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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Coronavirus masks symbolize cultural divide

By Debra A. Aleksinas

A lone couple occupied a public bench along Kent's Main Street on a recent Sunday morning as the town slowly came alive with people walking their dogs, dining outdoors or out for a drive.

Unlike most others around them who were sporting facial masks, this couple was bare-faced, and they intend to stay that way.

"It's my choice, and I choose not to wear a mask. I don't have to explain why to anybody," said an adamant Justin Breecher, who was out enjoying a motorcycle ride with his companion through Litchfield County. "I keep my distance."

As he spoke, a passerby who overheard the conversation paused and calmly uttered through his black face covering, "Not cool, dude," and continued on his way.

The brief exchange, while hardly confrontational when compared to some explosive encounters nationwide between front-line workers and mask scofflaws, is indicative of the divisiveness that has erupted over mandatory mask requirements.

On April 20, in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, Gov. Ned Lamont signed an executive order requiring everyone in Connecticut to cover their faces with masks or cloth coverings while out in public

"That fragment of material that covers your nose and mouth is like a cut-price vaccine." — Dr. James Shepherd, Sharon epidemiologist

where social distancing cannot be maintained.

But the requirement is not a law, which means businesses like grocery and convenience stores, restaurants, bars and gyms are left to enforce those rules despite a lack of guidance from the state on how to do so. Across Connecticut and the nation, masks have become a flash point in the virus culture wars as people resume going out in public while coronavirus cases continue to surge.

Masks are like a vaccine

Recent health reports support wearing cloth facial coverings as a means of limiting transmission of the coronavirus.

Some people choose to wear masks for their safety and the safety of people around them. Others say they feel it is a violation of public liberty, or that the virus poses no danger or that masks are unattractive or uncomfortable.

"Masks are hot, ugly and make you feel stupid. The elastic loop always gets stuck over the arm of your glasses when you remove



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Two signs outside the Cornwall Country Market alert customers that they must wear masks inside the store.

them to wipe off the condensation and you look even more stupid. Plus they're un-American," said Sharon epidemiologist Dr. James Shepherd, an infectious disease consultant at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Masks, said Shepherd, who has worn them for decades, are no one's favorite item.

"Nonetheless," he said, "that fragment of material that covers your nose and mouth is like a cutprice vaccine."

And here's why: "A seasonal flu vaccine doesn't protect you from flu 100%. In fact it is only about

50% effective in a good year."

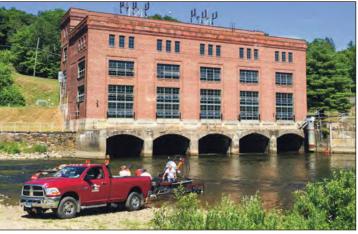
But 50% is still better than nothing, and, Shepherd said, "If you do get infected it also reduces the likelihood of you passing the flu virus on to someone else."

A mask, he said, does exactly the same for the coronavirus.

"By wearing it you reduce the chances that infected viral droplets will be inhaled into your airway. In return, if you are infected your droplets will be trapped."

Masks also seem to have a "significant effect" on reducing the

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A young boy was rescued from the Housatonic River on Sunday, July 5, after he was swept away by the fast-moving water. Town officials and the First Light power company now plan to limit access to the water at the Great Falls.

First Light to limit access to Great Falls

By Patrick L. Sullivan

AMESVILLE — The First Light power company announced Monday afternoon, July 6, that it would be closing some recreational access at the Great Falls area of the Housatonic River in Falls Village and the Amesville section of Salis-

First Light spokesman Len Greene said on Tuesday, July 7, that he wasn't completely sure what would be closed besides the picnic area on Dugway Road in Amesville. First Selectman Curtis

New faces at The Lakeville Journal

Rand of Salisbury and First Selectman Henry Todd of Falls Village were not entirely sure either.

The Fourth of July weekend saw an unusually large number of visitors to the Great Falls area. Rand told the Salisbury Board of Selectmen Monday evening, July 6, that the crowds were due to the combination of the holiday falling on a Saturday, hot weather, and closures of other parks and access points farther south on the Housatonic.

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Millbrook Horse Trials canceled

Can horses catch the coronavirus?

By Lena Szeto

The Tri-state region equestrian community has found ways to manage despite the coronavirus pandemic. After all, animals still have to be cared for, even during a quarantine.

None of the barns in the region has had to shut down even though many of them rely on horse shows for fundraising, and those shows this year have so far been canceled or postponed.

Operations during the pandemic have necessitated major adjustments for boarders and riders — and, let's not forget, the horses, too.

Riga Meadow at Coole Park Farm in Millbrook and Town Hill Farm in Lakeville moved fast to put new barn rules in place in spring to keep everyone as safe as possible. Both barns implemented American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) best practices, adding a few nuances of their own.

In March and April, Linda Bushnell, the trainer at Riga Meadow, decided to limit access to the barns to only essential workers. She stopped giving lessons and canceled Riga's Combined Test, which was scheduled





PHOTO BY LENA SZETO

Equestrian barns in the region are beginning to open again, but COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

for May 3.

Now that New York is slowly reopening, lessons have resumed and boarders can ride again but with restrictions.

A contact tracing system is in place; everyone has to sign in and out of the barn. Bushnell stressed that, "With COVID-19 preventive measures in place everything takes time, so patience and resolve are required. Horseback riding is a humbling sport — anything can happen, and you have to be able to adapt very quickly."

Susan Beddingfield, stable manager at Town Hill Farm, said she never stopped teaching her clients since all private lessons are taught outdoors.

She has put safety measures in place, limiting boarders' access inside the barn, requiring that masks be worn inside, and designating a single wash stall, to limit contaminated surfaces and foot traffic.

Boarders with their own trailers can also tack up there,

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By Cynthia Hochswender

We hadn't expected to have any interns this summer, but several young people contacted us in late spring to ask if they could participate, and two chose to join us for three weeks. You've seen their bylines in recent editions, and we hope they will continue to write for us through the summer when they can.

We have also invited them to return next year, when we hope the world will be somewhat normal again, and when we can offer our full internship program.

This year, Anabelle Baum and Mary John, both high school students in New York City with part-time residences in Sharon, received some guidance and practice in writing articles in the Associated Press newspaper style; and they did a workshop by Zoom with Senior Associate Editor Alexander Wilburn, who taught them how to craft a story "pitch" to an editor and how to prepare questions for an interview.

In a normal year, we work intensively with our interns over a minimum of three weeks in four areas: Reporting (including writing and photography), copy editing, page design and civics.

We try to get them out and about in our towns so they can meet new people and get a better understanding of how New England democracy functions. We take them on tours of town halls and introduce them to some of the many town officials and staff who keep things ticking along so



Mary John

By Anabelle Baum

SHARON — Mary John joined The Lakeville Journal for three weeks as an intern this summer. In the fall, she will be a senior at Trinity School

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efficiently.

One of the most important things we do is teach them to trust their own instincts and their own writing "voice." Students for the most part are rigorously trained to write in the specific style of their teacher and/or their school. It usually takes a week or more before we convince them that we genuinely want to hear about what interests them, and we want them to write in a style that is



Anabelle Baum By Mary John

SHARON — Anabelle Baum is a rising junior at the Trevor Day School in New York City. She lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan with her

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informal and natural to each of

them as individuals. Anyone who is interested in joining us next year for an internship (or this year for an abbreviated program) is invited to email me at cynthiah@lakev-

illejournal.com. One task we assign our interns every year is that they have to interview and photograph their fellow interns. Read their articles, below, to learn about this year's interns.

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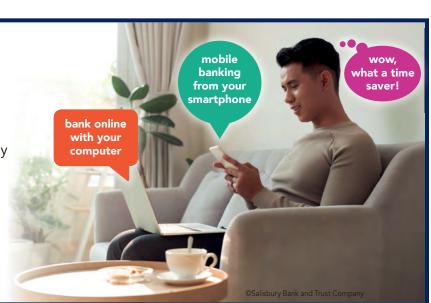
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In The Journal this week

Three-day forecast

Friday	. Thunderstorms, high 82°/low 67°
Saturday	Thunderstorms, 85°/67°
Sunday	Thunderstorms, 85°/64°

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Cornwall Trust scholarships

wall Conservation Trust is pleased to announce that 11 scholarships have been awarded from the 2020 Student Grant Program. Nine of the students are previous recipients. Preference is given to Cornwall students. This year three students from Cornwall were recipients: Olive Cowan, Ian Danforth Gold and Ella Hampson. Additional awards were granted to Mari Cullerton, Alexa O'Connor, and Maddie Simonds of North Canaan; Maggie Mae Baldwin, Brooke Dodge and Valerie Le-

CORNWALL — The Corn- nis of Falls Village; Jack Scarpa of Salisbury; and Elias Hill of

The trust has been awarding scholarship grants since 2008 through an endowment established by the Calhoun Family. In an effort to promote education in areas of study that match our mission, student grants are awarded on a yearly basis in May to graduating high school students or students who are enrolled in college and are residents of Region One. Information can be found online at www.cornwallconservationtrust.org.

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.

Warrant for failing to appear

On June 23 at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Barnes Road in North Canaan Ismari Reyes, 28, of Torrington was pulled over on a traffic stop. Following an investigation, Reyes was charged with failure to appear in court in the second degree based on an active warrant. She is scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 15.

Parking lot collision

On June 23 at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Academy Street in Salisbury a Toyota Tundra operated by an unidentified driver attempted to park at LaBonne's Market. The Toyota collided with the driver's side of a 2018 Toyota Rav4 driven by Gina Young, 46, of Lakeville. Anyone with more information regarding the collision is asked to contact Troop B.

Collision exiting driveway

On June 24 at approximately 7:30 a.m. on High Street in North Canaan a 2014 Mazda MZ2 driv-

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

en by Briana Lee Snyder, 19, of Amenia, N.Y., attempted to break for a 2017 Mazda Cx-17 driven by Aric Mason Grandy, 23, of Mansfield, Conn., which was exiting a private driveway. The two vehicles collided due to the wet roadway. No injuries were reported. Grandy was issued a written warning for failure to grant the right of way from

a private driveway. Lines pulled down by truck

On June 25 at approximately 9 a.m. on Murtagh Road in Sharon a 2016 Hino 338 box truck registered to Mancini Beverage Northeast and driven by Jeffrey Carl Hartshorn, 49, of Seymour, Conn., was making a delivery when the truck pulled down overhead Eversource electric lines. As a result, the lines damaged the roof and air conditioner unit belonging to Sharon Market. No signs were observed instructing delivery drivers of the low wires. No enforcement was taken.

Destruction of Falls Village utility pole

On June 25 at approximately 10 a.m. on Main Street in Falls Village a 2019 Freightliner truck registered to Andrex Logistics and driven by Russ Franklin Joel Wilson, 30, of Lake Wales, Fla., attempted to turn onto Beebe Hill Road and struck a utility pole, severing it in half and

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/ or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.

leaving the pole lying over the intersection. Wilson was issued a written warning for making an improper turn.

Three-car collision

On June 25 at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Route 7 in North Canaan a 2012 Toyota Tacoma driven by Frederick James Viner, 76, of Hinsdale, Mass., attempted to turn left onto Clayton Road and drove into the path of an oncoming 2018 GMC Canyon driven by William Dowling, 70, of Sheffield, Mass. The Toyota spun out after the collision into a 2015 GMC Sierra driven by Richard Allyn, 56, of North Canaan. The Sierra had been stopped at a stop sign. Viner was issued an infraction for making an improper turn.

Struck a guardrail

On June 27 at approximately 3 p.m. on Canaan Road in Salisbury a 2007 Nissan Altima driven by Djorn Golding, 26, of the Bronx, N.Y., lost control on the wet road and struck a wire rope guardrail. Golding was issued an infraction for traveling too fast for the conditions.

Unresolved minor accident

On June 26 at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Route 44 in Salis-

bury a 2006 Volvo Xc70 driven by Robert K. Holmes, 62, of Lakeville passed an unknown vehicle, making contact and causing minor damage. Holmes was not aware he had made contact until he was notified by a passerby. He was unable to locate the vehicle, described as a blue sedan with New York plates. Anyone with information is asked to contact Troop B.

Assault

On June 27 Troop B received a report from a female, 25, in Sharon who stated she had been struck with a bottle to the head and was bleeding. Following statements from the parties involved, Myra Nicole Marks, 20, of Kent was charged with breach of peace in the second degree and assault in the third degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 13.

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

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Northwest **Corner Gives**

Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation has launched Northwest Corner Gives, a crowdfunding platform created by the Community Foundation to help northwest Connecticut nonprofits build awareness and raise matching funds for COVID-19-related expenses.

Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation has committed resources to fund up to 75% of all nonprofit campaign goals. The Community Foundation is matching gifts dollar-for-dollar until July 31.

Participating nonprofits include: AHA (After School Program) in North Canaan, American Mural Project, Canaan Child Care, Civic Life Project, David M. Hunt Library, Fishes and Loaves, Five Points Gallery, Geer, Grumbling Gryphons, Housatonic Child Care Center. Housatonic Valley Association, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Kent Memorial Library, Music Mountain, Northwest Connecticut Arts Council. Northwest Connecticut Community College, Sharon Playhouse, SOAR and United Church of Christ, Cornwall.

To view nonprofit campaigns and support their goals, visit Northwest Corner Gives at www. northwestcornergives.org.

Send obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal. com

Don't Miss This Week's **Special Inserts!** Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

- CVS
- Ocean State Job Lot
- Herrington's

Food Pantry food drive on July 10

LAKEVILLE — Community members are invited to help support the increased need of the Corner Food Pantry by donating non-perishable food items and household supplies on Friday,

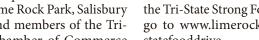
The Tri-State Strong Food Drive will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lakeville branch of Salisbury Bank on Bissell

Participants are asked to place their donations in their vehicle's trunk and at the drop-off site, remain in their vehicles while volunteers remove the items from their trunk. Those wishing to donate money can do so by placing checks, made out to The Corner Food Pantry, in a collection box at the drop-off site. Volunteers from Lime Rock Park, Salisbury Bank and members of the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce will collect the donations while wearing masks.

Lime Rock Park's Catering Van will be at the contact-less donation drop-off site at Lakeville's Salisbury Bank and organizers have made it their mission to fill the van with donations to assist the unprecedented need of the Corner Food Pantry. The Pantry serves the entire Tri-State Region and since the pandemic, the need in the region is far greater than before.

The pantry is especially seeking items such as canned tuna, pasta sauce, coffee and juice. In addition, volunteers will accept pet supplies that will be donated to The Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall.

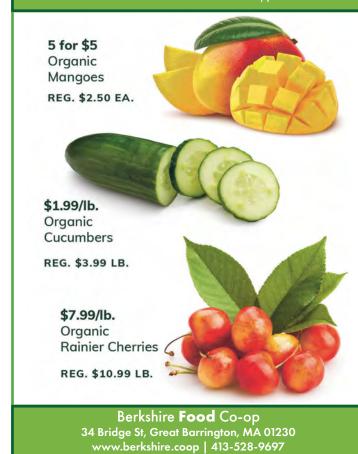
For more information about the Tri-State Strong Food Drive, go to www.limerock.com/tristatefooddrive.



Fresh Deals at the Co-op

July 1 - July 21, 2020*





In addition to Virtual PT visits, in-person visits will be available starting June 29th Physical Therapy For in-person visits: There will be a safe and clean space, staggered and longer appointment times, and no use of the waiting room. For virtual visits: Visits can be conducted either over the phone or using your computer to see and hear your therapist. All our systems are secure and HIPAA compliant. Schedule your appointment and start feeling better today! Call (860) 824-3820 to find out more 77-99 South Canaan Road Canaan, CT · www.geercares.org

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that on July 23, 2020 at 6:45 PM, by way of a Zoom meeting, the Canaan/Falls Village Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following application.

Consideration of Special Permit application for the establishment of a Memorial Conservation Forest at 300 Music Mountain, Canaan/Falls Village, CT; at this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communication received.

The Zoom meeting information will be available on the agenda which will be posted at Town Hall and Town web site.

Thomas Scott Zoning Enforcement Officer 07-09-20 07-16-20

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2019 is due and payable July 1, 2020. The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2019 will become delinquent on Monday, August 3, 2020.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 0.25% per month from the time such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid on or before September 30th. For any July installment amounts due that remain unpaid as of October 1st, 2020, interest will be charged back to July 1st, 2020 at a rate of 1.5% per month.

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

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday during the month of July. After August 3rd the hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Town Hall closure please make payments through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757. There is also a drop box outside of the Town Hall where payments may be left. Credit cards are not accepted in the office but you may pay online by going to www.officialpayments.com.

Deborah Devaux CCMC 06-18-20 07-09-20 07-23-20

NOTICE OF SPECIAL **TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SHARON JULY 16, 2020** ATTENDEES MUST WEAR MASKS AND SOCIAL **DISTANCE**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Sharon, Connecticut, will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut, on July 16, 2020 at 6:30p.m. for the following purpose:

To see what action the will take regarding the following:

1. To accept the Town of Sharon's financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Town Website

2. To approve (retroactive) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, regarding the following as approved by the Board of Finance:

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

b. To authorize expenditures of up to \$8,800.00 from the Sharon Cemetery Fund;

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

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

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

f. To authorize expenditures not to exceed \$250,720.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund; and

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

3. To adopt the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as approved by the Board of Finance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Town Website

4. To approve an additional Tax Collector appropriation of up to \$36,000.00 to the 2019-2020 budget Line Item 8a - Labor Counsel, out of the Undesignated Fund, as approved by the Board of Finance

5. To authorize an allocation of \$100,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund balance to provide a reserve for any potential liability that the Town may have to pay on the Sharon Housing Authority promissory note from Eversource that the Town has acted as a grantor on as approved at the December 13, 2019 Town Meeting

6. To adopt a Revision to the Town Highway Construction Ordinance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Town Website. Dated at Sharon, Connecticut, this 23rd day of June 2020.

Brent M. Colley Dale Jones Casey T. Flanagan Selectmen 07-09-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **ESTATE OF CHRISTINE B. RANNEY Late of Sharon AKA Christine L. Ranney** (20-00217)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, June 11, 2020, 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 fidicuaries are:

Stephanie Dawn Ranney, Rafferty and Timothy J. Ranney,

c/o Beverley Rogers Beverley Rogers Law Offices

158 Danbury Road Suite 6 Ridgefield, CT 06877

Beth L. McGuire Clerk 07-09-20

Our Towns

Public hearing on Kent cell tower and a new balloon float

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — The Connecticut Siting Council will conduct a remote public hearing via Zoom on Thursday, July 23. The topic is the cell tower being proposed by Homeland Towers for one of two possible sites in Kent.

Homeland Towers and New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) filed an application last year to the Siting Council, which decides where cell towers can be built in Connecticut.

The company is proposing building a tower at one of two locations in Kent. One site is on Bald Hill Road, the other is on Richards Road. At whichever site is chosen, antennae would be placed on a 154-foot monopole.

At a public hearing about the proposed tower in December, Kent residents said they were strongly opposed to the possibility of a tower in their town and at least one person threatened to sue the tower company.

Concerns for the most part fell into two camps. Some people felt they would ruin the town's rural aesthetic, which is listed as a priority in the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. Some people were concerned about health effects from the towers, including the potential damage if the tower were to fall.

Rescue volunteers in town and some town residents said that the towers would improve communications in areas such as Segar Mountain Road, which is steep and curvy and where motor vehicle accidents occur with some frequency.

A second balloon float

Todd Powell has organized a grassroots opposition group, which has come up with a coverage alternative, working with the town of Kent.

In an email sent out on Friday, June 19, Powell described that solution (transmitters that are mounted on telephone poles) that provides better coverage of Route 341 than the proposed

"The small cells will be able to link up with the existing cell tower in the Town of Kent and the proposed tower in Warren that has been approved by the Town of Warren. This would allow better hand off of calls at both ends, providing more seamless coverage and better safety coverage as it would cover the curvy portion of the road that passes by the Cobble

The group did its own balloon test on July 4. Powell and his group expressed concern that the Siting Council would not come to Kent to see the impact on the landscape that a 154-foot tower could have. Homeland had already done a trial balloon float as part of the application process.

Siting Council hearing

For those who wish to participate or listen, the Siting Council public hearing will begin with an evidentiary session at 2 p.m. the public comment session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Siting Council website says that, "The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence on the applicants' assertions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects from the construction, operation and maintenance of the facility."

To view or participate in the hearing sessions, go to www. zoom.us/j/98239942005?pwd=ektScjhxZ0RMaFVvK2NHMzVBdWwydz09 from a computer, smartphone or tablet. No prior software download is required.

For audio-only participation, dial in at 929-205-6099 (this is

alternative plan as "a small cell not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 982 3994 2005from a telephone.

> Interested persons may join any session to listen, but must sign up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session. To participate in the 6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet, send an email to siting.council@ct.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by July 16.

To participate in the 6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone, leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number and mailing address by July 16.

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At a

special meeting Monday, June

29 (held online), the Region

One Board of Education vot-

ed unanimously to go ahead

with a one-year, \$5,900 con-

tract with Niche, an internet

Eleven Group is handling

marketing efforts for Region

Janet Carlson, whose One

marketing service.

Marketing of regional

schools moves ahead

Public comments may also be submitted to the council by electronic mail or by regular mail.

"Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council," according to the Siting Council website.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Siting Council's website and a copy will be available at the Kent town clerk's office.

For more detailed information, go to the Siting Council website at www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/ view.asp?a=962&q=611306.

This application is Docket No. 488.

supplement One Eleven

online profile of Housatonic

Valley Regional High School,

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Using Niche will raise the

"People who would not

If the kindergarten-to-eight

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of Niche they can (Sharon

Center School and Cornwall

Consolidated School already

are), Carlson said. The town

schools will have their own

The other four towns in the

contracts with Niche.

Group's work.

she said.

universe."



Sharon Assistant Animal Control Officer Jim Sohl, with the cat found in a duffel bag in Mudge Pond on June 27.

Cat found trapped in bag in Mudge Pond

By Hunter O. Lyle

SHARON — On Saturday, June 27, Stephen Schumacher's early morning trip to the beach strayed from the ordinary when he found a duffel bag floating in the water, and discovered that inside was an all-black adult cat.

"At 5 a.m. this morning at the Mudge Pond boat ramp in Sharon, I found this duffel bag with a bungie cord around it sitting in the water," Schumacher said in a Facebook post that morning. "I picked the bag out of the water and heard 'meow,' a soaked frighten black cat was inside."

The bag was floating about 20 feet from shore near the Mudge Pond boat launch. After Schumacher retrieved the bag and freed the 2-to-3-year-old female cat, he called Lee Sohl, the animal control officer for Kent, Sharon and Salisbury.

She took the animal into custody and brought it to Sand Road

Animal Hospital in Falls Village before contacting the State Police at Troop B.

"It is the worst act of cruelty that I've had to deal with since becoming animal control officer," said Sohl who has held the position for more than 25 years in the Northwest Corner.

As Schumacher's Facebook post gained attention, garnering over 1,400 shares, Desmond's Army Animal Law Advocates, an animal rights organization based in Connecticut, became aware of the case and soon after started offering a \$1,000 reward for any information that results in an arrest.

Anyone with any information can contact Troop B in North Canaan at 860-626-1820 or call Sohl at 860-488-6476. Anyone who has information and wishes to remain anonymous can contact Desmond's Army Animal Law Advocates at www.desmondsarmy.org.

One, suggested using Niche last month during a discussion of her company's contract and services.

She emphasized that Niche and One Eleven are separate companies and that One Eleven will not benefit financially from using Niche.

Carlson gave a presenta-

tion on how Niche's services

Region One School District are Falls Village (town of Canaan), North Canaan, Kent and Salisbury.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Cyprinids

6. Icelandic literary works

10. Break in half 14. Japanese mushroom

15. Have offspring

17. Not feeling well

19. A very large body of water 20. Witch

21. Behemoth 22. Speak negatively of

23. Absence of difficulty 24. Pampering places

26. Drives

29. Truck that delivers beer 31. Makes

32. A team's best pitcher

34. __ Carvey, comedian

35. Seas 37. S. American plants

38. Time zone

39. Deviate

40. No longer are

41. Moving in slowly 43. Patrick and Glover are two

45. Living quarters 46. Taxi 47. Pancake made of buckwheat

flour 49. Swiss river

50. Not happy

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal 58. Give way to anxiety

59. Greek war god 60.2K lbs.

61. Word of farewell

CLUES DOWN

1. __ex Machina 2. WWII diarist Frank

3. Concluding passage

4. Supplement with difficulty 5. Title of respect

6. Cubic measures

7. Remnant

8.__Jones

9. Salts of acetic acid

10. Long, upholstered seat 11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture

12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra

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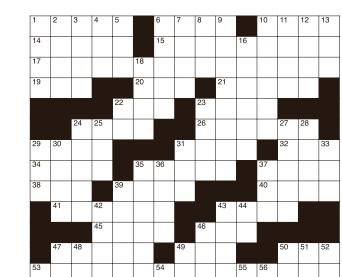
16. Propels upward

18. What we are talking about 22. Prosecutor

23. Employee stock ownership plan 24. He brings kids presents

25. Burmese monetary unit

27. Hurries 28. Injury remnant



51. Hairstyle

(abbr.)

56. Gesture

54. Brazilian city

52. NY-based department store

53. Geosciences organization

55. Niger-Congo languages

July 2 Solution

29. Tooth caregiver

30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane 31. "The Partridge Family" actress

Susan 33. Midway between east and

southeast 35. Most excellent

36. Heat units

37. Possess legally 39. Food items

42. Skeletal structures 43. Challenge to do something bold

44. Blood type

46. Sammy ___, songwriter

47. Farmer (Dutch)

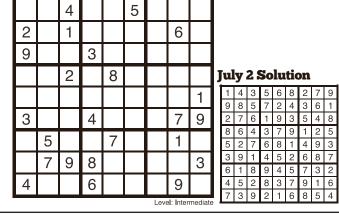
50. Malaysian coastal city

48. Clare Booth ___, American

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OBITUARIES

Calvin Patrick Valyou

Valyou, 44, of Copake, N.Y., passed away on July 2, 2020. He was born on June 9, 1976, in Sharon, the son of Shirley Valyou and the late Louis Valyou.

Calvin, aka "Butter," began his career as a teenager as a very talented mason. For the past eight years he worked at Pondside Nursery, where he was able to pursue his passion with his craftsmanship.

Among being an incredibly hard worker, Calvin was an avid hunter, fisherman, cook and storyteller. He had the amazing ability to light up a room and make everyone laugh with his stories.

He was a very generous man who was well-liked by all in the community. He was a loving son, brother, uncle, life partner, father and friend. His biggest passion in life was being a devoted father to his four children.

Calvin is survived by his part-

COPAKE — Calvin Patrick ner, Chrystal Albright, and their twins, Aubrey and Layla Lou Valyou; his former wife, Megan Valyou, and their two children, Patrick and Claire Valyou; his mother, Shirley Valyou-Tucker; his siblings, John, Theresa, Dawn and Donny and their significant others; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many close friends.

A visitation will be held at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Copake on Saturday, July 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. Those attending are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing for the safety of all. Maximum occupancy guidelines will be enforced.

A Celebration of Life will follow at a later date.

Calvin, when we meet again we will be greeted with the infamous, "Hey, what's up?"

To send an online condolence, go to www.peckandpeck.

SPORTS

A hole-in-one at Hotchkiss School's golf course

LAKEVILLE — Tom Crowley of West Cornwall had a holein-one on Monday, June 22, while playing the fifth hole at The Hotchkiss School golf course. It was the first hole-in-one he has ever had and it was witnessed by Doc Simont, also of West

Sports championships in a COVID-19 world

By Anne MacNeil

FALLS VILLAGE — Russell Sears, a rising junior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and a Sharon resident, beat out the Northwestern Field Hockey team to win the first ever Berkshire League Backyard Sports Championship.

It started with a question: "How bored are students and teachers without sports?" Nonnewaug High School Toby Denman began asking this question when it became clear that spring sports in the Berkshire League or the rest of the state would not be hap-

After a simple post on social media, Berkshire League Backyard Sports was born.

Denman asked for submissions of any creative backyard sport, from replicating a high jump using common household items to trick shots with golf and pingpong balls.

All nine schools in the Berkshire League were represented in the 64-video NCAAstyle bracket.

Weekly rounds of voting on social media pitted athletes in videos against one another.

In the winning video, Sears used a baseball bat to hit a base ketball 70 feet to bank it off a tree limb and into the basket.

Anne MacNeil is high school athletic director and middle school athletic coordinator for Housatonic Valley Regional High School and the Region One School District.



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Doris 'Meme' Miller

GREAT BARRINGTON — Doris "Meme" Miller, 80, passed away on June 26, 2020, at her home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Born on Dec. 12, 1939, in Great Barrington, she was the first child of the late John A. DeLand Sr. and Luella (Markham) DeLand.

She attended Roeliff Jansen Central School in Copake, N.Y., and then Mount Everett High School in Sheffield.

Doris wore many different hats when she was in the workforce, all while balancing family life. In her early years, she was a Nursing Assistant at The Pines Nursing Home; Packaging Operator at Becton Dickinson; Assembly Lineworker at Bicron Electronics; Dietary Supervisor at Noble Horizons; Supervisor Duty Caregiver; and she owned great-grandchildren. When she

a lawn mowing business with her husband up until her retirement.

She married her husband, the late Kenneth Miller, on Aug. 8, 1996, in Niagara Falls. In 2012, she retired

and moved to Florida

with her husband fulltime after selling their home in Copake Falls. Although she lived in Florida full-time, she would still visit family during the holidays and attended special milestones. She also could not go back to her home in Florida until

She loved spending time with her family, especially time

and homemade sauce.

she made her infamous spaghetti

at The Lakeville Journal; Private with her grandchildren and drea Eichstedt, of Sheffield and

wasn't watching NA-SCAR, she enjoyed camping throughout the United States, crafting, knitting and crocheting.

One of her favorite sayings was "What's that noise?" and we are beginning to understand what a treasure that truly is.

She leaves two children, Melissa Waldron of North Canaan

and Patrick McGuire and his wife, Beth, of North Canaan; four siblings, John A. DeLand Jr., and his wife, Penny, of Housatonic, Mass., Stephen DeLand Sr. and his wife, Hisae, of Japan, Brian memorial service will be held at DeLand and his companion, An-

Karen DeLand and her companion, Michael Murphy, of Alford, Mass.; five grandchildren, Amy Kuhn and her husband, Joshua, of San Antonio, Texas, Adam Waldron and his wife, Michele, of North Canaan, Heather Tatro, and her husband, Christopher, of San Antonio and Hannah Mc-Guire and Connor McGuire, both of North Canaan; and two great-grandchildren and one on the way, Kennedy Kuhn, Addison Waldron and Olivia Tatro.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Miller, in October 2017. She was also predeceased by one brother, Charles DeLand, in January 2016.

Due to COVID-19, a private a later date.

Memorial service:

Helen Hintz

Saying good-bye is never easy, even more so in these times. An outside, properly socially distanced, Celebration of the Life of Helen Hintz, a Noble Horizons resident for over 7 years, will be held on Sunday, July 12, at her daughter, Noreen

Driscoll's home at 40 High St./ Route 7 South, North Canaan. Gathering begins around 1 p.m., the remembrances and music will be around 2 p.m., with a picnic luncheon afterward. An RSVP would be appreciated at sweethavenfarmct@gmail.com.

Joan E. 'Nanny' (Liner) Strattman

EAST CANAAN — Joan E. "Nanny" (Liner) Strattman, 84, passed on surrounded by her family on the morning of July 1, 2020, at her home after a long illness. Joan was the widow of Lee D. Strattman Sr.

She was born Feb. 25, 1936, in Sharon, daughter of the late Leota (Weaver) and Edward Liner.

For nearly 40 years, Joan was employed at the former Kilbourne School in Southfield,

She used her special talents assisting the students there on the night shift.

An avid Red Sox fan, Joan also enjoyed flowers, gardening, and watching and taking care of the many birds that graced her home.

Indeed, Joan's true passion was her dedication and devotion to her entire family.

Joan leaves behind her four sons, Lee D. "Chip" Strattman Jr. and his wife, Barbara, of East Canaan, Christopher Strattman and his wife, Diane, of North Canaan, Thomas "Otis" Strattman

Sr. of East Canaan and Larry Strattman and his wife, Juliana, of Ashley Falls; her son-in-law, Brian Naventi of Lebanon, N.Y.; her grandchildren including Melissa and spouse Bobby, Thomas Jr., Cayla, Chad, Rebecca and

Joan was predeceased by her daughter, Jill; son, Joel; and brother, Lawrence.

at the convenience of the family. The family would like to thank Joan's wonderful care-

givers, Chrissy Reid and Patty MacDonald. Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer So-

ciety Central New England Region, 59 Bobala Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.

care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

spouse Colby, Jessie and spouse Jeremiah, Karrie, Chris Jr. and Lindsay; her great-grandchildren, Chloe, Nicholas, Lydia, Jillian Grace Leigh, Hayden, Finn, Allicia, Payton, Amelia and Mason.

Funeral services will be held

Arrangements are under the

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Masks

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efficiency of viral transmission, they allow us to "open up" safely again, and communities that have adhered to mask wearing among other things seem to be much safer than communities that haven't, said Shepherd.

"It seems like a small price to pay."

Jody Diaz, a customer at the Kent Mobil convenience store, echoed Shepherd's sentiment.

"I don't love wearing it," she said referring to her fashionable bumble bee-themed mask. "Of course it's uncomfortable. I look at it this way: Worst-case scenario is if I don't wear it and somebody

"That doesn't seem like such a big sacrifice if I can keep people healthy," said the Southbury, Conn., resident.

Pointing to a sign on the door of Kent Mobil advising customers to wear a mask, Diaz said she is also concerned about the burden resting on business owners to enforce mask policies that are a requirement rather than a law.

"It's not something they signed up for when they opened their business. Many are also trying to deal with having just reopened after being shut down."

'I can't enforce it'

Inside Kent Mobil, store manager Nee Maddumage said if a customer refuses to cover his or her face at his establishment, there is little he can do.

"I can't judge. I don't know if they have asthma or something. I can't enforce it. The only thing I can say is 'be supportive, wear a mask."

Maddumage estimated that about 98% of customers don masks, and that the scofflaws are few and far between.

"This community is so supportive," he said, noting that several customers have donated large supplies of personal protective

FALLS

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Rand sent an email to First Light on July 6 that read, in part: "After this weekend's unfortunate events, and in the interest of public safety due to COVID-19 and general water safety, I urge First Light to close or seriously limit the use of the Great Falls river access for the foreseeable future. The situation is unmanageable and dangerous and needs to be curtailed."

Todd said the crowds at the Dugway picnic area were dense and many people were not wearing masks or observing social distancing.

First responders rescued a young boy from the Great Falls section of the Housatonic River on Sunday afternoon, July 5, at around 3 p.m. The falls are between the Amesville section of Salisbury on one side and Falls Village on the other.

Tim Downs, chief of the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, said the boy was with his parents and playing in the river when he was carried off by the current, which was robust because the First Light power station was not diverting water at the time. The boy managed to get out of the current and on to a "small rock island," and was afraid to try to cross on his own.

First responders — equipped with ropes and a life jacket — got across the river to the boy and brought him to safety on the Amesville side of the river.

equipment (PPE) to store employees, including surgical masks and protective gloves, which he and his cashier were wearing.

At Stateline Pizza in North Canaan, owner Chris Christodoulou said when a customer comes into his restaurant bare-faced, he offers them a mask. Despite a notice on the front door announcing that masks are required, "If somebody doesn't wear one, I can't be the police, too, especially if it is a longtime customer. I have so many other things to worry about, and the rule is not law, so it's difficult to enforce."

But avoid confrontations

Bob LaBonne Jr., owner of La-Bonne's Market in Salisbury (with stores in Watertown, Prospect and Woodbury, Conn., as well), has enough on his hands trying to keep his employees and customers safe from COVID-19, so he has directed his employees not to confront mask-less customers for fear of triggering a confrontation.

"In the last three months we've banned more customers than in the last three years," said LaBonne. Employees have been subject to "f-bombs," rude behavior, refusal to wear masks or to have their temperature taken before entering the store, which is the store policy.

"I don't engage with them. I want to be respectful." But respectful only goes so far.

"We had one instance where we had to call the police," said La-Bonne, referring to a customer, a landscaper, in his 30s, who was shouting obscenities and refused to don a mask.

"He gave everybody a hard time" because he was not allowed to enter the store, said LaBonne. "I told him he was on private property and it was our choice if we chose to make [mask wearing] mandatory." Not wanting to cause a disturbance, workers waited until the customer left and then summoned police. "They warned him not to come back," said the store owner.

LaBonne, who sits on the reopening study committee for the Region One School District, is a staunch believer in the value of face masks in slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

On a recent committee con-

ference call, he said, a physician pointed to a case in Missouri where two hairdressers who did not know they were COVID-19 positive potentially exposed 140 customers and six coworkers to

Face masks, said LaBonne, were credited with preventing transmission from that exposure.

The grocery chain owner has a message for anti-maskers: "One of my best friends spent 90 days at Yale," fighting the coronavirus, said LaBonne. "For three crucial days, in the middle of it, he told me, 'My only job was to breathe."

"In the end, when all of this is said and done," added LaBonne, "we are all going to be judged by our actions."

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No one wants to catch or

spread COVID-19 and many

wonder if animals can play a

part. Dr. Paul Mountan, D.V.M.,

one of the founders of Rhinebeck

Equine, said in an interview last

week that horses cannot catch

COVID-19, but can become ill

from an equine coronavirus,

to humans and not even very

agnostic Center (AHDC) says

they've seen a rise in the diag-

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to or occurring in the intestines)

coronavirus cases since early

tribute this increase to improved

awareness of the disease and

increases in testing. In gener-

al, there are few cases of ECoV.

The American Association of

Equine Practitioners agrees

with Cornell's findings and also

reports that ECoV cases tend to

be higher in the Midwest region,

especially among draft horses

and specifically ones that are

on a ranch/farm and used for

Mountan described ECoV

However, the Cornell vets at-

contagious to other horses.

The disease is not contagious

Cornell's Animal Health Di-

Horses

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in New York City. She lives in the Upper West Side of Manhattan with her parents and with her two siblings: Kate John, a rising junior at Bowdoin College in Maine, and Will John, who will be in his final year of elementary school at Trinity.

For the summer, Mary is living at her home in Sharon. Also in Sharon this summer is the family's golden doodle, Indiana, and a new golden doodle puppy named Macie (after Macedonia Brook State Park), who joined the family on Friday, July 3.

Outside of school, Mary plays

symptoms as "high daily temps

of 105 degrees, runny stool,

"Antibiotics don't touch it," he

said of the equine coronavirus,

"so all you can do is offer sup-

Diagnosis is still important,

"The concern is that if it

doesn't get better it could be

fatal. There's also a risk of the

horse foundering, which could

He said he has not seen any

Meanwhile, it was announced

on July 2 that the Millbrook

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Horse Trials, scheduled for Aug.

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She became interested in journalism upon taking a semester-long course in the spring studying how The New Yorker magazine works.

Her goal for her internship at The Lakeville Journal was to learn how to write concise and

club volleyball with the NYC Ju- impactful articles, formulate good interview questions and learn more about her community along the way.

Mary completed her Lakeville Journal internship last week and is now taking an online class with Brown University about radical social movements throughout history.

Baum

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parents and her younger sister, Lizzie Baum, who will be a ninth-grader at Trevor in the fall.

Anabelle is living in Sharon for the summer. She has taken classes on journalism, and she is the editor in chief of her school paper, The Trevor Dragon.

Her goal for her internship at The Lakeville Journal was to learn more about taking newspaper-style photos, conducting good interviews and writing concise articles.

She joined the paper for three weeks hoping to learn a new style of writing and to become a better journalist.

After completing her Lakeville Journal internship last week, she began studying nonfiction writing and journalism with Columbia University online.

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THE LONG VIEW

Tom Shachtman

bout 30 years ago I was co-authoring a book with a CEO of a multi-million-dol-Lar private company, and he informed me that he was going on the board of a larger public company at the behest of its two new controlling owners, clients of his, and that they had decided to take salaries of just \$1 apiece per year and tie the rest of their compensation to rises in the stock price. Once the insider-trading window was closed,

not risen enough to trigger the bonuses, and the board of directors decided that the next year the co-CEOs would take salaries of \$1 million each, which I thought was perfectly fair; once again, they would earn considerably more if the stock price rose. It didn't, and when the board decreed that in

the third year the co-CEOs would get \$10 million Profits might actually increase, along with dividend each, I decided it was time to sell.

I tell this story as prelude to making a modest proposal: to cap American CEO salaries at a certain multiple of the salaries paid to their companies' lowest-paid employees.

Currently, many large-scale American employers have an enormously high ratio of the top manager's salary to that of the floor-level worker in that company's place of manufacture. For example, Mary Barra of GM makes around \$22 million a year, which — according to a company press release — is 281 times that of the median General Motors' employee. If the median salary is \$78,291, then the actual lowest-paid worker at a GM plant is likely being paid quite a bit less than that. And this, in a heavily unionized firm.

A recent study of publicly held American firms shows that the "compensation ratio," the top-salary-to-bottom-salary ratio, has risen about 1,000% since 1978. More than 100 American CEOs bring home \$10 million or more apiece, many of them able to accumulate \$100 million in five years. Another study shows that the CEOs of the top 3,000 firms (!) make an average of over \$2 million apiece. A third study, of 1,600 privately held American firms shows average CEO compensation at about the same level, that is, over \$2 million per year.

Does it have to be this way? Not at all. The ratio in the U.K. is 22, in France it is 15, and in Germany it is 12. (All other countries' ratios are lower.) The average pay for a CEO in France is around €150,000, with the high end at €250,000. Bonuses keyed to accomplishments, and profit sharing, raise that compensation to €300,000. When France mandated a maximum top-to-median-salary ratio, there was a threatened exodus from the country of companies and headquarters, but that has not materialized.

Now I am not someone who thinks CEOs don't earn their high salaries. I co-wrote books with several CEOs who ran multi-billion-dollar companies, and was uniformly impressed at how hard they worked, and how much they did for their companies' bottom lines. Sixty-hour weeks were the norm, and there was a tremendous amount of pressure to perform each and every day.

Viewpoint

Let's suppose we in America set a top-to-bottom ratio of 40, which is quite high historically but is regularly exceeded in the U.S. If the lowest-level employee makes the minimum wage of \$15 an hour, the CEO would make \$600 an hour, which at 40 hours per week translates to \$1,248,000 per year.

Under this rubric, if a company wanted to I bought the stock. After a year, the stock price had bring up its CEO's pay, it could do so easily by

simultaneously raising the lowest-level salary, say, from \$15 to \$20- \$25 an hour. A win-win situation. Actually, a win-winwin, because under such a ratio, stockholders would be assured that not too much of the company's income would be going out to executive management salaries.

payouts, since dividends are a prime way to add to the compensation of executives who have been given stock options.

How to do it? The ratio could be mandated federally, or if that is too difficult to accomplish politically, it could just become an executive-office policy guideline, extolled and labeled as socially-desirable. I can easily imagine there coming into existence an independent watchdog whose job would be to flag companies that do not observe the ratio and publicize those companies' stinginess and their executives' excess greed.

I do not expect that if such a ratio were put in place in the U.S., that companies would suffer, or even that the CEOs would do so. I do expect that lower-echelon salaries would rise, along with internal profit-sharing for those lower ranks, in order to meet the ratio and justify keeping CEO salaries in the stratosphere.

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Summertime clouds

Raises could be a great issue, but who will put it out there?

IF YOU ARE ARRIVING FROM FLORIDA, TEXAS, OR ARIZONA, YOU MUST QUARANTING FOR FTERNITY

s a student of history, Governor Lamont probably knows that emperors in ancient Rome didn't have to be very good to stay in power as long as they amply compensated their legions.

That may explain the governor's pose of helplessness about the \$350 million in 5½-percent raises that state government this week began paying to unionized state employees. The raises are powerfully ironic amid Connecticut's record unemployment and loss of private-sector income resulting from the coronavirus pandemic and suspension of so much commerce. But unionized government employees are the

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infantry of Democratic campaigns in the state, and in five months there will be elections not only for president and Congress but also for the General Assembly. So the legions must get their reward *now*.

The governor may figure that while state government's financial position is catastrophic, necessitating big cuts in government spending or big increases in taxes or both, this will not be election and that most people who are not employed by state or municipal government will not understand until the Legislature's Democratic majority is safely returned.

The governor is probably right about this. For the raises won't become a political issue unless somebody makes it one, and while Connecticut's Republicans, burdened with President Trump at the top of their ticket, desperately need something else to campaign on, they are letting the raises go.

The party's most recent and likely future candidate for governor, Bob Stefanowski, has written and spoken against the raises, as has the Republican leader in the state Senate, Len Fasano. But Stefanowski is not running this year, Fasano is retiring, and, as nominees seem to have little to say about anything.

State government's lockdown in response to COVID-19 has crippled many industries: retail stores, restaurants, bars, entertainment, hospitality, sports, and, because of the collapse of advertising, news organizations. Many components of these industries probably won't be coming back and their jobs will be lost forever. Meanwhile state government's social welfare expenses have exploded.

But as Connecticut's royalty, government employees have gold-plated union contracts and they alone will emerge unharmed. While most schools and many government agencies haven't been operating much if at all, government employees who have been taking it easy lately haven't lost a cent, unlike private-sector employees.

So much for the bleating that, "We're all in this together." For in Connecticut if you don't have a contract with state government, widely understood until after the you're lower than dirt — and your supposed representatives won't even speak up for you. But then why should they if they never hear from you even as they hear from the unions nearly every day?

> Since the compensation of state and municipal government employees constitutes most government spending in Connecticut, it is easy to make the case that saving the state requires bringing that compensation in line with the compensation of the private sector. But will any candidates for the General Assembly not be too scared of government employees to make that case?

If Connecticut's Republicans think that with Trump at the top of their ticket they are going to lose anyway, they might as well lose while standing for someusual, Republican legislative thing important, something that may gain resonance two years hence when Connecticut has an election not so distorted by an unpopular president.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We have to make our own macaroni salad, I guess

You have to try to find a little humor in these troubled times, so I've been noticing the wacky ways people are behaving in the name of staying safe.

I recently saw a pair of walkers taking what, presumably, was meant to be an enjoyable stroll in the fresh air. Except that every time they saw someone approaching they hightailed it to the other side of the street. For a solid 3 minutes I watched them bounding back and forth in a panic. Talk about a good walk spoiled.

And what's up with the selective social distancing? People don't seem to mind being next to someone they like, but see somebody coming that they don't like or want to talk to anyway and they scatter in a huff.

Businesses are reopening but with "special" hours. Apparently anyone who comes in before, say 5 p.m., is perfectly safe, but admit a customer after five and you're a goner.

The other day I went into a shop to buy some macaroni salad. They had tuna and chicken salad and coleslaw but, "because of the virus," are not making macaroni salad. So tuna and chicken are fine but macaroni will kill us all?

Or how about all the people walking around with masks on their chin? I suppose it is important to protect your chin, but on the other hand why even bother.

I could go on but there's no point. All this madness makes me want to:

Please, no patio at dog park

I am a user and donor "in and their dogs. A brick patio is kind" at the Salisbury Community Dog Park on Long Pond Road in Lakeville. I think that the users, donors and public should be aware of the board of directors putting in a brick patio (for an old picnic table to be put in the center) and possible drainage for an estimated \$5,000. The Friends of the Salisbury Community Dog Park, as they are called, are a nonprofit organization. The brick patio is neither needed nor wanted and does not benefit the dogs or promote social distancing at the park. It does not follow their mission statement to educate and run programs for the community to benefit dog ownership.

Perhaps your money should be better spent on events at the park such as veterinarian talks, dog trainer clinics, rabies vaccine clinics and even an obstacle course afternoon for the owners a waste of money. Please reconsider this poor choice of expenditure. Thank you.

Jen Bosworth

Sharon

Not a dinosaur

"Hear! Hear" to Dick Ahles for "Snowflakes fall on the Times and the paper melts" in the July 2 issue. His piece promotes the classic liberal position that supports freedom of speech and the right and obligation of informed citizens to make up their own

Dick, you are no "journalistic dinosaur," but the voice of reason. Here's hoping people are

listening. Norfolk

Donald Black Goshen

Shelter in place Self-Quarantine, Put a mask on my face So I can't be seen.

Close down all the windows Lock the doors up tight, Not coming back out Til Fauci says it's all right.

Kevin Godburn

North Canaan

More letters next page.

Elect Ohler for the 64th

There comes a time when people need to realize the importance of local politics. With all of the hate and disdain surrounding politics at the national level, we should feel fortunate here in northwest Connecticut that we have leaders who truly understand our needs and can actually relate to our concerns.

Unfortunately, in 2018, Brian Ohler was swept up in the so called "Blue Wave" and what we got instead of a caring, empathetic, compassionate leader, was someone who has a hard time connecting with constituents or even care about the issues that are really affecting our families and businesses here at home. State Rep. Maria Horn has been in lock step with her Democratic party since she first took office, quickly becoming a programmable foot soldier and a "rubber stamp" for Governor Ned Lamont.

As vice chair of the Appropriations Committee, she had a frontrow seat in the drafting process for our current budget. Instead of being fiscally conscious and mindful of how the adoption of new fees and taxes would hurt our blue-collar towns, she quickly moved forward on a budget that ultimately increased new fees and taxes by nearly \$2 billion dollars. What was her response when called out for the budget's present imbalance? "I am just proud that we passed our two-year budget on time."

Brian Ohler is the clear choice for state representative. His record of being fiscally accountable and socially responsible is the precise formula and balance that we need right now. When it comes to the 64th District, this election is about who you think will best represent us and our interests in Hartford.

You can vote for someone who is led by special interests and party leaders, or, you can vote for a proven civil servant and community advocate, someone who has risked his life and dedicated his life for the betterment and advancement of our small rural towns.

For anyone who follows both Maria Horn and Brian Ohler on social media, you would swear that Brian never even left office. Besides actually voting, Brian has been the one leader that has never left us. Brian is always there with answers and critical information. I am backing Brian Ohler for state representative and I think you should too.

Russ Hurley

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In purchasing a house with a well, there are several issues to look for in the home inspection. The first is the flow rate, many home inspectors will run the water for an hour to measure the amount of water the well produces. At a minimum, you would like to see 300 gallons in an hour to match what a family of four would use in a day. For larger families, the average person will use 75 gallons of water per day is the rule of thumb. The flow rate should be 5 gpm or higher. If less, you can always add additional water storage tanks in the basement. An excellent primer for managing your well can be found at the CT Dept of Public health's website at: portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departmentsand-Agencies/DPH/dph/environmental_ health/private_wells/Publications/ BMPschecklistpwwatersystems619.pdf. In my next commentary, we will review the second concern, that of water potability.



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EDITORIAL

We sought your support and you gave it generously: Now what?

irst and foremost, this is all about gratitude. We can only humbly thank our readers for giving us such incredible support when we direly needed it. Here is a synopsis of the past year in the life of The Lakeville Journal Company.

When The Lakeville Journal Company decided to address the ongoing financial difficulties it, along with just about all other local community journalism entities across the country, was facing as of June of 2019, we made a plan to come up with the best strategy we could formulate. We started with independent and wide-ranging face-to-face discussions with community leaders from all political sides across our reader-

That led us to the path of first publishing a survey for our readers in October 2019. We had a helpful and large, connected response to that survey, with readers telling us what they most valued about having community weekly news available to all in the region. After analyzing those surveys, we moved forward with a membership model, based on one that was used by a weekly newspaper in California that had been successful for several years. We rolled out that campaign for support in November 2019, publishing a structured approach to supporting local journalism for four consecutive weeks in our newspapers, The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

Our readers came through in a way we could not have expected, and for which we are profoundly grateful. Thank you to all our readers who responded in such an encouraging way. To date, we have received more than \$150,000 in direct support from our readership. Without that financial help, our little media company would not have made it through the first half of 2020.

With the onslaught of COVID-19, the company applied for and received a PPP loan, in the amount of \$146,643, which we anticipate becoming a forgivable loan as we have followed all the requirements. That program gives small businesses like ours a fighting chance to survive. So, without a pause, during the pandemic, we continued to pay our employees, and to publish both The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News weekly, TriCorner Real Estate tabloid monthly, and two special sections, Towns & Villages and Compass Community Food, for which we were able to find enough advertising from our local businesses. We firmly believe that local news is more important now than ever, especially with the size of the communities we serve. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

We also ran support banners for first responders and health-care workers that received good advertising support, from which we gave 10% of the proceeds to three area nonprofits over three weeks: Sharon Hospital, Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association and Sunday in the Country Food Drive. Our goal during this time of pandemic has been to get the most accurate news out to our readers and to build community with those special banners and sections.

We reduced the number of newspapers we put out on the newsstands during the first wave of COVID-19, in April and May, as a safety measure, when many shops were closed and people were going out less. We then increased to normal numbers at the beginning of June.

Now the company is in the process of analyzing its next steps. In addition to its current board members, who have been the company's ownership since 1995 and brought us forward with generosity and dedication, an advisory board has been formed that will help in that task. The options include continuing with the membership model, perhaps with a different definition more geared to our region; applying for nonprofit status; or some combination of those two.

We are grateful to all those who have sent, and continue to send, us contributions, as well as to all those who subscribe to or purchase the newspapers on the newsstand and to all those who were and are able to advertise with us. We are deeply thankful for the generous response from our community. As we continue to look for the best way to fulfill our mission of serving you, we will be publishing a survey of our readers once again this summer. This will help confirm our decision making in our financial model that we will roll out this fall. We look to you, our readers, once again to weigh in with your thoughts as we pursue continued life for this form of local journalism.



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July = lilies

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Come see Kent's affordable housing

Colter Rule's passionate Letter to the Editor expressing his desire that his neighborhood not change, and not add some affordable housing, needs some corrections and some context. Whether meetings on the housing project were suitably publicized, whether the sand pit was properly remediated, and whether Habitat can change its mission are all issues that state and federal regulations cover. One can probably assume that the Falls Village Housing Trust (FVHT) has done its work on those. Similar problems have arisen here in Kent, and other communities, and have been solved without

Other statements in the letter need change or context. According to Connecticut's Affordable Housing Appeals List, the percentage of such housing in Fall Village/Canaan is 1.28% or 10 units, not 7.19% or 56 units. Applications for affordable housing construction funds require you want to buy a house and live viable income and cost — not profit and loss — projections for as long as 20 years. The projects must be large enough to produce rental income to cover operating budgets, as only construction expenses are granted by public agencies. In towns where real estate taxes are not entirely forgiven, the housing complexes contribute to the grand list total value. In Kent, the affordable housing has been given partial, descending, tax abatements for the initial 10 years, but after that they pay real estate taxes on their assessed value. The 24 units in five buildings at South Common now pay \$24,000 a year to the

Other phrasing in the letter provokes comment. Whether it is brave to hammer down a long and arduous process by the FVHT to benefit modest income families is questionable. Whether quoting a neighbor saying "If Kent

and work here, do it" is worthy of Marie Antoinette's "Let them eat cake" is pretty clear. Whether a well-managed housing project would be close enough to harm the Appalachian Trail or Dean's is doubtful. Most people know the acronym NIMBY "Not in my back yard," but people who devote their time and energy to developing homes for lower-income residents also may hear BANANA: "Build absolutely nothing anywhere near anything." The solution to Mr. Rule's

distress he suggests himself: Find land in Falls Village for an economically viable, tax-contributing affordable housing development. As a start, I'd like invite him to a tour of the several attractive affordable housing properties that enhance the Kent community.

Virginia Bush Suttman

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Galaise

100 years — July 1920

Mr. C.F. Rogers who is building a magnificent country place near Twin Lakes is now stocking the farm which has been named "Wildwood" with pedigreed registered Jersey cattle. Supt. A.H. Pike has made several trips to Bridgeport and selected cattle from the well known herd of E.T.

LAKEVILLE — W.G. Hallowell is building a new garage 25 by 50 feet with living rooms on the second story.

SALISBURY — Miss Margaret Norton of New York was the over-Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Norton.

SALISBURY — A family reunion and picnic was given by Mrs. Martha Surdam at Twin Lakes last Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Appleby and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradley and four children of New Canaan, Fred Sherwood and family of Philmont, Guy Drum and family, Mrs. Frank Wright and sons, Frank Sherwood and family, Stanley Sherwood and family, Miss Grace Sherwood and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Doty.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Carley took three of her children to the hospital for operations on their throats.

50 years ago — July 1970

The Mahaiwe jewelry store on Railroad Street in Canaan was the scene of a burglary last week when unknown persons broke the front window and scooped up over \$2,000 worth of watches, rings and other jewelry.

Sometime between Mass on Thursday and Friday's Mass last week someone took the Sterling silver chalice from the Sacristy of St. Mary's Church, Lakeville.

SHARON — Kim and Ronnie Smith, together with Steven Gudernatch, left on June 18 for a chartered air tour of Europe. When last heard from they were in Scotland, with their next port of call Germany.

Peter Jacquier, 16, of East Canaan, president of the Housatonic Valley FFA Chapter, will be in Washington D.C. this coming week, July 13 to 18, to attend a National FFA Conference.

25 years ago — July 1995

The inch of rain that fell in provide any assurance that he most places in the Northwest Corner Saturday didn't come a moment too soon. Farmers, however, say they need much

> LAKEVILLE — Allison R. Kent received Dean's Honors at Connecticut College for the spring semester.

SALISBURY — A 19th century house on Undermountain Road in Salisbury was burned by the Lakeville House Company this past weekend to make way for a new Habitat for Humanity home to be built on the site.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.

Cartoon was funny and accurate

In response to Bruce Valentine's "Careful who you call 'stupid" piece that was in the June 25 Letters to the Editor, commenting on the "Herd Stupidity" comic in the June 18 issue, Mr. Valentine states that he "would think the local papers would be smart enough not to label American citizens as 'stupid." He goes on to say that the cartoon should have depicted rioters, looters, and the anti-police mob.

I think the cartoon was not only funny, but accurate. The paper did not label American citizens as stupid. The paper was labeling Trump supporters as being stupid, or to be more accurate, Trump supporters' behavior as being stupid.

If one chooses to be in a crowded space, and on top of that not wear a mask, the nicest thing one can say is, "That is stupid."

When our inept, petulant, narcissistic, demagogue/dictator refuses to embrace and believe

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in science, that is stupid.

Carny Barker, instead of believing the scientists who are experts in their field, that is stupid.

The majority of Americans are left baffled and confused as to how and why his base is not perceptive enough to see that this Orange Fraud is nothing more than a lying white supremacist who is only interested in himself and cares naught about your health, welfare and safe being. Continuing to support him is stupid.

This Russian supporting, un-American, selfish, weak, thin-skinned, irresponsible, rapacious failure has made this country an embarrassment and joke to the rest of the world. World leaders look upon him and think, "He's stupid."

The only thing this Dumpster Fire has done for this country is create division, spread hate and promote moral corruption, grow his bank accounts for himself and his kids and erode our democracy. Continuing to support and believe in him is stupid.

Although rioting and looting

are never OK, imagine the frus-When his base believes the tration, rage and hopelessness that must be felt to behave in that way. The Loser has done nothing to try and calm that rage or attempt to show any empathy or will support any positive changes. That is stupid.

> With respect to anti-police mobs being stupid, I have not seen any anti-police mobs on TV or social media. I have seen many peaceful protests, which are not stupid, and per our Constitution, they are legal and I believe they are necessary. They are just as necessary today as they were in the '60's when white and black kids protested the Vietnam War and supported the Civil Rights movement, all for a better society based around unity.

> Unfortunately, our unfit snowflake president does not support unity in any way, shape or form, and that's stupid.

> Andrew Stayman Pine Plains

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In Falls Village, let's do affordable housing right

The towns of Salisbury, Cornwall, Norfolk and North Canaan all of which adjoin Falls Village have successfully built affordable housing in or close to their town centers while preserving critical recreation areas and areas of ecological sensitivity. Falls Village can and should do the same. This approach to housing and conservation is clearly outlined in our Connecticut State Statutes, in our state, regional and town Plans for Conservation and Development and in our local zoning laws. The River Road Incentive Housing five-building, 29 bedroom development currently being considered for Falls Village is out of step with this approach. With careful and thoughtful deliberation, a more prudent and feasible alternative might very well be found.

A proposal of such magnitude should not be rushed. The

Incentive Zone Funding is intended to revitalize town centers and ideally to provide housing in walking distance to the town center. The River Road property, currently owned by Habitat for Humanity, is across Route 7, two miles from the town center.

The River Road property is bordered by state forest and is part of a fragile and vulnerable woodland wildlife corridor that runs north to south along the Housatonic River. The U.S. Department of Interior publication The Housatonic in Connecticut, A Wild and Scenic River identifies the segment of the river corridor between Falls Village and West Cornwall as both a critical recreation area and critical ecological area. The corridor supports 163 species of birds and 40 species of mammals. I asked an Audubon Society lecturer about the ramifications of

a development in the midst of a woodland wildlife habitat. The lecturer responded that household pets, cats in particular, left free to roam the woodlands can devastate a bird population especially during breeding season.

The Mohawk Trail winds its way through this property at the base of a spectacular steep wooded rocky slope and the development would destroy the wilderness character of the Mohawk Trail disrupting the viewshed of Lookout Point and also possibly the view shed of The Appalachian Trail which runs along the ridgeline across

There are interested parties who would like to see this River Road property purchased so that it can remain undeveloped. Habitat for Humanity could then take this money and use it to build houses that are consistent with its mission of home

This River Road property is not within the zone outlined in the Falls Village town plan for Smart Growth. Development on this property would disrupt a critical recreational and ecological area. The location is not consistent with the State Plan for Conservation and Development which is a legal requirement for Incentive Housing Zone Development Funding. To take state IHZ funding to build at this location would be unjust.

I look to members of affordable housing and conservation groups in other towns to help Falls Village build the best affordable housing that we can while at the same time preserving our precious natural areas. You have done it and we can too. Laura Werntz

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PEOPLE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The 'Most' of Margo Martindale in Zoom Talk

The trouble with actress Margo Martindale is that there just isn't enough of her.

It's not that she's a tiny slip of a woman; she is, in fact, robust and big-voiced and large-laughed.

It's more that, when she's in a movie or television show, she's always in a supporting part. She slips in and out of the plot and, well, you just wish there was more of her.

Perhaps you were aware of her and perhaps you weren't when you saw her in films such as "Practical Magic" (hard to make yourself the center of a film when it already has Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Stockard Channing and the always handsome Aidan Quinn). She's also been memorable but scarce in many other films including "Days of Thunder," "Dead Man Walking" and "Million Dollar Baby."

And then there are the television series, including "The Good Wife" (which seems to have been primarily cast with actors and



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Margo Martindale, who appeared in "The Good Wife" with, at left, Alan Cumming and Chris Noth, will be the featured speaker in a Kent Memorial Library talk on Wednesday, July 15.

actresses who have homes in Litchfield County) and its sequel, "The Good Fight;" "The Americans," about Russian spies masquerading as American citizens; and a cartoon for which she's famous but is just a voice, "BoJack Horseman."

Always you get a smattering but never quite enough. The Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., this

summer has a series of online talks by interesting folks who live up here, and one of those folks is Margo Martindale.

Perhaps her talk should be titled, "The Most of Margo Martindale," as participants will have the chance to spend an hour (or maybe more!) with the actress on Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 7 p.m.

The talk is part of the sixpart Kent Memorial Library **Masters of Kent Summer** Series. All the talks are free but you must register in advance at www.kentmemoriallibrary.org/mastersof-kent-summer-series.

The Masters of Kent series continues into August; you can get the full list of speakers at the web page, above. Two others that are likely to fill up quickly are "Song Stories" on July 29 with popular Kent singer/songwriter/raconteur George Potts (wellknown as a solo artist as well as part of The Joint Chiefs); and the talk Aug. 5 on creating a brand with a master of the craft, Frank Way, owner of frank.food company, the



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A retrospective show of work by Erica Prud'homme can be seen at the Cornwall Library until July 15.

ART: ANABELLE BAUM

Bringing the Natural **World to Life**

retrospective show of paintings by Cornwall, Conn., artist Erica Prud'homme had opened at the Cornwall Library on March 7 and then had closed almost immediately after because of the COVID-19 quarantine.

The show has remained on the library walls in the interim, and is now available for viewing again (by appointment) until July 15.

The show includes canvases that Prud'homme chose from the course of her 20 years as a painter.

The works range in size and subject matter but they mostly reflect her interest in the natural world's repetitive patterns, showcased in oil paintings, watercolors, pastels and pencil drawings.

The artist stressed that her source of inspiration varied for each piece in the exhibition. Sometimes there



Erica Prud'homme

is an inspiration, just something I see driving along, and occasionally there is something so beautiful I have to try and reproduce it, like a nasturtium plant and

"But at times, it is purely intellectual for me, like turning a human body into a landscape."

Prud'homme was raised in Pennsylvania and then spent most of her adult life living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. In 1967, she and her husband, Hector, bought a place in Cornwall as a weekend home.

"I grew up in Lumberville in Bucks County, Pa., which was much like Cornwall: green farm fields, the Delaware River, and lots of artists," Prud'homme

said. "Hector and I started our married life in a tiny apartment on East 66th Street, both of us working. I was an exhibition designer at the American Museum of Natural History, Hector worked at a bank.

"When we started to have children, we moved to the West Side, where the rents were cheaper then and the spaces larger."

A few years ago, the couple moved to Cornwall full-time.

When asked how her art has evolved throughout her career, Prud'homme said, "I'm finally learning how to escape from being addicted to realism. I'm not becoming more abstract, but I no longer try to be so accurate, like I'm painting a photograph. Once you begin to paint reality and it's too real, it just becomes dull."

To learn more about the show, go to the library's website at www. cornwalllibrary.org and scroll down to Events/ Programs. To schedule a visit, email director@ cornwalllibrary.org or call the library at 860-672-6874.

MASSACHUSETTS MUSEUMS OPEN AGAIN

Three major Berkshire County museums will open to the public again this weekend.

MASS MoCA in North Adams will reopen on Saturday, July 11. Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge will reopen

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on Sunday, July 12. The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown will reopen its galleries on Sunday, July 12; the museum's grounds have been open throughout the shutdown period.

New restrictions and social distancing protocols www.clarkart.edu.

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This performance, the seventh in their Virtual Live-Staged Reading Series, will be on Saturday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.

In "Cabin B-13," a happy bride heads to Europe for her honeymoon, but her husband disappears after they've settled into their

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In "That Thing In The Window," a struggling actor who can't seem to find the right roles is home without work, and claims to see a body in the apartment window across the street. But no one else can see the corpse ...

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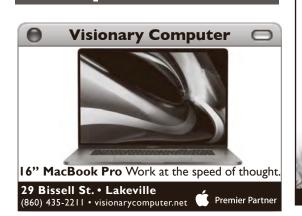
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