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## Up in the sky

Photographer Colleen B. Reilly went out in search of the comet known as NEOWISE, which is traversing our night skies right now. After a 40-mile drive to Woodbury, Conn., and a three-hour wait, she was able to capture several photos, including this one that she shared with The Lakeville Journal. To learn more about the comet and how to see it, go to [www.nasa.gov/feature/how-to-see-comet-neowise](http://www.nasa.gov/feature/how-to-see-comet-neowise). To read about Reilly's own experience in tracking this rare celestial phenomenon, go to [www.colleenbreilly.com/a-fleeting-wonder-of-our-time](http://www.colleenbreilly.com/a-fleeting-wonder-of-our-time).



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## Region One plans for reopening unveiled

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One School District Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter spent the week presenting the school reopening plan to the Region One school boards — beginning with Sharon, North Canaan and Salisbury and Region One on Monday, July 20. Falls Village met on Tuesday, July 21, and Cornwall and Kent met on Wednesday, July 22.

The state education department's goal is to reopen schools as normally as possible for the 2020-21 school year. But as every school official from state education commissioner Miguel Cardona on down has emphasized, all reopening plans are subject to immediate revision depending on COVID-19 concerns.

Carter told the Sharon board that the decision to reopen on a mostly normal schedule came as a surprise. "We were expecting a hybrid model," a mixture of online and in-person learning.

Carter and a large (more than 40 members) reopening committee of Region One staff, health professionals, school board members and members of the community have been working against a July 24 deadline.

The top priority for Region One is everyone's health and safety, Carter said.

Reopening schools will require the flexibility to change models quickly in response to changing circumstances.

Recognizing that the closing of schools earlier this year resulted in personal difficulties for everyone involved, assistance will be available.

And Region One intends to meet all academic expectations.

Carter explained how the schools will function (in accordance with state guidelines).

Maintaining social distancing and masks or face coverings are mandatory. Schools will practice "cohorting," or keeping the same group of students together as far as possible. School buses will operate at close to capacity, with masks and social distancing.

But parents are urged to drive their children to school if possible.

At the family level, the number one rule is: If a child is sick, stay home. Parents are asked to perform a daily health check, including taking the child's temperature.

Carter said it is better to err on the side of caution. "I don't care if it's a headache — if you feel ill, stay home."

The same goes for faculty and staff: Stay home if feeling sick, and do a daily health check.

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## River is still dangerous and overcrowded

By Patrick L. Sullivan

AMESVILLE — Efforts to control weekend crowds on the Housatonic River resulted in a somewhat calmer situation over the weekend of July 18-19.

On the Salisbury side of the river at the Great Falls in Amesville (Amesville is a hamlet of the town of Salisbury), at 1 p.m., there were sawhorses and caution tape at the picnic and boat launch area opposite the First Light power station. Two cars were parked on the opposite side of Dugway Road, and a cook-out was in progress in the picnic area.

There were two cars at the Appalachian Trail entrance on the Salisbury side of the bridge, and 13 cars on Housatonic River Road, with groups of people walking down the road with picnic and beach supplies. There were very few people wearing masks. The license plates of the cars were about evenly split between Connecticut and New York.

On the Falls Village side, there were three cars parked hard by the bridge and, a few yards south on Water Street, two State Police troopers, who reported they were sending people away at intervals. They were surprised to learn about the 13 cars and the cookout, as they had

just been by those areas. They went to deal with it.

**Many cars, much trash**

Moving downstream along River Road, in Cornwall in the Trout Management Area, at the popular Push Em Up access point, there were five cars, with anglers visible in the river and a couple people, without fishing gear, just splashing around.

At 1:30 p.m. at the Bend in Cornwall, the situation was similar: three anglers and a family with inflatable plastic float tubes preparing to set off downstream.

At around 2 p.m., there was a family group using spincasting equipment at the upper end of the fly-fishing-only area, on the Sharon or Route 7 side of the river. Fly anglers who had parked at Trinity Conference Center on the Cornwall side of the river were also present. Nobody was catching anything.

At 2:45 p.m., there were just four cars at the Housatonic Meadows state park — all anglers to judge from the stickers on their vehicles.

At 3 p.m. there were an astonishing 19 vehicles crammed into the Cellar Hole, a popular angling and boat launch access point on Route 7 about 2.5 miles north of the intersection of Routes 4 and 7 at Cornwall Bridge. Despite signs indicating a prohibition on swimming, and



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**The intense summer heat brought visitors to the Great Falls on the Housatonic River over the weekend. The water level is low but the river is, nonetheless, more dangerous than it looks.**

fly-fishing only, well over 50 people were spread out on the rocks, bobbing around in the water, and using spinning rods. There was loud music and a general air of festivity.

On the way back upstream, 19 cars were observed parked on Housatonic River Road in Salisbury at 3:30 p.m., with commensurate foot traffic.

One Sunday morning, July 19, at 9:20 a.m., there were six large

bags of garbage left at the Cellar Hole. Despite this there was still a lot of debris on the ground, including red plastic cups, juice boxes and a used diaper.

At the falls at 10 a.m. there were six cars parked on Housatonic River Road. The sawhorses and tape had been moved at the trail head on the Falls Village side, and at the picnic/boat

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## Four main topics for state's special session

By Patrick L. Sullivan

The Connecticut General Assembly will convene in a special session this week, with four major items on the agenda: a bill concerning police accountability, two bills concerning health care, and a bill allowing COVID-19-related absentee ballot voting in the November general election.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) were interviewed about the special session by phone on Sunday, July 19.

On police accountability: Horn, who is on the Judiciary Committee responsible for the 63-page draft bill currently circulating, described it as a "substantive bill" that will bring about "positive change."

She said the process of crafting the bill was long and there are still items of contention, notably ending qualified immunity for law enforcement officers.

Another hot topic is requiring

mental health screenings for new officers and for all officers every five years.

Horn said it was impressed on the committee that they needed "to be careful not to make a link between mental health and violence."

She said the section was rewritten with the goal of "getting appropriate resources to officers who need it."

Miner said he has read and reread the bill and has some reservations.

"It's a complex situation not easily resolved in one bill," he said.

Miner said the Legislature has been proactive on police accountability issues. "The public should not think we've done nothing over the last 10 or 15 years."

He said legislation concerning law enforcement and how it interacts with the public in terms of English as a second language speakers, gender, race and use of force has been passed.

"It's fair to say the Legislature should be vigilant," he said. "But it's a fine art."

Miner was concerned about

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## COVID-19 numbers increasing — but slowly — in region

By Cynthia Hochswender

The rates of infection from COVID-19 are increasing across the United States, at an alarming pace in some regions.

So far, Litchfield County is remaining fairly stable. Numbers of reported infections are increasing slowly, but at about the same pace they'd been increasing for the past month or two.

As of Friday, July 17, the state said there were 1,459 cases in Litchfield County. The number of confirmed deaths from COVID-19 in the county has remained fairly steady for the past few weeks at 117.

Gov. Ned Lamont sends an update every day with the reported cases of COVID-19, separated by county. The numbers have been increasing slowly but steadily, partly perhaps because testing is now more widely available.

On Thursday, the reported number of confirmed cases was 1,456.

A week earlier, on July 10, the number was 1,447. On July 6, it was 1,440 and on July 3, the number was 1,430.

Statewide, the total num-

ber of confirmed cases rose by 143 between Thursday, July 16, and Friday, July 17, for a total of 47,893. The total number of deaths statewide increased by seven, to 4,396, between those two days.

The largest number of combined cases and deaths on July 17 was in Fairfield County, with 17,060 cases. Second was New Haven County, with 12,733 that day. Third was Hartford County with 12,046. Litchfield County was fourth, with 1,523.

**Northwest Corner towns**

The data on reported cases is available for each county and each town at the state website at [www.portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus) (click on Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker).

The numbers are not completely clear for the Northwest Corner towns, where the number of people tested in most reports exceeds the total population of the town. However, as of last week, the data on COVID-19 in the Northwest Corner is as follows:

In Kent, on July 16, there were nine total confirmed and prob-

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Three-day forecast

Friday.....	Partial sun, high 84°/low 62°
Saturday.....	Partial sun, 84°/64°
Sunday.....	Partial sun, 87°/67°

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.

DUI

On July 8 at approximately 10:15 p.m. on Old Turnpike Road in North Canaan a 2001 Honda Accord driven by John T. Warner, 36, of North Canaan was reported to have its rear bumper stuck in a ditch. Warner then failed a standardized field sobriety test. He was issued a misdemeanor summons for failure to maintain the lane and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Struck a utility pole

On July 11 at approximately 3 a.m. on Indian Mountain Road in Salisbury a 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport driven by George Day-Reiss, 24, of Salisbury struck a SNET utility pole. Day-Reiss stated the Jeep slid on the wet pavement. He was issued an infraction for traveling too fast for the conditions.

Domestic disturbance in vehicle

On July 11 at approximately 9:45 p.m., Troop B responded to a report of an active domestic disturbance occurring inside a vehicle on Route 7 in Falls Village. Edward Stanley Tuz, 24, of Kent, then failed a standardized field sobriety test. He was

charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Following an investigation into the disturbance, Tuz was charged with breach of peace in the second degree and assault in the third degree.

Risk to two female juveniles

Following an investigation, on July 11 at approximately 2:30 p.m. Troop B arrested James Cossette, 39, of Torrington, Conn. He was charged with risk of injury to a child, based on an incident that occurred in Falls Village on March 8, 2019, involving two female juveniles. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 30.

Stolen vehicle

Sometime during the night of July 14 to July 15 a black Mazda CX-5 was stolen from the driveway of John Harney Jr., 66, on Taconic Road in Salisbury. Any residents of Salisbury with information or who witnessed the occurrence are asked to contact Troop B. Residents of Salisbury are urged to lock their vehicles and not to leave keys or other valuables inside.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to [cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com)

Montgomery weds Goldwasser in Lakeville

LAKEVILLE — Eliza Juliet Montgomery and Ethan Joseph Goldwasser were married on Saturday, June 27, in Lakeville. Rabbi Jon Haddon officiated at the bride's family home.

The bride, 28, is an instructional coach at Classical Charter Schools, a charter school network in the South Bronx, N.Y., where she is to become director of strategy in August.

She is the daughter of William Montgomery and Elizabeth Glazer of Manhattan, N.Y. The bride's father retired as a managing director at Salomon Brothers

and is a private investor focused on equities and real estate. Her mother is the director of the New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice.

The groom, 28, is a vice president at Morgan Stanley in New York, where he focuses on structured products.

He is a son of Nathan Goldwasser and Shelley Labiner of Upper Montclair, N.J. The groom's father is a financial adviser with MassMutual in Fairfield, N.J. His mother is the director of marketing and communications at AMIT Children.



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Eliza Montgomery and Ethan Goldwasser were married on Saturday, June 27, at the bride's family home in Lakeville.

It's not 'bored juveniles'

The hows and whys of area automobile thefts

By Cynthia Hochswender

Just before the coronavirus pandemic, the state of Connecticut created an auto theft task force to try and figure out why so many cars were being stolen statewide and who was stealing them.

Since the creation of the force on Feb. 1, "the task force has recovered 154 stolen cars, eight stolen firearms and a badge from a local police department," according to a July 16 press release from the State Police. "Detectives have arrested 22 juveniles, totaling 59 felony arrests for larcenies, illegal possession of weapons, etc. One person was arrested for operating a drug factory; crack and fentanyl were seized. The task force also solved two shootings in Hartford."

The auto thefts are in no way only an urban problem. Earlier this summer, the police from Troop B in North Canaan warned Northwest Corner residents to leave their cars locked and empty at night.

This week, Realtor John Harney Jr. reported that his own car was stolen from his driveway in the very rural northern section of Salisbury known as Taconic (for details, see the Police Blotter

on this page and Harney's advertorial column on Page A8).

The report from the State Police explained how the thefts are being carried out, and why.

"The task force found that automobiles are stolen in an organized, directed manner," the news release said.

"The suspects, many of them juveniles, travel to the suburbs from all major Connecticut cities. They go with anywhere from two to six people, possibly more, in a car. The cars they are traveling in are frequently stolen themselves."

The gangs travel to suburban and rural areas — not just in Connecticut but also in New York state and Massachusetts — usually early in the morning before sunrise.

"They check for unlocked cars in driveways and on streets to search for firearms, valuables (laptops, phones, purse and wallet), money and car keys," according to the news release.

"Typically, if they encounter a locked vehicle or one without keys inside, they quickly move on to the next automobile."

The stolen cars are driven back to urban areas and parked and locked. The thieves keep the keys, often in a remote location.

The cars are then "rented" for use in crimes by other gangs.

"The suspect either keeps the keys or hides them near the parked car," according to the news release. "The cars are then marketed via social media and smart phone apps to other persons for criminal purposes. An agreement is struck online or in-person, and the location of the car/keys is provided."

"These cars are used for pre-planned shootings/assaults, drug trafficking, human trafficking, stealing other vehicles, etc. At this time, the evidence does not support that these crimes are committed for a 'joyride' or as a result of 'bored juveniles.'"

Locking your car, keeping

it empty and holding onto the keys might not deter a thief from stealing your vehicle. However, it certainly decreases the likelihood.

The State Police advised that property owners should "lock all vehicles at all times and remove all valuables (laptops, phones, firearms, cash, etc.) every night. These individuals are committing more crimes — and increasingly more serious crimes — with these stolen cars and the items taken from them, including firearms."

"Make this your mid-year resolution: remove all valuables, grab the keys and lock the doors so that you are not the next victim in our state."

New grant for North Canaan food pantry

NORTH CANAAN — A grant of \$2,500 has been awarded to assist Fishes and Loaves pantry deal with challenges presented by the COVID-19 crisis. The award is part of a project supported by a grant from the Northwest Corner Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

The emergency funding will enable the food pantry to meet the needs of up to 50% more households that have sought help since the beginning of the widespread economic crisis in March of this year. At present the food pantry assists between 100 and 125 food-insecure families weekly. It has seen larger family groups, as well as more ethnically-diverse households, register

over the past three months.

A mission of the North Canaan Congregational Church, Fishes and Loaves serves residents of Canaan, Falls Village and Norfolk on a non-discriminatory basis. A member of the Connecticut State Food Bank, its staff and volunteers ensure fair, equal and respectful treatment for all clients.

All in need of nutritious food are encouraged to visit on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. or Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Louise Riley at 860-824-7232 or [fishesandloavespantry@gmail.com](mailto:fishesandloavespantry@gmail.com)

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# Our Towns

## Chiropractic office opens at Studio Lakeville

By Hunter O. Lyle

LAKEVILLE — Studio Lakeville is becoming a one-stop-shop for health and fitness, with the addition of Dr. Tyler Van Steenberg's chiropractic office.

The fitness center, located in the former firehouse in Lakeville, also has classes, exercise machines and the Green Machine, offering fresh smoothies and healthy meals and snacks.

After graduating in 2019 from the University of Bridgeport with a Doctorate of Chiropractic degree, Van Steenberg began to seek locations for his new private practice. After living briefly in Salisbury, he felt that there were good opportunities here in the Northwest Corner.

He heard about Studio Lakeville, and got in touch with Leslie Eckstein, a certified personal trainer and massage therapist and the owner of the fitness center. She offered him space in the second story of the former firehouse.

Van Steenberg opened his practice in early June, while the

fitness center was still mostly closed because of the COVID-19 quarantine.

Since he works in a close-contact profession during this global pandemic, Van Steenberg said he takes all the necessary precautions when with a client, including cleaning his table and equipment multiple times a day and in between appointments. He also said he takes his patients' temperatures upon entry and wears a respirator mask and gloves at all times.

Van Steenberg's practice focuses on hands-on spinal manipulation and dry needling, a procedure that uses monofilament needles to relax muscle so the body can heal.

"When you are physically in pain, that starts tampering with your mind and your ability to focus on what you want to do for yourself," Van Steenberg said.

On the first visit, which lasts around 30 to 45 minutes, Van Steenberg takes his patient through a comprehensive exam that covers everything from muscle testing to dietary and



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

**Dr. Tyler Van Steenberg (with his dog, River) has opened a new chiropractic practice in Lakeville.**

exercise habits. After the exam, Van Steenberg performs hands-on chiropractic care and dry needling. He also hopes to offer online yoga and meditation classes in the near future.

Van Steenberg charges \$80 for the first time; follow-up visits

cost \$60. He does not take insurance.

The office will be open Monday through Saturday; Thursdays and Saturdays are by appointment only. Call 860-806-1573 or email drtylerv@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

## Expanded access to land records approved in Sharon

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Sharon selectmen voted unanimously at their meeting on Tuesday, July 14, to approve funding for a project to make additional years of land records available online.

The decision, which will in particular benefit title searchers, cleared the way for the Board of Finance to vote on the expense as part of the 2020-21 town budget.

To be imaged and indexed are Volumes 71 to 91, at an estimated cost of \$18,000. Presently, online records can be searched back to 1975.

The project (to be accomplished by Info Quick Solutions of Liverpool, N.Y.) would extend access to records back to the 1950s.

Info Quick Solutions is familiar with the town's land records systems; the company already provides daily verification of land records.

The request for expanded access was first made by lifelong town resident William Manasse, an attorney with Manasse, Slaiby and Leard, with offices in Kent and Torrington.

As is the case with many area attorneys, Manasse's practice often involves title searches for real estate transactions, he told the selectmen.

He had first approached Town Clerk Linda Amerighi with his request. Amerighi brought it to the attention of the selectmen at their meeting of June 23, when it was determined that Manasse would be invited to the July meeting.

Saying at the June meeting that she had given the request a "considerable amount of

thought," Amerighi was seeking the town's guidance in the matter. At that time she was ambivalent, due to the expense, and she reported that she had been consistently able to keep up with research requests on a same-day basis. Further, she noted that she had been "chipping away" at getting records online a few volumes at a time, as grant funding became available.

At the June meeting, the selectmen underscored the importance of making land records available online, while praising Amerighi's work in fulfilling research requests efficiently — especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, when there is limited public access to town offices.

Between the June meeting and the July meeting, Amerighi reported that she had realized

the real impact that processing applications for absentee ballots was having on her office. The ballots are now being processed for primary voting on Aug. 11. She said the processing of the applications is extraordinarily detailed and time-consuming.

Judging from the significant rate of return of the absentee ballot applications and looking ahead to the November general election, she realized that it would best if title searchers could access the records online.

"It's a fairly important thing," Manasse told the selectmen, explaining that real estate transactions often require speed in accomplishing the steps, including the title search to be sure that the property is free of liens and other encumbrances.

"The work goes much faster if

I can research it myself online," he added, indicating that the client's cost is less than it would be if he needed to do manual research.

Amerighi noted that access to the land records vault is not a viable option these days due to the pandemic.

"I did not want to spend the money," Amerighi said, "but I believe that with the virus, we must do it. It's what people need."

Selectman Casey Flanagan said that he saw the long-term benefit, recognizing the value of records being online. He added that it makes sense for the records to be done.

The expense request will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for their approval at their next meeting, First Selectman Brent Colley said.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

## Community garden in NC for food pantry

Many hands have made light work at the volunteer garden in North Canaan — even hands made of straw, as in the case of a pair of cheerful scarecrows meant to frighten away winged visitors. Businesses and individuals in town donated supplies and labor to create a community vegetable garden near the municipal parking lot. It will benefit the Fishes & Loaves food pantry.

## Town takes a stand against racist graffiti

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen issued a statement regarding racial graffiti after the regular board meeting Monday, July 13.

The graffiti in question consisted of "F\*\*\* BLM" spray-painted on Sand Road in Falls Village sometime between Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27. Selectman Greg Marlowe discovered it at about 7:30 a.m. on Saturday June 27.

Marlowe said he saw it and drove on some distance before the sight sank in. He went back, parked his truck over the graffiti and called First Selectman Henry Todd, who in turn called highway chief Tim Downs. Together with Bill Beebe, they scrubbed it off in a couple hours.

The incident was reported to the State Police.

At the selectmen's meeting Todd said he finds the incident "immensely disturbing."

"It really bothers me to the core."

He added that some weeks earlier similar graffiti had been discovered at an unspecified location at the Great Falls. That graffiti was removed by Tim Paviol, who works for the First Light power company and lives in Falls Village.

The selectmen agreed on a statement, written by Selectman Dave Barger:

"The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Canaan [Falls Village] condemn racism in all its forms. Such things as prejudice and bigotry have no place in our community. We stand together in speaking for and protecting those who cannot speak nor protect themselves.

"As a Board, we are committed to working with each and every member of our community regardless of race, creed, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socioeconomic class. We will have zero tolerance for violations of this statement.

"Let us all unite our community."

The selectmen voted unanimously not to provide a letter

of support to a Cornwall conservation group that wishes to put 130 acres of land on Music Mountain into conservation. Todd said the town already has much of its land area in some form of conservation, adding that he was concerned about removing scarce developable land from the tax rolls. Marlowe and Barger agreed.

The selectmen heard from Laura Wertz and Daly Reville, who were concerned about the Falls Village Housing Trust's activities — in particular the trust's compliance with reporting requirements and a perceived lack of communication.

Todd said he wanted to make it clear that the trust "is completely independent of the town."

"We [the Board of Selectmen] have no control over this whatsoever."



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DAY TRIPS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Thinking of Whales and Trails During a Heat Wave

As the Tri-state region experiences a few particularly hot days, it's pleasant to think about ocean voyages; and to consider sitting indoors with a fan or the air conditioning on, while reading a very long book. "Moby-Dick" obviously springs to mind. I mostly associate Herman Melville's

Great American Novel with New Bedford and the whaling towns of Massachusetts, but Melville has some significant connections to us, in the Berkshires and Connecticut. As a curiosity: A descendant of the author lives in Cornwall, Conn. I will respectfully not mention her name here, but I thank

her for having written many lovely articles for this newspaper, and for sharing the information that her nephew, the musician Moby, earned his nickname as a bald toddler, in honor of his illustrious ancestor. But there is another local connection to Melville that I hadn't known about until last week, when I received

a press release from Arrowhead, which was the Melville family residence from 1851 to 1891 and which is in (relatively) nearby Pittsfield, Mass. (about 37 miles — or one hour by car — from my house in Lakeville, Conn.). It was at Arrowhead that Melville wrote many of his

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TAKE-OUT:  
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Road Food (Since You're Getting it 'To Go' Anyway!)

This article tags along with another one on this page, about taking a day trip to Pittsfield, Mass., to visit Herman Melville's farm, known as Arrowhead. My first thought (typically) was that there is a yummy restaurant right near Arrowhead and wouldn't it be lovely to stop there for a snack and some really outstanding coffee.

But it occurs to me in this COVID-19 quarantine world that there are many outstanding cafés in all the towns in our area that deserve a shout-out and some support. Think of this as a sort of pilgrimage list of wonderful places to get food and drink "to go" during a day of driving around. There are many ad-

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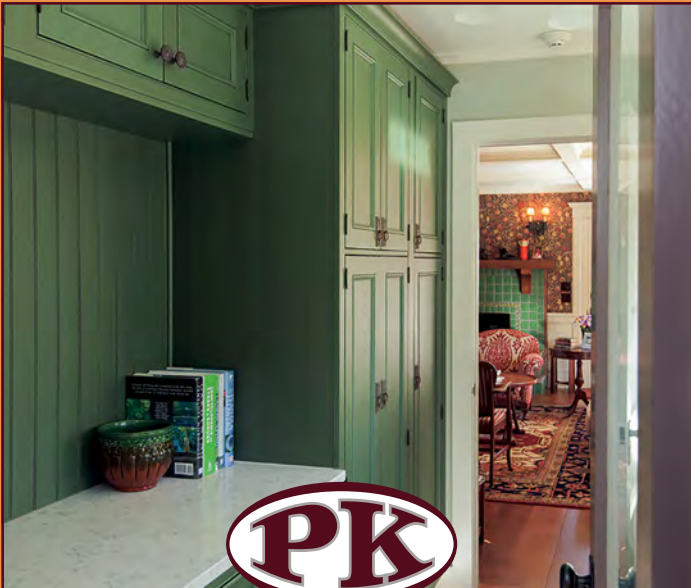


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most famous works, including the novels “Moby-Dick” and “The Confidence-Man” and the short stories “Benito Cereno” and “Bartleby the Scrivener.”

In his novel “Israel Potter,” Melville describes the views from Arrowhead: “On one side the eye follows for the space of an eagle’s flight, the serpentine mountain chains, southward from the great purple dome of Taconic — the St. Peter’s of these hills — northwards to the twin summits of Saddleback, which is the two-steeped natural cathedral of Berkshire; while low down to the west the Housatonic winds on in her watery labyrinth, through charming meadows basking in the reflected rays from the hillsides.”

**INSIDE/OUTSIDE**  
The views from the property are still relatively intact, thanks to the hard work of the area’s many land conservancies and sensitive property owners. And while of course you can see the Housatonic River and the Taconic mountain range from many vantage points in the area, how fun would

it be to see them through the eyes of one of America’s first and most famous writers? (After the heat wave ends, of course.)

The property has recently opened again, after a COVID-19 quarantine that ended on July 9. Tours of the house and barns are offered by appointment Thursdays through Mondays at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. There can only be four people at a time on each tour. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$10 for students (children 12 and under are free). To set up an appointment, go to [www.berkshirehistory.org/arrowhead-opening](http://www.berkshirehistory.org/arrowhead-opening) or call 413-442-1793.

The grounds are open from dawn to dusk daily.  
**HERITAGE TOUR**  
There is also a Melville history trail that includes eight places in the area that the author visited: Park Square, Hancock Shaker Village, Crane Museum of Paper Making, Balance Rock, Lenox Court House, Tanglewood/Hawthorne Cottage, October Mountain and Mount Greylock. The trail and information about



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**This photo from the late 1800s shows the grounds of Herman Melville’s home in Pittsfield, Mass., known as Arrowhead. The farm and home are open for tours.**

each of the stops along it is sponsored in part by Housatonic Heritage and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, which was started by a group here in Salisbury, Conn., and which includes history and culture sites in Litchfield and Berkshire counties.

If you’ve never undertaken a cover-to-cover reading of “Moby-Dick,” a hot quarantine summer could be the perfect time to do it. You can order a copy through one of our excellent and hardworking local booksellers (who could all

use your support), or find the text online at no cost at [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org).

*Writers who are inspired by Melville’s work, or by the landscape, can apply for the Writer in Residence program at Arrowhead. This year’s writers were announced in mid July; the summer-season writer is Robin Catalano of Stephentown, N.Y.; in autumn, the writer will be Kevin O’Hara of Pittsfield. For more information on the residency program, go to [www.berkshirehistory.org/herman-melville-arrowhead/writer-in-residence](http://www.berkshirehistory.org/herman-melville-arrowhead/writer-in-residence).*

MOVIES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Screenings for Berkshire Film Festival

There is something about doughnuts that signals comfort, home and happiness. Perhaps that’s why legend has police officers taking a break during the stressful patrolling of their beats and having some coffee and one of the puffy pastries; perhaps that’s why Ma Kettle in the novel “The Egg and I” offers solace to a sad neighbor with strong coffee and a plate of homemade doughnuts.

During every 20th-century war that involved our soldiers, American women (and some men) traveled to war zones to remind the soldiers that home and happiness were still there and worth fighting for. These volunteers were known as Donut Dollies, and they did little more



PHOTO FROM “THE DONUT DOLLIES”

**Norman Anderson’s documentary about the Donut Dollies during the Vietnam War is featured in this year’s Berkshire International Film Festival.**

than offer some sweets to eat and drink and a bit of a respite from the horrors the soldiers were facing. Norman Anderson has

made a documentary film about the Donut Dollies of the Vietnam War era, called (obviously) “The Donut Dollies.” The film is one of the 40-some titles to be screened as part of the Berkshire International Film Festival, which begins July 23 and continues to Sept. 13.

The films will be shown four evenings a week outdoors, “drive-in” style, on the grounds of Shakespeare and Company in Lenox, Mass.

“The Donut Dollies” will be shown on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 27.

Another of the featured films at this year’s festival will be “Olympia,” a documentary directed by Harry Mavromichalis (made in partnership with the Williamstown Theatre Festival) about the beloved and hilarious actress Olympia

Dukakis.

It debuts on Friday, July 24, and will be shown again on Friday, Aug. 14.

For those who missed it when it first came around, the 2018 music documentary “Echo in the Canyon,” directed by Andrew Slater, will be shown on Friday, Sept. 11. Slater and Jakob Dylan (son of Bob) interview rock-world luminaries about the music that came out of Los Angeles’ famous Laurel Canyon.

On Aug. 1, the featured film is “Ai Wei Wei: Yours Truly,” directed by Cheryl Haines.

The gracious Chinese dissident artist very nearly purchased a large farm in Salisbury, Conn., in recent years. After a protracted zoning tussle, he moved to a different area instead.

Find out what the Tri-state region lost out on in this 2019 film not only about art but also about human rights.

*For more information about the film festival, go to [www.biffma.org/drive-ins](http://www.biffma.org/drive-ins).*

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ditional and excellent eateries that I’m sure I’ve left off; forgive me, and please help out your favorite restaurants by letting them make your breakfast, lunch or dinner from time to time.

This all begins with Arrowhead in Pittsfield, which is about a 20-minute drive from the purveyor of my favorite coffee: Six Depot, which is in West Stockbridge.

I haven’t yet been to the Six Depot Café and roastery (the coffee can be purchased at LaBonne’s in Salisbury and at the Coop and Guido’s in Great Barrington), but if I were headed to Berkshire County for the day I would definitely plan a stop at the Six Depot shop and restaurant, where you can get their excellent coffee (including water-process decaf, which is hard to find) by the cup and by the pound. They also have sandwiches, salads and breakfast baked goods. Everything for now is “to go.” Find the menu and order online ahead of time at [www.sixdepot-cafe.com/categories](http://www.sixdepot-cafe.com/categories).

Continuing south on this food pilgrimage takes us to Provisions at The White Hart and Sweet William’s Café and Bakery, both on Main Street (Route 41/44) in Salisbury, Conn.

Sweet William’s is a popular spot for coffees, chai teas and espresso drinks as well as outstanding sweet and buttery pastries, from croissants to cakes. Order online at [www.sweet-williams.com/s/order](http://www.sweet-williams.com/s/order) and pick up at the shop from Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are a few small tables out front.

Provisions at The White Hart also offers

espresso drinks and coffees and teas and baked goods and particularly scrumptious oatmeal and some breakfast sandwich offerings. The café continues on through the day and also offers lunch and, on certain days of the week, dinner. Everything is still “to go” at this point, but the inn has a lovely spacious lawn with tables and chairs for DIY outdoor dining. Order online at [www.app.up-serve.com/s/the-white-hart-salisbury](http://www.app.up-serve.com/s/the-white-hart-salisbury).

Over the state line in Millerton, N.Y., is the ever-popular Irving Farm, which (like Six Depot) is primarily a coffee roastery but also serves an excellent breakfast and some lunch dishes. For their current menu and information on ordering, go to [www.cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0923/5128/files/LimitedMenu\\_Millerton.jpg?v=1590691673](http://www.cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0923/5128/files/LimitedMenu_Millerton.jpg?v=1590691673).

JP Gifford in Kent and Sharon, Conn., has strong coffee and a wide array of breakfast, lunch and meal options. Find their menu and ordering information at [www.jp-gifford.com](http://www.jp-gifford.com).

Kent is the southern terminus on this take-out odyssey. Next door to the excellent Gifford café is the outstandingly creative and delicious Frank.Food, which has baked goods and salads and sandwiches during the day and has recently introduced a dinner option. Some sample dishes from this week’s menu: garlicky beef tenderloin with lemony salsa verde and red onion, pine nuts and arugula salad; grilled chile-lime shrimp with Israeli couscous, mango and zucchini; charred cauliflower and shishito peppers. Yum. To get on their email list or to see the menu, go to [www.frankfoodco.com](http://www.frankfoodco.com).

ASTRONOMY CLUB OFFERS STAR PARTIES

The Litchfield Hills Amateur Astronomy Club offers tips about what to look for in the night sky. Of interest this month:

“Jupiter recently reached opposition, meaning that it’s directly opposite the Earth, so it’s visible all night. Look for a bright white dot in the southern sky.

“Saturn rises a little later. It’s a bit dimmer and tan in color. They’ll rise a little earlier each day, so your chances of seeing them improve as the weeks go by. Mars is visible in the late evening and high around 2 a.m.”

For stars: “The spring constellations are drifting westward. Ursa Major and the Big Dipper are lower each night. ‘Follow the arc’ of the Dipper’s handle to Arcturus, and ‘speed on to Spica,’ a bright star in Virgo.

“Hercules, with its wonderful globular cluster M13, is high. And Virgo is ‘Galaxy Alley,’ full of galaxies, some bright, some dim.”

The club hosts monthly Star Parties at the obser-

vatory at White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, Conn. The next party is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 21. Stargazing begins at 8:30 p.m.

The club meets on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. To get the Zoom link, send an email to club secretary Denis Williamson at [LHAA-Csec@gmail.com](mailto:LHAA-Csec@gmail.com). The club’s website is at [www.lhastro.org](http://www.lhastro.org). For daily sky data, go to [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com) and select the 40° North chart.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mary W. Stanton

NORTH CANAAN — Mary W. Stanton from Pittsfield, Mass., was born on April 18, 1926, to Kenneth and Lillian Whitman. Mary passed away on July 6, 2020, in Bradenton, Fla.

In 1991, Mary left her home in North Canaan to move to sunny Sarasota, Fla.

Before moving she enjoyed her jobs as a bookkeeper for Canaan National Bank and Nutrition Program Manager for Geer Memorial Hospital, until her retirement in northwest Connecticut.

Mary is survived by her sister,

Thora Booth from North Easton, Mass.; her loving daughters, Nancy Clow in Winter Springs, Fla., and Jane Dakers in Torrington; and her loving son, Scott Stanton from Bradenton. She will be missed by her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Samuel H. Stanton.

No local services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Sarasota Friendship Center.

## Patricia McVicker Landis

NORTH CANAAN — Miss Patricia McVicker Landis, 87, of North Canaan Road, died July 16, 2020, at Sharon Hospital after a short illness.

She was born in Hackensack, N.J., on Feb. 22, 1933, the daughter of the late Helen (McVicker) and William Wilder Landis.

She graduated from St. Margaret's School and attended The Bouve Boston School.

Miss Landis was employed by SNET for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

She was a communicant of Christ Church Episcopal in North Canaan, where she was a member of the Altar Guild and a former member of the vestry.

Miss Landis was predeceased by her brother, William W.

Landis Jr.

She leaves a niece, Miriam L. Babcock; a nephew, William W. Landis III; one great-niece; and five great-nephews.

Pat is fondly remembered for her generous spirit, talented gardening skills and kindness to anyone who was lucky to have known her.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 25, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in North Canaan. All are welcome; please wear masks and socially distance.

## James A. Tanner Sr.

NORTH EAST — James A. Tanner Sr., 48, passed away Monday, July 13, 2020, at home.

He was born on April 6, 1972, in Sharon, the son of Roberta (Twing) and Arthur Tanner Jr.

James was co-owner of Tanner's Home Services in Millerton.

Jim had a heart of gold and was a dedicated husband, father, son, brother and friend to many. Those who knew him describe him as being a kind soul. His friends and family say having a great work ethic and treating others with honesty and respect were some of his best traits.

Jim liked his Ford vehicles and was known to leave "his mark" around town in his beloved blue Mustang.

His love for the outdoors included activities like hunting, camping and spending time at the family cabin. Jim was never one to sit around, and enjoyed doing things with his hands like gardening and building bird houses for family and friends.

He was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Jim had a great sense of humor and loved small children and animals, especially his "good boy" Max.



On Aug. 16, 1997, in Miller-ton, he married Molly (McLane) Tanner. They have been together since 1991. She survives him at home.

In addition to his loving wife, Molly, survivors include a son, James A. Tanner Jr. and his long-term girlfriend, Taylor Ellis; a son, Spencer Tanner and his unborn child; a daughter, Emily (Tanner) Weaver, and his son-in-law, Joshua Weaver; a brother, Arthur Tanner III and his wife, Dorothy; three sisters, Sheila Sticksles and her husband, Tommy, Rita Ezersky and her husband, Pat, and Joanne Sweetney and her husband, Donald; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on July 18 from Faith Bible Chapel in Millerton, with Pastor William Mayhew officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065; Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, NY 12546; or the Millerton Fire Department, 24 Century Blvd., Millerton, NY 12546.

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### Jim Tanner

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respect and self independence. Jim, you did it your way. The right way. We love you and miss you. Our prayers are with you and your family. Farewell until we meet again.

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On the second cast I hooked two smallmouth bass. Neither was especially big but together they were a handful. After a lengthy fuss I got them both in the net. (Then I lost the net but that's a different story.)

In the summer I fish for largemouth in a lake. Hooking a 4-pound bass on a fixed line rod is a lot of fun.

For river fishing, I found that using a Tenkara rod made me a better overall angler. I had been getting lazy about where I was in the river, preferring to compensate for a poor position with a longer cast or a tricky mend.

With Tenkara I was plotting my moves ahead of time, much as a golfer sizes up the next two or three shots.

There are disadvantages compared to Western fly gear. If you have a 12-foot rod with a 12-foot line and 4 feet of tippet, getting your fish into the net can be difficult, unless you have really long arms and a net with a 6-foot handle. Which I don't.

If it's super-windy Tenkara's probably not the best choice.

And despite my twin Wooly Bugger experiment, these rods are, generally speaking, not built for slinging big heavy weighted flies around. (Although I have one 18-footer, designed for carp fishing, that can handle a salt-water streamer easily.)

Note: People often compare Tenkara rods to cane poles. There are some similarities, but Tenkara rods are much more sensitive and infinitely more portable.

Mostly I like Tenkara because it's fun. I've been fly-fishing since the age of 12, roughly, and I am 58 now. I make that 46 years.

And I've had lots more fun in the last six, largely because I have added Tenkara rods to my lineup.

I have a few recommendations if you're curious.

Chris Stewart runs the Tenkara Bum website and shop. He's forgotten more about this than I will ever know.

Teton Tenkara is a website from Tom Davis, who has also forgotten more ...

There are several stateside Tenkara companies that offer rods, lines and accessories. I have done business with Tenkara USA and Dragontail Tenkara and been very pleased.

I also recommend Morgan Lyle's book "Tenkara Today," which cuts through the more esoteric aspects of Tenkara and gets right down to the nitty.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

These three rods illustrate the range of fixed-line fishing options. The top is a heavy rod designed for carp fishing, and is almost 15 feet long when extended. The middle rod is very small at 5 feet when extended and barely 8 inches collapsed, making it literally pocket-sized. The bottom rod can be fished at lengths of about 8 feet, 9.5 feet and 11 feet.

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## Worship Services

Week of July 26, 2020

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With thanks to those who serve.


**29 Year Memorial of Michael Lamay**  
July 23, 1991

I was just a child then, you were young as well. It was in the summer and we had to go and tell the kids at summer school you had an accident with Guy. We had no idea how we would all get by. Standing in the hallway, most everyone in tears, I remember it like yesterday after all these years. It felt like time was standing still though life continued on. We cannot believe it's been so long since you have been gone.

*We love and Miss you Michael, Your Aunt Ruth Your Cousin Bobbie-Jo*



**Second year in Heaven**  
**Gary Frank Thornton**  
May 30, 1967 - July 21, 2018



It's been said that each life is like a song

A melody and theme that only to you belong

You gave us a memory of a mountain where

Together you and your Dad will share

On and the song does play

Today, tomorrow and for all our days

*Love and miss you always*

*Mom and your brothers*  
Charlie, David, Scott and Doug



# Viewpoint

## Video: instrument of systemic change

Nearly 30 years ago as documentary filmmakers, we were asked by Nobel Peace Prize winner and author Elie Wiesel to develop a program on the anatomy of Hate. We were beyond thrilled that Bill Moyers, and Public Affairs Television, agreed to co-produce what became a multi-part primetime series on Public Television. As we raced to finish editing the program, Rodney King was brutally beaten by police in Los Angeles. The video of his assault made news around the world. We immediately interrupted our work to edit in a piece of that iconic video just before the airing of Beyond Hate, the first broadcast of the series.

Video. Evidence-based documentation. It mattered then, and it matters now.

As we have all remained glued to our televisions night after night, two things have become clear to us: Video remains our view to the world, an indisputable fact captured for eternity. And voting – that most inalienable of American rights – is critical to effect change.

President Barack Obama, a community organizer in his previous life, stated of the protests: “There is a change in mindset that’s taking place. A greater recognition that we can do better. And that is not a consequence of speeches by politicians... That’s a direct result of the activities and organizing and mobilization and engagement of so many young people.”

We started the Civic Life Project in 2010 to do exactly what President Obama has advocated: To empower youth, specifically those young citizens under the age of 25, to become actively engaged in their local communities and change “systems” from the way they are to the way they want them to be.

The Civic Life Project is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to use the power of digital storytelling to empower the civic voice of young adults and engage them in local and national events. Through public and private grants, we provide students with the skills and resources to develop videos and social media posts that address issues of greatest importance to them.

Here’s what we’ve learned over the past 10 years:

Listen, really listen. Young people want to be heard. We have been astounded by the projects that have interested our participants. Among them: an examination of how racism went unseen in a Midwest college town, an exploration of transgender youth rights, mental health disparities in our prison system, the interaction between dairy farming and groundwater quality. The videos developed by our participants have been profoundly moving and have raised community awareness of complex, complicated issues.

Visual storytelling is a powerful communications tool. We have gone into schools nationwide to provide video equipment; to teach students how to develop an interview format; how to interview expert subjects, ensuring a balance on all sides of an issue; how to maximize its distribution for greatest impact. Even a simple smart phone can empower kids. Students in underserved communities have shared with us that their productive engagement in expressing their point of view has helped to “keep them out of trouble.”

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### GUEST COMMENTARY

CATHERINE TATGE AND DOMINIQUE LASSEUR

Passion, energy, skills, and positively channeled action can have a profound impact. In the town of Stamford, Connecticut, students set out to determine why there was a breakdown in trust between youth and local police. In the process of interviewing, police developed a greater awareness of how hard it is to be a kid in America these days, especially a child of color. And students learned the challenges that their police face and how most – but not all – were motivated to serve their communities well. As perceptions change, behavior changes.

This year, the Civic Life Project has launched the Democracy 2020 Youth Film Challenge, a national film competition in which students produce short videos about issues that affect their lives and communities. The goal is to create a groundswell grassroots movement to engage young Americans in our democracy – and to drive them to register and vote, and have a voice in choosing our elected leaders. The Challenge is open to anyone 25 and under. We’ll provide the equipment, resources and skills. Young filmmakers provide the vision. A panel of nationally known filmmakers, journalists and educators will judge the submissions, and we will offer cash prizes as a reward. The best reward, however, is a lifetime’s worth of communications skills and the ability to effectively create a narrative of your own experiences. Visit us at [www.civiclifeproject.org](http://www.civiclifeproject.org). If you are an educator, ask us how to bring our Civic Life Project to your school. If you are a young adult, join us, channel your energy, exercise your rights, vote. And if you can possibly contribute to our crowdfunding campaign, you can do so at [www.northwestcornergives.org/campaigns/civic-life-project/](http://www.northwestcornergives.org/campaigns/civic-life-project/)

Together, we can indeed make a difference.

*Catherine Tatge and Dominique Lasseur, co-founders of The Civic Life Project, are internationally recognized, Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmakers.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Church bells are ringing out all over Salisbury

Sincere thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers who have been ringing the 2,300 pound bronze bell at St. Mary’s RC Church in Lakeville. Starting about March 23rd, these hardy souls have been climbing to the hot choir loft at St. Mary’s to manually ring this 1882 Meneely Bell for the Angelus at noon and 6 p.m. without missing a day. The bell is now automated.

The spirit has been contagious!

St. John’s Episcopal Church in Salisbury has repaired their bell and it is ringing, as are the bells at the Lakeville Methodist Church and the Salisbury Congregational Church. If you drive

through Lime Rock, you will also hear the Trinity Church Carillons. The bells in the Congregational Church and St. John’s are Meneely Bells, as is the five bell Westminster Peal in the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury.

Our volunteers are Jerry and Mary Ellen Baldwin, Lou Buccheri, Tom Callahan, John and Paul Harney, Emmet Hussey, Rick Meehan, Scott Morris, Janet Neary, John Panzer, Jim Smith and David Valcin.

May this spirit of love and concern for all continue in our wonderful community!

**Elyse Harney**  
Salisbury

### Maria Horn has been dedicated to the people of the 64th District

Russ Hurley’s characterization of State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) in his letter of July 9 is from an alternate universe. Maria Horn won her seat on foot, knocking on doors and talking to people all across the district. She continues to reach out to constituents, working tirelessly to make things better for our district.

She has held publicly announced meetings for constituents in every town. Before the pandemic struck, she sent out an email newsletter and posted on Facebook every Thursday. Since COVID-19, she has posted and emailed three times a week with important updates: how and where to get help whether you own a small business or are on a limited income; health care assistance; how contact tracing works; updates on unemployment compensation; closings and re-openings.

Mr. Hurley would like people to believe she doesn’t care about our “blue-collar towns.” Let’s see. Last session she worked to expand health coverage to include mental health and ensure that Connecticut insurers cannot exclude people with pre-existing conditions; successfully pushed back against the governor’s plan to shift some of the cost of teacher pensions to the towns; went to bat to win a higher minimum wage, which will directly improve the lives of the many essential workers who staff our nursing homes and rehab centers and grocery stores and keep our hospitals organized and clean.

And yes, the Legislature did pass a balanced budget on time, creating a rainy-day fund of \$2.5 billion, which will help us deal with some of the

enormous costs of this pandemic, a rainy day fund that Horn and her Democratic colleagues had to defend from the Republicans who wanted to raid it to pay for infrastructure. Because of her grit and that of other representatives, the Legislature refused to cut Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding to our towns.

The budget included no increases in the income tax or the sales tax rate and eliminated the business entity tax to encourage new business startups. Overall, since 2008, the state budget has grown by only 2.5% and most of that is in fixed costs. Discretionary spending, on the other hand, has decreased by 14.8%. For the current budget, non-fixed costs were increased 0.3%. This is a representative who knows how to protect her district while working to repair the economic hole the state has been struggling out of for years.

One of the most pernicious ways Mr. Ohler spreads fake news about Maria Horn is through Northwest Corner Chatter, a Facebook page. People may not understand that this site is under his control and those who challenge his mis-information campaign are likely to find themselves blocked from making further comments.

Don’t be fooled. We have a great and dedicated representative working for us in Hartford. She is always ready to help constituents with problems, to listen hard, even to criticism, and to engage in a real conversation about the issues we care about.

**Susannah Wood**  
Norfolk

*More letters next page.*

### Affordable housing in northwest Connecticut

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut is committed to being an advocate for the most basic of needs — shelter.

These extraordinary times have served to highlight the need for affordable, decent housing. Regardless if the housing is an ownership model or a rental model, Habitat of NWCT supports any and all efforts to bring more affordable housing to our region. This support is a fundamental tenet of efforts to promote social justice, racial equality and the need to give a voice to those with none. Stable homes promote stable families, and nothing helps to build a flourishing community more than secure, confident families.

The availability of affordable

housing is a fundamental need for communities to thrive and be vibrant. Without affordable housing, essential workers would not be able to live in northwest Connecticut. They won’t be available to work in our grocery stores, deliver our goods, teach our children, care for our family members or serve as first responders for critical situations.

Planned development that considers the highest and best use of our available lands has been a priority in the partnership with the Falls Village Housing Trust. Falls Village has designated the property on River Road as an Incentive Housing Zone

### Defend, Defund or Disarm?

All lives matter? Yes, but not all lives matter equally. At least not to the police. There can be no justice until black lives, brown lives, rainbow lives, all lives matter as much as white lives.

If there is one silver lining to the tragedy of the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Rayshard Brooks, it is that Americans have finally had enough. We are awakening to the reality that people of color face every day.

This is a moment when the truth of systemic racism is breaking through our distraction. We have a chance right now to make substantive changes. But this moment will not last forever. And we must start with the police because they are the most overt symbols of oppression in America today.

Many activists are calling for the defunding of police departments, but I think re-funding might be more accurate. Whatever you call it, this is a movement to reduce the size of police departments and reinvest that money in the communities most in need, including for housing and mental health. Mediators and medics can do a more peaceful job of responding to most police calls without the likelihood of escalation.

The blame for the uprising lies with the police as a whole. When the good cops join ranks to cover up the racist and often deadly behavior of the worst of them they have broken our trust. If departments refuse to police themselves why should we allow them to police the rest of us?

Reducing police forces is not as shocking a proposal as it might seem. In New York City, a pilot program that reduced “proactive policing” found that crime went down. Eugene, Oregon, has had a program called CAHOOTS in place for more than 30 years. Medics and social workers respond to about 20% of police calls. The Chief of Police in Eugene said, “When [CAHOOTS] shows up, they have better success than police

### BUT THEN AGAIN

LISA WRIGHT

officers do.”

Los Angeles has reduced funding for their police department and Camden, N.J., disbanded and re-formed theirs. Lawmakers in at least 17 U.S. cities have pledged to divest funding from police departments to use for community interventions. Connecticut is proposing to join these forward-thinking communities. Now we need to push for follow-through.

Equally important though less often discussed is disarming the police. There are very few 911 calls that require a gun in response. If you have a gun, a taser, pepper spray you are always tempted to use them. The first claim of officers accused of killing unarmed people is that they feared for their lives, even when the victim was shot in the back. If they fear for their lives when people are running away from them they should not be carrying a badge much less a gun. Unarmed police would be forced to deal with the problem at hand instead of threatening individuals. People in crisis need help, not threats.

Another change might have as much of an effect as disarming the police. Simply put, police should live in the communities where they work. This is the only way for officers to see that the people they are policing are in fact people. You do not kneel on the neck of your neighbor.

As a woman, I have experienced aggressions large and small, but I have never expected to be stopped by the police for simply existing. I grew up believing police were on my side. It is time they stopped taking sides. It is long past time the police actually did “protect and defend” all lives. Equally.

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(IHZ) conscious of its distance to the town center, and given that the town center is without basic amenities such as a grocery store or pharmacy, a commute to satisfy those needs is a foregone conclusion. The lack of available building sites and the inability to handle waste disposal on any property in the town center was what drove the community to designate the River Road properties as an IHZ initially.

The IHZ is 67 acres of land on River Road owned by Habitat. The Mohawk (Blue) Trail crosses a small portion of the northeast corner of the IHZ near the top of the mountain.

The Falls Village Housing Trust site is in the northwest corner of the IHZ bordering River Road and does not encroach on the Mohawk Trail. The Housing Trust site is 10 acres.

Habitat of NW Connecticut is proud to support the efforts of a sister organization working to bring more affordable housing to our region. We encourage the communities’ support for the Falls Village Housing Trust in these efforts.

**Bob Whelan**  
Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut  
Salisbury

### Managing changes happening around us

Most of America has been talking and zooming through COVID-19 and other challenges (changing work, being home more, needing to rethink everything.)

Some business, social and political ships (and shops) have sailed.

Exploring what people want (not what they don’t want) is a compass that can guide us from the personal to the community and larger world levels. As we engage our precious human creativity and advocacy with a goal of fair share or resources, care, growth of skills, talents, meaningful connections and more, the easier our realities can change.

Not worrying about the exact how or what may get in the way is important too, says David Adelson (and others with decades of thought, mind, energy training) who offers free podcasts and a free download on [PeaceandHarmonyCo.com](http://PeaceandHarmonyCo.com).

I explore more ideas and resources on [Livfully.org](http://Livfully.org) as a model for others in each state and country (as it is legal and safe to do so) to cover critical information intentionally excluded by the media.

Since the Jeffrey Epstein personal and political scandal we need to improve in our society on all levels. Most people with a


mental health disorder or addiction do not cross criminal lines or have widespread support although there is bias against females, people of color and children. There is a need to educate and promote safety for people of all ages, particularly if there is decline in self-care or fair play.

Thanks for joining in the offers online and locally to promote inner peace, respect, safety and healing on all levels. Every

person could benefit from an online screening (domestic abuse and social safety and basic health tests for blood sugar levels, blood pressure, physical, dental, mental health, basic living needs of housing and support.)


Let’s Dare to Care and Share ideas and resources in these promising times in 2020, especially when voting in November.

**Catherine Palmer Paton**  
Falls Village



## Realtor® at Large

If bears in our kitchen were not enough, now we are faced with the uncomfortable fact that someone has stolen one of our cars from the driveway. One of the nice things about living here was never thinking of locking the car or house. Apparently that has changed, so I wanted to highlight this issue so other people could avoid this experience. Our resident State Trooper, Chris Sorrell, has also issued a warning about the rise of car thefts. Additionally we should be aware of not leaving valuables that are visible in our cars. If you have any questions or see any suspicious activity, please call Chris at 860-435-2938 or the Troop B station in Canaan at 860-626-1820. Finally, if you see our black Mazda CX-5 with a fishing pole in it, please call!



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## EDITORIAL

# Police accountability bill should become law

During this time of pandemic, it's been challenging for our state legislators to keep up with passing bills that address their constituents' ongoing changing needs. But when push comes to shove, they are opting for returning to work to make things happen. One of those things they rightly made a priority of after the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minn., by an officer who kneeled on Floyd's neck for more than 8 minutes, is the police accountability bill about which the Legislature's judiciary committee held a more than 7-hour hearing on Friday, July 17. Our own state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), a member of that committee, listened to more than 150 testimonies during that time. Horn also posted the Zoom discussion on Facebook for her constituents to view.

The bill was crafted by a bipartisan group, according to the Hartford Courant, and includes bans on chokeholds, a requirement for the wearing of body cameras, a change in qualified immunity and a mandate for the public release of complaints against police whether they are found to be legitimate or not. The bill is aimed at changing the culture of police force operation in the state of Connecticut. While there are concerns from the State Police union and other law enforcement groups, the need for reform in policing is an issue that will not and should not go away quietly in the current climate.

The final version of the bill should include having police accountability, with all complaints open to the public. If they are found to be baseless, all the better. But the public should know what the police are dealing with on a regular basis, and what the outcomes of those actions are.

There are many good and dedicated police officers who engage with people in their communities who benefit from their intervention in crisis situations, this is not to be denied. But when there are also cops who take advantage of their stance of power over those who have none, legislation must be passed and enforced to address their actions. There is a balance in fairness that can be found. The legislation must be implemented responsibly, with open knowledge of what the regulations are on police behavior. Transparency is of the utmost importance when it comes to police activity, and Connecticut needs to address a steady diminishing of such openness in recent years.

The General Assembly has been called back for a special session that began Tuesday, July 21, to discuss this bill, as well as the process for the upcoming elections and absentee ballots, among other things. Here's hoping our representatives can take action on at least these two issues, strengthening the state's stance relating to law enforcement and the state regulations on voting absentee, which should be allowed more widely during a pandemic that puts voters at risk.

## Please support housing options in Falls Village

We are writing in response to a letter to the editor that suggested that the development proposed by the nonprofit Falls Village Housing Trust (16 homes on 10 acres) was too large for the town or located in the wrong place.

We heard similar sentiments expressed by neighbors when we proposed affordable housing in our towns. We can tell you that these developments, now built and inhabited for years, fit nicely into our towns and provide much-needed affordable rental housing in our region for seniors, young families and essential workers. We need more.

Every town needs to provide this type of housing to meet the range of housing needs we all have during different times in our lives. The percentages of affordable homes in each town that were provided in that letter to the editor were also incorrect and/or out-of-date. The most recent data provided by the Connecticut Dept. of Housing have Falls

Village at 1.28% (10 homes), compared to Kent's 4.02% (67 homes), Cornwall's 3.28% (33 homes) and Salisbury's 1.62% (42 homes).

Especially in times like these when having a safe, affordable, place to call home is especially important, we all need to do whatever we can to support developments like the one proposed by the Falls Village Housing Trust. We encourage residents who support affordable housing options to make their voices heard when this project goes before the Falls Village Planning & Zoning Commission. Too often the louder voices of a few opponents drown out the many quieter voices of support for essential projects like this one.

**Bill Bachrach**  
Kent Affordable Housing  
**Maggie Cooley**  
Cornwall Housing Corporation  
**Jocelyn Ayer**  
Salisbury Housing Committee

## Help when it was needed

Another chapter in neighbors helping neighbors. I live alone, confined to a wheelchair, and last Wednesday about one o'clock in the afternoon I began to smell smoke coming from my lower level. Within about five minutes the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department and a neighbor were here. The smoke had become darker as it spiraled up the stairway. My neighbor bundled me down and out the front door as the firemen swept in.

Turns out the problem was the furnace, where a belt was awry. A huge fan blew the smoke out and happily there was no need for water. As the fire department finished up, the Fire Marshal arrived to give a report to Carlson Propane so they knew exactly what to do. The air conditioning was up and running the next day by noon.

What a great community! And a perfect example of how small towns work. I am so fortunate to be a part of one.

**Anne Kremer**

Lakeville

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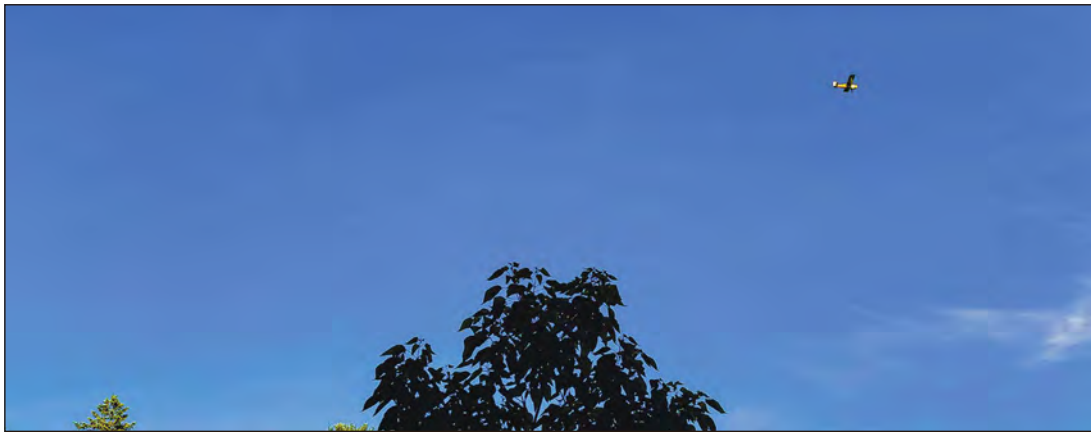


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## Fly away

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Only has the welfare of the dogs at heart

This is to respond to Bill Lit-tauer's letter of July 16. I have no doubt your efforts to this board and other boards are an advancement to all concerned. Thank you.

But, how do you know what my contributions to the Salisbury Dog Park are? How many of the board of directors actually bring dogs to the park year round for any length of time? None that I know of.

Have you ever introduced yourself to the users of the park and/or asked for their input?

My letter about the patio was for the public to know what was going on. The board of directors of the dog park should have oversight. It also needs to listen to advice and be open-minded.

The patio idea from last fall was for a sloped area. The change of site was done this spring. COVID-19 made the patio a bad idea, I believe. The drainage idea was also discussed this spring. It was suggested that planting grass might be better done in the fall. By planting the grass seed now it

waits for rain in July. The board made no plans for watering.

I am at the park nearly every day. There is no attendant so someone needs to take an interest. I have also donated chairs for the users to sit and social distance. Picnic tables invite food (which is against the dog park rules) and do not promote social distancing.

I have been at the park when it is cold and hot. I have tried to give advice to new dog owners and create an atmosphere of kindness. I do not need to come to the park. My dog is a wonderful blue heeler who is well-trained. We are there to set an example. This park is a great asset. So why is it so under-utilized? Not because of COVID-19. It is because no one knows about the park.

However, the board's COVID-19 restrictions for this outdoor acre of land have been too severe. The board has limited the number of people allowed to be in the park needlessly and even asked owners to stay out-

side the fence while their dog is inside. On the board's Facebook page they have also threatened to close the park. These are short-sighted policies.

Operating an important resource like the dog park should be more about people, their dogs and positive health of the community. Promote the park and people and dogs will come to it. Isn't that why it was created? Use the money that is donated in these poor economic times to help owners and their dogs. The dog park is a great place for owners to share tips and dogs to have fun. Please, follow your mission statement.

Instead of criticizing the messenger (me), why not invite her to be on your board?

Everyone who comes to the park knows me and my dog, Til-lie. We give good will generously to all.

Thank you for your future efforts at the park.

**Jen Bosworth**

Sharon

## It's in the eye of the beholder

I've been monitoring the "stupid" debate and have decided to chime in. "Stupid" is not an appropriate descriptor for the Steiner cartoons. "Unfunny" is more apt, as is "boring," "one-note" and "vapid." I imagine Steiner takes about 2 minutes to do them. The subject matter is the same week-to-week and the effort put into drawing is something I could do. And I can't draw. But maybe "stupid" is in the eye of the beholder. It is sorta "stupid" to object to the cartoons because they ain't gonna change and the Journal's standards are so low.

I do have a proposition that can provide a moment of agreement and peace. It's not about Trump, who seems more "feral" and "primitive" to me vs. "stupid." It's not about his supporters who seem more "nihilistic" than "stupid." It's about our next president, Joe Biden. Now that son-of-a-gun is "stupid." Always has been. A true box of rocks. A post. Add to that the creeping senility, and we're in for another great presidential show.

**Peter Chiesa**

Kent

*More letters previous page.*

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## TURNING BACK

## THE PAGES

NORMA GALAISE

**100 years ago — July 1920**

**SALISBURY** — Miss Gertrude Hardisty has returned from a two week's visit with her cousin in Waterbury.

**LIME ROCK** — Miss Alice Fenton is enjoying a week's camping at Cornwall.

**SALISBURY** — Mr. William Conklin who has been suffering from severe nose bleeding has entered the Sharon Hospital for treatment.

**LAKEVILLE** — Mrs. C.H. Safford has received a cablegram from her son Theodore informing her of his safe arrival in Europe where he will spend his vacation.

**50 years ago — July 1970**

A rattler measuring over five feet, having five rattles and a button, was captured with a garden fork by Herbert Bergdahl as it slithered across Route 112 in Lime Rock recently. A woman driving down Route 112 saw it and stopped the car to send her son to alert Mr. Bergdahl. Mr. Bergdahl says it is a yellow timber rattler and plans to send the live snake to the University of Connecticut.

**CANAAN** — Cynthia Jacques, 14, went searching for some wandering cattle on Canaan Mountain last Thursday and became lost herself for about five hours. She finally came to a house where she could telephone home and her family came to get her, hungry, frustrated, scared but unhurt.

**25 years ago — July 1995**

Wednesday Sharon's firefighters buried Edward P. Pitcher Jr., a 21-year veteran of the department, killed in the line of duty last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Pitcher, 39, died at 1:49 p.m. while trying to cut power to lines downed in a wind storm. He was electrocuted when he climbed a ladder propped against a pole at 36 Dug Road to turn off a fuse.

Temperature of the Housatonic River at the Falls Village hydroelectric station rose significantly this week and dead trout were sighted downstream.

**SALISBURY** — Sweltering heat did not wilt the Scoville Memorial Library's 100th anniversary celebration Saturday when officials honored the past and contemplated the future.

Amy Lake of the Northwest Corner Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament prepared Monday to send 1,000 folded paper "peace cranes" to the mayor of Hiroshima on the 50th anniversary of the dropping of an American atomic bomb on that Japanese city. The cranes were folded by hundreds of people in the Tri-State area, including schoolchildren and members of the coalition.

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

Lone star tick heads north with new diseases

By Cynthia Hochswender

A new tick is heading north in Connecticut, and bringing with it a host of new diseases, according to the Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven.

In a news release sent out at the end of June, CAES said that the lone star tick had been found predominantly in the southeastern states until this year, when it began to appear in Fairfield and New Haven counties.

“As an aggressive human biter with highly irritating bites, the lone star tick has been associated with several human diseases and medical conditions,” according to the news release.

These diseases include tularemia, ehrlichiosis, rickettsiosis, Heartland virus disease, southern tick-associated rash illness, red meat allergy and likely the newly identified Bourbon virus disease.

That the tick causes an allergy to red meat and the new Bourbon virus is unrelated to the name of the tick. It is called lone star because of a white star shape on its small body (which measures less than 1 mm across).

The red meat allergy is a curious effect of a tick bite. The Mayo Clinic offers a theory on its website that the allergy is caused by a sugar molecule known as alpha-gal that is transmitted into the human host by a lone star tick.

“Signs and symptoms of an alpha-gal allergic reaction are often delayed compared with other food allergies,” according to the Mayo Clinic article on red meat allergies. “Most reactions to common food allergens — peanuts or shellfish, for example — happen within minutes of exposure. In alpha-gal syndrome, signs and symptoms typically don’t appear for three to six hours after eating red meat.”

There is no cure other than to stop eating red meat.

The allergic reaction can vary from relatively mild (a runny nose, itchy skin) to potentially fatal (anaphylaxis). “Doctors think the time

delay between eating red meat and developing an allergic reaction is one reason the condition was overlooked until recently: A possible connection between a T-bone steak with dinner and hives at midnight was far from obvious,” the Mayo Clinic article says.

Bourbon virus, another new disease associated with the lone star tick, is named for the county in Kansas where it was first identified.

This disease is still relatively unknown. The symptoms seem to be “fever, tiredness, rash, headache, other body aches, nausea and vomiting,” according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). People diagnosed with the virus also “had low blood counts for cells that fight infection and help prevent bleeding.”

The CDC, the Mayo Clinic and CAES all say that the best way to avoid any of the diseases associated with the lone star tick is to avoid bites.

If you spend a lot of time outside in areas where ticks are likely to be found, the CDC recommends that you treat your clothing with permethrin, and that you wear insect repellent. The Environmental Protection Agency has a list of recommended insect repellents for adults and for children over the age of 3. The list includes products “containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone.”

To find the EPA search tool to help you choose a product, go to [www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you).

The CDC also recommends taking a soapy shower within two hours of coming inside from spending time in an area where ticks might live. A full body tick check is also recommended; ticks often hide in crooks and crevices of the body, around the ears and in folds of skin.

Philip Armstrong, a Virologist/Medical Entomologist with CAES, also reminds anyone spending time outdoors to “wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Clothing material should be light-colored and tightly woven. And tuck pant legs into socks.”

The harvest season is just beginning...

There isn’t really much lettuce left in my garden at this point in the summer but, boy, do I have a lot of zucchini.

Regular readers of this healthy eating column (and sorry it’s been so long since the last column) will recall that I’m always searching for new sources of potassium. Happily, zucchini has a lot of potassium, about 222 mg for each 100 grams that you eat (I just weighed a fresh 6-inch zucchini on my food scale and it was 247 grams, so figure 100 grams is about a cup or less).

Honestly, there isn’t a ton of other nutrition in zucchinis but they’re fresh and tasty and have a decent amount of fiber in them, which is good for your heart and helps your digestion.

Potassium, my favorite electrolyte/mineral, is important for regulating the amount of water in your body, and it keeps your muscles functioning properly (including the big muscle: your heart).

In all: I’m glad to have a lot of zucchini in the garden. And no, I’m not planning at this moment to make zucchini bread.

So what else can one do with all this fruit (because yes, botanically it’s a fruit, even though from a culinary point of view it’s a vegetable).

Zucchini is in many ways a good vehicle for seasonings and toppings. But while, for example, lobster and snails and artichokes are a good excuse to eat a lot of melted butter, zucchini is a good excuse to try a lot of different herbs.

Try cutting a zucchini into quarters lengthwise (so you have four long quarters that begin at the little cap at the top and stretch all the way down to the little cap at the bottom). Brush olive oil on the four quarters and then lay them on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper or foil. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper; then roast them for 10 or 15 minutes, until they’re just tender. Take them out and poke them; if they feel delicious, take them off; otherwise give them another five minutes.

Once they’ve cooled, move them to a plate (be careful,



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FOOD FOR HEALTH CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

they’re going to be floppy and they might split in half if you don’t support them carefully enough) and squeeze lemon juice over the top and then sprinkle on some finely cut up herbs (I often cut them right over the plate with a pair of clean, sharp scissors). Flat Italian parsley works great; so do basil, tarragon, mint or scallions. Serve with grilled meat and rice pilaf.

Too hot to cook? You can eat zucchini raw. It’s delicious with dip, for example; I often cut a zucchini into batons that are about 2 inches long and serve them with hummus, but they’d be good with almost any dip.

A few years ago, I was gifted a beautiful little lethally sharp machine called a mandoline. I finally took it out of its box this summer and have found it to be the perfect tool to use with zucchini and with their visual twins, the cucumbers.

As a side note, for thin slicing the best cucumbers are the ones with a thin skin and small seeds, such as the English and Persian varieties, and the Kirby cukes.

The mandoline can either give you paper-thin slices of your

favorite cucurbite, or they can give you matchstick-thin little rectangles, also known as a julienne. You can just dress them with a vinaigrette or you can do what my friend Cybele does with her cucumbers but which works with zukes too: Dress them with sour cream and/or plain Greek yogurt, a dose of fresh dill weed, some thin-sliced shallots, tasty salt and a grind or two of fresh pepper and some lemon juice.

If you soak the slices in the lemon juice first and then drain the juice, your salad won’t get as watery.

Speaking of vegetables that you might not know you can eat raw: I’m also now getting some beets in my garden. Again, the mandoline helps you to make paper-thin beet slices — so thin, in fact, that you don’t need to peel off the skin first. This is really best done with beets from your

own garden, which you know for certain haven’t been sprayed with any chemicals.

For this salad, I use the matchstick/julienne setting on the mandoline. I then dress the beets with a classic vinaigrette (French mustard, oil, a trace of a nice vinegar such as rice or balsamic, a little water to give it the right texture). You can add some orange zest, some finely minced tarragon or some chopped scallions.

If you don’t have a mandoline, you can still make a beet salad but you might be better off roasting your unpeeled beets in a 350 degree oven until they are just tender (it’s impossible to know how quickly a beet will cook; I have no idea why this is). Don’t overcook them or they’ll start to shrivel. Peel off the skin, cut into quarters and dress them as above.

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The fiduciary is: Anissa Allison Roberts 71 Arlene Drive Pelham, NH 03076 Megan Williams Assistant Clerk 07-23-20

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The fiduciary is: Harold Catanzaro c/o Thor, Crone, Crone & Cassone, 17 Hoyt Street, Stamford, CT 06905 Megan Williams Assistant Clerk 07-23-20

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

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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](http://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.

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

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 gives notice that she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes due July

1, 2020. Canaan(Falls Village) Town Hall, PO Box 47, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031.

Due to COVID 19, the Office is NOT open to the public. There is a secure dropbox located on the side of building to the left as you look from street. Check [canaanfallsvillage.org](http://canaanfallsvillage.org) for updates. Normal Office Hours: Monday 9-12, 1-3 & Wednesdays 9-12.

Payments must be received or postmarked by August 3, 2020 to avoid interest.

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On Oct. 1, 2020 interest will revert back to Statutory % and will be charged from July 1, 2020 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, Connecticut this 8th day in June, 2020.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs Tax Collector, CCMC 06-25-20 07-02-20 07-23-20

TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

The taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that I have received the Warrant and the Rate Bill to collect taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2019 with a levy of 11.60 Mills. Said taxes become due on July 1, 2020. If said Real Estate and Personal Property tax is over \$100.00, it is payable in four installments due: July 1, 2020, October 1, 2020, January

1, 2021, April 1, 2021. Motor Vehicle tax shall be paid in one installment due: July 1, 2020. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 3, 2020. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before August 3, 2020 interest at the rate of 1.5% (18 annually) .The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, PO Box 338, Salisbury CT 06068. WPCA Sewer use fees for the year July 1, 2020 are also due and payable on August 3, 2020.

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FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX OR THE INTEREST so please contact the Tax Collectors Office 860 435-5189 if you do not receive a bill. Dated this 17th day of June 2020.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC Tax Collector Salisbury CT 06068 06-25-20 07-02-20 07-23-20

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