Now it's called Wheeler Wine and Spirits Merchant

Dave Wheeler is moving slowly forward with the change of name for his business from Rick's Wine and Spirits in Sharon at the shopping plaza, to Wheeler Wine and Spirits Merchant. The new outdoor sign was installed on Wednesday, April 28. The small Rick's Wine and Spirits sign, for now, is still on the outside of the building; Wheeler is looking for an appropriate work of art for that part of the entry area.



Kent budget set for public hearing May 7

By Leila Hawken

KENT —After restoring funds to three accounts, the Board of Finance voted to approve the amended proposed 2021-22 town budget at their meeting on Tuesday, April 28. The meeting was conducted on

The action cleared the way for the town budget and the

Board of Education budget to be considered at a public hearing to be held on Friday, May 7, beginning at 7 p.m., on Zoom.

Indicating that the selectmen had taken no action at their April meeting to resolve the budget requests from the Kent Memorial Library (\$125,000) and the Kent Volunteer Fire Department (\$106,000), finance board member Ed Epstein urged funding the two organizations at their originally requested levels. The finance board acted accordingly.

The Emergency Medical Services line was raised to its requested level of \$31,797.

By those actions, the new funding total for the town budget proposal stands at \$13,363,029. To keep the mill rate steady, that total will require that \$486,250 be withdrawn from the town's unassigned General Fund.

Finance board member Rufus de Rham commented that he understood the selectmen's intent had been to hold the mill rate steady for the coming year.

Copies of the town budget proposals are available at Town Hall in printed form, and the budget is also posted on the town website at www. townofkentct.org; click on the announcement of the May 7 public hearing.

PHOTO BY CAROLINE BURCHFIELD

Students from The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville expressed their gratitude to community emergency responders by filling the planters in front of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Lakeville Hose Company with spring pansies on Tuesday, April 27. Among the students was Kiki Henry, left.



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Hilltop Road residents in Sharon ask for a stop to speeding

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Concerned about continued speeding along Hilltop Road, residents approached the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 27, asking that the town demonstrate progress on the issue.

"We just want to know that things are moving," one resident said, asking for a timeline for progress on the request for control of speeding cars on Hilltop Road (where the entry is to Sharon Center School).

Residents have complained that their road is used by many motorists as a convenient town center bypass connecting Routes 41 and 4, and that excessive speed is endangering both their safety and the students' safety at Sharon Center School.

Selectman Dale Iones said that the budget process has consumed attention for the past two months.

First Selectman Brent Colley said that he would be participating in a speed management seminar the next day. He had registered for the

learn about what data should be gathered and analyzed and to be informed about speed mitigation programs in use throughout the state.

Once the issue is fully understood, then a public meeting will be scheduled to allow residents to express opinions and to hear from a road engineer, Colley explained. Jones described that public meeting as "an informational hearing," a valuable part of the process.

"If we go in with the idea of initializing speed mitigation on one road, what is to stop people from wanting it for their own streets?" Jones asked.

Colley indicated that the se-

three-hour virtual meeting to lectmen need to consider the town as a whole when enacting new programs.

The Hilltop Road residents expressed their opinion that their problem is singular.

Nearing completion on the process for adopting a Food Truck Ordinance for the town, the selectmen approved the final draft. The vote was unanimous to include the new ordinance on the agenda of the next town meeting, scheduled for Friday, May 14, to be voted on by residents.

The selectmen also agreed to hire Mary O'Reilly as the town's new Social Services Agent. She will fill the position previously served by Miriam Jones.

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Carl Irving Weir

NORTH CANAAN — Carl Irving Weir passed away peacefully on April 20, 2021, from longstanding medical issues, at the age of 71.

He was a longtime resident at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation in North Canaan. He was very happy with his situation at the facility and always praised the people who interacted with him on a daily basis. Carl is survived by his brother, Douglas Weir; and his aunt, Edith Blodgett.

on dry-droppers

The situation: The an-

water, doing everything except

You have just spooked the pool.

and there is no shame to it.

called the dry-dropper.

Parachute Adams.

Must Be 18").

on there.

Congratulations, Pescador.

This happens all the time

There is a solution, and it is

What you need: One dry

fly, highly visible and high-rid-

ing. Examples: Stimulator, any

Wulff pattern, elk hair caddis,

tippet directly to the bend of

the hook with a clinch knot.

Fluoro is better than nylon be-

cause it sinks. I use Bozeman

Flyworks fluorocarbon tippet,

which comes in X ratings. (I

mean 3X, 4X, 5X, not "XXX

For small streams this drop-

Attach a small, weighted

Let's say you are using a

seven foot rod, line weight

four. Start with a store-bought

seven-and-a-half foot leader,

tapered to 4X. Cut off about

12 to 18 inches of the leader

thicker — and tie your dry fly

having trouble turning the rig

over, you can adjust by moving

the dry farther up the leader.

of nylon tippet to the leader

and tie the dry on there.

gled up, shorten it.

the time.

the way to go.

But not always.

about where it starts to get

If it is too long and you are

If it is too short, add a piece

If the dropper is getting tan-

In short: Fiddle around with

Then rethink your ap-

proach. Yes, trout tend to face

upstream and yes, sneaking up

on them from behind is often

Think of the little moun-

tain stream as a series of dis-

crete neighborhoods. Some

neighborhoods are better ap-

proached from above. Some-

times the fish are hanging in

the tailout, and will respond to

a nymph or wet (or even a dry)

that swings around in front of

periment, knowing that what

works in spot A may well be a

indicator here. Although quite

often the fish will ignore the

dropper that you have pains-

takingly assembled, and hit the

big fly. Once in a great while

the top fly. If it stops suddenly,

or disappears, then something

has grabbed the submerged fly.

caught on something, like a

stick, or a rock, or an alligator.

this with a hard panfish pop-

per, which won't ever get wa-

terlogged and sink, as even the

bushiest and most gooped-up

dry fly will.

Or the submerged fly is

For maximum heresy, try

But mostly you are watching

you'll get two fish at once.

disaster in spot B.

Again, you'll just have to ex-

The dry fly is acting as an

it. Eventually you'll settle on

something that works most of

per should probably not be

more than 2 feet in length.

nymph to the dropper.

Tie a piece of fluorocarbon

taking that fly.

However ...

Carl was born on April 9, 1950, at Sharon Hospital and grew up on Perry Street in Lakeville. He graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1969 and worked for Barbour Threads in Winsted.

Carl's main interests were movies and country-western music. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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

MILLERTON — David Her- Herring of South Carolina and

ring, 68, of Millerton passed away on April 24, 2021, at Putnam County Hospital in Pawling, N.Y., after a

Born in Tuckahoe, N.Y., he was the youngest son of Vinnie (Walker) and Wendell Herring.

long illness.

David was a member of the Army National Guard and studied music and voice at SUNY New Paltz. He was a born musician.

He leaves behind a wife, Judith Lawrence; three daughters, Davina, Allegra and Marah

Florida; as well as a close friend and care-

> giver, Joanie Moore. David was predeceased by his parents; and three brothers, Wendell, Brad and Kim Herring.

He was an attendee of North East Baptist Church. The funeral services for

David Herring will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, at North East Baptist in Millerton.

Arrangements are under the care of the Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Leila Wood, 75, of Salisbury, passed away suddenly on April

Leila was born Mass

She was a certified counselor and teacher at the North Canaan El-

ementary School for over 35 years, from 1986-2021, and was still working at the time

programs to the school, some of which were adopted by the entire region of school districts. Her programs included mental health therapy dogs to help students read, a technology program to aid students in career choices, and providing a mental health plan for every child. Leila worked tirelessly with generations of families at the school to connect with students for the betterment of lover. She spent time every

board.

Caroline E. Wood of Washington, D.C.; her grandson, Al-

Whitfield P. Wood; her granddaughter, Kayla Speranza; her three great-grandchildren; and her partner, Leo Nadeau of Salisbury; as well as many friends.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to The Harriet Leila Wood Children's Fund established at North Canaan Elementary School; donations can be made payable to North Canaan Elementary School and sent to the school at 90 Pease St., North Canaan, CT 06018, Attention: The Harriet Leila Wood Children's Fund.

Harriet Leila Wood

David Herring

Aug. 15, 1945, and was the child of Harriet Nash and Wilfred Nash of Quincy,

of her passing.

their lives.

also never missed her daily exercise, often consisting of swimming laps, which she loved. Leila was secretary for the East Meadow Private Asso-

SALISBURY — Harriet ciation for over 20 years. She was an avid gardener and beach

> she even taught her grandson, Alexander, how to body-

exander R. Denton; her son,

neral Home in North Canaan.

OBITUARIES

Timothy D. Riley

away April 27, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Tim was born Dec. 14, 1956, in Sharon, the son of the late Laurence C. Rilev Sr. and Helen Murphy.

He worked as a commercial dispatcher for Amenia Sand and Gravel as well as Colchester Sand and

Tim is survived by his children, Matt Riley and Lauren Riley, both of North Carolina; his former companion of 24 years, Lisa Bertisch of North Carolina; his brothers, Laurence C. Riley Jr. and his wife,

Barbara, of Falls Village, and

Kevin Riley and his wife, Lisa,

SHARON — Timothy D. of Lakeville; two nephews, Pat-Riley, 64, of Sharon passed rick and Kyle; and two nieces,

Alissa and Kara. He was prede-

ceased by his sister, Sandra Marie Anderson; and nephew, Todd Anderson.

He was an avid softball player and bowler, and he also enjoyed umpiring and refereeing soft-

ball and basketball games. Tim also loved his dogs and ANY

Family viewing was held May 1 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton, followed by a graveside service at Hillside Cemetery in

To send a condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.

Send obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com



Worship Services

Week of May 9, 2021

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gler approaches the TANGLED LINES little blue line cau-PATRICK L. SULLIVAN tiously. The angler, disregarding the stiff joints and aching

back, creeps up behind the Once you have established boulder and peers at the plunge that there are fish in a given pool. The angler ties on a dry neighborhood, and they are fly, and ever so carefully drops willing to eat, you can then reit right where the spooky wild rig with a solo dry fly. brook trout is probably hiding.

The fisherman 'goes deep'

Or you can just keep mov-And little dark shapes go ing. whizzing around under the

Don't be afraid to get big with your submerged fly. I like to start small and work up if needed. I do it this way because the tippet diameter necessary for the small (size 18-22) will also work for bigger (size 12-16), but not the other way

I like to use a smallish Stimulator (size 14) and a biggish nymph (size 14) tied together with four-pound Seaguar Inviz fluorocarbon line (sold for spinning rods). The clinch knot is on the bend of the hook of the Stimulator, and pay no attention to those Gloomy Guses who maintain clinch knots and fluoro don't mix. I do it all the

Use a Davy knot to attach the dry fly to the leader and the

nymph to the dropper. Next time we will discuss streamside yoga positions (including "The Barfing Heron") and Tenkara Euro-Mopping.





Leila worked to bring grant

Leila enjoyed her work, but

summer in Bethany Beach, Del., where

Leila is survived by her daughter,

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ful. The witness stone was provided by the Witness Stone Project.

Mars was born in 1790 and at the age of 8, in 1798, he was the last slave to be bought or sold in Norfolk.

Slavery was abolished in stages in Connecticut, starting with a prohibition on the importation of slaves in 1774,

and the 1784 Gradual Abolition Act. The final legislative action, "An Act to Prevent Slavery," was passed in 1848.

Mars wrote a short autobiography, which was republished by the Norfolk Historical Society. (Copies were available at the May 2 event.)

Horn thanked the students for their work. "We think we know our history," she said, adding that is important "to

go back and look at it."

She then read a proclamation from Gov. Ned Lamont making May 1, 2021, James Mars Day.

Witkos said he had walked past a portrait of Mars in the state capitol for years without paying much attention.

"So this project of Salisbury School had an effect on me," he continued. "We can't move forward unless we understand

the past."

Right up until the start of the ceremony, Olsen and the students weren't sure if Hayes was going to make it.

But sure enough, about 45 minutes into the event, Hayes, accompanied by her husband, appeared in the crowd.

Hayes, a former teacher, said she was "thrilled" by the students' project.

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and establish cost estimates for

installing and maintaining the

fiber optic cable and its connec-

tions. Several engineering com-

panies will be invited to bid on

Task force members ex-

plained that in the event the

town of Sharon does build and

own a fiber optic network, resi-

administration costs, mainte-

nance of cables, and emergency

repairs, much as residents pay

companies for water and sewer

would rely on bond issues, much

as new road construction does,

as well as federal and/or state

to have access," Drew said, ex-

plaining that commercial com-

panies have historically balked at

the costs of installing the many

miles of cable needed to reach

all of Sharon's relatively few and

widely spread-out homes and

"What we've mostly concen-

"We want everyone in town

Construction of the network

service.

grants.

businesses.

contracts for the study.

BROADBAND

"We can be intentional about educating ourselves," she said. "We're making a conscious effort to be better."

Graham led the audience in a prayer, the stone was unveiled, and the event wrapped up with drumming led by Mwando.

The Salisbury School students are working on other projects, including a documentary on the Cesar family of Salisbury and Sharon.

'This is just the beginning," Cassamajor said of the "Searching for Slavery" course. "We'll keep building on this. James Mars is just a portion of it."

A video of the event will be available on the Salisbury School website, and the project can be found on Instagram and Twitter.

THEFTS

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No home break-ins were reported.

Currently Troop B is not releasing any information obtained during the investigation about who might be behind the motor vehicle spree. It also remains unknown how many people are suspected to have been involved in the thefts, which appear to have happened in fairly quick succession. The victims' names are also not being publicly released at this time in the police report.

Housing

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the commission.

In the meantime, the prohibition on ex parte communications stands. Klemens and Andres emphasized that no commissioner should engage in any discussion with anybody on the application, including letters to the editor in newspapers.

"Just avoid them," said An-

Anyone with information pertaining to the four stolen vehicles in Falls Village or their current whereabouts is asked to contact Troop B at 860-626-

Litchfield County residents, particularly in Falls Village, are reminded to remove all valuables from their vehicles at night and not to leave keys inside the vehicle even when parked on private property.

There has also been a string of recent thefts in Millerton. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office sent out a news release on April 26 about "three thefts of actual vehicles themselves, and an attempted burglary all occurring in the north eastern Dutchess County areas of Amenia and Millerton."

Those incidents also occured in the late night/early morning hours.

"In each case the perpetrators have targeted vehicles that were unlocked with the key fobs inside or accessible," according to the report.

There was also a breakin and attempted burglary at Elizabeth's Jewelry Store on Route 44 in Millerton laste at night on April 22. The building was damaged but the would-be burglars were not able to enter the shop.

The report said, "it is believed the perpetrator(s) fled once the alarm sounded. At this time it is believed that the attempted burglary is unrelated to the other incidents described

to be part of a large organized out-of-state crime ring, and the perpetrators should be considered armed and dangerous," the report said.

like to warn residents to always lock their vehicles, never leave valuables or the keys/fob inside, never leave the vehicle running unattended, and never confront the perpetrator(s) yourself as they should be considered armed and dangerous. If you observe a suspicious person or someone attempting to commit one of these thefts, please call 911 immediately and let law enforcement handle the matter."

above. "These thefts are thought

'The Sheriff's Office would

trated on is, what would it take

to build something?" she said. Regarding the requests for funding the engineering study, she said, "We are ready to go, we've got the pedal to the metal. If there is money, we're going to

go for it."

Drew also noted, however, that the Task Force communicates regularly with companies currently providing service, to advocate for better local availability. Several of them have recently announced plans to expand or upgrade their broadband capabilities in the area.

She mentioned that a new

plans to offer advanced satellite-based internet service to the area by the end of 2021.

She also discussed the legislative initiative recently sponsored by Gov. Ned Lamont intended to compel cable companies to take measures to improve access to rural and underserved communities. While that legislation faces intense opposition and potential lawsuits from cable industry lobbyists, a vote is expected by the end of June, she said.

A video of the session can be seen on YouTube at www. youtube.com/watch?v=t-LV-FloXXHY. The Task Force Web site URL is sharonconnect.org.

dents would pay a private management company a regular fee covering home connections,

commercial entry, Starlink,

MARKETS

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ron-Goshen Turnpike.

The Local is open on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cornwall's original farm market, on the lawn of the Wish House in West Cornwall, just steps away from The Local, will open later in the month

of May.

In Kent, the flower market at Kent Barns will be held on the second Saturday of every month, beginning on May 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the front porch of RT Facts in the section of the village known as Kent Barns. The sale will feature local

flower growers; shops and art galleries in the village also have special offerings and exhibits. On May 8 there will be a

particular focus on tulips, topiaries, plants and pottery. It will be held rain or shine. The traditional farm market

in Kent will begin on Friday, May 21, at 9 South Main St. from 3 to 6 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

BAUER FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Through grants to colleges, The Bauer Foundation provides indirect scholarship assistance for undergraduate college education to students residing in Regional School District One based on merit and need.

The Bauer Fund operates in the same manner. However, grants from the Fund are limited to students attending either Cornell or Wellesley.

Students attending Cornell or Wellesley should apply to the Fund. All others should apply to the Foundation.

New and returning application forms for the 2021-2022 school vear areavailable at: www.bauerfundfoundation.

Completed and fully documented applications must be returned to The Bauer Foundation at PO Box 1784 Lakeville CT 06039-postmarked no later than June 15, 2021. Scholarship awards will be announced by August 23, 2021.

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Canaan Fire District Warning

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Budget Meeting of the said District will be held at the NorthCanaan Town Hall on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items:

1. To approve the District budget proposed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by the Executive Committee of the District; and

2. To transact any other business proper to come before such meeting.

Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 7th day of May, 2021.

Anthony J. Narnia Warden 05-06-21

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0129 by John M Arnold to construct a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot at 36 Hillcrest Lane Lakeville,

208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct. us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday February 5, 2021, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy<\@>salisburyct. us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 05-06-21 05-13-21

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 April 26, 2021:

Approved-Application 2021-IW-012 by Bob Stair to renovate existing gazeboroof, windows, siding. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 19 as lot 19 and is known as 145 Taconic Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is 145 TR LLC.

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.

05-06-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF STEPHEN H. SENZER **Late of North Canaan AKA Stephen Henry Senzer** (21-00184)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 19, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may

Map 7, Lot 13-4 per Section result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are: Judith A. Madden c/o Linda M. Patz Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP 7 Church Street P.O. Box 101 Canaan, CT 06018 Gordon T. Senzer c/o Linda M. Patz Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP 7 Church Street P.O. Box 101 Canaan, CT 06018

Megan Williams 05-06-21

WARNING **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING/** TOWN OF SHARON MAY 14, 2021

In-Person and VIA Zoom https://us02web.zoom. us/j/8727483273

Meeting ID: 872 748 3273 Masks and social distancing are required

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Town Meeting concerning the budget and other items of said Town, will be held at the Sharon Center School, 80 Hilltop Road on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To see what action the Town will take in accepting the June 30, 2020 financial statements for the Town. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

2. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, regarding the following, as approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To adopt the annual budget of the Town of Sharon. Copies are available at Town Hall and on the Website

3. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, regarding the following as approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of TOWN AID ROAD funds for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of our Town roads and bridges;

b. To authorize expenditures of up to \$11,000.00 from the Sharon Cemetery Fund;

c. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any state, federal or other funds or grants for educational purposes;

d. To authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 in interest from the Virginia Brown Fund for Nature's Classroom;

e. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any funds or grants for general municipal purposes;

f. To authorize the expenditures not to exceed \$160,000.00 from the Equipment Replacement fund;

g. To authorize the expenditures of up to \$5,000.00 from the 67 Main Street Account for general maintenance of that building.

4. To see what action the Town will take to adopt the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as approved by the Board of Finance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

5. To see what action the Town will take to adopt the proposed Food Truck Ordinance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

Dated at Sharon, Connecticut this 27th day of April 2021.

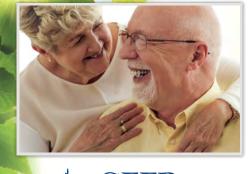
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ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Falls Village's Former Town Hall Is Born Again as a Gallery

fter repeated winter walks down the quiet Main Street of her countryside town, Kathleen Kucka had an idea.

A former downtown New York City artist and curator, Kucka has made a home in Falls Village, Conn. — fittingly, on the property of another artist, the late American muralist Ezra Winter.

In the long stretch of the winding, displaced time of the pandemic, it's easy to forget that it was fairly recently, in that let's-throw-a-party summer of 2019, that celebrated interior designer Bunny Williams unveiled her home decorating store in Falls Village, at (and called) 100 Main Street.

It was the village's single retail offering — not just on Main Street, but in the entirety of what's known as "Connecticut's second smallest town" (for the record, the smallest town is Union, with a population of 854; Falls Village has a population of 1,050).

Yet just across the street from 100 Main Street, were two small, adjoining commercial properties, like unanswered questions, recently vacant and full of potential.

A town committee had been formed, to search for business ideas that could build off Williams' success. At the start of the year, Kucka went to work, and on May 1 she successfully celebrated the opening of her new gallery.

Furnace: Art on Paper Archive is a contemporary setting exhibiting a single-artist collection on paper — bold, graphic and thoroughly high-end.

To conceive of the gallery, and open it in only a matter of months, is an ambitious timeline in any year. But for some, there's



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Artist Stephen Maine attended the opening of his solo exhibit, which was the debut show for Furnace: Art on Paper Archive on Saturday, May 1. Gallery-owner Kathleen Kucka, right, has turned the former town hall in Falls Village, Conn., into a stylish space to view contemporary works on paper.

been a particular energy harvested from the emptiness of the pandemic — it has been a space for renewal, for taking the unexpected turn, and seizing an opportunity that might

have otherwise gone by.

For Kucka, despite productivity in her own artist studio, the time away from the downtown clamor, buzz and chatter of the art scene only clarified the importance of public viewing and conversation around the unveiling of new work.

"Not seeing artwork in person, I was really craving it, and craving that art community. I realized just being in the void of my own studio for one hundred percent of my time isn't enough. I really need that yin and yang, that dialogue with artists and their work."

MAINE TO FALLS VILLAGE

With newly mounted large-scale gallery walls that mostly obscure the building's original old-fashioned wainscoting, Furnace has been reimagined as a sleek, crisp white canvas — all the better to draw focus to the hyper-pigmented abstracts of artist Stephen Maine.

Browsing the debut show at Furnace the week before its unveiling, Kucka admired the work of Maine, a printmaker based in Cornwall, Conn., who has shown his optical color explosions internationally.

"There's something almost geological about the paintings. He uses these self-created plates that he carves from Styrofoam," Kucka explained. "It's a very physical process, and in a way a very sculptural process as he carves out these shapes, and then applies paint to them and makes these impressions that get layered and layered over time. When I say over time, I mean years. When he works it's always a surprise. The work is always revealing itself."

PAPER AS A POINT OF ENTRY

Kucka is the only gallery owner in the town (although the local library puts on popular art shows). "I really like that it becomes a cloistered experience instead of art hopping," she said.

As if that weren't differentiated enough, Furnace has a niche specialty: paper. It's an often-utilized medium that provides an intimate connection with an artist's methods as well an inviting scale of price variation.

"Artists make so much work on paper as a process, when developing paintings. It's a way of working quickly, and it's not that expensive as an outlay. But these works often aren't shown. There's so much available work, why not show it?"

Kucka acknowledged another advantage. With the ease of shipping paper, Furnace is looking beyond Litchfield County — "even artists from Berlin," she said — for contemporary talent to showcase.

Through the back door of Furnace, Kucka wove her way through a little labyrinth of construction (the second part of the shared building will soon open as a café) and stepped into an actual walk-in safe from the days when this was the Town Hall. It's a turn-of-the century vault, massive and heavy, not like the shiny Swiss-style ones you might see in a heist film. The unexpectedly large safe, with sectioned-off interior spaces, offered a surprising shift in tone from the airy front of the gallery — industrial, brutal and underground.

Unconventional art spaces are nothing new in New York City, where a pop-up guerrilla fashion show can make a splash at the grimiest of warehouses. In this second space, away from the central gallery, you can examine works on paper by Marilla Palmer, Georgia McGovern, Amanda Konishi. It's clear there's depth to the collection Kucka is developing in Falls Village. Despite a small space in a small town, there is the sense that she's ready to offer a big statement.

Furnace: Art on Paper Archive is at 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. The show of work by Stephen Maine called, "Cupcake Uptake and the Cloud of Unknowing," can be seen Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information go to www.furnace-artonpaperarchive. com or follow @furnace_artonpaper on Instagram.

ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Saltz Sifts Through the Good, Bad & Ugly

Terry Saltz, the art critic for New York magazine, told an online audience for the Salisbury Forum that the "art world is an all-volunteer army" and that there will be "a lot of new uniforms" available as pandemic restrictions are eased.

Saltz spoke online from his home in Manhattan at the Salisbury, Conn., Forum on Friday, April 23.

He covered a lot of ground in his breezy, informal remarks, briefly interrupted by a technical problem.

He said that from his youth in Chicago to his current status as art critic, he has always been around art in one way or another.

But it hasn't been an easy journey. Saltz said that he tried to be an artist because he noticed that "the people who were having sex were in theater, music or art."

But "then the demons started to speak to me."

Plagued by selfdoubt, "I self-exiled from the art world."

Now living in New York, lacking skills or education, and nursing the notion that "the world owed me a living," he became a long-haul truck driver, driving rigs from New York to Texas or Florida and back.

Even then he couldn't quite cut his ties with the art world. His cargo? Works of art.

He described this 10-year period as an unhappy, rage-filled time.

But he stayed connected to the art world, going to shows and galleries and spending time with other art people.

Saltz said to break into the art world, the first rule is to show up.

Then he corrected himself, saying the first rule is "work, work, work."

He dismissed the idea of creative blocks. "There is only one solution for not working: Working."

He also championed the habit of staying up late and sharing ideas about art "with your fellow vampires."

Asked about online art sales, Saltz said "all the walls are down."

"Anyone can rent a crappy little storefront now."

As for the online world, Saltz said there are an increasing number of platforms for artists to get their work to the public.

However, he added, "I want to stand up for art in the flesh."

Saltz said he likes to post pictures of art that catch his eye.

It doesn't have to be good. He doesn't even have to like it.

His criteria: that the work is "credible, that it captures the urgency of the moment."

Asked if he would identify any up and coming artists, he demurred.

He said the art world has become much larger and more international in the digital age, and thus harder to keep up with.

He advised people to visit the small galleries of the Lower East Side in Manhattan.

"There's a lot of good work," he said. But "85% of it is crap."

This is nothing new, he added. "Eighty-five percent of the art in the Renaissance was crap too. You just have to sort it out for yourself."

The next speaker for the Salisbury Forum will be Steven Johnson on Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 pm. Johnson is the author of New York Times bestsellers including "How We Got To Now," "Unexpected Life" and "Where Good Ideas Come From."

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ART THAT HONORS THE WORKERS, AT AMP

In a Zoom event presented by the David M.
Hunt Library in Falls
Village, Conn., on Wednesday, May 12, at 7 p.m., Amy
Wynn, executive director of the American Mural Project (AMP), will share the story of AMP, with slides, video and a question and answer.

The American Mural Project (AMP), founded by Artistic Director Ellen Griesedieck in 2001, began as an art project to pay tribute to the American worker. AMP is also the name of the museum in which the mural and other

exhibits will be housed in two historic mill buildings in the former factory town of Winsted, Conn.

AMP is completing the renovation of the first of its two mill buildings. The museum's full complex ultimately will house the mural gallery, exhibit spaces, and program, workshop and event spaces.

To register for this event, go to www.HuntLibrary. org or the David M. Hunt Facebook page, or call the library at 860-824-7424. For more information on AMP, go to www.AmericanMuralProject.org.





HISTORY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Remembering the Flood of 1955

In August 1955 a massive flood swept through Litchfield County, Conn., caused by what an article in The Lakeville Journal at that time described as "great rattling curtains of rain."

The fast-moving torrents of water impacted nearly every town in this largely rural county. It was the more developed towns that were hardest hit. The impact of the rushing waters was bad enough in the country towns, which still had, largely, unpaved roads and smaller-scale residential and commercial buildings.

But in the more developed towns such as Torrington and the once-thriving Winsted (which has a river running through its downtown area), the destruction was deeper and more complete.

Paved roads, factories

and storefronts were completely crushed. Rebuilding would require a Herculean effort and a great deal of money.

Town residents pulled together. Torrington eventually came back to life. But in Winsted, it was harder. There are people who say that this factory town never quite recovered, spiritually or economically, from the flood of '55.

The Torrington Historical Society will host an online program about the flood on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. The talk is free to the public and is sponsored by Connecticut Humanities.

Torrington Historical Society Executive Director Mark McEachern will focus on the impact the flood had on Torrington in his talk, "Black Friday: The Flood of 1955."

According to the pre-

view information on the show, in the flood of 1955, "Torrington sustained its worst disaster on record. Seven lives were lost, 20 homes and 28 firms were destroyed and there was extensive damage to homes, businesses and industries.

"But, in a spirit not seen before or since, people came together, helped their neighbors and with the aid of state and federal services, rebuilt their city."

To illustrate his talk, McEachern will share photos from the historical society's extensive collection of images of the flood and its aftermath, including many taken by professional photographer James Miller, a Torrington resident.

The photos on this page are not from Torrington; they are from Winsted. They were in the files for The Lakeville Journal issue of Aug. 25, 1955. That issue can be seen in our online archive http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com. Although you won't see all these Winsted photos, you can read about and learn how our small area towns weathered the storm.

To register, go to the Torrington Historical Society home page at www.torringtonhistoricalsociety.org.





TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits.
All entries can be found in our full calendar at www.TriCornerNews.com.

ART

Berkshire Botanical Garden,

5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www. berkshirebotanical.org Flights of Fancy: The Botanical and Bejeweled Universe of Mindy Lam, May 1 to June 6.

D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www. huntlibrary.org Small Town, Big Talk, through May 28.

Eckert Fine Art, 1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www.eckertfineart.com Eric Forstmann – 21, May 29 through June 30.

Scoville Memorial Library,

38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
David Hockney at the
Morgan, May 13, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

Sharon Historical Society, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.

sharonhist.org Renewal, Rhythm, and Repetition, May 8 through July 9.

BOOKS

The Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. www.

cornwallibrary.org
Under the Tent Book Sale,
May 29 and 31 and June
5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May
30 and June 6, 11 a.m. to 2
p.m.,

D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www. huntlibrary.org Book Talk: The Stonewall Generation: LGBTQ Elders on Sex, Activism, and Aging with Author Jane Fleishman, June 5, 4 to 5 p.m.

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

www.hotchkisslibrary.org
HLS Book Group: On Earth
We're Briefly Gorgeous by
Ocean Vuong, May 4, 7 to
8:30 p.m. (online).

Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook, N.Y. www. merrittbookstore.com Merritt Bookstore Present

Merrittbookstore.com Merritt Bookstore Presents Barbara Becker and Joanna Rakoff, May 11, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (online).

Millbrook Free Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y.

www.millbrooklibrary.org
MillBook Club - On Earth
We're Briefly Gorgeous,
May 28, 6 p.m. (online).

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

www.scovillelibrary.org SML Book Club "A Burning" by Megha Majumdar Led by Claudia Cayne, May 16, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

DANCE

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661

Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. www. centerforperformingarts.org Celtic Heels Irish Dance, May 15, 11 a.m.

KIDS

American Mural Project, 90

Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. www. americanmuralproject.org
Draw @AMP (virtual program), May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 5 to 5:45 p.m. (online).

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.

kentmemoriallibrary.org Mother's Day Storytime and Flower Planting, May 8, 11 a.m.; Family Outdoor Movie Night - "Over the Hedge" (2006), May 14, 7 p.m.

Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street, Torrington, Conn. www. warnertheatre.org Summer Arts Program; see

Summer Arts Program; see website for details.

TALKS

The Cornwall Library, 30

Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. www. cornwalllibrary.org
Farming in the Northwest Corner: Education,
Economics and Ecology,
May 8, 5:30 p.m. (online).
The Beautiful Birds and
Beasts of Cornwall: An
Illustrated Talk by Larry
Master, May 14, 5 p.m.
(online).

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.

kentmemoriallibrary.org Morris Lecture Series: Robert E. Lee & Me, May 13, 7 p.m. (online).

Millbrook Free Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y. www.millbrooklibrary.org

www.millbrooklibrary.org North Korea's Changing State and Society, May 10, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

The Salisbury Forum,

Salisbury, Conn. www. salisburyforum.org STEVEN JOHNSON: "Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer," A Zoom Webinar, May 26, 7:30 p.m. (online).



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EDITORIAL Support our local businesses

owns in the Tri-state area are starting to feel the full effects of high vaccination rates following the year of pandemic. One of the welcome parts of it is how few vacancies there are in shops and storefronts throughout the Northwest Corner. Many of us may have been holding our breaths, hoping that our favorite restaurants and stores would still be here once more of us could venture out in larger numbers again. There were no guarantees. After all, in other parts of the state, the region and the country, many small businesses did not make it through.

The challenges faced by these small businesses, among which this newspaper counts itself, included of course the need to shut down their normal structure in the face of danger due to COVID. None of us wanted to put our staff or customers at risk. We, like many other businesses described as essential by the state, kept our offices open throughout the pandemic on a limited basis depending on current safety recommendations. We moved our staff to remote working as was possible to keep the newspapers publishing. But for the food stores, pharmacies, package stores, florists, critical health care, delivery people, hardware stores, lumber yards and so many more, remote work was not an option. They were busier than ever, but still needed to change the way they were doing things and spend more money to do that during the pandemic. So we're fortunate so many are still here and not only stable

Kudos to those small business owners who found creative ways to continue to provide their services, yet remain vigilant in keeping people as safe as possible in the past year. On the economic side, being able to apply for the government PPP loans/grants made all the difference for many of them. Thanks go to all the area banks that were there for their business partners to help them obtain that help. Credit also goes to the owners and staff who did their best to remain calm in the face of COVID and find new ways to make their businesses function. When some faced having the illness affect their workplaces directly, they were responsible in closing when they had to, deep cleaning and reevaluating their systems to keep going in the long term. It hasn't been easy.

Give them support now as life is starting to open up, if cautiously for some. It's a great relief to see people congregating at shops and restaurants, many of which have outdoor seating that is welcome at any time in spring but especially now. It's been a long, hard winter for many of them, and they are as happy to see you as you are to see them. All local businesses need your support now to make it through this next phase of pandemic life.

You can keep track of them through your local Tri-State Chamber of Commerce, by going to their website at www.tristatechamber.com to see what businesses are available in this area. And check out business services in this newspaper's Specialist section, in print and at www. tricornernews.com, as well as in the general advertising in the papers and on the website. Supporting them is the only way to keep them here and thriving into the future.

Sharon ICU must not be allowed to close down

When a physician having the expertise, dedication and seniority of David Kurish has to plead for the continuance of the most basic need of a hospital — an ICU unit — something must be done. Immediately. Or Sharon Hospital will be reduced to becoming just a feeder for the other hospitals in the Nuvance organization, which will profit from our loss. This must NOT happen, and it is going to happen unless we stop it. NOW!

Georgianne Ensign Kent

Supporting the nonprofit direction of The Lakeville Journal

best news in a long time...from the paper that brings much needed news to our Tri-state towns: The Lakeville Journal.

The paper's editor-in-chief, Janet Manko, announced that the paper is embarking on the journey toward nonprofit status. Power to the paper, kudos to the Lakeville Journal Company Board, and congrats to Janet herself, as well as Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender, for sticking through hard times to reach this decision.

None of us wanted to get to the stage where we only realized how much we needed The Lakeville Journal once it had disappeared. Over the years, board and staff have gone through every conceivable gyration to streamline and cost cut in order to keep the paper

Ultimately, though, with

This week we all received the this decision, the newspaper will have the support from us in the community to keep the paper alive in a truly viable and dynamic way. We can all help by contributing, and our contributions will, in turn, be tax deductible. In addition, non-profit status will make the paper eligible to go after foundation grants.

As Louis D. Brandeis once said, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." During New England winters, especially this most recent boxed-in one, The Lakeville Journal has kept us all informed of what our towns and neighbors have been up to, thinking, debating/ grousing/snarking about, and doing to help each other. That's the kind of exposure we can all enjoy.

Thank you to the staff and board!

Molly S. Fitzmaurice



A bumblebee found the quince

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The quandary of Sharon Hospital

Many thanks to Dr. Kurish for laying out some of the challenges to maintain Sharon Hospital in the current health care environment.

I am not an expert in healthcare, but here are some facts.

FACT: The Sharon Hospital is CMS 5-star Hospital, along with our Berkshire neighbors: Fairview in Great Barrington; Northern Dutchess in Rhinebeck; Greenwich Hospital to the south.

FACT: On April 22, Nuvance announced on Facebook, "Together with the Foundation for Community Health in Sharon, CT, the leadership team and board of directors at Sharon Hospital will engage in a #sustainability report to guide the development of a long-term #healthcare delivery model to sustain medical services in the region for the foreseeable future. As Sharon Hospital looks to adapt comprehensive services for the future that align with best practices for rural hospitals, the regional analysis will identify current and anticipated community need alongside barriers related to healthcare access in rural areas, such as proximity, affordability, resources, socioeconomic status and population demographics."

FACT: For those unfamiliar with the Foundation for Community Health (FCH), "FCH was established in 2003 when Sharon Hospital was sold to for-profit Essent Healthcare, Inc. Connecticut law requires that the net proceeds from the sale of a not-for-profit hospital to a for-profit organization remain in the charitable sector through the creation of a "conversion" foundation. The original settlement approximated \$16 million. The process was guided by a decision of the Connecticut's Attorney General and formalized by a decision of the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut."

I trust that the FCH will keep the citizens fully informed of their findings from the aforementioned studies they are conducting.

Dr. Hirko has done great service as a part-time president of Sharon Hospital. However, I believe full-time leadership is required to best position the hospital for the future. With the proper guidance, we could build on what we already have, while unifying the hospital and the community served.

May we all maintain good health!

Deborah Moore

Appreciation for nurses, every day

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan declared May 6, "National Recognition Day for Nurses," later expanded to "National Nurses Week (May 6-12)" to give communities, businesses, individuals, and organizations an opportunity to honor and thank nurses for the many ways they touch our lives.

Given the grueling year we have endured, it is no surprise that the Gallup Poll reports that for the 19th consecutive year, Americans rate nurses as the most trusted professionals in the country. While citing their honesty and high ethical standards, the sacrifices made by nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic have only magnified our widespread respect and gratitude.

Noble Horizons salutes nurses everywhere for their singular dedication, boundless compassion, and exceptional skills, offered selflessly during the most dangerous times of our lives. We are particularly grateful to our own nurses whose relentless devotion has kept every resident of the Noble community Covid-free.

In nurses we seek and receive comfort; we trust in their kindness, warmth, and expertise. Whether offering encouraging words of support or highly skilled care, nurses steward the well-being of their patients with equal doses of professionalism and empathy.

Despite the intensifying complexities of providing care during the pandemic, nurses have risked their own lives to bring comfort to those in need. We are honored to salute, thank and recognize nurses for their selfless work and open

> Caroline Burchfield Dir. Community Relations, Noble Horizons

A message for our state representative

Rep. Maria Horn (D-64):

As residents in your 64th District, we oppose your efforts to radically increase the cost of gasoline via a new Carbon Tax. Although it is claimed that the aim is to reduce carbon emissions, this Carbon Tax scheme will prove to be costly and ineffective.

Even President Biden's "climate czar" John Kerry admits reducing U.S. carbon emissions to zero will have no effect on world levels of carbon because of the refusal of other countries, especially China, to alter their policies. Punishing lowand middle-income families in Connecticut with higher gasoline costs (some think over the next 10 years as high as 26 cents per gallon) is not going to help Connecticut's environment, economy or families.

Making Connecticut more unaffordable is not the answer. Please remember your District is very rural. People have no choice but to drive as there are not viable mass transit alter-

We are also strongly opposed to the bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly that would remove any decision-making power over zoning from Planning and Zoning Commissions selected in their respective towns and transfer that power either to regional boards, or even worse, to a state commission.

Imposing multiple-dwelling zoning in areas currently zoned

This is a letter for our state for single-family homes will not improve the lives of those who supposedly will benefit from the housing projects that will be built. Instead, it will take away from homeowners the sense of control of their own lives that their homes represent. Supporters of these bills allege they want "equity." What they will accomplish is only to punish those who have worked and saved to achieve their life goals.

We also oppose the bills that would impose a one mill statewide property tax added to the local residential tax rate and 1-1/2 mills to business properties. Connecticut already has the highest property taxes in all of New England, except for New Hampshire, which has no income tax.

The flight of blue collar jobs and the middle class to states with more responsible tax rates is well known. The only thing that has reversed for the last year is the collapse of sane government in New York City and the movement to remote work.

Most damaging is the proposal to impose an even higher tax on business. Small businesses are already burdened with Social Security taxes, about the highest workers' comp and unemployment insurance rates in the nation. Does Connecticut really want to punish small businesses that have suffered from the disaster of the year-long shutdown?

These are the facts and nothing but the facts. Oh, one more, you are aligned with your state party and not that of the people who voted you in.

John Grant Kent Republican Town Committee Chairman

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@ lakevillejournal.com. More letters on page B4.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — May 1921 SALISBURY — H.R. Brinton is suffering from a sprained wrist received by falling from a ladder while removing wall paper last Saturday.

 Arthur Coons has sold his motorcycle and is driving a new Chevrolet car.

LIME ROCK — Mr. Comstock, the grocery drummer, was in town Monday.

LAKEVILLE — James Gaghan, aged 43, formerly section foreman here of the C.N.E. road, died at the hospital in Winsted last Friday afternoon following an operation several weeks ago, for an abscess on the lung.

50 years ago — May 1971

A request for a rate increase by the Sharon Water Company was denied last week by the State Public Utilities Commission, on the grounds that the company "has failed to meet its burden of proving that all the elements comprising its costs of service are fair and reasonable."

TACONIC — After weeks of uncertainty, The U.S. Postal Service has announced that the Taconic Post Office will be officially reopened on June 1.

Classified Ad: For Sale: 1966 RENAULT R-10, 15,000 miles, one owner. Very good condition. Asking \$600. Tel.

 The track and field team of Housatonic Valley Regional High School continued unbeaten last week, winning its fourth consecutive meet by downing a strong Nonnewaug team after a shaky start. The score was

25 years ago — May 1996

Sandra Geyselaers and Matthew Schullery are the chosen valedictorian and salutatorian for the June graduation ceremonies for the Class of 1996 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Pharmacy, a solid cornerstone of community life for the past 70 years, was sold Tuesday. The new owner, Elaine LaRoche of 325 Canaan Road in Salisbury, has been a parttime resident for the past several years and said she hopes to retire here permanently very soon. Lest the prospect of change unnerve longtime residents who have become dependent on the pharmacy, the Whitbeck family — Anna, Nelson ("Bam") and Audrey - reassures everyone that changes will be hardly noticeable. The Whitbecks will retain the building; they are simply selling the business.

CANAAN- A Canaan couple whose golden retrievers tangled with a rabid raccoon April 18 has chosen to quarantine their pets for the next six months rather than have them euthanized.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, www.scovillelibrary.

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Were Biden's first Hundred Days anything like FDR's?

here has been talk about how President Biden's ambitious legislative program trillions for infrastructure, education, IF YOU ASK ME immigration reform, climate control — is rem- DICK AHLES iniscent of the incredible first Hundred Days of Franklin Roosevelt's first term. But is there really any comparison?

No. Roosevelt's remarkable achievements during his first three months as president in 1933 were real; Biden's were mostly.

Houses of Congress while Biden has struggled with a single digit majority in the House and a virtual tie in the Senate that gives a conservative West Virginia Democrat near-veto power over some of the president's hopes and dreams.

Biden's times are hard; Roosevelt's were worse. Between his election in November 1932 and the inauguration three months later, on March 4, 1933, the Great Depression had hit what would be its lowest point. Unemployment reached 20% and half of the country's banks had failed after depositors ran on them to withdraw their money. Many states had temporarily closed their surviving banks.

And so, the day after his inauguration, Roosevelt declared a four-day bank holiday to keep banks closed until Congress could act, which Congress did four days later with the passage of the Emergency Banking Act, closing every bank in the nation while insuring deposits. This legislation enjoyed rare Republican support but not Democratic unanimity as some party liberals wanted to nationalize the banks.

The next day, the new president did something rarely repeated in what has been nearly a century — he cut spending to erase a billion-dollar deficit inherited from the Hoover administration. The cuts included sacred cows like veterans' pensions and a 15% slash in government employee salaries. (There were no public employee unions then and the otherwise pro-labor president rightly thought government couldn't have workers negotiate wages and working conditions with the people they elected.)

March ended with the passage of an act establishing the Civilian Conservation Corps, putting hundreds of thousands of unskilled, jobless young men in CCC camps to work on conservation projects across the country.

April was quiet, but Hundred Days laws passed in May included the Agriculture Adjustment, Federal Emergency Relief and Tennessee Valley Authority Acts.

The controversial AAA was aimed at keeping farm prices up by paying farmers not to grow certain crops or raise certain livestock. The Supreme Court ruled the act unconstitutional in Roosevelt's second term, which prompted him to try to pack the Court by adding a justice for every sitting member over 70. It was aimed at the "Nine Old Men," conservative holdovers from three previous Republican administrations. The packing bill was widely opposed and easily defeated by the Congress' Republicans and Southern Democrats.

The FERA was aimed at putting more unemployed to work and preceded the Works Progress Act of 1934, which created the famous or infamous WPA, depending on your politics. (Around 1939 or thereabouts, a joke going around my Republican neighborhood explained the New Deal in this manner: "In the Old Testament, Moses told the Israelites, 'Pack up your camels and mount your asses, we're heading for the Promised Land.' In 1939, FDR said, 'Light up a Camel and sit on your asses. This is the Promised Land."')

Roosevelt had, of course, just begun his revolution with the

unmatchable achievements of those first days. From Social Security in 1935 to the GI Bill of Rights, not long before he died in office in 1945, Roosevelt would change American society forever while, not incidentally, leading the nation to victory in the greatest war in its history.

Neither Biden nor any "transformative" president is likely to approach anything like the New Deal. This includes Lyndon B. Johnson,

who achieved much with his Great Society and War on Poverty, mostly after he was elected to his single term in a landslide over Barry Goldwater.

But by the time he decided not to seek a second term in 1968, Johnson's domestic reforms were overshadowed by his continued support for the Vietnam War. Nevertheless, his Great Society gave us the monumental Medicare and Medicaid, a more sweeping 1965 Voting Rights Act, a Clean Air act, several programs aimed at raising people out of poverty, increases in federal education aid and an end to restrictive immigration.

Biden now faces a second and third Hundred Days, leading up to the 2022 off-year election campaign, which will decide what happens to the remainder of his first, and maybe, his only, term.

Axios, the popular news website, predicts this period will be more "audacious and risky" for Biden as he tries "to re-engineer the very fundamentals of America — inequality, voting rights and government's role in directing economic growth."

Finally, in case you're wondering: During the presidential election campaign he won, Donald Trump promised his first Hundred Days would see repeal of Obamacare, the completion of the wall along the Mexican border paid for by Mexico and the passage of term limits for members of Congress.

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Whither Manhattan, as it reopens?

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ew York City changed much over the past year due to the pandemic. The streets were more open with few people on the sidewalks, entertainment venues and restaurants barely in business, buses and subways nearly empty. Many with the wherewithal to do so left the city, perhaps only temporarily but maybe permanently, and along with the increase in work-at-home

office workers this reduced the vitality of street life, particularly in Manhattan

But the city has been changing in ways well beyond what the pandemic has brought about. Manhattan used to be crawling with a great variety of specialty shops including movie theaters (even those showing foreign films and revivals) and bookstores large and small including world-class places such as Scribner's, Doubleday's and The Urban Center.

As a young architect, I remembered shopping at more than a dozen stores specializing in architectural books; now there are none, just a couple that feature a few shelves with a few design books. There were countless stores that sold records, tapes, and CDs where one could find several different versions of every Beethoven symphony. Now the music shops that remain are antiques stores, mostly for pop vinyl records.

Once, Midtown Manhattan was a national hub for famous high-end men's haberdashery. The first store to fall, Rogers Peet

(est.1874), closed in the late 1980s. The most recent closure of Brooks Brothers (est. 1818) and Lord and Taylor (est. 1826) follow those of Chipp's, Barney's, and F. R. Tripler, leaving only J. Press and Paul Stuart of the historic, high-quality men's shops still open.

Inexpensive chain restaurants, and eateries, used to be widespread — and unusually good.

Chock Full of Nuts, Zum Zum and Nedicks were some of the better ones, now gone. The few replacements don't really measure up.

Most museums shut for the pandemic and perhaps they will now work their wonders again. Years ago when I worked in Midtown, I used to eat lunch frequently at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). To walk up the entry staircase past Picasso's "Guernica" was itself enthralling enough to draw me in, but the inexpensive food was also very good. Now one must have a high-priced membership card or be a guest to eat at MoMA. The Museum's expansions over the years have made the visitor feel ever smaller and the visit much less pleasant. While it still sells some classic 20th century pieces, the MoMA Gift Shop, once an impressive Gallery of Modern Design, has become more a knick-knack boutique focused on making a profit.

Throughout Manhattan, residential neighborhoods of mostly walk-up housing have been invaded by skyscrapers and large footprint commercial buildings. Such changes beget more change as occupants are forced out because of ever-higher rents. Throughout the city, small, interesting establishments cannot afford to operate in overbuilt, overpriced neighborhoods and get replaced by more branch banks and impersonal chain stores. The passing of new, much higher density zoning for Manhattan's East Side between 42nd and 60th streets under former Mayor Bloomberg's direction is only beginning to be felt.

Along with the Wall Street area, Midtown Manhattan is the most intensely developed area in the entire country. Three enormous new skyscrapers, one 1,653 ft. tall the other two each over 1,200 ft., are planned to closely surround Grand Central Terminal and the Chrysler Building, overwhelming them as Midtown's foremost landmarks and, at the same time, banishing sunlight from the area. This may turn out to be a boon for real estate developers if and when the city gets back on its feet but less so for New York's citizens and visitors.

However, not all change has been for the worse. A notable improvement, not just in Manhattan but in the other boroughs as well, is the city government's slow but continuing effort to recapture the waterfront, formerly consigned to industrial uses, for recreation. Much land along the East and Hudson Rivers has already been reclaimed as parkland and more is slated to become so. As long as the riverfronts do not become inundated by rising seas, residents and visitors alike will benefit greatly from this intelligent masterplanning that began decades ago.

Lower Manhattan has diversified and become a 24-hour-a-day neighborhood. Also, over the last few years, the city has finally started closing some streets to create more bicycle lanes and pedestrian spaces. And the city government is making a determined effort to provide more affordable housing for working people throughout the city. These changes are most welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Dems have the wrong approach for the state

Connecticut already has high gasoline taxes. We pay 43.5 cents per gallon plus an 8.1% wholesale tax. Now Governor Lamont, with the help of state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), want to add an additional gasoline tax of 17 to 26 cents per gallon with a new Carbon Tax. None of this new tax, by the way, will be going into the Special Transportation Fund.

Connecticut has the cleanest water and air we have ever had. We have more trees giving off oxygen today than we have had in a couple of hundred years. Our appliances are the most energy efficient ever. Climate Czar John Kerry recently said the United States could go to a zero-carbon footprint and it would mean nothing because the problem is not the U.S., but China, India and other countries.

So why would anyone want to burden families in Connecticut

Reader enjoys Sullivan's Tangled Lines column

I'm writing in response to Patrick Sullivan's Tangled Lines column, "Fishing season sneaks up on us again," of March 11, and to let you know how much I enjoyed it. Patrick, I certainly don't have the stable of fly rods you currently have but am truly impressed. My inventory amounts to a total of four; two really fast action Scott four weights and two beautiful R. L. Winston five weights that I use primarily for nymphing.

I grew up in Wassaic and was introduced to fly-fishing when I was 8 and received a 9-foot fiberglass rod as a Christmas gift. At the time, I had no idea what 9 feet of fiberglass was for, but I found a guy by the name of Gil Recchia who lived just down the road by the creek who let me follow him around and practice losing every fly I had.

Gil was a great teacher, super patient, and he always had an extra Royal Wulff or two when mine ended up in a bush on the other side of the creek.

I've been all over the country since then (courtesy of the USMC), and have been fortunate enough to make 16 years in a row fishing the incredible freestone waters in Montana, Wyoming

Each summer, I take two weeks to solo hike, camp out and fish the Madison, Slough, Soda Butte, Henry's Fork (hard lessons here), Snake, Rock, Beaverhead and some amazing Spring Creeks in Paradise Valley. I'm already getting my gear ready for July.

I know this is way over due, but I kept your article handy as we juggle a big move back up to the D.C./North Virginia area. I hope this season is rewarding and look forward to seeing your results and lessons in a future article. Semper Fi.

Lou Morse Tampa, Fla.

with substantially higher gas prices? People in rural areas have no choice but to drive. Rural areas have no mass transit available like people who live in our cities. For liberals like Governor Lamont and state Rep. Horn to push such a massive, crushing tax increase that will hurt low- and middle-income families the most, makes no sense.

We aren't going to help Connecticut by making people poorer and Connecticut more unaffordable. Sadly, this is only one of many proposals the Democrats are pushing that will cost Connecticut jobs, business and force thousands more to leave. It is time to step up, push back, and be heard to oppose this and other like legislation.

The solution, however, is for liberals like Governor Lamont and state Rep. Horn to be voted out of office in 2022.

John Morris

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Preventing conflict, harm

"What If" is still a legal way to explore many topics that are off-limits. But who knows how long that will last? Maybe safest to put on a play or write fiction about characters who ask the forbidden questions, recount the past and explore the future from a place of permissibility (depending on the faith, cultural, social and legal limits.)

There are places where it is not okay for certain people to speak, draw pictures mocking holy people or national policies and much more. Then there is the realm of what is okay to say, do or where to be in terms of gangs, domestic abuse dynamics and racial-based screening and violence as we all witnessed with the crucifixion type event that resulted in the death of George Floyd by the Judas type figure of Derek Chauvin "istic".

On my blogs livfully.org I explore these kinds of ideas and mainly exploring WIT, "What If Thinking." I also aim to acknowledge and celebrate people of all walks of life at each age and stage of life. Ideas can be sent to me at cppaton@yahoo.com.

A theme is how can we take collective voluntary ownership of sharing ways to live and interact that prevent a great deal of conflict and harm in our lives, on the roads, in schools and workplaces and even among family, friends and community members whether locally, statewide, nationally or globally and online?

We can appreciate our shared legacies and right the wrongs of the past with some support for asking and seeking ways to promote healing and networks to allow for greater resources to flow in our dreams and help us create winning teams for civil, sensible living today. Let's say Yes to the the Miracles in May as we remember Mothers, Fathers, Parents, New Humans (children) and Communities that all work together for the greater good.

Catherine Palmer Paton



With the price of lumber increasing exponentially over the past year, the question is why? The answer is very complex and there is an excellent article in The Atlantic detailing the reasons for it. COVID has certainly had its effect, along with the current boom in renovations and building. The National Association of Homebuilders has estimated that the lumber shortage has added 24,000 in cost to building a new home. Other reasons for the shortage are wildfires, beetle infestations and climate change. The article can be found at: www.theatlantic.com/science/ archive/2021/04/climate-originsmassive-lumber-shortage/618727, or happy to email a copy to you.



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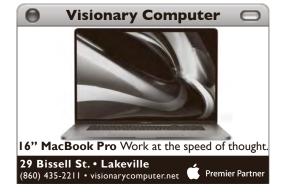
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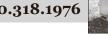
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