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Sen. Chris Murphy (D), at left, spoke with pastor and food drive organizer Steven Darr, at right, at the First Congregational Church in Torrington on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Murphy speaks out on food insecurity, and the Capitol attack

By Hunter O. Lyle

TORRINGTON — To combat the rising threat of food insecurity, which has only been made more prevalent with the pandemic, the First Congregational Church in Torrington has continued

its decade-long mission of feeding its community. Hundreds gathered at Major Besse Park in Torrington early on Tuesday, Jan. 12, where tables were laden with canned food, bread and other assorted boxes of food. “Since the beginning of

COVID, generally we have seen need increase by about 30 percent, which is incredible,” said Jason Jakubowski, the president and CEO of Foodshare, the state food bank. “Right now, in the state of Connecticut, there are about 545,000 people who are food insecure.”

Steven Darr, the lead pastor of the First Congregational Church, which partners with the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare each month to host these food drives, said they expect around 150 to 200 families each month.

“We thought that possibly the COVID virus would cause a reduction, but it really hasn’t,” said Darr. “Matter of fact, we had one of our biggest months during the summer when we helped 260 families.”

Joining the volunteers and the families waiting for food aid was U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy (D), and 65th District State Rep. Michelle Cook (D) and Torrington Mayor Elinor Carbone, who handed out food and helped bring bags to cars.

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

A holiday from chill temperatures

It was relatively warm on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 18 — until snow flurries kicked up in mid afternoon. But for many, the holiday offered an opportunity to get out and get some fresh air. There was a steady stream of visitors, for example, at Kent Falls.

On being ‘woke’:

Persistence in the face of anger

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — Structural racial inequality has impacted attitudes for centuries. In this century there is movement to bend the arc toward progress.

The Scoville Library invited Tehama Lopez Bunyasi to

share her insights into racism and antiracism, illuminated in her recently published book, “Stay Woke: A People’s Guide to Making All Black Lives Matter,” co-authored with Candis Watts Smith.

The Zoom lecture event drew nearly 40 listeners on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Lopez Bunyasi’s ward-winning work includes scholarship, teaching, research and speak-

ing. “I appreciate the persistence,” Lopez Bunyasi said of her encounters with other Americans who share similar participation in the struggles within white politics and racism. Self-examination is key to finding answers.

Her book, she said, is designed for classroom use with

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Radicalism and religion spawned on Route 20

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — The idea of a psychic highway drawing all sorts of radical thinkers to a nearby region was enough to draw an audience of nearly 90 members arranged in Zoom squares to hear the latest Sco-

ville Library remote lecture. The highway in question exists today as Route 20 across the country to Oregon. It was a more rugged journey in the 19th century.

The talk had a promising title: “American Sinai: How the Burned-Over District Remade our Nation.” The prospect of hearing author, historian of spirituality and the occult, lecturer and PEN award winner Mitch Horowitz expand on that title heightened the enthusiasm.

The northern reaches of the Hudson Valley, a stretch of magnificent hills, valleys and lakes between Albany and Buffalo, provided the setting for radical ideas and new

Northwest Hills Council of Governments

Vaccines and other updates for Corner

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — At the Jan. 14 meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (held online), John Fields, the regional coordinator for the state Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, spoke about the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Northwest Hills COG is an organization of the first selectmen of 21 area towns.

Field said that there had been some confusion in the initial round of vaccinations over who was eligible. He said part of the problem is that different health districts interpret the vaccinations guidelines differently.

Field also said that local health departments and hospitals have been told not to waste vaccines, with the re-

sult that people receive the vaccination earlier than they otherwise would.

“That’s the reality of it,” Field said.

Later in the meeting Field said he doesn’t see testing for COVID-19 ending “anytime soon.”

He also mentioned that President Donald Trump signed off on federal relief relating to last summer’s Tropical Storm Isaias.

Field said that requests for personal protective equipment continue, and are becoming harder to fill. “Gloves and other items are getting hard to get.”

He also said the recent federal stimulus package includes funding for “farm-to-table” operations to get food to people in need.

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For now, students are back in schools

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At a special meeting of the Region One Board of Education on Tuesday, Jan. 12, Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said that Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) and Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village will re-

open for in-person learning on Tuesday, Jan. 19, as scheduled.

Carter has been sending a steady stream of letters to Region One families notifying them of COVID-19 cases. She told the board that with one exception, the cases have been among family members or students who were already under quarantine.

She said the decision to go ahead with reopening was made in consultation with the

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The future of trains Ridership is down by 78% on Metro-North

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Newspaper columnist Jim Cameron made some gloomy observations about the post-pandemic future of mass transit at an online talk sponsored by the Scoville Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Cameron, speaking from his home in Darien,

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Three-day forecast

Friday.....Cloudy, high 37°/low 23°
 Saturday.....Cloudy, 27°/12°
 Sunday.....Cloudy, 25°/12°

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.

Struck a guardrail

On Jan. 14 at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Lime Rock Road in Salisbury a 2019 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Paul Hartnett, 33, of Waterbury, Conn., slid off the road and struck a metal beam guardrail. During the collision the power steering rendered the Chevrolet inoperable. It was towed from the scene and Hartnett was issued a written warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

Struck a telephone pole

On Jan. 14 at approximately 8:45 a.m. on Casey Hill Road in North Canaan a 2004 Ford Ranger driven by Dennis H. Jasmine, 73, of Falls Village slid off the roadway and struck a telephone pole. He was found at fault for the collision and issued a verbal warning for traveling too fast for the conditions.

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.

Art by Kimmel at Douglas Library

NORTH CANAAN — Norma Kimmel of Lakeville will display her paintings at the Douglas Library in North Canaan for the months of January and February 2021.

Norma is a retired journalist who has reported on the fields of architecture, interior design and decoration for many years. Her past positions include Home Editor of the New York Times Sunday Magazine and executive editor of House Beautiful Magazine. She is also the author of five books on the subject of design.

Today, she devotes her leisure time to exploring the realms of nature and the New England countryside in oil and acrylic. Kimmel studied at the Art Students League in

New York City, before her retirement.

The paintings are for sale with 20% of the sales benefiting the Douglas Library. Go to www.douglaslibrarycanaan.org for hours or call 860-824-7863 for further information.

The real impact of climate change

SALISBURY — William Schlesinger, President Emeritus of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, will examine the regional impacts of rapid climate change on the eastern United States, including implications for food, forestry, disease and sea level rise.

His presentation will be given on Zoom for the Scoville Memorial Library (www.scovillelibrary.org) in collaboration with the Salisbury Association Land Trust, on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. To register go to the library's event page.

Learn about Fairfield Farm

LAKEVILLE — On Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. Amy Sidran, Education Coordinator of The Hotchkiss School's 287-acre Fairfield Farm, will give a free Zoom presentation on "Education, Outreach and Sustainability."

Register at www.noblehorizons.org to receive a Zoom link.

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With slight changes, Salisbury Jumpfest is back, Feb. 12-14

SALISBURY — Jumpfest returns for its 95th year, Feb. 12 to 14, at Satre Hill in Salisbury with a roster of exciting, talented ski jumpers from Lake Placid, N.Y.

And like everything else this past year, there will be some changes.

Attendance each day will be limited to the first 400 tickets sold. This total reflects 25% of the facility's capacity as required by State of Connecticut regulations. However additional people will be admitted as spectators leave.

Friday Night Lights

Friday night will again feature target jumping under the lights.

Because of the pandemic, the Human Dog Sled Race has been canceled. For this reason, for Friday night only, there will be no admission fee.

Saturday's

Salisbury Invitational

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, junior jumpers from both the Salisbury Winter Sports Association training program and Lake Placid will show what they have learned as they compete on the 20 and 30 meter hills. Medals will be awarded on the hill.

Starting with practice at 11 a.m., the Development Team, an elite group of jumpers from around the country that has been training in Lake Placid, will compete for trophies at the Salisbury Invitational on the 70 meter jump. Competition begins at 1 p.m.

The Snow Ball has been canceled for this year.

Sunday's Eastern Championship

On Sunday the same talented jumpers compete at the Eastern U.S. Ski Jumping Championships and vie for a spot on the Junior National team. Again, practice jumping runs from 11 a.m. to noon and competition begins at 1 p.m.

Admission for the Saturday and Sunday events is \$15 per person for adults; children 12 and under enter for free.

Alcoholic beverages will not be sold at Jumpfest this year. Food trucks will offer various culinary choices on Friday night and throughout the three days of Jumpfest.

Masks are mandatory as is 6-foot social distancing.

Proceeds from Jumpfest help fund SWSA's junior ski programs and improve its facilities.

Go to www.jumpfest.org regularly for updates.

The history of a notable New England garden, Jan. 21

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon continues its Virtual Book Signings with garden designer and author Bill Noble on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Registration for this free presentation is required. Copies of the book are for sale. To register and for more information go to <http://bit.ly/NobleBookSigning>.

"Spirit of Place: The Making of a New England Garden" will be a richly illustrated slide talk about his Norwich, Vt., garden.

A garden designer for three decades, Noble was Director of Preservation for the Garden Conservancy and was instrumental in the preservation and restoration of dozens of gardens throughout the U.S.

His garden is included in the Smithsonian Institution's Archive of American Gardens and has been featured in numerous publications including Martha Stewart Living and House & Garden. His new book from Timber Press, "Spirit of Place: The Making of a New England Garden," chronicles the making of his garden.



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PAUL H. BAREN Late of Cornwall AKA Paul Hall Baren (21-00001)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, January 4, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below.

Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
 Andrew H. Baren
 c/o Margaret P. Roraback
 Roraback & Roraback
 24 Mason Street
 PO Box 925
 Torrington, CT 06790
 Megan Williams
 Assistant Clerk
 01-21-21

have applied for and have had applications (applications due by February 1, 2021) approved for Deferment per Executive Order No 9R for tax bills due and payable January 1, 2021, payment deadline is April 1, 2021, without interest. Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, Salisbury, CT 06068 or may be dropped off in the drop box located in the vestibule of the Town Hall, 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday, or online at acipayonline.com, jurisdiction code 1759 (there is a fee for this service). NO CASH will be accepted.

Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 21st day of December 2020.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
 Tax Collector
 Salisbury CT 06068
 12-24-20
 01-07-21
 01-21-21

LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the third installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2019 is due and payable on January 1, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 12-71b of the Connecticut State Statutes, the Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax is due on January 1, 2021. Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2021. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before February 1, 2021, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Taxpayers who

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Canaan/Falls Village Notice to pay Taxes

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Canaan/Falls Village gives notice that she will be ready to receive Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes and the second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes due January 1, 2021. Payments can be made via mail, online or dropped off at our secure drop box located at the Canaan/Falls Village Town Hall, located at, 108 Main St., PO Box 47, Falls Village CT 06031.

Due to increase surge of COVID, the Office is NOT open to the public. Check Canaanfallsvillage.org for updates. Normal Office Hours in January Monday 9am-3pm & Wednesday 9am-Noon.

Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2021 to avoid interest.

Any unpaid balance after February 1, 2021 will be charged a temporary reduced rate of interest at 0.25% per month from January 1–March 31, 2021. This temporary reduced rate of interest only applies to the January 1 installment of taxes. This does not apply to any delinquent tax due from July 2020 or subsequent years.

On April 1, 2021 interest will be charged from January 1, 2021 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-130. Dated at Canaan/Falls Village, Connecticut this 22nd day of December, 2020.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs
 Canaan/Falls Village
 Tax Collector
 CCMC
 01-07-21
 01-21-21

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2019 is due and payable January 1, 2021. The second installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2019 will become delinquent on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 0.25% per month from January 1, 2021 until the same is paid on or before March 31, 2021. For January installment amounts due that remain unpaid as of April 1, 2021, interest will be charged back to January 1, 2021 at a rate of 1.5% per

month. This lower interest rate does not retroactively alter previous interest accruals; interest which had already been added at the 1.5% rate before January 1, 2021 for older delinquencies would remain fully payable.

Bills may be viewed on line by going to the Tax Collector's page of the Town of Kent website at www.townofkent.ct.org.

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and there is a drop box at the front door of the town hall. Payment is also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

Credit cards are not accepted in the office but you may pay online by going to www.officialpayments.com.

Deborah Devaux, CCMC
 01-14-21
 01-21-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF SHARON SCULLY Late of Sharon (20-00498)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, January 5, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below.

Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
 Mary Anne Charron
 Charter Oak Law Group, LLC
 Anne A Charron
 34 Jerome Avenue #120
 Bloomfield, CT 06002
 Megan Williams
 Assistant Clerk
 01-21-21

OBITUARIES

Donald S. Connery

KENT — Donald S. Connery, a widely traveled foreign correspondent during the “golden age of journalism,” author, and eloquent advocate for criminal justice reform, passed away on Jan. 11, 2021, at age 94 from complications caused by pneumonia.



Knowing early and clearly what he wanted to do in life, Don pursued his passion for journalism and communications avidly to the end.

Born Feb. 9, 1926, and raised in New York City, he served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II.

In 1946, he covered The Philippines’ independence ceremonies in Manila for the Armed Forces Radio Service and the first United Nations General Assembly in New York for United Press.

While at Harvard on the G.I. Bill from 1947-50, his broadcasts for Boston’s World Radio University reached a global audience.

After marrying his college love, Leslie Guy, he returned briefly to UP in time to cover Sen. Joe McCarthy at the start of his “Red Scare” rampage and then served a year as assistant director of Harvard’s News Office until joining Time Inc. in 1951.

From 1957 to 1965, he roamed the world as a Time Inc. bureau chief and foreign correspondent for Time, Life, Fortune and Sports Illustrated, while raising four children with Leslie, an educator and autism pioneer, from homes in New Delhi, Tokyo and London. An eyewitness to history who reported everyday life as well as crises on three continents and the U.S., he covered presidential campaigns, the rise of postwar Japan and South Korea, military coups in Asia, revolutions in colonial Africa, civil wars in Ireland and Cyprus, the Dalai Lama’s flight from Tibet, and crucial events of the U.S.-USSR rivalry.

Don’s Time-Life assignments, often with top photojournalists, ranged from politics and business to sports, entertainment and the arts. His Soviet Union assignments in 1961-62, notably a 6,000-mile journey on the Trans-Siberian Railroad, eventually led to his expulsion from Moscow.

His professional encounters with 20th-century personalities included Douglas MacArthur, Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson, John and Robert Kennedy, Chou En-Lai, Ho Chi Minh, Nikita Khrushchev, Jawaharlal Nehru, Robert Frost, Frank Lloyd Wright, Yuri Gagarin, Ingmar Bergman, Igor Stravinsky, Frank Sinatra, Shirley MacLaine, Jackie Robinson, William Styron and The Beatles.

In 1968, as a London freelancer with two books published (“The Scandinavians,” “The Irish”), he moved with his family to Connecticut’s Litchfield Hills, where he wrote “One American Town,” “Guilty Until Proven Innocent,” “Convicting the Innocent,” “The Inner Source” and “Escape From Oblivion.”

Now permanently settled, he contributed extensively over

many decades to his beloved local community, including serving as founding director of the Kent Land Trust.

His professional life took an unusual turn in 1973 when his daughter’s high school classmate, Peter Reilly, 18, succumbed to police interrogation-room pressures and “confessed” to viciously slaying his mother despite his obvious innocence. Peter’s conviction ignited a national cause celebre to fight this miscarriage of justice. The teenager’s exoneration, documented by Don in “Guilty Until Proven Innocent,” marked the beginning of his four-decade nationwide involvement in work to rectify wrongful conviction cases.

He was a pioneer in the movement that spurred the DNA revolution and the founding of the national network of innocence projects, leading to greater awareness of the magnitude of unjust convictions. An organizer of landmark forums on false memories and false confessions, he served as an advisor to the Center on Wrongful Convictions and the National Center for Reason and Justice.

“You can retain your passion for journalism while acting on your passion for justice,” he said in a 2004 New York Times interview. “Both are about searching for the truth and hoping the truth helps.”

A captivating storyteller and dynamo of determination, positive energy and perpetual curiosity, Don is survived by his wife, Leslie Guy Connery; his children, Jan, Eric, Julie and Carol; his daughter-in-law, Jane; his sons-in-law, Keith and Bruce; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A memorial service to celebrate Don’s life will be held in early summer. Donations to honor his life can be made to the Center on Wrongful Convictions, National Center for Reason and Justice, Kent Land Trust and Kent CT Memorial Library.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

For more obituaries, see page A4

CORNWALL — Paul Hall Baren of Cornwall Bridge died on Dec. 26, 2020, at the age of 95.

Paul was born on Feb. 7, 1925, in the Bronx, N.Y., to the late Anna (Hall) and Philip Baren.

Paul married Anne (Hammes) Baren in 1959. They were happily married for 59 years until Anne predeceased Paul in 2018.

Paul and Anne raised two wonderful boys, Ian Doyle Baren (who predeceased Paul in 2019) and Andrew Hall Baren, first in Yorktown, N.Y., then in North Salem, N.Y., before moving to Cornwall.

Paul was a U.S. Army Veteran who served during World War II.

He was a proud graduate of Cornell University (1951), where he received a BA of Architecture. He was one of the original members of Watermargin, an interracial, inter-religious fraternity, which was novel for the time and set a positive example for the larger campus. He was also a mem-

ber of L’Ogive and the Gargoyle Society.

Paul worked for Skidmore, Owings and Merrill from 1954-1981 as Project Architect on many buildings in New York City, Atlanta, Portland, Virginia, Rio de Janeiro and many more locations.

Most notably, Paul worked on the Olympic Tower and the Georgia-Pacific Headquarters.

After retiring from architecture in 1982, Paul fulfilled a dream and bought a retail hardware store in Katonah, N.Y., Katonah Paint and Hardware, which he sold to his son Andrew in 1987. Paul remained active in the hardware store and was also active with Katonah Architectural Hardware.

Paul was a very active and committed citizen throughout his life and that extended to the Cornwall community. He was a founding member of both the Cornwall Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of Northwest

Connecticut. He was also very involved with the Cornwall Congregational Church.

Paul was a loving and devoted husband to Anne, a very proud father to Ian and Andrew and was also so proud of his grandchildren, Alex and Rebecca. He was a wonderful and caring friend and will be missed



by all who knew him. He is survived by his son Andrew Baren and his wife, Erica; and his grandchildren, Alex Baren and his wife, Katina, and Rebecca Baren and her fiancé, Jeremy Djukanovich.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Contributions can be made in memory of Paul to the UCC Building Fund, The United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 35, Cornwall, CT 06753.

Margaret ‘Maggie’ Holley Hunt

SALISBURY — Margaret “Maggie” Holley Hunt passed away on Jan. 7, 2021, at the home of her daughter, with family by her side after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Maggie was born on May 27, 1936, in Sharon, to Elizabeth and Marshall McLane.

She was a proud Raggie from Mount Riga in Salisbury, where the family resided. The family had many hard times and the siblings found strength in each other. Maggie graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

She married Howard Hunt and together they raised their children in Fishkill, N.Y. Later in life, they became snowbirds, spending winters in Port Orange, Fla.

Maggie and Howie were always up for a good time. She took every opportunity to travel, attend plays and concerts and just spend time with people. Maggie never found someone she couldn’t strike up a conversation with and people were always in awe of her beautiful blue eyes.

Maggie adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Margaret was predeceased

by her parents, and siblings Mary Elizabeth, Marshall “Brod,” Katherine “Kay,” and Barbara “Babs.” She was also predeceased by her husband; her children Maxwell and Louise; and her grandson Brett Hunt.

She is survived by her children Jeffrey and his wife, Colleen, Gary, Melanie and her husband, Lance Kepler, Randy, Tim and his wife, Karen, and Stephanie and her husband, Andy Gheen; her siblings, Rod and Michael; her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who loved their Nanny. Maggie had a special place in her heart for her many nieces and nephews.

Per Maggie’s request, there will be no services. She will be buried in Fishkill Rural Cemetery by her daughter Louise.

Kindly consider donations to High Peaks Hospice, 454 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801, who provided compassionate care to Maggie and her family through this most difficult time.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Tunison Funeral Home, 105 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Online condolences may be made at www.tunisonfuneral-home.com.

Worship Services

Week of January 24, 2021

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For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoioi@gmail.com
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Service station at Routes 7/63 in Fall Village not quite ready to open yet

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen agreed to keep paying Assistant Town Clerk Arlene Benninger and pick up part of her health insurance costs until the next meeting of the Board of Finance on Feb. 8.

First Selectman Henry Todd explained that Town Clerk

Mary Palmer is experiencing medical difficulties.

Todd said he is confident Benninger is capable of fulfilling the town clerk's duties "with additional training."

If Palmer is unable to provide the training, "we'll have to reach out to other towns," Todd added.

The selectmen agreed to ask the finance board for an

appropriation of up to \$2,500 for information technology.

Todd said he was particularly concerned about security. He referred to recent news stories about ransomware attacks, and said that even though the town backs up its information daily to the cloud, the cost of rebuilding the IT systems after an attack would be "huge."

Todd reported that the

gas station at the junction of Routes 7 and 63 has complied with all that was required from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, including soil testing. He said the soil was not contaminated, which means it can be used at the transfer station for covering the bulky waste pile.

The permit to open "seems to be lost in the shuffle," Todd

said. "It's irritating."

Todd said he had been in touch with state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) to ask her to help.

Todd reported that town attorney Chip Roraback is working on a lease for 440 square feet at 107 Main St. He added that the owners of the J.P. Giffords coffee shops are still interested, but he had not heard from them recently.

The selectmen appointed a group of townspeople as justices of the peace. All Republicans, their names were left off the November ballot in error, Todd said. The new JPs are Hazel McGuire, Susan Kelsey, Lou

Timolat and Kevin Titus.

Mike DeMazza was also on the list, but there was some confusion as to whether or not he had moved from town. DeMazza was thus appointed subject to confirmation of residence.

Todd had special words of praise for social services agent Theresa Graney and her work on getting Christmas toys and clothing donations together before the holiday.

And he praised Michelle Hansen for her work in helping to manage the town's COVID-19 pandemic response.

Charles V. Place Sr.

PINE PLAINS — Charles V. Place Sr., 84, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 15, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on Aug. 16, 1936, at home in Pine Plains, he was the son of Fannie (Cookingham) and Charles Place.

Charlie was a farm kid growing up and was a member of the

local Future Farmers of America. In 1957 he graduated from Pine Plains Central School.

On Jan. 17, 1960, Charlie married Carol Lovett and they started their wonderful family.

After many years of dairy farming, he went to work as a mechanic for Pine Plains Ford Tractor, where he would often visit after he retired. He also worked for the Webutuck School District as a custodian.

Charlie was a witty man with a great sense of humor, and a contagious smile. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and bowler who loved the outdoors. He also loved to travel, mostly the back roads of Dutchess and surrounding counties. He could ride around for hours just taking a "Sunday drive" with his wife.

The Christmas season held a special place in his heart; he loved to decorate and go overboard with the Christmas decorations. Charlie would have them all over the yard, and tried to make his display

bigger year after year.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Carol;

ol; his three children and their spouses, Pat Rose and her husband, Dan, Charlie Place Jr. and his wife, Laura, and Kathryn Greene and her husband, Tim. His six grandchildren were his world: Sara Burwell and her husband,

Anthony, Charlie Place III, Brittany Warren, Brian Place, Valerie Rose and Steven Place.

He is also survived by his aunt, Marion Pedersen, and was the loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Fuzzy was his favorite cat, who held a special place in his heart.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Kathryn and Rowelin Law.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. from the Peck and Peck Funeral Home in Pine Plains. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Donations in Charlie's memory may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice.

Due to COVID-19/NYS Guidelines, masks, social distancing and capacity limitations will be adhered to during all services. During visitation, please be respectful to those who may be waiting to visit by keeping your stay brief. Your cooperation is appreciated.



OBITUARIES

Betsy Smith

SALISBURY — Betsy Smith, 83, of Salisbury died of a sudden heart attack at home on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021.

Betsy was born in Omaha, Neb., on July 29, 1937, the daughter of William S. and Elizabeth C. Covington.

She grew up in Lake Forest, Ill., and graduated Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn., and Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Before moving to Sharon in 1986, Betsy and her late husband, Carter Smith, lived in New York City.

She wrote a number of books for young adults, including "Breakthrough: Women in Religion," named a Notable Book of the Year by New York Public Library; "Breakthrough: Women in Law"; "Breakthrough: Women in Television"; "Jimmy Carter, President." She also published a family history, "FAMILY BUSINESS — A History of Fairbanks

Morse and the Charles Hosmer Morse Family" in 2011.

Betsy was an advocate for mentally ill people and served on the board of Prime Time House; the board of Housatonic Center for Mental Health; as Sharon's representative to the NW CT Mental Health Catchment Council and Chair of that council; a Governor's appointee to the state Board of Mental Health; President of NAMI CT (National Alliance on Mental Illness) from 1997-1999; and a national board member of NAMI from 2000 to 2006.

Betsy is survived by three children, Adair Smith of Salisbury, Carter Smith of Yonkers, N.Y., and Adam Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests that any donations in her name be made to NAMI (www.NAMI.org).

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



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Government red tape seems to be standing in the way of a service station opening at Routes 7 and 63. The soil has been tested and is not contaminated.

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In addition, we want to thank **SustainableCT.org** and **Patronicity.com** for the matching funds. It was a privilege to have the support of these two outstanding groups and to work with their wonderful staff.

Lastly, the FVHT must thank the **Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH)**. DOH grants are what makes it possible to build new energy-efficient homes and pass down the savings to the renters.

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It is heartwarming to see the broad range of support from Falls Village and our neighboring towns, which includes school administrators, teachers, first-responders, healthcare workers, local political leaders, veterans, small business owners, artists, writers, farmers, environmentalists, retirees and younger residents.

Affordable housing is an essential component of sustainable communities. We thank everyone who has come together to achieve this milestone.

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Our Towns

Selectmen discuss internet, housing plans

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Two major planning efforts came under discussion at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Jan. 5, conducted by Zoom. The internet survey and planning for affordable housing were discussed and attracted comment from observers.

“We hope everyone completes the internet survey form,” Cornwall Association President Gary Steinkohl said, noting that the form is found on the town website and in the recent issue of the Cornwall Chronicle newsletter. He said that 140 responses were

received during the first week. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said that the selectmen are looking forward to seeing the results. Steinkohl said a critical mass of results may not be received until the spring and at that point a report will be issued.

During the public comment period, resident Joanne Wojtusiak asked that the raw data from the surveys be made available to other organizations, who might draw benefit from studying them. Selectman Marina Kotchoubey responded that the internet study committee intends to prepare and publicize summary data.

Another report targeting

the spring for completion is that of the newly formed Housing Plan group, which is being advised by Janell Mullen of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments. An eight-person committee has been formed, consisting of Margaret Cooley, Heather Dineen, Anna Timmel, Janet Carlson, Marina Kotchoubey, Will Evans, Ingrid Ellen and Sarah Petersen.

“We need housing for younger people and older residents,” Ridgway said.

Mullen indicated that she looks forward to working with the group and that the work will be guided by the 2020 Town Plan of Conservation

and Development, and developing strategies to bring more affordable housing units to the town. There is definitely a need for rentals, she said.

Housing plan meetings will be open to the public and recorded. Ridgway said that the first meeting will likely occur in February.

Mindful of the continuing needs of families struggling financially due to COVID-19, the selectmen agreed to donate \$1,000 realized from redemption of transfer station bottle returns to the Food and Fuel Fund.

“It’s a good idea,” Selectman Priscilla Pavel said. “We should do it.”



PHOTO SUBMITTED

The freshly redesigned website for the Town of Cornwall was developed by Rocco Botto and launched this month.

Ambitious new town website is a site to see

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — With fanfare, the town of Cornwall has rolled out a new town website and its creators are urging everyone to take a look and explore its nooks and crannies.

To tour the new site go to www.cornwallct.org. Dubbed “the greatest website in the greenest town” the site was designed from the ground up by a seven-member committee of dedicated volunteers over two years.

The goal of the design committee, according to principal site developer Rocco Botto, was “to build the best town website in the state.”

They set out to meld information in three channels — civic, community and visitors — into a unified web experience. The committee sought to keep it lively and current, and brimming with contributions from the artists and writers

who live in town and generously share their work. Photos by Lazlo Gyorsok provide scenic view of the town and its people.

A guided Zoom tour of the new website is planned for Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The tour will be led by Botto. Login details have been posted on the website. Look under “Upcoming Events.”

“It’s visually a good presentation of the town,” First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said at the Tuesday, Jan. 5, meeting of the Board of Selectmen in discussing the new website. “It offers incredible insight in an accessible and striking format.”

The new website replaces one that had been serving the town for 20 years.

Visitors to the site will come away either informed about something, amused by something or even just more appreciative of the beauty that lies outside their windows or in their neighbors’ faces.

Budgets and changes explored at Jan. 12 hearing

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Spending proposals and ordinance changes drew nearly 50 residents to attend a public hearing conducted by Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Details of two spending proposals, changes to two ordinances and the Five-Year Capital Plan were reviewed and discussed, giving taxpayers a chance to ask questions.

The public hearing was in preparation for a town meeting which has been set for Thursday, Jan. 21, beginning at 7 p.m., also by Zoom. Log-in information will be posted on the town website in advance.

Staffing for ambulance

A request from the Kent Volunteer Fire Department was introduced by Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, ambulance chief and head of EMS staffing, who noted that since 1974, ambulance services have been provided through the fire department.

Communications officer Alan Cawel explained that two staff members are necessary to work each six-hour shift, so that eight shifts per day are

necessary to provide 24-hour coverage. The department uses 10 floaters to fill in as needed.

The department is requesting a budget increase of \$52,272 to carry their staffing needs to June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Although the number might fluctuate from week to week, it represents their best estimate. The expense would also need to be reflected in the next year’s budget.

The department has determined that paid staff is now necessary to maintain staffing levels. They are recommending that staffing be provided as needed through an independent staffing service, Emergency Resource Management Co.

All personnel furnished through that company are state-certified in pre-hospital service, Van Valkenburg said, adding that the town would be able to determine whether personnel being assigned would be suitable to serve Kent before accepting the person.

Upgrade for Kent Center School

A funding request from Kent Center School to support the entryway renovation project would amount to \$140,000

from the current year’s budget.

Board of Education Chairman Martin Lindenmayer outlined the proposed expense, noting that the work is being undertaken under the School Security Competitive Grant Program (SSCGP), initiated by the state in the wake of the Sandy Hook School tragedy.

In conjunction with the SSCGP process, the town would need to allocate \$140,000 toward the renovations before the end of June, when this fiscal year ends. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

Work would include installation of three concrete and steel reinforced barriers at the entrance to block any vehicles, and moving the interior doors inward by 25 feet to create a large vestibule.

During the hearing the selectmen indicated support for the project. The amount requested had been returned to the town by the school as unspent funds in the previous budget year.

Ordinance updates

Changes to existing ordinances were also reviewed at the hearing, to be approved at the town meeting.



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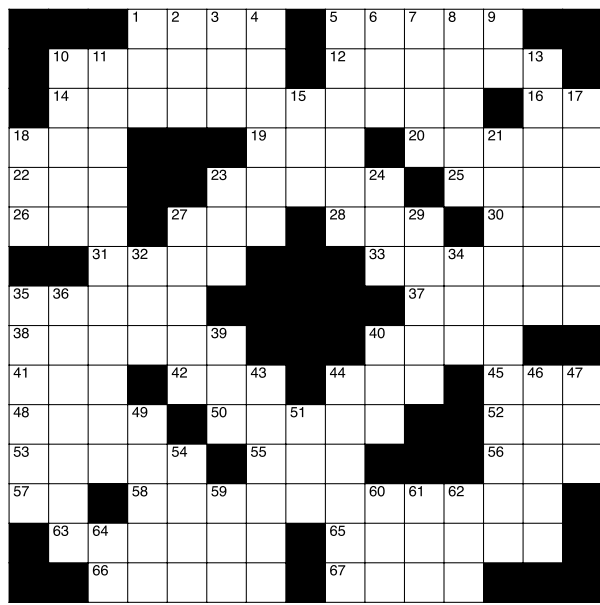
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
5. 2014 Winter Olympics host
10. Soft fabric
12. Covered in flowers
14. Works at a college or university
16. Keeps us cool
18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
19. Similar
20. Birthplace of Muhammad
22. They ___
23. Preamble to a book
25. Southern China people
26. Hair product
27. The woman
28. Partner to cheese
30. One point north of due east
31. Round Dutch cheese
33. Be in awe of
35. Christmas song
37. Emits coherent radiation
38. Something that is comparable to another
40. Monetary unit
41. The cutting part of a drill
42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
44. Touch lightly
45. Toyota SUV
48. ___ and Andy, TV show
50. Made less dangerous
52. Assets under management (abbr.)
53. Nostrils
55. Moved quickly
56. Thai isthmus
57. TV personality Roker
58. Honors anew
63. Rags
65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
66. Marketplaces
67. Dark brown or black

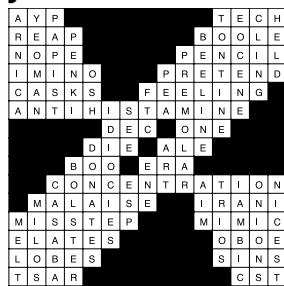
CLUES DOWN

1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
2. Not new
3. Brew
4. Stain with mud
5. Chief or leader
6. Luke Skywalker’s mentor ___ Wan
7. Type of sauce
8. Sharpens
9. Priestess loved by Zeus
10. Jean Henri ___, French entomologist
11. Regulates supply of fuel
13. Disturbing and horrifying
15. Equal (prefix)
17. Hosts film festival
18. Tattered piece of clothing

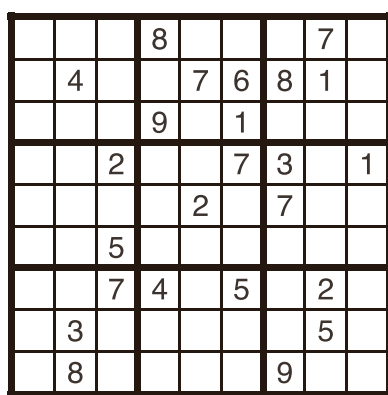


21. Rich desserts
23. Unique motor (abbr.)
24. Disfigure
27. Chemical substance
29. Slang for famous person
32. Department of Labor
34. The A-team rode around in one
35. Beach cabin
36. Living things
39. Gun (slang)
40. Disconsolate
43. Stroke gently
44. Actress Richards
46. “Cletus Hogg” actor
47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
49. Brazilian mountain range
51. Upset
54. One with supernatural insight
59. Insecticide
60. Taxi
61. “Much ___ about nothing”
62. Cannister
64. Popular clothing retailer

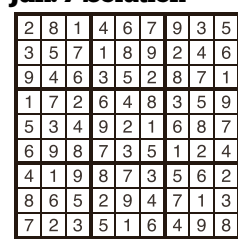
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MURPHY

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Murphy, who recently helped pass the Coronavirus Relief & Omnibus Agreement, which includes added legislation and funding for Connecticut, said events like the food drive in Torrington are needed more now than ever.

“We have a hunger epidemic right now in Connecticut. Without these sites, people would literally be starving,” Murphy said. “The good news is that generous donors have stepped up to make sure that Connecticut Food Bank has enough food.”

While at the food drive,

“I think [the event at the Capitol] says much more about Donald Trump and a small band of his radical supporters than it says about the country as a whole.”

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy

Murphy, who was in the Senate Chamber when rioters forced their way inside the Capitol Building, also fielded questions about the events in Washington, D.C.

“I think [the event at the Capitol] says much more about Donald Trump and a small band of his radical supporters than it says about the

country as a whole,” Murphy said. “We are a divided country, but the vast majority of Donald Trump’s supporters are not violent. He has acted in a way that convinces his most fanatical supporters that they can keep him as president for the next four years. That’s not true.

“They won’t win. Donald

Trump is going to leave the Oval Office on Jan. 20.

“But this has been four years in the making. This president has whipped up a frenzy. He has perpetuated conspiracy theory after conspiracy theory and it all finally came to a head when he told these people to march on the Capitol.

“Donald Trump has to clearly acknowledge that Joe Biden is the president-elect, he’s got to tell his supporters to stand down, and until he does that, I will remain committed to removing him from office.”

IN-PERSON

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Torrington Area Health District, Sharon Health Department and the region’s medical advisor.

HVRHS Principal Ian Strevver said the leadership team at the school recommended using the hybrid learning model developed in the fall when school reopens Jan. 19, along with some schedule changes. The board approved both recommendations.

The list of schools and specific grades that have switched to distance learning continues to change.

Athletic Director Anne

MacNeil said she was waiting on a Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference meeting Jan. 14 before announcing the start of a truncated winter sports schedule. (The CIAC approved a limited schedule starting Jan. 19.)

Sports considered high risk for COVID-19 transmission — wrestling, indoor track, competitive cheer, competitive dance — are not going to be offered at HVRHS. Swimming, basketball, Alpine skiing and ice hockey will proceed, observing COVID-19 safety procedures.

ROUTE 20

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It was said that there were so many itinerant preachers and wild ideas flying from town to town that the area was “burned over” by the sheer number and fury of the preachers and their spiritual fire, Horowitz explained.

A well-known preacher in western Connecticut and eastern New York, George Whitfield was among them in 1776, drawing large crowds to hear his extraordinarily large voice espousing salvation and warning of damnation.

New spiritual groups could find space, Horowitz said, describing the rise of Mother Ann’s Shakerism (the shaking Quakers) and the discovery of the golden plates giving birth to Joseph Smith’s Mormonism. Seventh-Day Adventists got their start among those hills.

Utopian communities sprang up, as described by Horowitz.

Women were finding their voices and being heard publicly for the first time.

Jemima Wilkinson, the Public Universal Friend, spoke in public and preached as a genderless prophet, with a Quaker bent, in the late 18th century. Her followers centered around Jerusalem, N.Y.

Mesmerists, or people experimenting with hypnotism, were numerous. Illnesses were a sign of the misalignment of animal magnetisms, the followers believed.

Social change and spiritual change became part of society, Horowitz said.

By the mid-19th century, Americans believed that ordinary people could contact the spiritual realm, speaking directly with the deceased through seances. Such ideas went viral, spreading through word of mouth or written about

in the press.

The Fox family outside of Rochester had two teenage daughters who drew large crowds of visitors after declaring and then demonstrating that they could communicate with spirits.

Because women were finding credible voices through this spiritualism, Horowitz said that the suffragists were intertwined with that movement; it was no accident that the Seneca Falls women’s rights conference took place when and where it did.

“There was a unique and remarkable marriage between the two movements,” Horowitz noted.

The burned-out district had pretty much faded from being the epicenter by the 1850s, not because the interest had died out, more because some of the ideas had spread to influence more of the world.

Books authored by Horowitz include “Occult America.” More information can be found at his website. Go to www.mitchhorowitz.com.

COG

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The legislative session

Joe DeLong, the executive director of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), briefed the COG members on the current session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

He said his organization was watching for “well-meaning proposals” that will impose “unsustainable and uncontrollable costs” on municipalities, causing them to choose between raising property taxes,

cutting services or some combination of the two.

DeLong said he expects action from the Legislature on codifying some of Gov. Ned Lamont’s executive orders from early in the pandemic, especially those that allow boards of selectmen to pass budgets without the usual town meeting.

He also said CCM is keeping an eye on zoning reform proposals.

He said a top priority is making sure state funding for towns is not cut, and criticized the Legislature for allowing such funding to “continue to be in significant jeopardy, year after year.”

Dan Jerram, first selectman of New Hartford, said the state has not adjusted town aid for the cost of living, adding additional financial burdens to towns.

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TRAINS

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Conn., said that before the pandemic shut things down in March 2020, the Metro-North railroad line out of New York City had 3.1 million riders per month, with two to three trains each hour during peak times and two trains per hour off-peak. The trains were on time 97% of the time.

Currently the trains are 99% on time, there are still two to three trains each rush hour, and off-peak trains have been cut to one train per hour. But weekday ridership is down 78% from that original 3.1 million. Weekend ridership is down 57%.

Cameron said trains that were standing-room only pre-pandemic are now being run with extra cars in order to allow riders to stay apart from each other.

Commuter rail parking lots, once jammed, are largely empty, he said. But riders seem optimistic that things will return to normal, as indicated by a high level of interest in renewing parking lot permits.

Cameron said riders on Metropolitan Transit Authority trains are required to wear

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masks, but added that MTA police are stretched thin, especially the farther one gets from New York City.

“If you don’t have a mask, they’ll give you one. And if you refuse to wear it, you can continue your ride. I think that’s crazy. They should be escorted off the train.”

The MTA is using spray disinfectant on subways and trains, Cameron said. He wasn’t impressed, either.

“I think it’s COVID theater,” he said, adding he thinks it obvious that the danger is contagion from airborne particles, not surfaces.

The MTA has added a “Train Time App” for trains running into Westchester County, N.Y., Cameron said. The app was designed by “white-hat hackers,” using a system already in place that calculates the weight of each train car for braking purposes. The app tells riders which

cars on an approaching train are least crowded.

With the pandemic-inspired shift to telecommuting, many companies have scaled back or closed down their city offices.

Cameron questioned whether or not two or three trains per rush hour will be needed in the future, never mind whether the states of New York and Connecticut can afford them.

Looking ahead, Cameron said “I don’t think commuters are coming back.”

He said he is concerned about what will happen to “transit-oriented development,” housing that is deliberately built near railroad stations.

And he said he thought the Danbury line, which as of October 2020 had suffered a whopping 85% drop in riders, might be shut down and buses used instead.

PERSISTENCE

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the intention of facilitating conversation, even beyond the classroom.

“Why is there a Black Lives Matter [BLM] movement?” she asked. Structural racism at the hands of law enforcement is a factor, societal shortcomings in health care is another, and there are many others. The BLM movement is sculpted by intersectionality of many elements. The goal is to meet the needs of various marginalized groups.

To raise up one group can bring the diminishment of another overlooked group all too easily, she said. The politics of respectability can be used as a shield. She wondered how radicalism became demonized by society. She wondered how BLM became defined as a radical extremist movement.

“When people criticize the BLM movement as leaderless, we push back; it is leaderful,” Lopez Bunyasi argued. It is a national movement; it is a local movement.

“Racism is tyrannical,” she pointed out. “Democracy is fragile. What do I want better than this for my country?”

Delving into the personal emotional stakes of the BLM movement, Lopez Bunyasi said, “Mixing anger and compassion is good. They can coexist. I have to stay open-hearted and compassionate. If I don’t do that, I feel a part of me is dying.”

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January 21-27, 2021

THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Glitter, Glam, Songs and a Cocktail Party with Sharon Playhouse

If you know anything about Robert Levinstein and Alan M-L Wager, the heads of the Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., then you know that they are not only Put On a Show Kind of Guys, but they're also Put on a Party Kind of Guys.

And they have a doozy planned for their winter fundraising gala, scheduled for this weekend, on Saturday, Jan. 23.

A doozy of which, you might ask? Well, both. It's a fundraising gala, so the evening begins at 7 p.m. with some of the socializing that we all miss so much from pre-COVID-19 times. It's perfect even for those of us who secretly don't like cocktail parties: It's a chance to see friends and chat from the safety of your own computer screen.

Dress up in your finest evening wear if you like (and remember that no one can see you below the waist so uncomfortable high-heeled shoes are not required) — or come in your comfiest pajamas, it's all up to you. Same with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres: Bring your own, or don't. This could be the first time in history that you can go to a cocktail party in January and not worry about breaking any new year's resolutions.

The more people who tune in for the party, of

course, the more fun it will be. But there's never a dull moment in conversation with Levinstein and Wager and it's a safe bet that someone, who knows who, will suddenly break into song during the party.

The show itself will premiere at 8 p.m. (once you have the link access you can watch it right away or save it for later).

Levinstein and Wager promise that this is a fully produced show, with either virtual backgrounds or performances recorded out in The World — look for Playhouse favorite Nicholas Ward singing "Let It Go" from "Frozen" outdoors at New York City's Cloisters, for example.

The Tri-state region's beloved Wanda Houston belts out some favorite songs in the Playhouse's Bok Gallery, which was redesigned to look like an intimate supper club for her performance.

Rex Smith, who still makes hearts flutter after all these years, will also sing a song — and encourage patrons to make donations to the Playhouse, as

will other notable performers from the area including Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick, Blair Brown and Jane Kaczmarek.

"It is a fundraiser," Levinstein and Wager reminded. They made it through a rough summer of 2020 and continued to keep singing, dancing and even movies on a new outdoor stage. For 2021, they are anticipating more of the same, but with a bigger stage, perhaps with a roof over it. And the cabaret Dinner-and-a-Show performances will begin earlier in the season, "so we can do more of them."

It seems doubtful at this point that there will be indoor seating, so the planned 2020 performances of "Brigadoon," "Singin' in the Rain" and "Mamma Mia" probably will be postponed for a while longer.

But patrons of the fundraising gala can get a sneak preview: The show will open with a performance of "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," against a virtual backdrop of Grauman's theater in Hollywood. There will also be

three songs from "Brigadoon," including one with a dancing "dream" sequence.

"We're thinking of this as Past, Present and Future," Levinstein said of the lineup of songs for the Jan. 23 show.

"We'll have brand new things done just for us. We'll have performances from past productions: 'Anything Goes' and 'Beauty and the Beast.' The 'Brigadoon' section is really lovely; we still hope to do that in the future."

Tickets for the gala are \$25 per household; Angel donors who have given \$1,000 or more get free access to the party and the show. Donations are welcome and encouraged, and will help fund not only future shows but also the Playhouse's classes in theater and dance, for adults, teens and children.

The winter session is beginning now. Classes are held both "virtually" and in person, with a limit on how many students can be in person at a time.

The classes will be taught by the playhouse's new director of education, Michael Baldwin, with Amber Cameron and Sarah Cuoco.

Classes are either \$85 or \$90 for six sessions, depending on the class.

For information on all these exciting opportunities, go to www.sharon-playhouse.org.

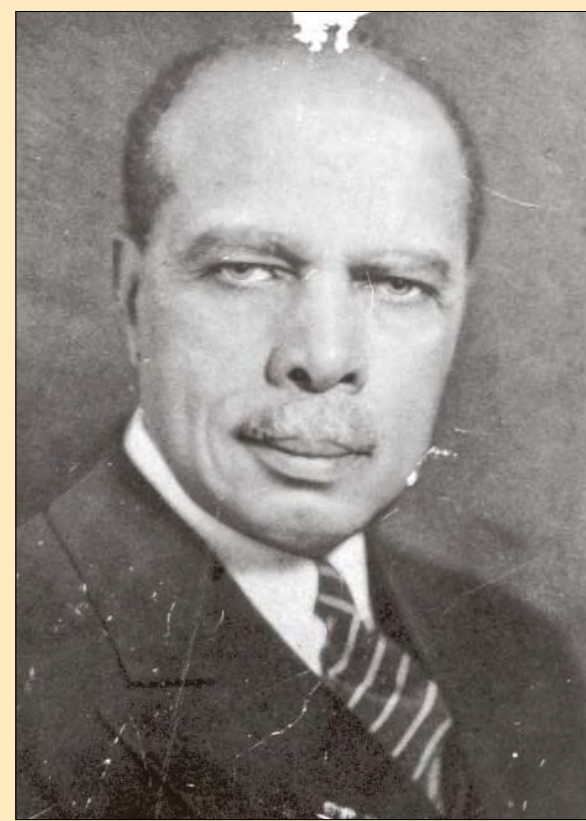


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Writer, civil rights activist, lawyer, educator and Great Barrington resident James Weldon Johnson will be the subject of an online talk on Feb. 5.

HISTORY:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Singing the Praises Of an Unsung Hero

In celebration of Black History Month, the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire (CDCSB) will present a lecture that examines the life — and the historic home in Great Barrington, Mass. — of James Weldon Johnson on Friday, Feb. 5.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Johnson became famous during the Harlem Renaissance for his own poems and novels, for his anthologies of poems and spirituals of Black Americans and for writing the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which has been called the Black National Anthem.

But the arts were only a small part of Johnson's life. He was also a practicing attorney; a civil rights activist and a leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and a professor at New York University and then the historically Black Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

Johnson was also a diplomat and served as the U.S. consul to Venezuela and Nicaragua under Theodore Roosevelt.

Johnson, who died in 1938, lived in the 1920s and 1930s in

a tiny cabin in Great Barrington with his wife, civil rights activist Grace Nail Johnson.

The cabin is now owned by Rufus Jones, who has been meticulously restoring the century-old house with his wife, Jill Rosenberg-Jones.

Jones is the founder and president of the James Weldon Johnson Foundation in Great Barrington and is on the Board of Directors of the CDCSB.

He will give the live, online presentation about Johnson's life, work and home on Friday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. There will be time for questions and answers after the presentation.

"I recognize the deep connection between what the CDCSB is doing to provide safe and affordable homes in the south Berkshires with what Johnson and his wife were seeking and what we, as a family are seeking as African Americans in a predominantly white community," Jones said.

"It's about the power of place, a place to raise our families in a safe and caring community."

"This lecture ex-

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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

THE BEAUTY OF BOTTICELLI IN A ZOOM TALK

Renaissance art historian Elaine Ruffolo will present a tour of the works of Sandro Botticelli (1445-1510), one of the greatest painters of the Florentine Renaissance, in a free Zoom talk sponsored by the Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury, Conn., on Monday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m.

The talk is titled "Botticelli, Bankers and The Bonfire of the Vanities" and will trace the life and times of Botticelli from his role as a painter to the Medici bankers to a devoted follower of fiery Savonarola.

There is no charge for this program, but registration is required. RSVP online at www.minormemoriallibrary.org to receive the Zoom link.



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This detail is from "The Birth of Venus," which will be included in a talk on the work of Sandro Botticelli on Feb. 1.

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007: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

An Evening of Bond, Blofeld and Bouffant Hairdos

Most readers of this newspaper are sufficiently seasoned that they have chosen a favorite James Bond — either Roger Moore or Sean Connery. Perhaps some younger readers might throw in a vote for Daniel Craig or Pierce Brosnan.

But it's entirely possible that our youngest generations might ask innocently, "Who is James Bond?" After all, it's been five years since the most recent film in the franchise (the relatively forgettable "Spectre," in 2015; a new entry, "No Time To Die," might be out as soon as April of this year).

Don't scorn those youngsters; envy them. After all, they get to discover the James Bond films and books with new eyes; it's like being a teenager and discovering that there was a band called The Beatles, and having the chance to hear their songs for the first time. How fresh! How thrilling!

TAKING STOCK OF ALL THE BONDS

Anyone who would like to begin Bond Binging can find many of the films on streaming services such as Amazon Prime and Hulu. The first of the films, and a good place to begin, is "Dr. No," which introduced the suave spy to moviegoers and also introduced young Sean Connery in the lead role.

From there you could continue on sequentially but you'll have to make an important decision at several junctures, and that decision will involve whether you watch some of the minor, one-shot Bonds or only stick with the main canon.

In other words, do you skip David Niven in "Casino Royale," which was a parody and not an actual spy thriller (but which has theme music by Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass)? Do you watch the two Timothy Dalton entries ("License to Kill" and "The Living Daylights," which had Maryam D'Abo and her cello as the somewhat ridiculous love interest)?

A BOND LIKE NO OTHER (EXCEPT AUSTIN POWERS)

And then of course ... there is the 1969 George Lazenby single entry into the world of Bond: "On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

Even many ardent Bond fans have never seen this one — or haven't seen it since it aired occasionally on network television back in the 1970s.

But this film has a lot to offer in this day and age.

For one thing, its plot centers around Ernst Blofeld's efforts to destroy England's agricultural economy through germ warfare.

This is one of the few Bond films that is actually based on an Ian Fleming



novel; it's the second in the "Blofeld Trilogy," which began with "Thunderball" and ended with "You Only Live Twice" — although Blofeld and his white cat appeared onscreen many more than three times. He was played by actors including Donald Pleasance, Charles Gray, Max von Sydow, Christoph Waltz (most recently) and was parodied by Mike Myers in the Austin Powers films.

If you like the Austin Powers films, it's a safe bet to say you'll like the out-

rageous grooviness of this particular Bond film. Bond wears ruffled shirts and, at one point, a kilt. There are shaggy flokati rugs. There are bosomy girls with bouffant hairdos.

If you're a fan of 1970s kitsch you'll also get a chance to see an icon from that era, Telly Savalas, playing the bald Blofeld.

AND YET, IT'S PRETTY ELEGANT

Unlike many of the other Bond films, which got frankly a little tacky and a little wacky, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" is still a relatively elegant and understated production.

The Bond Girl is Diana

Boondocks Film Society will show the 1969 James Bond film "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," starring George Lazenby as Bond and Diana Rigg as the Bond Girl who becomes his wife, on Jan. 30.

Rigg, famous not only for her catsuit in "The Avengers" but also, many years later, for her plummy intros to British television programs on PBS and a turn on "Game of Thrones."

Bond in this film (and the novel) is a more fully sketched out character, who mourns a lost love (Vesper Lynd) and then eventually marries Rigg (although she is shot to death shortly after the wedding, at the end of the film; Bond must always be a free agent).

Elegance aside, there is still plenty of shooting and skiing and gadgets and discreet sex.

In other words, on a cold quarantine winter you could find worse things to do than enjoy this film.

BOONDOCKS FILM SOCIETY AT FOUR BROTHERS

Where to see it? Conveniently, Boondocks Film Society (based in West Cornwall, Conn.) resurfaces this month with its first film screening in many months. The film is: "On Her Majesty's Secret

Service."

Boondocks organizer Jeff Palfini has chosen the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, N.Y., as the site for the screening. Traditionally, Palfini tries to find a venue that in some way reflects the movie plot, but in this COVID-19 winter, the drive-in is one of only a few screening options available.

"On Her Majesty's Secret Service" will be shown on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m. The drive-in will open at 6 p.m., not only so you can get there early and get a choice parking spot but also so you can sample the themed foods and craft cocktails that always accompany a Boondocks screening.

The menu hasn't been announced yet but, since this film is set in Switzerland, perhaps it will include fondue and chocolate. You can either have food delivered to your car or truck, car-hop style; or you can pick up food at the Four Brothers restaurant.

As for heat on a cool evening, you have the option of course of keeping your engine running during the film, but most groups will find that they only need to restart a few times during the showing. There is also expected to be an intermission.

Tickets are \$14 for person in each vehicle and should be ordered in advance. To find out more and to get the ticket link, go to <https://boondocks-filmsociety.org/now-showing>.

EXERCISE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Chance To Get Outside and Exercise — or Stay Indoors!

As we come to the end of almost a full year in quarantine, with concerns that the new COVID-19 variant is even more contagious than the original, it seems likely that we will not be going to the gym anytime soon.

And of course it's winter now, so many people have stopped hiking for the season. But some people actually like to hike in snow. If they do, they can sign up for outdoor serious walking with Daryl Byrne from Norfolk, Conn., whose vigorous outings always include a scenic view.

Byrne is a former Corpsman with the U.S. Navy and a retired firefighter/paramedic for the University of Connecticut so you don't have to worry about twisting your ankle on an icy trail and not being able to get home safely. His hikes are organized through the YMCA at Geer Village (NWCT YMCA); members can sign up through the Y's motionvibe website and nonmembers can take part by calling member services at 860-824-2790 and paying an \$11 per hike fee.

The hikes are scheduled for 11 a.m. every other Sunday and on the third Wednesday of each month.

A variety of hikes is offered, graded by difficulty and distance. Details are posted on the YMCA



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Daryl Byrne of Norfolk, Conn., is leading hikes to some of the most scenic peaks in the region this winter, including this one on the Mattatuck Trail.

motionvibe website. Call member services for information. If you'd like to suggest a trail or get detailed information on how you should dress, what you should bring or how long you should expect to be outdoors, leave a message at the Y and Byrne will return your call (YMCA members can use motionvibe app to message him directly).

If you're more of an indoor exerciser, as I am, you probably know that there are a million online fitness classes, some of which are very good.

The YMCA also has

online classes. I learned recently that my college offers free virtual exercise classes for alumni. They're live, which is kind of good because in theory that will force me to actually "show up," in every sense.

I would have liked to test out some of the online classes and offer tips on which ones seem the best — but of course I can't because they're only open to alumni. Contact your college's alumni association, or do an internet search for "free alumni online exercise" and the name of your college, and see what they have.

...Unsung Hero

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plores why we're here and asks the attendees to speak to the power of this place and our place within the community."

The lecture is free. Reservations are required; to access the Zoom link, contact allison@cdcsb.org to

reserve. Donations in support of the CDCSB's work can be made at www.cdcsb.org/donate.

This is the first of what will be an ongoing series of talks sponsored by CDCSB. Learn more at www.cdcsb.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Despite concerns about COVID-19, some cultural venues are opening again and some events are being scheduled — but some events are then being canceled as infections rise again. It's a good idea to check websites before you go to an event.



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Time to look forward and define a better future, together

How craven, corrupt and egomaniacal must a man be to hold the office of president of the United States and incite violent insurrection against another branch of government? Exactly as craven, corrupt and egomaniacal as Donald Trump. If all went according to plan, however, on Jan. 20, the new president, Joe Biden, and vice president, Kamala Harris, will have been sworn in to take over the executive branch by the time these words appear in print. It's a previously unthinkable sentiment that looking several days into the future one may not be confident in the peaceful transition of government in this nation. Yet, here we are.

Still, even as our identity as Americans suffers, Connecticut holds it together in ways other states are not. Of that we should be proud. And there are other things we all still love about our country. Now is the time to think about those things and look forward to the future with Trump out of national office.

Because this is the time of year when people traditionally look back on the past 12 months, then forward to the next, it only makes sense to think of resolutions that will help make the year ahead better. What shall we resolve this year? Not to start another pandemic until the current one is mitigated through vaccination and extremely careful personal interaction and hand cleansing? Not electing any governmental officials who don't believe in truth, justice and unselfish public service? Not accepting violence and warped beliefs in conspiracy theories and fringe ideologies like white supremacy and Nazism as part of American life?

Are those resolutions all too negative, though, too based in what we should not do? What positive steps can each of us take to make this a better time? Certainly Americans took positive steps leading into the Nov. 3 elections, voting in historically high numbers. Yet all those who voted, on either side of the tickets, have since had to think about whether their votes were counted correctly, with the legitimacy of the outcome questioned daily, hourly, by Donald Trump, even before Election Day. Yet with all the court cases and recounts across the country coming out supporting the outcome as stated, voters should feel they made a difference and the election was secure. That's a positive thing.

So one resolution would be to keep voting, every year, in those same high numbers, and keep connected to real information about what is happening in our country. It seems impossible that the violent, blood-thirsty mob that attacked Congress on Jan. 6 represented anything more than a deluded minority of our electorate.

Now is the time for decent, truly patriotic Americans of all affiliations to step forward and become or remain as active as possible to take the country in the right direction, that is, toward equality and respect for their neighbors, no matter where they live. Let's negate Trumpism, as McCarthyism was finally negated in the 1950s, and relegate it to the dust bin of history.

Easement is clear for Twin Lakes land

I feel compelled to write a few words with respect to the issue of the causeway. First, I would like to thank the 60-plus people who signed our grassroots petition to call attention to the clearing of the causeway. The hope was to be able to have public comment at the Salisbury Inland/Wetlands Commission's hearing regarding the cease-and-correct order. Apparently the process does not allow for public comment, however the petition has had a positive effect. It has let the Commission know that people in our community are very much concerned with their mission of protecting wetlands and they have our support. It also has influenced The Nature Conservancy to step back from issuing a change of use as per the current landowner. There are still miles to go on this issue, but the petition has been effective.

Secondly, I would like to thank Michael Klemens for his expertise on both conservation easements and the science behind the health of Twin Lakes. Of all the people involved on this issue, only Michael has the credentials to make a knowledgeable assessment of the lakes backed by the facts. Michael brought forward the extensive report on the current status of the lakes and what steps should be taken in the future to ensure its continued health. This report was prepared by AER with a

grant from the state and was never mentioned until Michael brought it up. Probably because it states there are much bigger issues for the health of the lakes than the causeway. I am happy to send the report to anyone who is interested.

I would like to also thank The Lakeville Journal and Marshall Miles of Robin Hood Radio for researching this issue in a fair and objective manner. This shows the necessity of a vibrant local newspaper and radio station to cover important local issues. If it had not been for the Journal and Marshall, this undermining of the Mary Alice White's conservation easement would have continued until it would have been too late to have public comment.

In conclusion, I would like to quote Mary Alice White's words in her easement with The Nature Conservancy: "to conserve the natural values of the Protected Property, conserve and protect the special animal and plant populations on, and prevent the use or development of that property for any purpose or in any manner which would conflict with the maintenance of the Protected Property in its current natural, scenic and open condition for this generation and future generations."

This seems very clear!
John Harney
Salisbury



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Main Street Falls Village

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The accurate name is Affordable Housing Plan

"Don't be misguided by misinformation" recommends a closing line of a recent letter to the editor, Sign up for state-funded study, Falls Village (Lakeville Journal 1/14/21). We couldn't agree more.

Let's start with the title and misleading term "study." Actually, the town of Canaan (Falls Village) applied for a grant to offset most of the costs of producing a municipal Affordable Housing Plan (AHP), which is not a "study." The state of Connecticut requires such a plan from all of its 169 towns, wherein each municipality must detail a strategy for achieving 10% affordable housing and subsequently have this AHP adopted by their Planning & Zoning Commission. There were limited grant funds offered on a first come, first serve basis. So, let's be clear, there is absolutely no use for a "study" to determine if our town needs or wants affordable housing. It's already now a requirement for each Connecticut town to begin working towards achieving 10% affordable housing in their community. For Falls Village, this would mean about 72 homes.

Next, let's turn to community support. In truth, an impressive number of Falls Village residents have listened to and accepted the reassurances of the Department of Housing, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Selectmen and our engineers. They have demonstrated their support of River Road Homes by donating to our Drill-A-Well fundraising campaign, which through matching funds secured over \$15,000 for this project.

In reality, renters successful in securing a unit at River Road Homes will be employed or have a pension. Perhaps they will seek affordable accommodations at River Road Homes to remain in Falls Village near their family and friends or to be closer to their jobs at places such as Hamilton Books, Sharon Hospital or the local schools. Like anyone who lives in Falls Village, the River Road Homes renters will rely on personal vehicles, so access to the very limited public transportation in our region is irrelevant.

To be accurate, at the recent public Zoom Selectmen's meeting, the First Selectman read from the regulations and then explained, in simple terms, that according to the Town Attorney, a referendum cannot be held about an issue that cannot be overruled by the Selectmen, because they do not have that authority. The Planning & Zoning Commission decision was made based on adherence to the P&Z regulations and cannot be overruled. Therefore, it would be irresponsible to hold a referendum.

The Falls Village Housing Trust offers these truths to correct misinformation. We thank every one of our supporters who understand how necessary and exciting it is to be moving forward in building River Road Homes.

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Time for compromise and a new beginning

The American horror that happened in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6 is nothing short of stark raving madness. Under the Trump presidency our country has descended into a vortex of hate, division, racism and intolerance on a level of magnitude that boggles the mind. To say it is shocking is not enough. It is the rot of America in full view. As absurd as Trump and his minions are, they knew how to bring forth the worst in people. They exploited the fears, insecurities and deeply held feelings of bigotry to their advantage. This led to the fighting, violence and destruction of the peace and security of our society.

Trump's appeal and agenda was based in convincing people that the enemy lies within - including immigrants, politicians, weak leaders, portraying himself as none of the above. Look at how effectively Trump make people believe that immigrants were dangerous enemies and threatening our country. His creation of "enemies within" raised the fear level and established the need for a Great Leader, which he billed himself. In reality, Trump never talked about specific policies, he made it up as he went along.

The COVID-19 pandemic has left millions of people out of work and millions of others worried about losing their jobs. This and the very real health concerns individuals are experiencing have helped Trump's agenda because he is shrewd enough to know his hateful rhetoric would create hysteria among his supporters. Hence, the attack on Jan. 6.

I am grateful Joe Biden is poised to take office on Jan. 20. His job won't be an easy one. We will still have Trump supporters who believe the election was stolen and they may not be able to get beyond those feelings. The Biden presidency will hopefully restore our country to a semblance of normality with the emphasis on working together toward healing our country and ourselves.

Perhaps a Biden presidency will drop the politics and get back to basic values. Perhaps our neighbors can be friends, and not enemies, again, even if our politics differ.

The words bipartisan and compromise are music to my ears and I fervently pray for it.

Sharon

Gretchen Gordon

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — January 1921

SALISBURY — Miss Doris Dickinson of the Gilbert School at Winsted was the guest of Miss Mary L. Cooper over the week end.

LIME ROCK — Negotiations are under way for the sale of the Foxhurst property of R.N. Barnum. It is rumored that if the sale is consummated a new bungalow will be erected.

—The hum of buzz saws is very prevalent in Lime Rock

this winter.

— Wednesday morning was the coldest thus far this winter, the mercury standing at 4 to 6 below zero in the early morning.

— Five head of cattle belonging to the Misses Ensign are said to be running wild on the mountain and several men are trying to catch them.

— The ice harvest has commenced. Cuttings are also being made at Porter Ore Bed. The cold snap was all that was needed to start the ball rolling.

50 years ago — January 1971

Gordon Vaill, representative in Hartford of all towns in the 173rd district, reminds his constituents that the deadline for submitting bills to the State Legislature is Feb. 1.

— Richard Bianchi, manager of K&E Salisbury Products Plant, and his family have purchased the former Chauncey Jordan house on Indian Mountain Road.

— Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Eaton Sr. of Farnam Road in Lakeville celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Thursday, Jan. 14. Joining them for dinner was Mrs. George Silvernail.

SHARON — A furnace explosion at the home of Mark Cohn of Amenia Road on Jan. 13 brought out three trucks and 33 firemen at 7:05 that evening. According to Mrs. Cohn, smoke was extensive from the furnace and there was some smoke damage.

— Frank N. Spencer Jr. of Cornwall Bridge Road, who first came to Sharon in 1928 with his father, the late Frank N. Spencer Sr., has established his main office as a mining consultant in quarters adjoining his home in Sharon.

25 years ago — January 1996

Crews of snow shovelers were a common sight this week in the Tri-State area, pushing snow away from trouble spots on roofs until their arms and shoulders ached. Nick Scasco at Sea Gull Roofing in Millerton said his men each had shoveled an average of eight roofs a day for the past week.

SALISBURY — The computer study committee is considering all options to resolve the Town Hall computer problem that may entail a costly expense for equipment that has not met administrative needs.

LAKEVILLE — Hank Moller of Hillcrest Lane is one of 11 winners of a new Nature Conservancy recognition award that honors contributions of more than 100 hours of volunteer work. Moller was honored for his varied contributions to the workings of the Devil's Den and Katharine Ordway preserves. For years he has been the right-hand helper of Fred Moore and has performed trail maintenance and preserve stewardship tasks as necessary.

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Looting by parent company took Courant's home away

Employees of Connecticut's largest newspaper, the Hartford Courant, cleaned out their desks recently as the newspaper left the building at 285 Broad St. where it had operated for 70 years. It was well reported that the newspaper will continue publishing as its employees work from home, as they have done since March; that the Springfield Republican will do the printing; and that the Courant doesn't know if it will have an office again.

But why the newspaper gave up its offices has not been well reported, and it is not just because of the COVID pandemic. It's also because of internal sabotage that carries a warning about ownership of news organizations generally.

From its founding in 1764 and for more than two centuries afterward, the Courant had local ownership. But in

1979 the stockholders sold the paper to the Times Mirror chain, which had arisen from the Los Angeles Times. In 2000 the Tribune chain, which had arisen from the Chicago Tribune, acquired Times Mirror with a plan to merge its papers with Tribune television stations in markets where they overlapped, including Hartford.

Such combinations are anti-competitive and contrary to Federal Communications Commission rules, but Tribune figured that it could get the rules repealed. So began a legal struggle that remains unresolved after 20 years.

But by 2014 it was clear that combining TV stations and newspapers in the same markets was not going to be as profitable as expected, since the internet was draining advertising, especially from the papers. So Tribune split itself into separately owned and operated broadcast and newspaper companies, with the split heavily favoring the broadcast side.

Tribune already had moved its Hartford TV stations, WTIC-TV61 and WCCT-TV33, from a downtown office tower into the Courant's building, and when the broadcast and newspaper properties were separated, the building was given to the broadcast company. Suddenly the Courant was an interloper in its own house and

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had to pay rent.

Of course this was a humiliation to the newspaper and an insult to Connecticut as well, since the newspaper's long public service in journalism was infinitely greater than that of the TV stations that inherited the Courant's building. Those stations already have been resold to another chain, Tegna, as the expanding chains constantly juggle properties to stay within the FCC's weak geographic limits on ownership.

Now the building is owned by Alden Global Capital, which owns 32% of Tribune Publishing as well as many other newspapers from which it has been systematically stripping their real-estate assets and redeveloping them. If a new owner for the Courant pursues an office for the paper, maybe Alden at least will donate the big Hartford Courant lettering that remains on the front wall of the old building. After all, it's of no use to anyone else.

Chris Powell is a columnist for the *Journal Inquirer* in Manchester.

UNDERSTANDING JOSH HAWLEY



P. Steiner

Correction

Apologies to my readers. The YELP study I cited in last week's column (Jan. 14 Lakeville Journal, On Reflection) was a daily number. I should have written that 800 small businesses nationally — bars, hairdressers, boutiques — closed every day between May and September of 2020.

— Carol Ascher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking for healing

Some say "timing is everything." With the Age of Aquarius upon us, the old things are falling away and a new earth and humanity is emerging. That may involve healing energies from many dimensions. The one and the many offers that everything is connected energetically and psychically more than we understood before discovering there were subatomic particles and light beyond the visible spectrum.

The world is feeling like one big family in terms of the pandemic, with a common enemy or concern uniting everyone with a feeling of gratitude for life and also a deep awareness that we need to cooperate to make our way through our days.

That is in regard to health, government and living in the realms that are carved out for us by external factors as well as what we allow ourselves to co-create from our internal experience. We all have a choice

in how we use our voice over our lifetime with a fresh start daily!

I share many ideas on Livfully.org and on public FB pages to keep the conversation going and allow for a much wider array of viewpoints than most media or even politics and religions generally allow. I can be reached at cpaton@yahoo.com as well.

Drawing on efforts from grassroots to more organized levels can be lighting the way universally.

All of that can help us create local and state patterns of networking and collaborating with others online and in regional and wider efforts as may benefit more people and the planet.

Thanks to all doing what they can, day by day, to ask, seek and knock on the doors (and in one's dreams) for a healing energy and sense of team to win the day.

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village

SWSA is grateful

All of us at SWSA want to thank the White Hart Inn for hosting the Annual Chicken Pot Pie dinner again this year for our benefit. During these pandemic times when businesses, including restaurants, have taken such a financial hit, we are especially grateful for their generosity.

Willie Hallihan for the
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Cartoon to the Editor by Jeremiah Bickford, Norfolk

More letters previous and next page.

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Sad to see trees down

I consider myself to be a native of Salisbury. My grandfather was a collier on Mt. Riga. My dad, Paul Rebillard, was born in Taconic and never ever wanted to live in any other town. My mom, Esther, was a local school teacher. I went to Salisbury Central and then graduated high school from Housatonic Valley Regional. Although I have lived in several different localities after marrying my husband, Rich, I have always considered Salisbury home. When Rich and I were married many years ago in the Salisbury Congregational Church, I said that I would go anywhere we needed to go to support him, but it was Salisbury that I wanted to return to for retirement. And after a hiatus of about 40 years, Rich and I returned "home".

Salisbury was a great village in which to grow up. Besides having wonderful memories, one of the draws to return was the sheer beauty of the land. I love driving around the roads and just taking in the variety of animals that scamper about and share their environments with us. It always fills my heart with joy and wonder and I think how fortunate we are to live in such a place.

One of my favorite journeys is Taconic Road, rich in beauty and local history. Have you traveled it lately? If you have, perhaps you have felt much the same as I to see the wanton destruction of beautiful wooded land just north of the post office, across the road from the former Elsa's Kitchen and Camp Everett.

I think it is good to have new people discover this Northwest Corner of Connecticut, adding to the richness of community already here. I understand an owner's right to develop land. What I do NOT understand is, if someone chooses to purchase and move to a more rural locale, why destroy the very essence of its beauty by removing almost every tree that one can see? It breaks my heart to go by.

As of this date, one of the few remaining pieces of wood one can see from the road is a sign post identifying the property: Washinee Woods. Ironic, isn't it.

Lynn Rebillard Reifsnnyder
Salisbury

West Cornwall, where it begins

Let us not speak of politics; let us speak of...politics. I came here in 1970 to hide out in the woods and think my great thoughts and write my great work(s). By '72 I realized that hiding was impossible, at least for me. And greatness? That would have to wait. (Still waiting.)

So I walked from Cream Hill Road the two miles into town, carless, before the term 'carbon footprint' was in use.

I first went to Yutzler's grocery store, owned by the Yutzler Bros, Carl and "Dutch", with Fred their cousin as assistant, unkindly calling him El Gordo, a sweet man, a bit on the porcine side. Carl, also sweet, earlier he had been drafted into the War and Arlington "Dutch", left out of the draft, with a heart murmur, which I think made him a very talented painter. "Dutch" had studied in New York at the Art Students League, but on the brink of a career was called back to run the family business. He did. His work, realistic, detailed, colorful with people and places, filled his house on Upper River Road. One is in the First Selectman's office in Cornwall.

He became a weekend painter, but his was the mind that kept the business together.

Across the road was the butcher shop, Fred Bate owner and singer. So many times I heard him sing, "Missed the Saturday dance, heard they crowded the floor." Fred also said that New Yorkers didn't know where West Cornwall was, but they sure did know where Dibble Hill is.

Fred was meticulous and when he wrapped the meat, I loved his brains, his and cows, it was art like. His charming wife, Doris, when she would sometimes take over, chomping on a raw hot dog, was less concerned about art. You could always tell when she had wrapped; the chicken leg was sticking out of the paper. A sweetie, indeed.

But, politics. Martin Gold. He owned the bookstore across from Yutzlers and up the lane from Fred Bate's.

Marty was disorganized Dickensianly. The Little Old Curiosity Shoppe, about to spontaneously combust. He and I both had strong Chicago roots. As a young man in 1952, having worked on the Estes Kefauver campaign, Estes of the Coonskin hat, in the few states that had primaries, Marty confidently strode into Chi Town, excited that Estes was going to be the nominee. Hadn't he won every primary, all six or seven? He was stopped cold. Jake Arvey, one of the two kingmakers in the land, along with John Bailey of our Nutmeg State, both original influencers. (Do you keep seeing

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

that word?) Jake said to young Martin, No, young man, it is going to be Adlai Stevenson. And indeed, it was, losing to Dwight Eisenhower and again in '56, losing again to Ike, and if Eleanor Roosevelt had had her way, it would have been him again in '60. (Love Eleanor though I do, that was a major mistake, not to recognize JFK.) Marty was the first Jew at the University of Georgia. His major? Arabic Studies. The very first person, and for many years to come, I heard use the words Sunni and Shia. I still cannot tell the difference. Something about the son-in-law of the Prophet, may his name be blessed.

You did see who just got elected to the Senate from Georgia. A LandsMann named Ossoff (got to love a campaign slogan - Vote Your Ossoff!). His opponent, whose name I cannot bear to utter, put out an ad which elongated Jon's nose and likened him to Chuck Schumer, also Jewish. The ad warned all anti Semites that these Christ-killers would take over the country. When the opponent was confronted, his people said something about a mistake in the photoshopping. If you accept that, I got a boatload of soggy matzohs I'm happy to sell you.

Marty said I should run for State Rep. I was up and coming.

What? My opponent would have been the revered Adele Eads who had gotten 99% of the Kent vote for aeons. There was maybe half a dead person's vote that went against her. She also had the worst attendance record in Hartford. When confronted, she said that roads between Kent and Hartford were so bad that she didn't risk the suspension of her Mercedes. (I thought that is what those cars were built for, but never having had one...).

It was at that time that Joseph Papp of the New York Shakespeare Festival/The Public Theater was about to produce my play. Well, I couldn't run for office and be with my play. Could I? Heavens forfend! I did not run; and Joe, despite advertising my play in the Sunday Times, did not do the play. The longer story for another time.

One more political moment. I am at a party in New York talking to a woman who asks me where I live. I say where and that we are represented by a horrible Congresswoman name of Nancy Johnson. Johnson was one of three Reps who did not vote on the controversial B1 bomber. One was dead; one was quite ill; and one was Nancy Johnson. Her "reasoning"? She was at a party and when the bells rang for the vote, she didn't hear them and her aides couldn't find her because she was too short.

The woman who asked me where I lived said, She's my mother.

Go 46!

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Fred also said that New Yorkers didn't know where West Cornwall was, but they sure did know where Dibble Hill is.

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Each municipality in Connecticut has a number of commissions looking after the welfare of their community. Inland Wetlands happens to be one of them and is charged with protecting the water and wetlands of their town. The Commission is filled with volunteers giving their time to ensure that regulations are followed to protect the Town's resources. The CT DEEP has an excellent primer on how ordinary community members can participate with their Inland Wetlands Commission. This is called A Citizen's Guide to Participating in the Municipal Regulations of Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses and can be found on the CT DEEP website. The more people who participate, the stronger the community. Happy to email the Citizen's Guide.



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Thank you for supporting theaters

Over the past months, we have kept you, our loyal customers, updated on our cinema's situation, and we'd like to share a further update with you now to thank a key champion who was instrumental in ensuring that independent cinemas in our state of New York can bridge the pandemic.

During the months that Congress deliberated over COVID relief, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has worked tirelessly and successfully to secure aid for New York's cultural institutions, including independent movie theaters. This assistance is critical to keeping the industry alive, supporting the livelihoods of entrepreneurs and workers and protecting a critical piece of New York's economy. We also want to acknowledge the support of all the bipartisan senators and members of Congress who worked to ensure that movie theaters could get the relief we need to survive the financial impact of the pandemic.

Senator Schumer championed this relief pro-

gram and worked to include independent movie theaters in the proposal. He played a key role in the COVID package negotiations, and ultimately, was successful in working with the bill sponsors Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) to pass relief for theaters.

The senator has been relentless in his efforts to get this done and is now working with the Small Business Administration to enable the Save Our Stages program so it can begin accepting applications ASAP. He and his office are diligently working with New York's independent movie theaters to ensure they all have the tools and information they need.

I wanted to make you all aware of the wonderful work Senator Schumer has done and to express my gratitude for his tireless championship of our industry.

Carol Sadlon
Owner, The Millerton Moviehouse

Lakeville

Bank thankful for holiday donations

As many families in our communities are experiencing hardship during these unprecedented times, Salisbury Bank is proud to have sponsored our 13th annual "Fill-the-Basket" food drive to benefit local food pantries.

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All items collected, including monetary contributions, were donated directly to local food pantries serving each area:

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On behalf of our employees, we are honored to support local food pantries that serve hundreds of families during the holiday season and throughout the year. We are grateful for all the customers and community members who helped make this possible.

Shelly Humeston,
Sr. Vice President,
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