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Talks resume on fate of Sharon Hospital's Intensive Care Unit

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — Rumors of closure or relocation of Sharon Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which surfaced within the community last week, caught Dr. Mark Hirko a bit off guard.

Hirko, who is the head of Sharon Hospital, said discussions about revamping the aging ICU have been ongoing for years and should come as no surprise to the public.

"For five years or more people have been talking about something needing to be done with the ICU, which is very

old and dated, and needs to be refurbished," Hirko said in a phone interview on Thursday, March 25. "Since I came on board," said the hospital president, the administration has grappled with the question, "What is Sharon Hospital going to do with this ICU?"

Although the 78-bed facility's ICU, which last underwent major renovations in the mid-1970s, is functional and compliant, it is seriously dated, said Hirko, and needs to be addressed as part of NuVance Health's 5-year strategic plan.

About five weeks ago, he said, administrators reignit-

ed the conversation, which he said was "accelerated" by response to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We discussed a number of contingencies, which range anywhere from keeping it as is, all the way to saying 'Do we really need an ICU?'"

One of the options under consideration, said Hirko, is to combine the ICU and the Medical-Surgical Unit as a Telemetry Unit. The telemetry area, explained Hirko, "is 90 to 95 percent of what the ICU does," including treatment of

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Soon, there will be more than enough vaccine

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Brian Mattiello of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital told a Facebook audience that Connecticut is receiving some 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine weekly and that the supply will eventually exceed demand.

Mattiello, regional vice president of strategy and community development for Hartford HealthCare (including Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington) and Dr. Henri Lamothe, also of Charlotte Hungerford, joined state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) for a live discussion of vaccines on Facebook on Friday evening, March 26.

Mattiello said getting the vaccines out to the public is "a

"The best vaccine is the one you can get."
Dr. Henri Lamothe, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

massive undertaking."

He provided a list of six locations in the Torrington-Winsted area for vaccinations.

- Hartford HealthCare is holding vaccination clinics at the state armory at 153 South Main St. in Torrington. To sign up, use your existing MyChartPLUS account, or create one at www.MyChartPLUS.org, or call Hartford HealthCare at 860-827-7690 or 833-943-5721.

- The state Department of Public Health website (dph-submissions.ct.gov/Online-Vaccine) will get individuals registered with the Vaccine Administration Management

System (VAMS), which will in turn guide the individual through the appointment process (including the CVS pharmacy in Winsted).

- Torrington Area Health District (www.tahd.org) will also register people with VAMS.

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Holley Place project Concerns reiterated and public hearing is continued

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission's (P&Z) public hearing on an application to build an affordable housing apartment building in Lakeville continued with a second session on Zoom on Monday, March 22. P&Z Chair Michael Klemens announced at the start of the meeting (which ended up running for four-hours and 20-minutes) that the hearing would be continued to

Wednesday, April 14.

Chris Smith, the attorney for the applicant (the Salisbury Housing Committee), opened with additional information in response to questions that were raised during the first session of the public hearing, on March 8.

Among the materials provided were a new rendering of the front of the building at 11 Holley St. and Millerton Road, looking from the west on the latter, that included a utility pole that was not in an earlier version.

There was a rear view of the building at night, adjusted to reflect a modified lighting plan.

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PHOTO BY IAN STREVER

Although there are students on campus at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, the halls are still relatively deserted.

HVRHS expected to reopen to all April 19

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Board of Education voted to accept Housatonic Valley Regional High School Principal Ian Strever's plan to reopen the high school to all students starting Monday, April 19.

Strever said the school will keep the current schedule, with no students in the building on Wednesdays to facilitate cleaning.

Strever added that having Wednesdays open has also been helpful in facilitating teacher/student meetings, pro-

fessional meetings and independent learning by students.

Students and teachers who wish to continue the remote learning option will be able to do so.

Strever gave a number of reasons for the move — among them the creation of a more productive academic setting and giving students more of a chance to interact with their peers and teachers, thus improving their social well-being.

Strever said the plan was prepared after conducting a series of surveys of parents, students and teachers. He said

the survey results represented a wide variety of views.

The school will maintain the COVID-19 mitigation measures in place: masks, 6-foot distancing, and frequent cleaning.

Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said the plan was approved by the district's medical advisor and by the Torrington Area Health District.

The vote was 5-1, with Brian Bartram of North Canaan opposed. Bartram questioned the reopening timeline as compared with when teachers were likely to get their vaccines.

The thrill and the dangers of the Big Night

By Cynthia Hochswender

The spring migration of amphibians out of the woods and into vernal pools, where they can and will breed, has begun.

Yes, it's peeper season, one of the most exciting times of the year for observers of the natural world. About a week ago, the wood frogs and spring peepers added their voices to the crescendo of song from returning birds.

Bethany Sheffer is the volunteer coordinator and a naturalist for the Audubon center in Sharon. She was out last weekend with photographer Jonathan Doster in search of wood frogs and spotted salamanders, making their way toward their breeding sites.

Vernal pools are large indentations in the ground that fill up in spring with snow melt.

"They're coming to these pools because they are often safe havens for amphibian species," Sheffer explained. "There are no fish in the pools, so the frogs and salamanders hope that when their eggs hatch, they can safely develop to adulthood without any fish gobbling them



PHOTO BY BETHANY SHEFFER

The "charismatic" and beautiful spotted salamanders are now crossing area roads as they move toward their breeding sites in vernal pools. Drivers are asked to be particularly mindful after dark so they don't drive over the amphibians.

up. It's a little magical haven for these animals."

Wood frogs and spotted salamanders

At this early point in spring, "the two big woodland animals that are migrating to vernal pools are the wood frogs and the spotted salamanders," she said.

Male wood frogs are about the size of the palm of a human hand; females are a bit larger.

Spotted salamanders can be as long as 6 to 10 inches and are black with yellow spots.


"You can see spring peepers, the little frogs, on the move too but they're less habitat-specific. You'll find them in vernal pools but also in wetlands. Wood frogs and spotted salamanders we specifically associate with these vernal spoils."

The spring peepers will continue their sweet song into

summer — although, as Sheffer points out, when there is a large population of the small frogs, their song can be almost deafening. The wood frogs, she noted, have a distinctive and deeper song, "like a strangled turkey."

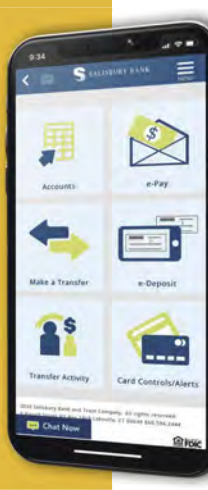
But they're all singing for the same reason, which is essentially that they're "advertis-


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Regional

U.S. Rep. Hayes faces pushback during an online town hall

By Patrick L. Sullivan

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) took questions — and flak — during a Facebook “town hall” on Thursday, March 18.

The focus of the online session, which lasted about 45 minutes, was the recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act, a \$1.9 trillion piece of legislation signed by president Joe Biden on March 11.

Hayes said that Connecticut will receive some \$2.65 billion from the legislation. She said the bill is one of the largest

since the New Deal era.

During the Facebook event, questions and comments popped up rapidly on the chat feature. Many were critical of the stimulus bill.

Hayes responded to a constituent who opined that the bill was a bailout for mismanaged states and cities.

Hayes said she voted for the bill to help her constituents in the 41 municipalities in the 5th District.

“We’ve done what we had to do to meet this unprecedented challenge,” she said. “This is not

a wish-list bill.”

One person said only 9% of the \$1.9 trillion goes directly to pandemic relief. Hayes said she disagreed, saying 85% of the spending was related to the pandemic’s wider effects.

“It’s not just about vaccines,” she said. “It’s about all the other areas affected.”

Another critical commenter wrote “You Democrats are destroying the country.”

Hayes responded, “I’m working hard for my constituents. I don’t see this as a partisan job.”

One person asked about Hayes’ vote to impeach former president Donald Trump in January.

Hayes said even if she set aside the rhetoric around the election, she was trapped in her office during the Jan. 6 riot for several hours, waiting for help. “I could not understand how we were under attack and the federal government had not been deployed.”

She said it was the “abdication of responsibility” on Trump’s part that led her to vote to impeach.

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Three-day forecast

Friday..... Cloudy, high 36°/low 23°
 Saturday..... Sun, 54°/35°
 Sunday..... Cloudy, 60°/35°

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.

Collision while passing

On March 20 at approximately 5:15 p.m. on Main Street in Salisbury a 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by John Oler, 27, of Sharon stopped to turn left by National Iron Bank and was struck on the driver’s side by a 2012 BMW driven by Michael Sean Kiernan, 36, of Brooklyn, N.Y., which had attempted to pass in the left lane in a no passing zone. Kiernan was found at fault and issued an infraction for failing to drive at a reasonable distance apart.

Criminal trespassing

On March 23 Amy Elizabeth Mcnealy, 36, of North Canaan turned herself in on an active warrant. She was charged with criminal trespassing in the first degree and violation of a protective order. She was sched-

uled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 24.

Burglary

On March 23 at approximately 9:45 p.m. Troop B arrived at 203 West Main St. in North Canaan to investigate an active burglary. James Hemingway, 26, of Underhill, Vt., was charged with home invasion, criminal trespassing in the first degree, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. Hemingway was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 24.

DUI

On March 25 at approximately 11:30 a.m. Dustin King of New Milford, Conn., was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Route 7 in Falls Village and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to drive in the proper lane. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 25.

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.

Online talk on beavers, April 17

FALLS VILLAGE — The David Hunt Library will host an online presentation about Connecticut’s beaver population, with Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple, on Saturday, April 17, 2 p.m.

The presentation will give background on this keystone species, their biology, behavior and history and how beaver ponds and wetlands can help fight environmental problems.

Register at www.HuntLibrary.org, on the library’s Facebook page, or by calling the library at 860-824-7424.

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FAMILY & FRIENDS

Upcoming grants and scholarships deadlines

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has announced its spring deadlines for competitive grants and scholarships in northwest Litchfield County. To apply online go to www.berkshiretaconic.org/grants and www.berkshiretaconic.org/scholarships.

For students

The Arts Fund for Region One provides the Susan Fillman Memorial Scholarship for students in Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury or Sharon who are

interested in arts-related programs. Applications are due May 1.

The Tabor Foundation Fund supports residents of northwest Litchfield, northeast Dutchess and southeast Columbia counties who plan to undertake education or training in a health care or medical field and to seek employment in their community afterwards. Non-residents working in the area may also apply. Applications are due June 30.

For travel programs

The Alice and Richard Hen-

riquez Memorial Fund and Youth World Awareness Program provides grants to students ages 14 to 22 for travel and service. Applications are due April 15.

The Simple Gifts Fund awards grants to young people ages 13 to 19 for participation in cultural or creative summer programs. Applications are due April 16.

Spring bird migration guides

SALISBURY — For birdwatchers, spring is the time of year when billions of birds leave their wintering grounds to venture north and find nesting grounds where they can raise a family.

Caleb May will offer a guide on Sunday, April 11, at 7 p.m., to spring migration with species information, tips and tricks, and background knowledge that can help you maximize your birding experience. Register for the Zoom link at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Noble Horizons and Sharon Audubon naturalist Bethany Sheffer will present another program on bird migration, on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. Learn to identify them and learn why migratory birds undertake this often perilous journey, where they come from and how they can fly thousands of miles non-stop. Sheffer will also explain how to create sanctuaries for these global migrants by providing food, water and shelter.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Late of West Cornwall (21-00107)

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Our Towns

Hotchkiss Library in Sharon comes closer to moving forward with ADA, expansion

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Upgrades and an expansion of the 128-year-old Hotchkiss Library of Sharon have been stymied for decades as the library board sought approvals from various town boards and commissions.

Two of the three approvals are now in hand, with the unanimous approval at the Monday, March 15, special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The addition to the rear of the library building, a \$2.2 million project, will add approximately 1,600 square feet and bring the library into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), providing access and two ADA-compliant restrooms, said Executive Director Gretchen Hachmeister in an interview on Tuesday, March 23.

The library was donated to the town by Maria Hotchkiss and is on a tiny piece of land. The variance approves a 16-foot rear setback and it will allow a small amount of room

for the addition's gutter system.

Four feet of variance will be allowed to accommodate the site plan provided by the architects, QA+M Architecture of Farmington, Conn. According to Ken McCoy, the QA+M representative at the ZBA meeting, every effort has been made to minimize any impact on neighboring properties.

The ZBA approval means that the application can return to consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) at their regular meeting in late April, the final step in the approval process.

If approved by the P&Z, groundbreaking could occur in the summer, anticipating that the addition could be closed in before the colder weather sets in, Hachmeister said. Interior work could be done during the winter months.

The ADA-compliant addition will be added to the rear of the library. Plans include a ground-level entrance with no ramp involved. Library patrons will be able to enter through an arched entrance at ground



IMAGE COURTESY HOTCHKISS LIBRARY

Two of three approvals have now been given that would allow the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon to expand.

level and proceed to a lift that will bring them upstairs, Hachmeister explained.

The arched entrance will be made of fabricated stone that visually matches the existing historic stonework. Hachmeister noted that best current historic preservation practices recommend working with materials that are similar to the

original.

In addition to providing access, the new space will mean that all staff functions will be accommodated in that new location, freeing space in the book stacks for library patrons. There will be additional space for children and community activities, as well as enhanced internet access.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

On the hunt in spring

Molly Salisbury, children's librarian at the Scoville Memorial Library, hid more Easter eggs on Saturday morning, March 27, after the first wave of children raced through the library grounds. Most towns did not have egg hunts this year because of the quarantine. Cornwall will host a scavenger hunt.

Salisbury will stay remote for budget hearing, meeting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Finance voted on Tuesday, March 23, to send the budget proposals from the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen to what in normal times would be a public hearing.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said Monday, March 29, that the Board of Selectmen will use the same procedure from last year, using Gov. Ned Lamont's executive orders that allow municipalities to bypass normal procedures regarding public meetings — including public hearings and town meetings.

Rand said the two budget proposals will be posted on the town website the week of March 28, and hard copies will be available in the Town Hall vestibule.

Residents will be able to comment through April 12.

There will be a public hearing before the Board of Finance (on Zoom) on Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

The selectmen will then hold a meeting in lieu of a town meeting — probably on Monday, May 3, when they have

their regular monthly meeting — to vote on the budgets.

The Salisbury Central School budget proposal was trimmed down a bit from the first iteration: \$5,991,160 (from \$6,028,750). The increase in spending is \$143,801, an increase of 2.46%.

The selectmen's budget proposal adds an additional \$120,000 for paying down debt, as requested by the Board of Finance. (In the previous draft the selectmen asked for the debt line to be increased by \$20,000.)

The municipal bottom line is thus \$7,389,054, an increase of \$386,032 (5.5%).

Total education spending, including the likely Region One assessment of \$3,729,712 (up \$163,830 or 4.59%) will be \$9,720,872, an increase of \$307,631 (3.27%).

Rand said March 29 that the goal of the selectmen is to either keep the mill rate as is or lower it. He said the recent revaluation, plus federal funds coming from the recent COVID-19 relief package, will help.

The mill rate determines property taxes in Connecticut towns. A mill represents \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. A 15-mill tax rate would translate into a tax bill of \$1,500 for the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000.

The grand list is the total assessed value of all taxable property in a town.

Properties are assessed at 70 percent of their total value.

Volunteers return to beautify town centers

One of the certain signs that spring has arrived is the emergence from hibernation of area garden club volunteers. In Kent on Saturday, March 27, Kent Garden Club President Nancy Schaefer (center) and Liddy Baker (right) and Charlotte Lindsey planted pansies at the monument in the center of town.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

That time of year: register for kindergarten

Area schools will soon be registering new students for kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year.

Cornwall Consolidated School kindergarten registration will be held during the month of May.

All children who reach age 5 on or before the first day of January 2022 are eligible.

A parent should call the school office at 860-672-6617 to schedule a time for their child/children to visit the school.

Salisbury Central School registration is scheduled for Monday, April 26, and Tues-

day, April 27. All children born during the calendar year 2016 should be registered.

Call Pat in the school office at 860-435-9871 to schedule an appointment.

Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village will hold kindergarten registration on Monday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

All children who live in the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) and who were born in 2016 or earlier are eligible.

Registration will take about an hour and a half and will take place socially distanced, under a large tent outdoors.

Call the school office at 860-824-7791 to schedule an appointment.

Additionally, Kellogg offers a tuition option for children living outside of Falls Village. Call Principal Alexandra Juch for more information.

For all schools, bring the child's/children's official immunization record, birth certificate and proof of residency on the day of registration.

No-cost tax aide

SALISBURY — Salisbury Senior Services is offering the AARP Tax Aide program at the Salisbury Senior Center at the Town Grove in Lakeville. Volunteers trained by AARP and certified by the IRS are available to assist those 60 and older, and low-income residents.

This service will be available on Thursdays through April 15 by appointment only.

Contact Lisa McAuliffe, director of Senior Services, at 860-435-5191.

Conversations on timely topics

SHEFFIELD — Bridging Divides, Healing Communities is a four-part speaker series exploring some of the forces and trends creating disparities and division, and how to take action locally to build common ground and solve problems together. All sessions will be held virtually starting at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Tuesday, April 13: "The Inclusive Future" with Deval Patrick, former governor of Massachusetts, and Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19).

Tuesday, April 20: "Moving From 'I' to 'We'" with authors Robert D. Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett.

Sessions on the role of the news and social media and resident-led solutions underway around the region will follow. Registration and updates are at www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Speakers.

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Our Towns

Finding a home for music in Millerton, with a GoFundMe

By Kaitlin Lyle

MILLERTON — Millerton community members are lending their support to Jonathan Grusauskas, best known these days as Jonny G, the North Canaan native who is creator of The Music Cellar.

Grusauskas is trying to raise \$25,000 to put a down payment on the building where his music studio is located — a hard-to-miss 1,920-square-foot building at 14 Main St., that is painted an unmistakable shade of raspberry. The building sits on a lot of roughly three quar-

ters of an acre right alongside the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Now a resident of Millerton, Grusauskas, 33, first opened The Music Cellar with Kealan Rooney about a decade ago, starting in the space beneath what is now the T-Shirt Barn, at 64 South Center St. The Music Cellar moved to the Rail Trail about five years ago.

The two musicians initially opened The Music Cellar as a place to teach music lessons to people of all ages. Grusauskas said he had been driving around teaching lessons all over the area, from the former

Millerton Elementary School, throughout the North East (Webutuck) Central School District and at the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton, when a parent of one of his students suggested he get his own studio to teach music in one central location.

Though music lessons were at the heart of its opening, The Music Cellar was never limited in terms of its musical possibilities or in the ways in which it has enlivened the community, from Story Hour and Toddler Jam at the NorthEast-Millerton Library to Mom's Morning Out at NECC.

Over the last decade, Grusauska has taught 200 students of all ages and instructed them through guitar and drum lessons as well as lessons in ukulele, piano and bass. Open to anyone with an interest in music, Grusauskas said The Music Cellar doesn't turn anyone away; if students are unable to afford the lessons, he offers a discount.

Jonny G now runs The Music Cellar himself, with help from the community and his instructors — which include his bandmates in the popular local band called Lespecial.

With the arrival of COVID-19, The Music Cellar switched to teaching via a virtual platform. While the shift has allowed it to continue its programming and he's received positive feedback, Grusauskas admits it's not perfect and has cut into his business quite a bit.

Yet COVID-19 has also generated an influx of new-



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Located at 14 Main St. along the Millerton section of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, the raspberry-colored Music Cellar building is a hub for community members of all ages. Instructor Jonny G is now trying to raise funds to buy the building.

comers to the area, leading to an increase in real estate value, which led the building The Music Cellar rents to be placed on the market.

It was last year that Grusauskas said his landlord announced her plans to sell the building.

He instantly knew he wanted to buy it.

On Tuesday, March 9,

Grusauskas set up the "Keep The Music Cellar in Millerton!" GoFundMe page with a goal of raising \$25,000 for a down payment. Within a day of launching the page, the studio raised \$1,450.

When asked why people should support his studio, Grusauskas said, "They should support it if they like to have a hub for music in the commu-

nity of Millerton. It's a concert space and it's a training ground for young musicians to form bands and contribute to a vibrant arts community."

As of March 29, the GoFundMe page showed that \$3,267 had been raised.

For more on how to contribute to The Music Cellar's fundraising efforts, go to www.gofundme.com.



With a guitar in hand, Jonny G of The Music Cellar led a group of attentive toddlers in making music as part of the Toddler Jam program held at the North East Community Center in Millerton.

Cornwall takes a hard look at its housing options

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — In response to a state mandate requiring all towns to have an affordable housing plan in place before 2022, a group to create such a plan for Cornwall has begun to hold workshops. Their second meeting took place on Monday, March 22, conducted by Zoom and attracting nearly 20 attendees.

Janel Mullen, regional planner for the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, noted that the vast majority of homes in Cornwall are single-family (95%), with 40% of them built before 1940. Housing costs create a burden for 44% of those households, who may spend more than one-third of their income on housing and maintenance in a given year.

Population totals about

1,376 with the average age being toward the high end of the spectrum.

Very few housing options currently exist, Mullen said, and there are no available full-time rentals. The town currently offers 36 affordable housing units. The 2020 Town Plan of Conservation and Development calls for at least 25 more units in the next 10 years.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway observed that there are probably more units in Cornwall than in other towns of comparable size.

"It's a statewide issue; it's a national issue," Ridgway said, estimating that half of the young adults in the area are living with their parents.

The next workshop meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 4 p.m.

Sharon Town Hall open again as of April 1

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — An announcement that the Town Hall offices will re-open on April 1 was welcome news at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, March 23.

First Selectman Brent Colley said that all offices will be open, but visits must be arranged in advance by calling the appropriate office. COVID-19 guidelines will remain in effect. Visitors to Town Hall are also invited to pick up the recently published town report, Colley added.

The selectmen agreed to recommend to the Board of Finance payment of \$1,794.32 to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, reimbursing a project that laid an empty conduit pipe in a trench dug to service a water line. Colley reported that the Board of Finance felt that the amount could be taken from

the current budget year.

"It's a benefit to both the library and the town," Colley said. "While the area was opened up, it seemed smart to install a conduit." The town would then be able to thread any future internet or cable lines through the conduit pipe without re-digging a trench.

A proposed ordinance and application form to administer food trucks wishing to do business in Sharon continued under review and discussion. The selectmen discussed a sample application form used in New Milford, with Selectman Dale Jones feeling that the basics are acceptable, with the selectmen's office in charge of administration.

The next step in the review process is for the selectmen to compare the drafted application form with the ordinance to be sure that the two documents match up.

By Leila Hawken

KENT —The Board of Education presented its budget to the Board of Finance at a special meeting on Wednesday, March 24, held via Zoom.

The budget for Kent Center School totals \$4,686,813, an increase of \$13,135 proposed for the coming year, or 0.28%.

Presenting an overview of the proposed budget, Board of Education Chair Martin Lindenmayer noted that the school has remained open throughout the school year.

Enrollment increased from 193 students to 203 who attended school in person. Students who are being schooled at home are not counted in that total, Lindenmayer said.

School faculty, staff, administrators and students earned high praise from the finance board for having kept the school open during COVID-19, without significant incident, as protocols were adhered to.

The smoothness of the budget preparation process drew similar praise.

The Board of Finance members agreed that there would be no need for a budget review workshop to consider both the town and the education budgets. The budgets will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Board of Finance, scheduled for Wednesday, April 21.

Finance board members briefly discussed the selectmen's town budget decision to equalize amounts apportioned to the volunteer fire department and the Kent library (\$100,000 each).

A detailed report had been received from Library Director Sarah Marshall presenting persuasive data on library usage and programs throughout the past pandemic year.

Finance board members Rufus de Rham and Ed Epstein favored restoring the originally requested amounts to both organizations.

Town Treasurer Barbara Herbst recommended that the issue be referred back to the selectmen for discussion at their next meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, Re-

gion One Business Manager Sam Herrick presented an overview of the Region One budget, reporting that the town's obligation to the total budget is projected to drop by \$105,000.

Kent contributes 42 students to the total of 305 students at the high school, or 13.77% of the student body. Kent's share will therefore drop from 15.33% to 14.48% in the coming year.

"Regardless of enrollment, we need to maintain the building: steps, roofing, gutters," Herrick said, explaining the increase in the maintenance allocation. "A good roof is a good building."

Minimal increase in Kent education spending plan

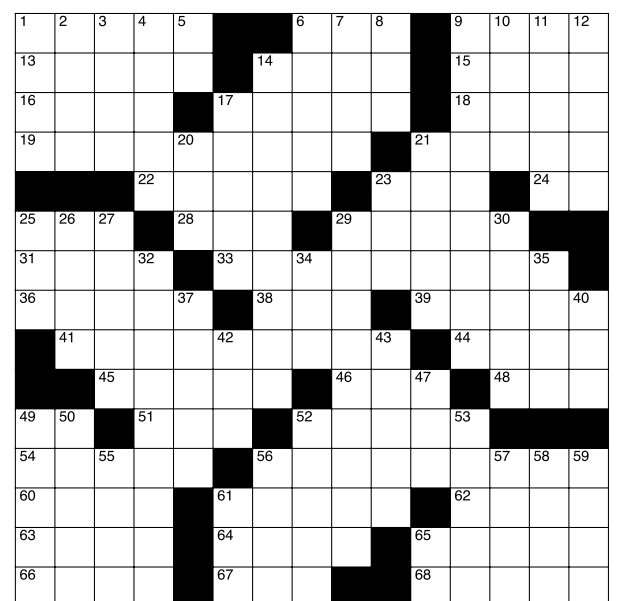
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures
6. Science degree
9. Database management system
13. Desert
14. Inventor Musk
15. Welsh valley
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Saying
18. Comedian and TV host
19. Uppermost portions of the brain
21. City in Transylvania
22. Where astronauts go
23. Men's hairstyle
24. Indicates position
25. One point east of due south
28. Businessmen may have one
29. Grass part
31. Running back Gurley
33. Unwavering
36. Options
38. Annoy
39. Greek mountain
41. Pastas
44. Fishes
45. Wrap
46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
48. Seize
49. The Constitution State
51. Upset
52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ
54. Central Chinese province
56. Predisposition
60. A notice of someone's death
61. One-time Kentucky Rep.
62. Swiss river
63. Dried-up
64. Finger millet
65. ___ Allan Poe
66. German river
67. Brew
68. Kenyan river

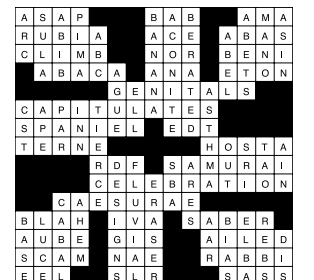
CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Acts as military assistant
3. Knot in a tree
4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
5. The Ocean State
6. Point the finger at
7. Parts in a machine
8. Midway between northeast and east
9. Portray precisely
10. Blister
11. Mental illness
12. Nose of an animal
14. What students receive
17. Semitic peoples
20. Beats per minute
21. Family of drugs

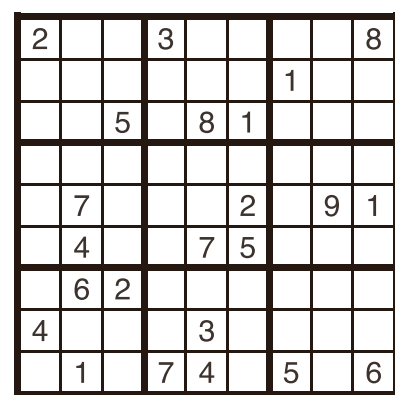


23. Atrocious
25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
26. ___ or bust
27. Icelandic poems
29. A citizen of Pakistan
30. Very pale
32. Metric linear unit
34. Sea eagle
35. Biblical judge of Israel
37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
42. Cool!
43. Large hotel room
47. Type of boat (abbr.)
49. Picked
50. Type of hookah
52. Attack
53. Directs
55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
56. Finished negotiation
57. Heroic tale
58. Middle Eastern country
59. Protein-rich liquids
61. Malaysian Isthmus
65. Spielberg's alien

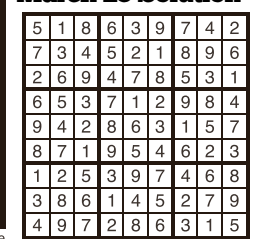
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SPORTS

After a year-long hiatus, March Madness is back

Under the threat of coronavirus, last year's NCAA basketball tournament was abandoned, leaving a billion dollars in revenue behind and causing a different kind of madness for fans, athletes and athletic programs around the country. A year later, March Madness is back to normal, mostly.

Starting on Thursday, March 18, 68 teams from across the country traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., for three weeks of competitive showcasing of the country's best non-professional basketball. Despite playing in front of mostly empty stands, the show goes on, filled with dramatic story lines and bracket-busting upsets that fans missed.

Even without looking at the pandemic-imposed restrictions, the tournament looks different. The famously successful programs of Duke University and Kentucky University, who have a collective 13 NCAA Championships, are not participating. An underwhelming season for both programs, Duke finished 13-11 and also dropped out of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament due to positive COVID tests. Kentucky ended its season 9-16. As a result, both teams watched the tournament from home for the first time since 1976.

Filling that void is an array of teams, well-known or not, that have made fans forget about the loss of last year's tournament, focusing only on the schedule and box scores unfolding in front of them.

Entering this year's bracket as the No. 1 seeds are Gonzaga University in the West, the University of Michigan in the East, Baylor University in the South and University of Illinois in the Midwest. Entering the Elite 8, Illinois is the only No. 1 seed to be knocked out, upset by No. 8 Loyola University Chicago 71-58 in the second round on Sunday.

Illinois is not the only team to be upset this year, of course. Most notably, the No. 15 seed Oral Roberts University dispatched No. 2 Ohio State

BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

HUNTER O. LYLE

University in the first round, winning in a closely contested 78-75 that was decided in overtime. This win was not only Oral Roberts' first win in the tournament since 1974, but also just the ninth time a No. 15 seed has been the No.2 seed in 132 chances.

Other upsets included No. 13 Ohio University over No. 4 University of Virginia (62-58 in the first round), No. 12 Oregon State University over the No. 5 University of Tennessee (70-56 in the first round) and No. 11 Syracuse University over No. 6 San Diego State University (78-62 in the first round). Syracuse then went on to continue the upset spree, beating No. 3 seed West Virginia University, 75-72.

It is almost a relief for me that UConn was eliminated, losing to the University of Maryland 63-54 in the first round. The Huskies were not a true contender this year, and without that added stress, I can sit back and watch the tournament unfold, my loyalties free to fluctuate.

Michigan is my best bet, offering not only winning productions, but a satisfying storyline: making it back to the Sweet 16, this time as the top-seeded program in the East, while being led by Fab 5 legend and now head coach Juwan Howard.

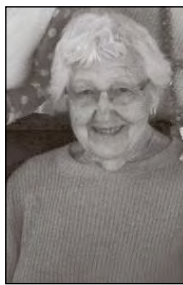
As of Monday, March 29, the eight remaining teams are Michigan versus No. 11 University of California Los Angeles, No. 2 University of Houston versus No. 12 Oregon State University, No. 1 Gonzaga University versus No. 6 University of Southern California, and No. 1 Baylor University matched up against No. 3 University of Arkansas.

With the Championship game scheduled for Monday, April 5, I am sticking with the Wolverines.

OBITUARIES

Ursula Emma Foster

PINE PLAINS — Ursula Emma Foster, 96, of Town Center Road died March 24, 2021, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan. She was the beloved wife of the late Edgar Foster.



Ursula was born July 29, 1924, in Bad Odesloe, Germany, the daughter of the late Adolph and Gertrude Bruhn. She was a pediatric nurse for many years and later became a nursery school teacher.

She is survived by her daughters, Jeanette Wrieske and her husband, Gerhard,

and Diane Cawley and her husband, Michael; a sister, Edith Colanari; her grandchildren, Jason and Sasha Wrieske and Kiersten Higgins; her great-grandchildren, Jason, Gavin, Penelope and Olivia Wrieske; many nieces and nephews; and longtime friend and companion Harry Holleufer.

A small family service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Center.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Marvin William Jarrett

MILLERTON — Marvin William Jarrett of Millerton passed away from his earthly life on March 21, 2021.



Marvin was born on March 5, 1937, in Lincoln, N.C., to Victor Marvin Jarrett and Versilee Roberts Jarrett.

Marvin entered the United States Air Force (USAF) after graduating from Dunbar High School in Florida at the age of 17 and was assigned to 750th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron in California. He served in the Korean War and was stationed abroad in the Netherlands for three years.

Upon returning to the United States, Marvin served as a reservist during the Vietnam War and joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), becoming a Master Electrician until his retirement in 1992. Marvin was a proud veteran and during his retirement he served in the service of other veterans, advocating for and assisting with their VA benefits.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 63 years, Penny DeLois (Moore); and his four children, Juan Jarrett and his wife, Cristine, of Athens, Ga., Renee Vincent (and her husband, the

late Walter Vincent) of Poughkeepsie, Kedrick Jarrett and partner Kim Wilson of Hampton Beach, Va., and Geri Jarrett and partner Patrick Smith of Elgin, Ill. He is also survived by his brother, Edward Jarrett and his wife, Angie; and his sister, Annette Adams.

He was predeceased by two brothers, James Jarrett and Alton Jarrett.

Marvin is also survived by four grandchildren, Alecia, Eric, Sean and Kieran; and four great-grandchildren, Jerome, Ja'Meera, Jaela and Joshua, who all will miss their devoted grandfather and great-grandfather very much.

A private memorial service for family will take place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in April. The United States Air Force Honor Guard will be in attendance.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence or flowers to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Michael Elmer Silvernale

LAKEVILLE — Michael Elmer Silvernale, 60, a three-and-a-half year resident of Connecticut, formerly a longtime resident of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Millerton, died peacefully on March 27, 2021, at Sharon Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer.



Most recently Mike worked in the parts department at Pine Plains Tractor & Equipment in Pine Plains; prior to that, he worked for Northwest Lawn & Landscape in Millerton.

Born May 8, 1960, in Sharon, he was the son of Dorothy "Dot" (Haye) Silvernale of Millerton and the late Jack Silvernale.

He was a graduate of Webutuck High School, Class of 1978, where he excelled at basketball. Following high school he attended SUNY Oneonta. Mike enjoyed spending time with his family and working outdoors in his yard in his spare time.

He will be dearly missed by his loving family and many friends.

In addition to his moth-

er, Mike is survived by a son, Michael Silvernale and his wife, Nelsy, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; two grandchildren, Aiden and Mia Silvernale of Myrtle Beach; his sister, Barbara Lattrell and her husband, Jim, of Sharon; his sister-in-law, Veronica Silvernale of Millerton; two nieces, Danielle Brightman and her husband, Ryan, of Warren, Conn., and Jaime Silvernale of Millerton; and his nephew, Kyle Lattrell and his fiancée, Zoe Harson, of Naples, Fla.

He was predeceased by his brother, Jack G. Silvernale, in 2018.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence or floral tribute to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



Worship Services

Week of April 4, 2021

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

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all! 860-824-0194</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHERS & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</p>	<p>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 415-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual service on Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. "Love" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoui@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational Church 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville EASTER TRIDUUM Immaculate Conception Church, Norfolk Holy Thursday, April 1ST • 7:00pm Good Friday, April 2ND • 3:00pm Easter Vigil/Liturgy of Light, April 3RD • 8:00pm EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH St. Mary's Church, Lakeville 9:00am St. Joseph's Church, Canaan 11:00am ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge HOLY THURSDAY 7 PM - St. Bernard GOOD FRIDAY 3 PM - The Passion - St. Bridget HOLY SATURDAY 7 PM - Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 10 AM - Sacred Heart 10 AM - St. Bridget 10 AM - St. Bernard Face masks required</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>

Spring on the Housatonic River

Kent School students on the boys and girls crew teams were working out on the Housatonic River last week. The school will celebrate 100 years of crew competition in spring 2022.

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HOUSING

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Kenton McCoy, a historic architect appearing on behalf of the applicant, said the building design is appropriate architecturally while using modern materials.

McCoy said the plan “references the neighborhood context but doesn’t copy it.”

McCoy said he was waiting for a report from the State Historic Preservation Office as regards the wall of Bicentennial Park, the site of the proposed apartments.

Parking, zoning, fire lanes

Parking emerged as a theme for the evening. There were questions from the commission about how many spaces would be allotted to tenants and how many for the public.

Attorney Daniel Casagrande, representing a group of intervenors, began his presentation with a list of instances where he maintained the application does not meet the town’s zoning regulations.

He said the location is “unsuitable and completely incompatible with other uses.”

Planner Brian Miller, appearing for the intervenors, spoke about alternative sites for affordable housing, particularly the Pope property along Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury and 414 Millerton Road, next to the Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station.

Miller said the Pope site provides “walkability” to services such as a grocery store in a way the Holley Street site does not. He said 414 Millerton Road already has housing in place and has the potential for expansion.

Engineer Dainius Virbickas, appearing for the intervenors, noted what he said were deficiencies in the application as regards technical reports.

He brought up the question of whether the excavation needed for construction would exceed regulatory limits.

Virbickas also raised the

question of whether the fire lanes identified in the application were adequate for emergency vehicles and delivery trucks. (The fire lanes were the second theme of the evening.)

Miller came back for a discussion of parking. He calculated the loss of the Bicentennial Park parking lot would result in a “parking deficiency” of 61 spaces for businesses and residents of Lakeville and would make it difficult for businesses to function.

Miller said, “What you don’t want to do is replace a beneficial use with a less beneficial use.”

Casagrande offered affidavits from businesses near the site attesting to their use of the existing parking lot.

At the two-and-a-half hour mark there was a five-minute break.

Commission discussion

Commissioners then asked questions. Klemens asked about references to residential tenants in the affidavits presented by Casagrande and wondered if there were some apartments that “slipped under the radar.”

“That needs to be sorted out.”

Alternate commission member Jon Higgins questioned the parking deficiency figure, saying he thought there was some double-counting.

Klemens took a moment to ask viewers not to use the Zoom Webinar chat feature to make remarks.

Public comment was about evenly split between pro and con. Items that came up included: handicapped parking; storm water management; the impartiality of commissioners; how fire trucks operate; the need not just for affordable housing but more parking in Lakeville; the “Not In My Backyard” (or NIMBY) phenomenon; and the economic feasibility of the proposed housing.

VERNAL POOLS

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ing” for mates, Sheffer said.

The season for laying eggs

The frogs will actually couple up, or engage in what’s called “amplexus.” The first thing they have to do is chase each other around the pond to figure out who is male and who is female.

Then a male frog will grab the female from behind and hold on, sometimes for hours, until that female lays her eggs, “which the male will shower with his sperm.”

The salamander males act a bit like postal workers: They attach little packets of sperm, which look like bits of white Styrofoam, to leaf litter or twigs or anything that will anchor them to the bottom of the vernal pool. Then they try to entice the females to pick up their spermatofore packet. The females will absorb the packet into their bodies, where the eggs will be fertilized.

While the wood frogs, salamanders and peepers are out now, other creatures will soon be on the move as well. One notable one is the tiny red eft, which will eventually grow into an eastern newt — although they can remain in the red eft stage for several years.

“Their larval stage is aquatic but after that they come onto land,” Sheffer said. She cautioned that “they’re poisonous at that stage. A human is large



PHOTO BY JONATHAN DOSTER

Wood frogs were singing their throaty, distinctive songs of love last week when the warm wet weather created the right conditions for the spring migration from woodland to vernal pools.

enough that we’ll probably only feel a skin irritation from picking one up, but they can be hazardous for a predator animal such as a raccoon.”

The dangers of the migration

The great amphibian mating migration (which many naturalists refer to as Big Night) begins usually with the first warm spring rain, when temperatures have hit the 50s. In the Northwest Corner, there is often a frost that follows the initial thaw; the amphibians seem to survive it, in the same way that daffodils can usually survive snow after they’ve started to bloom.

What is harder for the traveling amphibians is the danger of cars driving over them. The animals usually travel at night, when traffic is lighter; but they’re hard to see and of course it takes them a while to get from one side of a road to the other. Conservationists often talk about the importance of not building in the path of migration, and especially of not putting insurmountable curbing on roads that will keep the short-legged creatures from being able to get to their breeding sites.

Some people will go to roadside spots that they know the amphibians will traverse; they

will stand at the roadside and do traffic control, asking drivers to stop and wait so a creature can get to the other side.

How to help but not hurt

Sheffer said this is an admirable thing to want to do but she hesitated to offer locations where volunteers might go. The helpful impulse can end up harming the animals, either if people drop them, squeeze them or contaminate the amphibians’ thin skins.

“It can be fun and interesting to pick these animals up, if you feel moved on a rainy night to see one and try to move it to other side of road,” Sheffer said, “but it’s important to mention that their skin is slimy, there’s no protective barrier like feathers or fur. Make sure your hands are clean and don’t have hand sanitizer on them or that you haven’t just filled your tank and have gasoline on your hands; they’ll absorb it right through their skin. Be aware of where your hands have been. You might have something in your car like stiff paper that you can use to scoop the animal up onto, and use that object to move it.”

There is also a danger of people collecting the animals for “the pet trade,” especially the salamanders, which Sheffer describes as “charismatic and beautiful.”

A salamander can live for as long as 20 years in the wild, Sheffer said.

Wood frogs don’t have quite as long a lifespan, but they’re not, she said, like insects, which breed and die.

Anyone who’s interested in helping these animals to live their full life span can go online to the Harris Center in Hancock, N.H. They’ve created the Salamander Crossing Brigade, which has some outposts in other areas of the country. They have a booklet in PDF form with information that you can find at www.harriscenter.org; search for “volunteer materials.”

VACCINES

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• The Walgreens locations in Torrington, Litchfield and North Canaan are providing vaccines. It is necessary to create an account at www.walgreens.com.

Walmart in Torrington is offering vaccine appointments. Again, it is necessary to have a Walmart account. Go to www.walmart.com/covidvaccine for details.

And Stop & Shop supermarkets in Torrington and Winsted are offering vaccinations. Go to www.stopandshop/covid-vaccine.

Mattiello said the Walgreens locations are each vaccinating about 20 people a day, and the Walmart in Torrington about 40 per day.

He said appointments are necessary for a number of reasons, including getting the proper second dose. “You can’t get one Pfizer and one Moder-

na,” he said, referring to the two two-shot vaccines.

And he said locations are booking appointments only three weeks ahead. “Supply matters,” he said. “We don’t want to have to cancel appointments.”

Mattiello referred to a mobile clinic at the Emergency Services Center in Falls Village last week, which was aimed at certain residents of Falls Village and North Canaan.

There have been clinics at Charlotte Hungerford for specific demographic groups, as well as in Winsted.

Horn noted that people in the far north and west part of the Northwest Corner have experienced difficulty in getting appointments, and then asked about side effects.

Mattiello said side effects include sore arms, mild temperature, body ache; they generally

last 24 hours.

Lamothe spent a few minutes at the start of the Facebook event debunking vaccine myths: that the vaccines cause infertility, that there is a microchip in the vaccine, that the vaccine changes a person’s DNA, that the side effects are deadly, and that people who have had COVID-19 and recovered don’t need to be vaccinated.

On the last two, Lamothe said there are definitely side effects. “But nobody’s dying from them.”

And reinfection is possible for people who had COVID-19 and recovered. “So you should still get it. It will boost the immune system that much more.”

Which vaccine is best? The two-shot Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or the one-shot Johnson & Johnson?

Lamothe said, “The best vaccine is the one you can get.”

ICU

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patients hooked up to ventilators and heart monitors. “We have been doing a great job in understanding how to triage that type of patient without the overhead costs of a very expensive ICU.”

The merger of the units would better utilize the nursing staff and “keep everyone in the same location, therefore joining the synergy,” while eliminating the need to staff two separate units, said Hirko. It would also consolidate medical supplies.

Talks will be ongoing, he said. “We haven’t fully committed to that,” stressed Hirko, who noted that the hospital will be assisted by a needs assessment that has been com-

pleted in the past by the Foundation for Community Health. “We work with the state and our communities to maintain quality care.”

“COVID has accelerated a lot of things that would have taken us four or five years to settle on,” said the hospital president. “What we’ve found so far is that our hospital is very, very good at identifying who we can care for and who should be transferred to another part of the health system.” The pandemic, he said, helped administrators better understand “what our niche is.”

Hirko stressed the importance of identifying levels of care for patients, and in knowing when to transfer

the more critically ill to other health centers when limited resources are available.

The future of health care and the changing role of hospitals, said Hirko, is evolving, with greater emphasis in the future on “keeping people out of the hospital,” through preventative health measures, tele-health and out-patient services including radiology, lab work, cardiology, rehabilitation, women’s health and wound care.

One thing is for sure, said Hirko. “This won’t be the same Sharon Hospital of the 1980s. We’re doing our best to maintain our facility and at the same time still be fiscally responsible and financially feasible.”

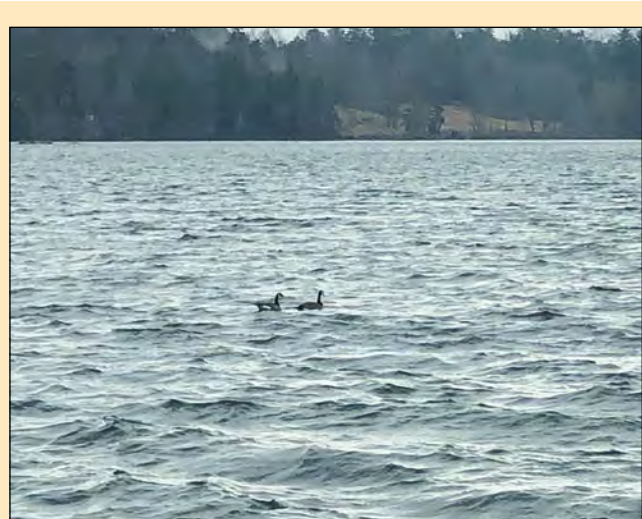


PHOTO BY DON MAYLAND

It only seemed to take a few days for the ice to completely melt from the surface of Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville.

It’s spring, and the ice is ‘out’ in Lakeville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — For decades, the town of Salisbury has had an official Ice Watcher for the town’s largest water body, Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville. The Ice Watcher decides when the surface is fully iced over, and then puts out an alert when the ice is completely gone.

“I officially declared ‘Ice

Out’ on Thursday, March 25, 2021,” said Don Mayland, who has been the town’s Ice Watcher now for several years.

“We had 53 days of ice cover, which is nine more than last year but still well below the average of 77 days.”

Mayland shared this photograph of two geese, who seemed to be enjoying the absence of ice.

A crazy, successful season for Mohawk ski area

By Hunter O. Lyle

CORNWALL — It was a wild and weird ski season, but Mohawk Mountain Ski Area came through it fine and is preparing now for the offseason.

In recent years, the weather alone has presented challenges through the season. This year, COVID-19 restrictions were added on, requiring the ski area to roll with changing conditions.

After opening on Saturday, Dec. 12, “The demand was huge, probably twice what we would normally see, maybe three times as big,” said Carol Lugar, president of the ski area. “We couldn’t serve all of

them. We got as many of them on the hill as we could.”

This year, Mohawk didn’t allow walk-ins and instead implemented a registration system. People interested in going skiing or snowboarding that day would visit www.mohawkmtn.com to save a time slot for their party. The number of people allowed in fluctuated, based on the day. Mohawk also limited the number of season passes early on — and sold out of them before Christmas.

Along with the entrance restrictions, tables in the lodge were removed, to enforce social distancing. A time limit was set for people eating or gathering. Gear and equipment, such

as skis and boards, could not be brought inside. Some upgrades, such as contactless technology, will continue to be used for future seasons.

By and large people liked keeping gear and equipment out of the lodge, Lugar said. “There were people who went back to their car to picnic and there were some pretty awesome tailgates out there.”

Mohawk will be closed Monday, March 29, through Wednesday, March 31, and will reopen on Thursday, April 1, and Friday, April 2.

Saturday, April 3, is predicted to be the final day of the season, with the mountain open from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

CRAFTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Bundles of Joy to Entertain Children in Springtime

They come together, one right after the other: Easter, Mud Season and Spring Vacation. These are all occasions that parents/grandparents either love or dread, when there are multiple children indoors running around together, often with sugar in their bloodstream.

Crafts were invented for just such times as these. In future weeks we will try to do a few projects to help keep families thriving and happy. As they used to say when I was young, the family that plays together stays together.

When I was working as a craft editor for children's magazines in New York (and simultaneously when I was the mother of a young child), I learned that crafts in magazines are done for visual effect and that most children can't or won't do them. What children really like to do is decorate things — and, of course, they like to run around and to hunt for things.

This craft is designed to have something for all ages, and it includes running around and hunting. I have no problem with



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

children eating sugar, especially as long as those children are not running around in my house. Easter is a notably candy-centric holiday; this craft can be done with or without sugar.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO EGG DYE

The essence of this project is the creation of gift bundles that can be hidden, and then hunted.

The bundles are easy to make and can be filled with candy — or they can be filled with rubber stamps or decorative stickers. If you put stamps and stickers in them, I promise you that almost all children of any age will quietly spend at least a half hour making pictures and little story scenes on paper.

The stickers can also be used to decorate boiled

eggs. Yes, you can do the old-fashioned dyeing of the eggs but it's fairly easy in this rural part of the world to find eggs that are naturally colorful (the farmstand on Wells Hill Road in Salisbury will often have blue/green eggs). And you probably know this already but children really hate the smell of vinegar, which you have to use to dye your eggs.

It's that time of year, when children are home for Easter or spring vacation — but it's too cold or wet to go outside and play. Simple crafts for all ages can help keep everyone happy.

You can avoid the smell by using stickers. You will also avoid all the mess and bother that comes with dyeing eggs, and I'll reiterate that children love nothing more than to decorate things.

In addition to stickers, you can get some craft glue such as Elmer's and have some feathers and glitter on hand (although of course then you have mess; make sure you cover your worktable with old newspapers to make cleanup easier).

The children can decorate pictures on paper, or they can decorate the boiled eggs.

TISSUE PAPER HOBO SACKS

To create the little bundles, get some tissue

paper from any large grocery store or pharmacy (you probably have some left over from the holiday season) and get some inexpensive curling ribbon (again, you probably have some in your basement already).

On a heavy piece of paper or cardboard, measure an 8 inch square and cut it out. This will be your template. Trace the square onto your tissue paper and cut several squares. It's fun to combine colors of paper in two layers. This is probably a job that's best done by older children, or by a parent in advance of the craft project.

If you're using rubber stamps, and the stamps are too big to fit in an 8 by 8 square, make a larger template.

Put your rubber stamp inside the tissue paper, cut about 12 inches of ribbon and then gently pull the edges of the paper up over the top of the rubber stamp to create a little sort of beggars pouch (as they're called in cooking, or hobo sacks as they used to be called during the Depression). Tie it shut with

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Hidden Secrets (and Favorite Foods) of Old New England

Connecticut counts as part of New England but most of the foods that are considered Typical New England Cooking are, pretty much, rarely-if-ever served here. Pot roast, perhaps. But brown bread and baked beans? Not so much.

In her new book, "The Truth About Baked Beans," Meg Muckenhoupt explains how some of the stereotypes of so-called Old New England Food were created, and she talks about why so many of them are just ... so wrong.

Of particular note, in this era when food and the idea of cultural appropriation so often make the headlines, is her assertion (obvious as soon as she says it) that New England is not a land of just White Protestants and Native Americans.

There are of course regional foods based on regional ingredients (this is maple syrup season, for example). But Muckenhoupt opens wide the doors of New England cuisine and culture by talking about the many immigrants who brought their native foods with them. It's an interesting topic of conversation in this

year when Connecticut is considering adopting pizza as the state food.

In addition to giving a cultural and anthropological history, Muckenhoupt also offers recipes (many from well-known contemporary restaurants and other specialists in edible deliciousness) for exotic foods that are native to New England. It's full of surprises.

Learn more about the book and about true New England cuisine on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. She will be interviewed by me, Lakeville Journal Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender; recipes will be shared and possibly assembled during the virtual presentation. It's also very likely there will be some beverages mixed and enjoyed. Watch our Instagram and Facebook pages for an ingredients list if you'd like to cook/drink along.

This free online event is presented by the House of Books in Kent and the Kent Memorial Library. To register (and to order the book), go to www.houseofbooksct.com and click on "events."

— Cynthia Hochswender



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Pupusas, an essential food for the people of El Salvador, are also an important part of the cuisine of New England. Find out how to make them and learn about some of the unexpected ethnic foods that are "New England classics" in a free Zoom talk on April 14 with Cynthia Hochswender and Meg Muckenhoupt.

... Springtime Crafts

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the ribbon.

Older children can help with making the bundles; very young children probably can not. You'll know best what your children can do without getting frustrated (or ripping the tissue paper).

WORD SEARCH AND NUMBERS GAME

For children who are old enough to read, you can buy rubber stamps that spell out seasonal words such as Easter or spring (or mud).

Most stamp kits only have a single letter, so you'll need to get two or more stamp kits if you want to spell out a word such as Egg or Rabbit (stamps are available at most big box and craft stores; don't forget to buy ink pads in multiple happy spring colors).

You can count out the number of letters in, for example, Easter and send your child off in search of six little bundles. That's a counting game. And then when you open the bundles you can have

the child put them in the proper order to spell the word.

Older children can help hide the bundles (tissue paper is at its best in dry locations; if you hide the bundles outside and it's wet or snowy, you can put the tissue paper bundles in plastic bags, which is less cute but more practical).

The oldest children can create a treasure hunt to play with their friends; they can even use the rubber stamps to create small treasure maps, with cryptic instructions and little pirate images. Each map can lead to another map, which leads to another map, which eventually leads to a treasure (candy? a book?).

Have fun and as always on Easter: Try to keep a record of what you've hidden and where you've hidden it, so you can bring everything indoors before the plants begin to grow again in late spring.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Three Memorable Shows: 'Red Oaks,' 'Chernobyl' and 'My Cousin Vinny'

My candidate for one of TV's most underrated shows is "Red Oaks," a comedy/drama that largely takes place at a Jewish country club in New Jersey.

David Meyer (Craig Roberts) is an NYU student and aspiring film director who works there as assistant tennis pro. He falls for the daughter of the president, Skye Getty (Alexandra Socha), and one story line follows their compelling and unpredictable romance from New Jersey to Paris to Greenwich Village.

No less compelling are the subplots about their parents, aided by fine performances by Richard Kind and Jennifer Grey as David's Dad and Mom and Paul Reiser as Skye's Dad and the club president.

The supporting cast is superb, including David's pal Wheeler (Oliver Cooper) and his boss, Nash (Ennis Esmer). There are many things I love about "Red Oaks": its sweet nostalgic look at the 1980s, its touching humor (e.g. a brilliant body-swapping episode), its terrific soundtrack, and the fact that it doesn't go on too

long. It has exactly the right number of episodes and ends on a perfect note. Everyone in your family will enjoy this show. On Amazon Prime.

If you passed on HBO's award-winning miniseries "Chernobyl," I quite understand. Why immerse yourself in another disaster in our year of trouble. But you should catch up with this gripping show, which dramatizes the 1986 explosion and the cleanup that follows.

Many think that the worst nuclear disaster in history led to the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The series won critical acclaim for its exhaustive research and stunning production design. Don't try watching this on your phone, but you can appreciate it on an average size TV. (The average TV screen these days is 55 inches.)

You probably won't recognize any of the fine cast,

except for the star, Jared Harris, who had a major role in "Mad Men."

Yes, the show is grim, but not all is destruction and death. There is much emphasis on the quiet heroism of firefighters, miners who dig a crucial tunnel, and other front-line workers. Also exposed is the infuriating response of government leaders, who refuse to listen to the scientists and care only about spreading lies to lighten the disaster. All too familiar. On HBO Max.

Dying is easy; comedy is hard. But you need some laughs after "Chernobyl," and so I need a sure thing.

Nothing can be surer than this 1992 film about Vinny Gambini, a Brooklyn personal injury lawyer who drives down to Alabama with his girlfriend, Mona Lisa Vito, to defend his cousin and another youth (or "yute") who have been falsely accused of murder.

Many of you know I'm talking about "My Cousin Vinny," which is always worth a second look.

For you lucky newbies, Joe Pesci, who turns out to be a wonderful actor when released from the bonds of playing gangsters, plays Vinny. Marisa Tomei is Mona Lisa, and you have never met a more charming and sexy gearhead. She won an Oscar for best supporting actress. The two stars and their hilarious dialogue carry the film, but it is also a suspenseful courtroom drama with a surprise ending.

Rent it, from \$2.99 on Amazon Prime, YouTube and others.

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EDITORIAL

Gratitude for this anniversary

While many issues in this country remain in need of long-term solutions, Americans can take some solace in knowing that the Affordable Care Act, despite multiple ongoing attempts to take it down since its inception in 2010, remains in force. Its purpose was to give all across the nation who needed health care real options. When President Biden took office, he took lots of actions, and one of those was to extend open enrollment for the ACA from February through May 15. Clearly that was an effective measure, in that more than 200,000 Americans signed up in just the first weeks, according to The New York Times. There could be no better way to celebrate the 11th anniversary of the act.

The weakening of the act including removing the mandate that states expand their Medicaid programs, as well as the rising costs of prescriptions, medical procedures and hospital stays, have created challenges around its effectiveness that must be addressed. But there are generous incentives to states in the stimulus legislation recently passed and signed by Biden that even some Republican-controlled states are starting to take advantage of. Though many Democrats and independents are pushing for universal health care to be available to all, which would be a good thing, using the ACA to its greatest advantage would be another universally beneficial step. It would also help to have the ongoing court cases against the act pulled out of the dockets now that Trump is no longer in power.

If the ACA can be improved, expanded and used in all 50 states, without continuing to make it a political trigger rather than one based on human needs, that alone will help many thousands across the country who have lost their health care when they lost their employment during the onslaught of COVID-19 and its variants. What could put an individual and their loved ones more at risk during such a vulnerable time as this of pandemic than to lose one's job, and then lose health care coverage? Just when medical care is of the utmost importance, Americans should not feel unsupported: rather, the ACA should be there for all who need that coverage, no matter their political affiliation or that of their state government.

If there are any readers who would be willing to share their experiences, good or bad, with a loss of health insurance and the use of the Affordable Care Act, this newspaper would be glad to publish your letters on this page. The more we learn from each other on critical issues like this, especially during the pandemic, the better off we all will be in the long run.

Remember help is available to navigate the system to sign up for the ACA at healthpathfinder.org, or at AccessHealthCT.com.

Biden's first 100 days

We the people were promised "I will build back better and unite this whole country."

Let's examine this. Day 1 of President Joe Biden's White House duties were 64 executive orders. He canceled the Keystone XL pipeline. It caused at least 1000 direct and up to 10,000 accessory jobs to be gone. Cancellation of the 1776 Project which promoted civic education highlighting American heritage. It is being replaced by unsubstantiated critical race theory as its educational focus. The endpoint is to have the historically challenged NYT 1619 Project as its guideline. Its principal point: America is an inherently racist country. Next up is an EA allowing biological boys to compete with biological girls in school sports. This essentially ends fair girls sport competition and scholarship chances. Pandemic response.

The very vaccine and the foundations for distribution were in place from the Trump administration. Biden needed to ramp up supplies and location strategies. The goal was to reopen schools within 100 days. This can be done or will there be a deference to teachers union demands? COVID relief. The passage of a new \$1.9 trillion bill is riddled with partisan agenda priorities. It is a disincentive to stay out of work until September. How does it help struggling businesses reach their full employment capacities?

On immigration, by tossing out prior administration policies (the Wall, Stay in Mexico, and ending Catch and Release) a firestorm has happened on the southern border. Americans must wear masks but not so for unlawful trespassers. Rejoining and foreign policy. Biden has rejoined ineffective organizations such as WHO, Iran nuclear deal and Paris climate accords. These agreements were never voted on by Congress. Biden looks to "reset" Palestinian relations with a two-state policy. This would be a threat to the successful Abraham Accords..

In less than 100 days President Biden has alienated the energy industry, religious community, Republicans with radical EAs, pro-lifers, the border patrol, and members of the business community.

America is on a runaway train with a commander-in-chief asleep at the switch.

Joe Agli

Kent

It's a pandemic process

Now I've got my second Jab
I'm sure it won't leave a scab
Left the hospital feeling fine
Ready to go out and dine
But during sleep that same night
My arm was aching not feeling right
And in the morn the aches did start
And my arm started to smart

Then flu like symptoms came
Not feeling right as rain
But after breakfast I improved
And the aches were removed
So now I feel so much better
That I started to write this letter.

Michael Kahler
Lakeville

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The new bank building on Bissell Street

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The next gen: teach your parents well

It's not only what you say, it's how you deliver the message, right? There are still moments of such extreme clarity when one realizes that it is still possible to learn profound truths, in my case at the ripe age of 72. This particular lesson came from our daughter, a veterinarian. In one afternoon, one thing she urged us to do may change our lives: "Mom, there's a movie called Seaspiracy." "Where?" "On Netflix." "OK." "Watch it. Just watch it!" "OK!!"

When I was trying to instill a few truths (and truisms) along the way in our children, I can assure you I didn't do it with such economy. My

instructions were hammered home, ad nauseum, not leaving much room for our kids to make any of my lessons their own.

So, embracing her model of sparseness, I ask fellow readers still partially confined to their homes, "Check out Seaspiracy. On Netflix." It's a documentary made by a young British filmmaker named Ali Tabrizi. I can confidently say, he and our daughter have changed my life in less than 24 hours. With embarrassment that it took this long, I'll say "Thank you, Ali and Maude."

Molly S. Fitzmaurice

Sharon

Guns and butter blues

"Time to give the good guys the edge." — Frank Figliuzzi, Former FBI

When I was a kid we vacationed in the land of lakes Wisconsin, memorable for we youngsters tossing the bag of margarine pre dinner to disburse the fake coloring. Wisconsin, a dairy state, sold only butter in mellow yellow sticks. Wisconsin, a beautiful state rich in resources, is seemingly daunted with Senatorial fake coloring: McCarthy in the 1950s with his red mania and now Johnson with his paintings of the January 6 Capitol insurrection as placid pastel patriots demonstrating gentle fervor for democracy.

As the agony of an unchallenged Senator Johnson booms amidst the rising hope of Covid vaccines and rescue funds distributed, two more mass shootings blast our dis-

ease weary, economically drained nation. Shooters with high weaponry exercise their unrestricted 2nd Amendment rights on unarmed, unsuspecting victims — Asian women in Atlanta and grocery shoppers in Boulder. Americans can't go to the movies, a post office, a church or synagogue, McDonald's, a parking lot, a night club, elementary, high school or college and now a grocery without some military grade gun-toter unloading on mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, friends. Unceasing cable news coverage breaking in America is yet another mass shooting.

In Boulder a first responder patrolman is shot in the line of guns uncontrolled. He, a father of seven, is mowed down. At the Capitol, officers of two local policing units were beaten, gassed, maimed and killed by

a conspiracy of secessionists. Police blues — the uniform and the lament. Police blues indeed, being in the wake of persons freely armed, ramrodding, shooting with abandon. Police blues misrepresented by a rotted batch using their shields as instruments of harm. Police blues a discord of might vs right and good vs bad.

American national shame and tragedy is rampant when the good guys aren't given the edge — protection, concern, right to move freely, safely. All good guys in and out of uniform.

"The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened." — JFK

The daffodils, crocus, pansies and violets have a heavy lift this spring.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe
Sharon

Why resistance on new location?

I have written a number of letters to the Salisbury Housing Commission and Planning and Zoning describing the objections I have to the Holley Place project. A more widespread articulation is perhaps warranted now.

Unlike Mr. Oppenheimer's recent scurrilous comments concerning the motives of those objecting (I'm wondering how many of those people he even knows, e.g., I don't know him and he doesn't know me) to the Holley Place project,

most of us have valid concerns, among them:

- Disenfranchising existing residents and operators of commercial operations that rely on the parking at Bicentennial Park.
- The failure to optimize the location for those needing affordable housing. Optimization could be described as easy access to grocery shopping, proximity to child care facilities with the added benefit of being next to the SVNA, access to open space, proximity to the

Community Garden, adequate space for parking and nearby shopping. Does this sound like the Pope property where up to 64 units could be built satisfying 85% of Salisbury's affordable housing requirements? If you said yes, you would be correct.

- There is an open issue of whether the change in use for Bicentennial Park is consistent with the original gift.
- The complications of additional traffic turning onto Holley Street causing additional congestion on Route 44.

There is nothing wrong with redirecting efforts to a more amenable location. There seems to be entrenched resistance and I, for one, would like to know why.

Margaret Monaco
Lakeville

Compare the economics

Why has the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission (SAHC) concentrated its efforts on Holley Place and neglected the larger and more suitable Pope property?

We do not need to destroy the historic Bicentennial park and the parking for existing businesses in Lakeville and a lovely children's park to meet our affordable housing needs. In 2016, the town voted to spend \$1.6 million to purchase the 59-acre Pope property off Salmon Kill Road within walking distance of the town of Salisbury. The clear intent of the voters was that some of that land be used for housing. The town's Affordable Housing Plan included 34-65 units on the Pope Property.

In January 2021, the Pope commission released a 92-page report with no review of the housing alternatives. After five years, the only "recommendation" comes on page 12 where Mat Kiefer, Salisbury Board of Finance, states the following: "The current use of the Pope property is great. Farming is beautiful. ... This property should stay the same or become athletic fields for one to two decades. If needed, decades from now the property could always

be turned into housing sites.... We should not rush. ... Do right by the land. Respect it. I am tired of seeing housing in the middle of fields." To his credit Jim Dresser disassociated himself from Kiefer's comments.

Why have the SAHC and our selectmen not pushed the Pope commission to formulate a better housing recommendation? Some proponents of Holley Place, lacking the information needed to address the neighbors' concerns on the merits, accuse them of racial bias. We must be able to deliberate on how we economically bring housing to our town without being distracted by character attacks.

Our community will be better served if SAHC compares the economics of building a 12-unit Holley Place with 35-65 units on the Pope property. Until that analysis is done and made public, our representatives have not served their community well. Let's address the merits of both projects by comparing the financials, the costs to the town and the impact on the neighbor. Show us the numbers.

Pamela Wilson and
George Mason
Lakeville

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1921

Richmond W. Landon the Olympic high jump champion, and Miss Alice H. Lord, crack swimmer of the Women's Swimming Association of New York are engaged. They met for the first time on board the steamship Princess Matoika last July as members of America's Olympic band of athletes bound for Antwerp.

— Senator Rudd appeared before the incorporations committee of the legislature last Thursday in support of his bill authorizing the Salisbury Cutlery Handle Company to generate, sell and distribute electricity.

— Madison Silvernale expects to break ground for his new bungalow on Orchard Street very shortly.

LAKEVILLE — Daniel Lorigan has greatly improved his residence by the addition of a large piazza across the front and a new dress of paint for the entire building.

50 years ago — 1971

Governor Thomas J. Meskill has appointed Lt. Cleveland Blake Fuessenich of Litchfield to succeed Leo J. Mulcahy as the new Commissioner of State Police.

—Is Taconic going to get back its post office? It was taken for granted after the General Store and Post Office was destroyed by fire in February that it was merely a matter of time and the finding of a suitable place for it. Now this has become subject to doubt.

— Three area students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources in Storrs. They are John Lee from Lakeville, Henry Frueh from East Canaan, and Peter Volz of Kent.

SHARON — Moving day will be some time this week for three houses across from the shopping center, perched in the air and ready to go. They will be moved up the hill to a lot next to the Masonic building on Main Street.

25 years ago — 1996

SHARON — At the National Corn Growers Association conference in Phoenix last month, fellow farmers were impressed by James Russin's yield, 157.73 bushels of field corn an acre.

—Legislation that would have given boards of selectmen wide latitude to meet and do public business in secret has been withdrawn. The proposal, drafted by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, went too far, said Rep. Philip Prelli, R-Winsted, a member of the General Assembly's Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

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But nobody ever sang the novel

Chekhov – Da; Rodgers and Hammerstein – Nyet. In Drama School the latter were never mentioned; the former we studied endlessly, mulling over Masha's opening line in "The Three Sisters" – "I'm in mourning for my life." Broadway was for sell-outs. It's taken me a lot of years, decades, in fact, to recognize the genius of America's musical theater. Sondheim? Who he? Which brings me to...

I try not to muddy my mind with too much research, Google Schmoogole, being of the Casey Stengel school who long ago famously said, "You can look it up." But I believe it was Oscar Hammerstein who went to Lorenz Hart and said, "Why don't we do a musical set in Oklahoma?" and Hart said, "Who's going to be interested in a piece about cows?" We're SophisticATS. We're Manhattan Madhatters, dude. Well, Oscar went to Richard Rodgers and never went back to Lorenz.

And that piece about the cows and the wind whipping down the plain was born. And then there was "South Pacific," on my mind a lot these days because of its all-out attack on racism. Nellie Forbush, from Little Rock, originally played by Mary Martin, is initially put off that Emile de Becque, the French colonial planter, played by the opera star Ezio Pinza, has two mixed race illegitimate children. (In the original James Michener story, Emile has eight. And to Nellie, anyone not white or yellow was the N-word. As Nellie struggles for the politic word in the musical, Emile suggests "Polynesian." Nellie responds with "Colored." Nellie may be lily-white, but in the Michener, she has a past. A

4-F boyfriend back home and an affair on the islands.)

An aside: Joshua Logan was "South Pacific" director and co-writer, Logan who said "You can make a killing in the theater, but you can't make a living." Truer words...

Another aside: James Michener, from whose stories come "South Pacific," was given 1% of the royalties. That seems stingy to me — they were his stories that the writers adapted, he the one who "discovered" Bloody Mary, a woman with few remaining betel-stained teeth who lived to be 102, (and her best line? "French planters stingy bastards"), but that lousy 1% made him a rich man. He quit his editing job at MacMillan and wrote full time, "Hawaii" and the like.

When I used the word "stingy" to a friend, a longtime theater manager, he said that that was the norm and besides "no one ever sang the novel." Until Richard and Oscar and Josh came along.

When the show was done in the South, "You Have To Be Carefully Taught" came in for criticism for being too on-the-nose confrontational about racism. Two Southern legislators threatened to pass a law banning shows, which were inspired by Moscow. "Hammerstein, when asked for comment, responded that he did not think the legislators were representing their constituents very well, and that he was surprised at the suggestion that anything kind and decent must necessarily originate in

Moscow." (Wikipedia, begging your pardon.)

The lawmakers continued: "Intermarriage produces half-breeds. And half-breeds are not conducive to the higher type of society. ... In the South, we have pure blood lines and we intend to keep it that way." (Wiki ibid)

Like Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings. (My colleague Charles Smith is writing a two-hander entitled "The Reclamation of Madison Hemings" about Hemings and Israel Jefferson. Sounds pretty cool, hey?)

In the wonderful final scene

of the film, when Emile returns from the mission in the jungle where Caleb has died, Caleb who has sung "You Have To Be Carefully Taught" to be a racist, Emile sees Nellie and how loving she is with his children. Nellie then gently pushes the tureen of soup to the bedraggled Emile. It's a lovely loving wordless moment. We know that Emile has come a long way home and Nellie has come a long way as well.

Rodgers and Hammerstein – Da, indeed. As for the Nyet part and Masha, in mourning for her life, we'll keep mulling.

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Do Americans insist on too much lawn?

America's large, manicured lawns can be very beautiful, at times almost magical. However, we could have even lovelier, ecologically superior landscapes while saving an enormous amount of money were we to substantially reduce the proportion of manicured lawn in our country.

The Washington Post has figured that approximately 20% of the state of Connecticut is covered in lawn grass. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, manicured turf grass lawns in the U.S. cover more than 50 million acres of land. In addition to countless amounts of water, every year Americans lawns consume over 200 million gallons of gasoline and 70 million pounds of pesticide, adding more than \$36 billion annually to the costs

of lawn care.

More than any other country, Scotland, with its countless miles of sheep grazed green-swards, helped define the large lawn.

But despite the prevalence of extensive public green-swards, even Scotland does not have most of its small residences wrapped by grass. The United States and Canada are the only countries with such an abundance of private, residential lawns.

The earliest lawns we know of were the commons, British and continental European meadows, where villagers grazed their sheep or cattle. These animals kept the grass

cropped and fertilized as they grazed. During the 17th century in France and Britain, closely shorn grass lawns at the castles and stately residences of

wealthy land-owners were planted partly to prevent marauders from hiding close by in woodland and sneaking up on these grand homes.

The first mechanical lawn mowers appeared in England in 1830, followed 40 years later by the classic, walk behind reel mower. Gasoline powered mowers arrived just before World War I, and rotary mowers in the early 1950s. Today the enormous range of lawn cutting machines includes riding mowers bigger than a small house.

In the 1860s, Frederic Law Olmsted, the creator of New York's Central Park, started a national movement, with communities all across the United States demanding parks with interesting natural features and very large grassy spaces.

Whereas lawns in Great Britain were found mostly in large estates, in the U.S. lawns became something for everyone. Huge post-World War II housing developments such as Levittown were built all over the country and part of the package a new homeowner usually bought was a pre-installed lawn.

Housing developers plant their new housing developments with lawn grass because it is the least expensive ground cover to install. But first costs are soon overtaken by continuing expenses. In many communities regular mowing is mandated and enforced by local governments or homeowners associations.

A homeowner needs to acquire a mower or hire a mowing service, most of whom insist on frequent mowing at regular intervals. For all but the smallest properties, costs are apt to exceed \$1,000 a year.

While a large estate may be set off nicely, looking its best surrounded by a large lawn, smaller homes on fraction of an acre lots are apt to appear larger and more interesting when an enclosing lawn, at least in part, is replaced by a variety of trees,

The United States and Canada are the only countries with such an abundance of private, residential lawns.

shrubs, perennials, walkways and sitting areas such that the whole area is more intricate and cannot be visually taken in at a glance. This is like an empty room that, paradoxically, feels larger with the addition of furniture.

Healthy lawns require good, rich organic soil. Most commercial lawn fertilizers try to compensate for poor soil with ultra fast acting nitrogen fertilizer that accelerates growth. But this is like eating amphetamines instead of food.

Incorporating dwarf clover seed into the mix would slowly draw nitrogen down from the air into the soil offering a safer, less expensive choice, eliminating the need for chemical fertilizer applications.

For those fed up with all that mowing, there are some alternative solutions.

Where local regulations permit, one can simply let the lawn "go," perhaps just mowing it annually to prevent it from reverting to woodland. Or one might create special features over what had been lawn such as flower or vegetable gardens, sitting terraces, or a pond.

A blend of fine fescue grasses produces a lawn that grows slowly and stays low with mowing just a few times a year, the main drawback being that it is slow to establish and weeds will start to take over unless controlled for a season by hand weeding or application of suitable herbicide.

A lawn of just wild white clover might also be a good solution. Although too tender for an athletic field, a clover lawn can stand up to the miller wear and tear of a suburban yard. Growing no more than 3" to 5" high, it might be mowed once or twice a season or maybe not at all. And in midsummer, when most lawn grasses go dormant and turn brown, clover stays green.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need to keep our imperfect, hard-won republic

Recently Betty Krasne wrote to this paper regarding protecting voting rights, a goal we highly support. She touts H.R. 1, an act working its way through Congress. However, we completely disagree that H.R. 1 will protect voting rights. In fact, it would undo progress made since our country's founding.

Here's some background. In 1787 the U.S. bucked thousands of years of history by adopting a Constitution with a republican (not Republican) form of government, which decentralized government power that up until then had been extremely centralized, mostly in monarchies run by kings. When we broke from England we created a power sharing arrangement that split power among states, a small 3-branch central gov-

ernment and the citizens. Was it perfectly executed? No way — slavery, women's rights, Jim Crow laws, poll taxes and more — all needed to be dealt with and as a nation we've made great strides on these issues.

However, our core idea of decentralizing power was unprecedented — a historic breakthrough. The recognition of states as sovereign created the concept of a republic, not a democracy. As such the rules regarding congressional voting were specifically memorialized in our Constitution as the bailiwick of state legislatures — not Congress, not the president, not governors and not the courts.

What does this have to do with H.R. 1? Well if you thought that an Act entitled "For The People Act of 2021" was for the people, think again. This 791-page monstrosity is among the

most radical anti-people pieces of legislation ever proposed. Here's a small sample of its provisions: 1) it transfers control over congressional elections from the states to the federal government — time, place and manner (code for central control); 2) it allows same-day voter registration (code for voting in two jurisdictions on the same day); 3) it prevents states from updating their voter rolls (code for ballots mailed to former voters, dead and moved away); 4) it does away with the concept of Election Day and substitutes "election month" (our term). Ballots cast and received 15 days before and up to 10 days after "Election Day" are considered valid (code for a counting morass without specifically designed controls); 5) it allows nationwide vote-by-mail or online — no picture IDs required, only a signature.

How would we know whose or whether the signer is a citizen or even a real person? Without ID verification controls over a mail-in/online system, there is no control. It will invariably lead to a disputed result in a close election.

This is just the tip of 791 pages. Such recentralization will not help the People. History has repeatedly shown that the only people empowered by central control are those in control. We acknowledge that our system is far from perfect. But what's the sense in scrapping it for a system rejected 245 years ago because it was clearly tyrannical? Part of the uniqueness of this country is the power sharing we discussed above. That's why it's rightly called the United States and not a country called "Washington."

Jane Pinckney

Lakeville

Wants Falls Village-scaled housing

On we go. You've heard of "activist judges." We, in Falls Village, have an "activist" first selectman. Indeed, we all wish for an active first selectman who listens to and acts upon the wishes of his or her constituents. But, in Falls Village, we have quite the opposite. Our first selectman has done great damage resisting the will of his citizens. Last August, 72 citizens signed a petition requesting a referendum to vote on whether the town should approve or disapprove a permit for a 16 unit, 29 bedroom housing development in the little Lime Rock Station section of Falls Village, 2 miles from the town center. Our first selectman dismissed our referendum request out of hand, stating it was the purview of the Planning and Zoning Commission, not his.

We protested, for naught. Funding for the project was refused by the Department of Housing, which has other more immediate concerns taking care of housing for 7,500 families in the state in the extreme circumstances brought on by COVID. A month or so ago,

we heard there was a request by the town to hire a grant writer. We inquired as to the purpose of the grant. Some words were mumbled by our first selectman, alleging that the funds might be used to rehabilitate Cobble Road, an oft-flooded town by-way in a floodplain which, indeed, does serve citizens and does need serious attention.

We inquired further and have subsequently just learned that the funds will actually be used to develop the Lime Rock Station endeavours. Not to be deterred, our first selectman, in league with a so-called town planner (grant writer) and the private Falls Village Housing Trust, has begun the process of applying for a Community Development Block Grant of an undetermined amount of money. Recently, with short notice, there was a "special meeting" to request that the town act as fiduciary for that very Community Development Block Grant to develop the Lime Rock Station site.

This is after our first selectman stated categorically last summer that the town would

have no financial relationship whatsoever with the Falls Village Housing Trust and their proposed Lime Rock Station development. We believe that, in Salisbury, one town over, all housing projects are voted on by the citizenry. Here in Falls Village, quite the opposite. Not only are our requests for a referendum turned down, but an end-around action for this well-resisted (for good reason) beleaguered (for good reason) unpopular (for good reason) project is attempted by our head town executive with poor noticing, paltry information or public input and no real discussion. We are not fatigued. And we are not against affordable housing. We want Falls Village-scaled, town-consented, appropriately town-centric and welcoming housing that will include and serve future citizens. We can have that. And we are working for that very goal. While a tone-deaf town official works at crossed purposes. Cease, please.

Colter Rule

Falls Village

Libraries deserve all our thanks

Libraries are often taken for granted. This year, more than any other, we've become aware of the important role they play in our lives.

They've adapted, learned how to Zoom (as we all have) and reached out to our communities with extraordinary programming. We've marveled at the richness of their offerings from educational programs and book discussions to community conversations on important topics.

Their hard work has enabled us to continue to enjoy intellectual stimulation and provided a way to stay connected to our neighbors during this time of social isolation. We want to commend the libraries of Salisbury, Sharon, Norfolk and Cornwall for enriching our lives throughout this unusual year. Thank you!

Mary Oppenheimer
Salisbury

More letters previous page.

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Vernal pools are beginning to come to life and are full of breeding amphibians such as wood frogs, peepers, jefferson and spotted salamanders to mention a few. The sounds of croaking would be the wood frogs, who are among the first to arrive at the pools. These vernal pools are protected by both the State and local wetland regulations as they are critical habitat. An excellent article is: Conserving Pool-Breeding Amphibians in Residential and Commercial Developments. This will help to understand the importance of vernal pools and how to protect them. Happy to send a PDF copy of this upon request.

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Salisbury School

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