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Life Star called in for Great Falls river rescue

"If we can't get emergency vehicles up there then somebody is going to drown."

— Falls Village First Selectman Henry Todd

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Two women were rescued after falling from the Great Falls on the Housatonic River on Wednesday, July 22. Jacqui Rice of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service said in a phone interview on Friday, July 24, that three women from the Naugatuck area were on the top of the falls Wednesday morning. The falls are between Salisbury and Falls Village.

One of them slipped and a second tried to assist, but they both went down.

One wound up on the rocky shore, and the other clung to a floating log.

The third member of the group made her way down the trail to try and get help. The 911 call came in to Litchfield County dispatch a little before noon.

Rice, Lakeville Hose Company Assistant Chief Jason Wilson and Andrea Downs from the Falls Village Volunteer Ambulance Squad (and a professional



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Cars parked on the sides of roads near the Housatonic River — as was the case last weekend in Kent at Bull's Bridge — make it hard for emergency vehicles to travel along the roads.

paramedic) made their way to the injured women using ropes.

The two women, strapped into back boards, were evacuated using a boat. The more seriously injured woman — who had back, hip and leg injuries — was taken by ambulance to Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where a Life Star helicopter was waiting.

The second woman, whose injuries were less serious, was

taken to Sharon Hospital, treated and released.

Rice said the women were lucky in that they missed a significant rock outcropping.

"It could have been tragic," she said.

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand said on Friday that the First Light power company has to do a better job at deterring people from going to the falls.

The July 22 incident was the second time this month that emergency services were required at the falls. On Sunday, July 5, a small boy had to be rescued after he was carried away by the current.

Fire and rescue personnel from North Canaan, Millerton, Cornwall, Sharon, Norfolk and

Riverton also responded on July 22.

On Monday, July 27, Falls Village First Selectman Henry Todd said he's worried about cars parked along the access roads to the river.

"Fifteen or 20 cars we can deal with," he said. "Fifty or 60 or 100 we can't."

Todd said his primary concern was on the Salisbury side — on Housatonic River Road in particular.

"If we can't get emergency vehicles up there then somebody is going to drown."

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand said Monday morning that he would continue to

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Police will now patrol state boat launches

By Cynthia Hochswender

CORNWALL — Boat launches across the state will now be patrolled by the State Police and Environmental Conservation (Encon) officers from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

The patrols were announced by the State Police on Friday, July 24.

Earlier that day, the town of Cornwall had sent out by email its town newsletter, noting in it that crowds and trash had been extreme during the recent hot weekend (see story, Page A3).

Area ponds and the Housatonic River have long attracted visitors from all parts of the state as well as from New York state and New Jersey. Many of the gathering spots are not set up for swimming and tourists and do not have toilets, garbage cans or parking. Town officials and Northwest Corner residents have become increasingly concerned not only about trash left at riverfront sites and ponds, but also about the dangers of swimming in unfamiliar waters with no lifeguards. The Great Falls in Salis-

bury and Falls Village as well as the falls at Bull's Bridge in Kent over the years have been the sites of fatal swimming accidents at a rate of one or more each year (see story on last week's rescue on this page, above).

The state has closed the park at Kent Falls, which has parking and other visitor facilities. The state's Kent Falls website says, "Due to challenges in maintaining appropriate social distancing, Kent Falls State Park will be closed for the duration of the public health emergency."

The boat launch in Falls Village/Salisbury has been blocked with sawhorses, cones and caution tape in recent weeks but visitors continue to park along the roadways (blocking the way of emergency services vehicles) and to move the cones, tape and sawhorses.

The Cornwall bi-weekly town newsletter on July 23 quoted First Selectman Gordon Ridgway saying there has been "increased use of Mohawk Pond and sections along the Housatonic River including River Road.

"The Selectman's Office has reached out to DEEP for more supervision and is looking into creating signage at pressure points reminding people of the proper use of these recreational

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Horn explains vote on police reform

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) voted for a police reform bill last week in the state House of Representatives.

Horn was alone among northwestern Connecticut representatives, who mainly voted against the bill: Michelle Cook (D-65), Jay Case (R-63), David Wilson (R-66), Bill Simanski (R-62) and John Piscopo (R-76). Rep. Arthur O'Neill (R-69) was absent.

The bill, HB 6004, "An Act Concerning Police Accountability," passed 86-58 on Friday morning, July 25, and was sent to the state Senate.

The hot-button issue with the bill was qualified immunity for police officers.

In an interview Monday, July 27, Horn said qualified immunity for law enforcement against lawsuits has developed over the years into a system that makes it very

difficult for citizens to bring lawsuits in cases of police misconduct.

"What we did was reform qualified immunity," she said, replacing the current system with a "good faith belief" clause.

Horn is a former attorney who has worked in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Criminal Division.

She said the bill makes it clear that no law enforcement officer will be held personally liable except in cases of egregious misconduct.

Horn said municipal and state liability insurance covers the bulk of successful civil claims against law enforcement. That gives the state and municipalities an incentive to do something about officers with a history of poor

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Brokers respond to 'panic buying' & bidding wars

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Homes are being snatched up at an unprecedented rate in Litchfield County, often above asking price. Buyers, many in panic mode and some armed with cash, are slugging it out in bidding wars as available inventory shrinks. Sellers are seizing this moment to get top dollar for their investments, and in all this, brokers are running from pillar to post.

"It's like New York at its peak. No one has seen anything like this," said broker Ira Goldspiel of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Kent and Salisbury. "The last few weeks we have had a lot of panic buying. It hit Realtors first, and now the lawyers are probably drowning, there are so many closings and inspections. It's intense."

Tri-state region broker Elyse Harney Morris, co-owner of Elyse Harney Real Estate in Salisbury, took a pause from her frenetic schedule in mid-July to reflect on the burgeoning market.

"Oh my gosh, there aren't fast enough sneakers for me!" she said in a phone interview. "This week we had our largest week of closings ever. The market has never been stronger."

Sales surge in Salisbury and Sharon

According to a second quarter Market Watch by William Pitt-Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty, the 12-month median selling price for single family homes in Litchfield County shot up 7% to \$253,000.

Closed sales for the year are 4% higher than last year (at 1,058 sales).

Realtors say sales are largely in the under \$500,000 and over \$2 million range; the total vol-

ume of houses sold went up a whopping 21%, to \$394 million.

The data also shows that the inventory of available houses is down by 30% from a year ago.

"It's all good news, especially the high-end" market, according to John Harney Jr. of Sotheby's Salisbury brokerage, who noted that in Northwest Corner it is Salisbury and Sharon that are contributing the most to the growth.

Information on recent property transfers can be found in this week's issue on Page A4.

"One of the reasons Salisbury and Sharon are particularly attractive is that taxes there are low," explained Patricia Best, founder of Best & Cavallaro Real Estate in Salisbury, which merged with William Pitt Sotheby's in 2019. "Salisbury has one of the lowest tax rates in the state."

Best reported that from May 1 to July 15, she had "\$15 million under contract ... and that's just me."

While homes in the \$250,000 to \$500,000 range had the most unit gain, according to Harney, sales of high-end properties in the \$2 million to \$4 million range are up 225% over a year ago.

"May and June combined had 31 sales, more than any back-to-back months in at least 10 years," Harney said.

Myriad factors fuel trend

So, what is behind the uptick in home sales? A number of factors, Realtors said, resulting in an unexpected economic upside (for many property owners and for sales agents and attorneys) to the coronavirus.

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Busy Sunday on the river

By Patrick L. Sullivan

As potentially dangerous overcrowding continues at sites along the Housatonic River and at ponds and lakes in the county, Senior Reporter Patrick L. Sullivan has begun to keep a log of observations of river usage. This log only reflects the moments when he was on or near the river and is not a complete list of usage.

Visitors continued to come to the Great Falls of the Housatonic River in Salisbury and Falls Village last weekend, despite the area being officially closed.

On Saturday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m., there were two cars parked at the Appalachian Trail entrance on the Salisbury side of the bridge between the Amesville section of Salisbury and Falls Village.

Farther along Housatonic River Road there were 10 cars,

mostly south of Sugar Hill Road.

There were no people or cars in the First Light picnic and boat launch area, and the sawhorses and caution tape that had been recently put up were still there; in the first days after they were put up, visitors had pushed them aside.

On the Falls Village side, in a shaded area by the bridge, there were half a dozen cars parked. There was a picnic in progress, and people in bathing suits getting ready to go to the river.

Farther south along Water Street, the Appalachian Trail parking lot was empty and the sawhorse/caution tape barriers undisturbed.

Along River Road in Cornwall, which parallels much of the Housatonic Trout Management Area, there were three cars at the Push 'Em Up parking area. but

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Three-day forecast

Friday..... Sun, high 85°/low 62°
 Saturday..... Sun, 86°/64°
 Sunday..... Rain, 85°/66°

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.

Stolen country club check

On July 14 Immanuel Trach, 31, of Naugatuck, Conn., was taken into custody at his residence in Naugatuck and charged with criminal activity in the third degree and conspiracy to commit larceny in the third degree. The charges were based on an incident that stemmed from a stolen check from the Sharon Country Club that Trach attempted to cash at United Check Cashing in Waterbury, Conn., in February. The incident was reported to Sharon Country Club by National Iron Bank in Lakeville. Trach was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 13.

Theft from residence

On July 16 at approximately 4:45 a.m. Troop B responded to a report of a stolen wallet at a residence on Granite Avenue in North Canaan. An unknown individual entered the residence through an unsecured door and took the wallet from the second floor. Area residents are reminded to lock the doors to their homes and vehicles. Anyone with information pertaining to the theft is asked to contact Troop B.

Damaged guardrail

On July 17 at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon a 2007 Mercedes Benz C280 driven by Deborah Dorsey, 50, of Danielson, Conn., lost control and swerved off the

roadway, damaging 50 feet of metal rope guardrail. Dorsey was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the proper lane.

Stolen raccoon

On July 23 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Troop B received a 911 call regarding an adult male attempting to break into a barn on Music Mountain Road in Falls Village to take a raccoon. The barn is owned by Paul Nebor, 71. Following an investigation, the police report states that "the stolen raccoon was returned." Lucas James Wells, 43, of North Canaan was charged with burglary in the second degree, criminal trespassing in the second degree and breach of peace in the second degree.

George E. Hill, 35, of North Canaan was charged with criminal trespassing in the first degree and breach of peace in the second degree. Both were scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 8.

Cheryl Nichols, 45, of Old Forge, N.Y., was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 17. Further details about this incident involving attempted raccoon theft have not yet been made public by Troop B.

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

Grant aids WCCAA in checking air

Western Connecticut Clean Air Action (WCCAA), created in response to the Cricket Valley electric power plant in Dover, N.Y., reported on Monday, July 20, that their group had secured a \$20,000 grant with the help of state Sen. Julie Kushner (D-24) and state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64).

"Since its start in 2018, WCCAA has engaged the conservation commissions or other environmental organizations in seven towns — Kent, Washington, Cornwall, Sherman, Sharon, Warren and New Milford — to set up a state-of-the-art network of monitors," according to the news release. "WCCAA oversees a central unit at Kent School and seven linked satellite monitors

in surrounding towns to track potential changes in ambient air quality under a wide range of environmental and seasonal conditions."

The state grant will pay for graduate students at the University of Connecticut to gather air quality data and study it, under the guidance of Kristina Wagstrom, director of the university's Computational Atmospheric Chemistry and Exposure Lab.

"Of special interest are measurements of such major pollutants as particulate matter, ozone, and nitrous oxides, all associated with the plume of gases released in the process of burning natural gas to produce electricity," the news release said.



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100 years and more for Sullivan

Vivian Sullivan, formerly a resident of Sharon, celebrated her birthday at Noble Horizons in Salisbury on Thursday, July 23. She turned 101.

Matching gifts for COVID relief

From June 15 to July 31 more than 50 nonprofits are participating in Northwest Corner Gives, a crowdfunding giving platform, created by the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation to help local nonprofits raise matching funds for COVID-19 related expenses.

"Thanks to Northwest Corner Gives, we now have a safe place for people to be during the pandemic and beyond," said Erica Jonczyk, executive director of the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village.

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

Participating nonprofits include: AHA after school program, American Mural Project, Canaan Child Care, David M. Hunt Library, Fishes and Loaves, Grumbling Gryphons, Housatonic Child Care Center, Housatonic Valley Association, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Kent Memorial Library, Music Mountain, Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, Sharon Playhouse and United Church of Christ, Cornwall.

To view nonprofit campaigns

and support their goals, go to www.northwestcornergives.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The David M. Hunt Library Association of Falls Village, CT will hold its public Annual Meeting on Friday, August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Due to Covid-19, this year's meeting will be held online. Interested attendees may call library Director Erica Jonczyk at (860) 824-7424 to RSVP and obtain further information, or send an email inquiry to DMHuntLibrary@gmail.com with "Annual Meeting RSVP" in the subject line. Please make attendance inquiries, whether by phone or email, by 5:00 p.m. August 3, 2020.

Roxann Steinberg Whitaker
 Secretary
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 Board of Directors
 07-30-20

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AKA Devie Warner
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The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, July 14, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below.

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 c/o Mark J. Capeclaturo
 Mark J. Capeclaturo, LLC
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 Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire
 Clerk
 07-30-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
PAUL S. TIERNEY
Late of Canaan (20-00274)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, July 6, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below.

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

The fiduciary is:
 Stephanie J. Tierney
 c/o Ellen C Marino
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 596 Main Street
 Winsted, CT 06098

Megan Williams
 Assistant Clerk
 07-30-20

A class on civil disobedience

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons will debut a six-session Zoom series on civil disobedience taught by Hotchkiss School instructor Thomas Fisher, on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 11 a.m.

Fisher, who holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Brown University, a J.D. from Notre Dame Law School and a B.A. in philosophy and sociology from St. John's University, explains, "This is a course about breaking the law. The law is not always on the side of justice and when it is not, do we obey the law, or do we do something else? What sorts of disobedience may we engage in, and why? And if we do disobey the law, what do we owe those who obey it?"

The course explores topics such as, "The Duty to Obey: What's wrong with breaking the law?" and "Conscience and Communication: What justifies disobedience?"

Class members will be guided by selected readings and the words and deeds of people whose consciences demanded more than the laws allowed. Following registration, which may be completed at www.noblehorizons.org, a Zoom link and all readings will be provided electronically.

TSF awards grants to YMCAs

The Torrington Savings Foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants in a special cycle that opened in April to respond specifically to the immediate needs of those directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The regular annual grant cycle for the Foundation will begin to accept applications starting Aug. 3.

Awards of up to \$10,000 were granted to those organizations working on the frontlines of the pandemic. These critical funds will be used for basic needs such as rent, food, infant supplies (diapers and formula) utilities (heat, gas), counseling, medication and childcare. Recipients included N-

WCT YMCA in North Canaan and YMCA Camp Mohawk in Cornwall.

For more updates including application guidelines for nonprofit applicants, go to www.torringtonsavings.bank/foundation/.

Clarification

An article in the July 23 Lakeville Journal listed statistics from the state for the number of COVID-19 tests taken in each town. Those test numbers were based on a "test rate per 100,000."

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Our Towns

YMCA at Geer slowly comes back to life

By Cynthia Hochswender

NORTH CANAAN — Slow and sure has been the motto of the Northwest Connecticut YMCA in North Canaan at Geer Village, which closed March 16 for the COVID-19 quarantine.

Although other fitness centers in the state (including the Northwest Connecticut YMCAs in Torrington and Winsted) have already re-opened (with social distancing and special protocols), the North Canaan facility was slower to return.

One reason, of course, is that this YMCA is on the campus of a retirement and senior living facility — which has managed to keep its COVID-19 infections at zero.

Another reason is that the YMCA at Geer is getting a major overhaul, in part to make the fitness center and swimming pool safer for residents, YMCA members and staff.

Last Friday, July 24, Fitness Director Lisa Douyard gave a tour of the center, which now looks like a construction site. A new outside entrance is being constructed on one of the pathways into the building; YMCA members will enter through a special doorway that is separate from the entrance to Geer Village.

The entrance desk has been moved so it's now across from the locker rooms. The locker rooms themselves are getting a facelift, with fresh paint for the lockers and a new drainage system.

Although members are allowed to use the toilets there, they will not be allowed to use the showers ("It's just not phys-



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Lisa Douyard, fitness director at the YMCA in North Canaan at Geer, hopes the pool and other indoor facilities will open by Aug. 10. Parts of the YMCA will open on Aug. 3.

ically possible for us to clean them after each shower," Douyard said) and they will be discouraged from changing clothes in the locker room.

"We ask all members at this time to shower at home before and after their swim," Douyard said.

Members will still enter the swimming pool through the locker rooms, but they will now have to exit straight out of the building, in their swimsuits (bring a towel and dry coverup to the pool deck).

The former fitness classroom downstairs will become a cardio

room, with rowing machines and recumbent bikes. There will be Plexiglass shields between machines. Upstairs there will be more cardio machines (and more Plexiglass) as well as weights and other workout gear.

Members will be required to sign up in advance for their workout time slot of 45 minutes. Members are asked to wipe down equipment before and after they use it, following YMCA instructions. At the end of their 45-minute session, YMCA staff will clean all the equipment to prepare for the next group, who will begin their exercise session at the beginning of the next hour.

While this sounds like a big ask, especially of members who are perhaps younger or less fastidious, Douyard said that so far it has worked out beautifully at the Torrington and Winsted YMCAs, where everyone has stepped up to create an environment that is safe for members and staff.

Classes that had been offered indoors up until the quarantine will be offered outdoors beginning on Aug. 3. There will be spin cycle classes on the patio deck outside the swimming pool and, on the lawn, Zumba, Body Sculpt, Power Circuit, Trans-

form, Silver Sneakers and Bands and Bells.

Classes are limited in size and members must register ahead of time, by going to www.nycty.motionvibe.com.

"Where it asks for a bar code, type in your membership number," Douyard said.

Many of the YMCA's members either canceled or put their memberships on hold during the quarantine. She thanked those who were able to continue to pay their monthly fees, which made it possible to keep YMCA staff members working. In addition to helping to deep clean the facility, they also made facemasks and helped with deliveries of food and medicine to older area residents.

Anyone who needs to rejoin or take their membership off hold can do it at www.nwcty.org or by calling the Torrington branch at 860-489-3133 through Aug. 2. The North Canaan branch at Geer officially is open again on Aug. 3, so members can call 860-824-2790.

"We can't wait to see people and bring the community back," Douyard said. "We're ready."

Email updates will begin to go out this week with opening information and class schedules.

Cornwall gets a grant for housing diversity study

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Planning for future housing alternatives took a step ahead last week as the Board of Selectmen announced at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 21, that the town has been awarded a state housing planning grant.

The \$10,000 grant will cover the costs of an interactive process that looks at all of the town's housing options.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said the timing is good because "the Planning and Zoning Commission [P&Z] is currently reviewing its regulations," following the completion of the Town Plan

of Conservation and Development, which forms the basis of those regulations.

He added that the P&Z process is a "really good step." He said that more information about the housing study will be available in the coming months.

The study's purpose is to define the existing types of housing and then how to make plans to diversify those housing options to attract young people and suit older people, Ridgway explained.

He noted that Cornwall was the first town in the region to come up with the concept of accessory apartments as a housing option.

North Canaan meeting on new ordinances delayed

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — A plan to convene a special selectmen's meeting to consider public comments on proposed ordinances was canceled by the selectmen, who have decided to consider any comments at their August meeting instead.

Originally scheduled for Monday, July 27, consideration of the ordinances was postponed to allow more time for residents to view the proposed ordinances, now posted on the town website at www.northcanaan.org.

The three ordinances concern a tax incentive plan, food trucks and blighted properties (includ-

ing abandoned motor vehicles).

Reached for comment on Thursday, July 23, about the cancellation, First Selectman Charles Perotti said that the ordinances were not ready for posting in time for residents to comment, so the selectmen decided to allow comments to be received at Town Hall until July 29.

Comments can be emailed or phoned to the selectmen's office before that date.

The proposed ordinances and any comments are expected to be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled for Monday, Aug. 3, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be conducted by Zoom.

Untidy picnicking is discussed by the Cornwall selectmen

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — While state parks are closed or limited due to the pandemic, visitors who are intent on enjoying a picnic are fanning out to scenic river locations and area ponds — but they are raising concerns that were discussed by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on Tuesday, July 21.

Issues have come up at the state boat launch at Mohawk Pond and at various points along the Housatonic River where it parallels River Road (see story, Page A1).

The selectmen voiced agreement that visitors are always welcome and are even encouraged to visit the Northwest Corner. But larger-than-usual numbers are gathering along the waterways and byways, for unsupervised recreation. There are concerns about parking in unsafe roadside locations and a large amount of litter left along the roads and riverbanks and near ponds and waterfalls.

The selectmen theorized that the state's decision to keep Kent Falls state park closed has led to people fanning out to find alternative picnic sites.

First Selectman Gordon

Ridgway said that it may be necessary to educate people on how to behave. He said that people are over-partying.

He warned that it takes emergency crews 20 minutes to reach the sites where the partying was happening.

"There is no reason for people to engage in outrageous behavior just because they are hot. Some stuff is out of control," Ridgway said, echoing sentiments from residents who have witnessed the situation and volunteered to do clean-up after the picnickers have left refuse where it fell.

In addition to picnic garbage, volunteers also found what was termed "personal items" left behind. These include soiled diapers.

Ridgway has called upon the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to provide greater supervision, and the selectmen plan to create more signage reminding visitors to pick up and remove their own trash, as well as posting safety warnings about river hazards.

Planning ahead for his conversations with state DEEP officials, Ridgway said, "I would like to see more urban recreational spots."

Railway history museum is open

NORTH CANAAN — The Canaan Union Station Museum is now open to the public. Masks are required to enter, and also social distancing is required. The museum is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is dedicated to railroad history and is in the town's former railroad depot.

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The Garden Party is our annual fundraising event so the loss of having to cancel our primary fundraiser was very concerning.

Our booklet was very well received, and we are so grateful for the outpouring of support from our many sponsors. Thank you for knowing how important it is for Chore to keep serving the seniors in our seven towns by helping them remain safely and independently at home. Because of **your support**, our mission continues!

For more information regarding Chore Service or to view our *Garden Party Stroll* booklet and *video*, please call or visit our website. Thank you again and please stay safe!

With sincere gratitude,

The Chore Service Board & Staff

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfer information is from the individual towns. Look for more property transfers in our issue of Aug. 6.

Sharon

Jan. 3, property at 29 West Main St. from NYCT1 Properties LLC to 29 West Main Sharon LLC for \$265,000.

Jan. 13, property at 25 West Main St. from 25 West Main St. LLC to H&R Holdings LLC for \$260,000.

Jan. 13, property at White Hollow Road from Carey B. Meltzer, Peter B. Bartram, Sarah B. Noyes and Amy E. Bartram to Mark L. Keim and Susan H. Keim for \$59,000.

Jan. 15, property at 8 Upper Main St., Unit 16, from Thomas J. Derenzis Sr. to Elizabeth Sayre for \$170,000.

Jan. 27, property at 5 Miller-ton Road from Evelyn B. Tompkins to Ryan Cunningham for \$260,000.

Feb. 3, property at 57 Sharon Heights from Joanne Harras to Christopher Stella for \$405,000.

Feb. 14, property at 23 Great Elm from the estate of Mary Reeves Pierpont to Thomas R. Connors and Marjorie Palmer for \$540,000.

Feb. 18, property at 248 Gay St. from Patrick Mullin and Thomas Delaney to Eliza Thorne for \$1,625,000; and property at 114 Amenia Union Road from Dorothy B. Felske to Alexis L. Brooks and Michael D. O'Connor for \$440,000.

Feb. 24, property at 99 Sharon Mountain Road from Susan A. Downey to Long Springs Farm LLC for \$650,000; and property at 459 Route 7 from Kelly Ketchedjian and Armen G. Ketchedjian to Carolyn Olsen for \$355,000.

Feb. 26, property at 510 Route 7 from Carolyn Iu to Delbert Auray for \$412,303.

Feb. 28, property at 123 King Hill Road from James Conklin and Elizabeth R. Conklin to Richard K. Ellis and Linden L. Fabry for \$265,000.

March 9, property at 50 Sharon Station Road from Edward William Shultz to Shawn M. Goff for \$16,852; and property at 51 Herrick Road from Dagny N. Woodcock to Randall P. Ment for \$800,000.

March 16, property at 56 West Woods Road #1 from Black Reef Trust to Thomas Pillar and Elizabeth Gill for \$285,000.

April 6, property at 50 Gay St. from Todi Canie and Dafina Canie to Corey M. Smith and Lori A. McGhee for \$332,000.

April 14, property at 50 Knibloe Hill Road from Christopher M. Bailey and Trisha A. Bailey to Matthew P. Sheehan and Jessica R. Sheehan for \$637,000.

April 20, property at 18 Hospital Hill Road from John Dinneen and June Dinneen to Shire Hill Services LLC for \$260,000.

April 21, property at Loper Road from William L. Chapman to William J. Manasse and Deborah L. Manasse for \$130,730.

April 23, property at Loper Road from William J. Manasse and Deborah L. Manasse to William S. Braislin and Patricia S. Braislin for \$69,436.

June 1, property at 361 Gay St. from Theresa M. Krenitsky to Steven W. Huang and Gene A. Stack Jr. for \$475,000; and property at 36 Red Horse Hill from Edward A. Harvey and Mary H. Harvey to Dwight Lee

for \$1,300,000.

June 2, property at 76 Swaller Hill Road from Robert J. Stonehill Jr. to Swaller Hill LLC for \$850,000; and property at 338 Calkinstown Road from Robert V. Fish II to Jason P. Semmel and Sylena B. Goodman for \$3,750,000.

June 3, property at 80 East St. from Michael D. Lynch and Carol M. Lynch to Carrick Mollenkamp and Emily Nelson for \$725,000.

June 8, property at 73 East St. from Margaret D. Barrows to Carrick Mollenkamp and Emily Nelson for \$300,000.

June 22, property at 193 West Cornwall Road from the estate of Nina Kaletsch to FHZ Holdings CT LLC for \$799,000.

June 23, property at Baker Road from Donna McCarthy Culbert and Michael Culbert to Steven Bafundo and Nancy Bafundo for \$81,000.

June 24, property at 29 Deer Run from Robert Maschin and Norine H. Maschin to James Jeffery and Michele Jeffery for \$615,000.

June 29, property at Great Elm Community from Great Elm Community Inc. to 18 Great Elm LLC for \$250,000; and property at 70 Gay St. from Mary F. Hanwacker and Richard F. Hanwacker to Boyce A. Billingsley for \$318,000; and property at 17 Williams Road from Casey Paulson and Holly Paulson to Allan Van Capelle and Matthew Moringstar for \$510,000.

Kent

Jan. 8, property at Kent Road from Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC to Arthur McMurray for \$115,000.

Jan. 14, property at Botsford Road from the estate of Alexander Reid Brash and Mary Reid Brash to Seth Zagarello and Elizabeth Zagarello for \$355,000.

Jan. 15, property at Elizabeth Street from Christopher J. Garrity and Karen J. Garrity to Sarah Louise Baird and Andrew W. Baird for \$365,000.

Jan. 16, property at Brown Road from Marc Linial and Melanie Linial to Christopher Innes and Kelly Innes for \$560,000.

Jan. 23, property at Kent Cornwall Road from John F. Pacocha Jr. to Colleen McGrath for \$135,000.

Jan. 27, property at Fuller Mountain Road from Shelley L. Stedman and Patrick C. Redmond to Teresa Von Fuchs and Kerrie Mitchell for \$450,000.

Feb. 10, property at North Main Street from Thomas V. Hartnett and Anne M. Hartnett to Martin J. Lindenmayer and Kathleen M. Lindenmayer for \$210,000.

Feb. 11, property at Segar Mountain Road from executor John W. Mankin and the estate of Elizabeth S. Mankin to Aguila Enterprises LLC for \$385,000.

Feb. 13, property at Botsford Road from Martin L. Rothman and Susan McBride Rothman to Amanda Marie Quaid and Noel Etienne Velez for \$380,000.

Feb. 18, property at Highland Road from Douglas Garfinkle to Charles M. Weigel and Charlene A. Weigel for \$1,725,000.

March 2, property at Judd Avenue from Karen Marie Egenes Quirk to David Masson and Judy

Rosquette for \$314,000.

March 3, property at North Main Street from executor Evan S. Johnston and the estate of Evelyn G. Johnston to Christopher D. Jordan and David R. Cashner for \$200,000.

March 9, property at Bridge Street from Wayne Gustafson trust et al. to Engine 22 LLC for \$525,000.

March 16, property at Studio Hill Circle from Patricia Dodds Rich trust to Shawn C. Pruitt for \$350,000; and property at Johnson Road from Mary Ellen Casey to Suzanne Tanner for \$175,000.

March 19, property at Main Street North from the Robert R. Boullianne trust to Bethany M. Keck et al. for \$155,500.

April 3, property at Maple Street from the Brian J. Foley 2012 Children's Trust et al. to Dubray's Construction and Maintenance for \$160,000.

April 27, property at Spooner Hill Road from Brandon Louis Kohn to Diane Rasulo and Robert Canessa for \$300,000.

April 30, property at Main Street North from executor Barbara W. Reynolds and the estate of Lucy P. Tremont to Susan K. Riley and Robert K. Riley for \$135,000.

May 14, property at Gorham Road from A Net Express LLC to Steven T. Sabatini and Catherine J. Sabatini for \$103,000.

June 1, property at Main Street North from David R. Cashner to Louis Lana and Mary Ann Lana for \$240,000.

June 4, property at Fuller Mountain Road from the Estrella R. Krish and Robert G. Krish Living Trust to Sabin G. Howard and Traci L. Slotton for \$1,495,000; and property at Fuller Mountain Road from the Estrella R. Krish and Robert G. Krish Living Trust to Suzette Avila Berkey and the Robert P. Berkey revocable trust for \$100,000; and property at Fuller Mountain Road from the Bank of New York Mellon to John Davin Tower for \$78,750.

June 15, property at Segar Mountain Road from Ryan J. Carr and Barbara Lee Carr to Trisha Bailey for \$220,000.

June 23, property at Studio Hill Road from U.S. Bank Trust NA to Kenneth Deitz for \$349,000.

June 26, property at Kent Cornwall Road from Fifth Third Bank NA to Halsted Lovig for \$229,500.

June 29, property at Stone Fences Lane from Joan Poust to Stefanie F. Handsman and Michael Handsman for \$595,000.

July 1, property at Weanting Lane from Patrick R. Howell and Jordan Iovino to Daniel Lago and Megan Lago for \$70,000; and property at Gorham Road from Sahara Property Management LLC to Mark Misercola and Nancy Misercola for \$39,900; and property at Gorham Road from Carter McCook Smith and Ana Gilligan to Christopher Munro and Anna Munro for \$1,900,000.

July 1, property at Segar Mountain Road from John D. Sparks and Adrienne Sparks to Jack Campbell Grayson and Olivia Angela Burca for \$285,000.

July 9, property at Yuza Mini Lane from Grace Van Akin and Robert P. Van Akin to Carter McCook Smith and Ana Gilligan for \$260,000.

July 15, property at Kent Road from Edward B. Brown and Alice D. Brown to Erika D. Kessel for \$800,000; and property at Cobble Heights from Mohamad Alafchi and Zahra Fazeli to David Bither and Elizabeth Bailey

for \$465,000.

Salisbury

Jan. 2, property at 6 Mount Tom Road from Samuel Kellner and Judith Kellner to Luke G. Delabruere for \$290,000.

Jan. 10, property at 21 Fowler St. from Sarah P. Virden to Betty W. Siegenthaler to John C. Siegenthaler for \$155,000.

Jan. 13, property at 22 Ledgewood Drive from Sandra Buonanno Riddle and Annalise Buonnano Curtin to Sam D. Bielawski and Jaclyn C. Peterson for \$322,000.

Jan. 23, 2.4 acres from Habitat For Humanity of Northwest Connecticut Inc. to Clelia Danunzio et al. for \$10,000.

Jan. 28, property at 75 Washinee Heights Road from Marjorie Palmer and Thomas R. Connors to Donald M. Ronchi and Jane A. Ross for \$1,450,000.

Feb. 10, property at 16 Woodland Circle from Eric Hunt to Norma Castellano and Michelle Castellano for \$272,000; and property at 46 Undermountain Road from Evan Cooper to Tamara Muruetagoiena and Victor Rodriguez for \$420,000.

Feb. 13, property at 29 Mount ain Greenery Lane from the Lee Henry Janssen and Miriam Dale Revocable Trust DTD to John G. O'Connell and Julianne O'Connell for \$860,000.

Feb. 18, property at 27 Millerton Road from the Berel Held Revocable Living Trust to Adam Samuel Vardy and Erica May Thompson for \$495,000.

Feb. 24, property at 32 Taconic Road from the Daniel Lee and Suzanne Lee Living Trust to Joshua M. Doyle and Liana S. Doyle for \$740,000.

Feb. 26, property at 510 Route 7 from Carolyn Iu to Auray Delbert for \$2,698.

March 3, property at 30 Ethan Allen St. from James J. Sutton and Deborah M. Sutton to Elizabeth Stucke and Maurice Stucke for \$621,125.

March 20, property at 15 Chatfield Drive from Linda Joan McGarrity to Kevin J. Gay and Hilary R. Gay for \$279,500; and property at 471 Lime Rock Road from Marsden Epworth and An-

thony Epworth to Theresa Digiacomo for \$134,691.

March 31, property at 121 Lime Rock Road from Harbesco Inc. to Peter W. Greenough and Christine S. Bates for \$900,000.

March 31, property at 84 Main St. from Dana J. Rohn to Robert Highsmith and Stefanie Brechbuehler for \$865,000; and property at 32 Pettee St. from Alexis L. Brooks and Michael D. O'Connor to Rubik One LLC for \$250,000; and property at 300 Indian Mountain Road from Roger W. Elwood to Alicia Flaum and Ronald Flaum for \$1,200,000.

April 1, property at 49 Canterbury Lane from Garret B. Hannegan and David W. Hannegan Jr. to Jonathan Bender and Julia Glade Bender for \$1,330,000.

April 6, property at 24 Lawson Road from Lucy S. Destefano and Christopher R. Destefano to the Goodman Davis 2008 Family Trust for \$375,000.

April 8, property at 19 Echo St. from James F. Kennedy and Sheryl R. Kennedy to Steven Alquesta and Mollee Alquesta for \$232,500.

April 13, property at 31 Robin Hill Lane from Garrett Richardson to John Brent Shriver and Beth Meehan for \$425,000.

April 17, property at 178 South Shore Road from the Prestele Trust to Joseph P. Malham for \$337,333; and property at 178 South Shore Road from Mary E. Monnier et al. to Joseph P. Malham for \$674,667.

April 23, property at 36 Rocky Lane from Douglas M. Tween and Suzanne J. Tween to Boyce A. Billingsley for \$659,000.

April 27, property at 26 Lincoln City Road from the estate of Anne P. Stewart-Fitzroy to Matthew Woloszyn and Sara Woloszyn for \$330,000.

May 1, property at 111 Main St. from Mark K. Schmidt and Maria F. Schmidt to Alastair Borthwick and Jeanine Borthwick for \$1,575,000.

May 6, property at 181 Interlaken Road from Robert Haswell and Sally Markham to 181 Interlaken LLC for \$2,600,000; and property at 277 Twin Lakes Road from James C. Whitney

Trust and John Moore Davison Crossey Trust to Gilman Kimberly Trust and Jeffrey Gelfand long-term Trust for \$226,250.

May 7, property at 85 and 85A Sugar Hill Road from Barbara Mintz to Carl Andrew Gerlach for \$3,750,000.

May 12, property at 57 Sharon Road from the estate of Annette Hunt to Roger Crain and Margaret Crain for \$410,000.

May 22, property at 25 Ledgewood Road from Pierce Kearney to Gregory Pier and Lindsay Gillian Harding for \$315,000.

May 29, property at 17 Main St. from Salisbury Square LLC to Hemlock Hill Properties LLC for \$295,000.

June 2, property at 29 Sunrise Ridge Lane from Philip Mooser to Jonathan M. Capecelatro and Laleah L. Adams for \$330,000.

June 3, property at 168 Taconic Road from Anthony J. Francoline and Lelee Brandt to Margaret Degaray for \$3,250,000.

June 4, property at 44 Walton St. from the Williams Family Trust to Garrett Foley and Megan Williams for \$270,000.

June 5, property at 89 Robin Hill Lane from the estate of Barbara Roth to EJ Home LLC for \$525,000.

June 8, property at Lot 2 Taconic Road from Sydney L. Paine to Kathleen A. Devaney and Christopher Lancto for \$500,000; and property at 232 Indian Mountain Road from the John R. Chandler Jr. Living Trust and Kristina S. Chandler to John Harold Willey and Frederick Scott Aronstein for \$675,000.

June 12, property at 87 Canaan Road Unit 4C from Mary M. Arnold to Anne C. Granfield and Elizabeth J. Granfield for \$480,000.

June 15, property at 210 Between the Lakes Road from Karl Huber and Carol Huber to Brian McDevitt for \$1,115,000.

June 16, property at 3 Upland Meadow Road from the U.S. Bank Trust National Association Trust and Chalet Series III Trust to Belter Properties LLC for \$247,500.



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OBITUARIES

Clarence A. Hoysradt

DOVER PLAINS — Clarence A. Hoysradt, 86, a long-time resident of Dover Plains, passed away on July 19, 2020, at Sharon Hospital.

Mr. Hoysradt was an operating engineer at Amenia Sand and Gravel in Amenia and later worked at Andren and J&J Lumber, both in Dover Plains.

Born on July 23, 1933, in Ancram, N.Y., he was the son of the late Della (Selfridge) and Russell Hoysradt.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On Feb. 4, 1961, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Dover Plains, he married Madalena Pozza, who predeceased him on Jan. 6, 2010.

Mr. Hoysradt was a life member and past assistant chief and deputy chief of the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company in Dover Plains. He was also a member of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Royal Order of the Red Vest. He was a life member of the American Legion Post #178 in Millerton and an auxiliary member of VFW Post #5444 in Amenia.

Mr. Hoysradt was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a life member of the Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun Club in

Dover Plains.

He was also an avid NASCAR fan.

He is survived by a daughter, Cindy McEnroe and her husband, Jack, of Amenia; two sons, Thomas Westcott and his wife, Lisa, of Dover Plains and Nicola Hoysradt and his wife, Virginia, of Dover Plains; a

sister, Elanor Travis of Amenia; six grandchildren, Aimee Bock and her husband, Charles, of Millerton, Kim McEnroe of Prescott, Ariz., Lauren Ruark of Poughkeepsie and Brooke and Jacob Westcott of Dover Plains; three great-grandchildren, Derric Bock of Millerton, Carlee Bock and her fiancé, Cody Barrett, of Wassaic and Camron Savoy of Poughkeepsie; and two great-great-grandchildren, Carter Barrett and Payslee Barrett.

Arrangements were under the care of the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. Graveside services and burial were held July 24 at St. Charles Cemetery in Dover Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post #178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Joan G. Kiernan

MILLERTON — Joan G. Kiernan, 63, a loving wife and dear sister, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, following a brief illness.

Funeral services are private and at the convenience of the

family.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Bryant R. Killmer

MILLERTON — Bryant R. Killmer, loving father, grandfather and United States Army veteran, died Friday, July 24, 2020, at his home in Millerton. Go to the funeral home website at www.conklinfuneralhome.com to view the obituary and service information.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin

Funeral Home in Millerton.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Burial will take place privately at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton with standard Military Honors. A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

Charlotte (Wiegand) Wright

SHARON — Charlotte (Wiegand) Wright, 97, died in Winter Park, Fla., on July 9, 2020.

She was born in Baltimore, Md., on Aug. 18, 1922, and was predeceased by her parents, Helen Hattie (Retowsky) and Charles List Wiegand; and two brothers, Dudley and Robert.

She married Philip James Wright of Kokomo, Ind., in December 1943, after meeting him at a USO dance at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. They married in Atlanta and were grateful during war time to have their mothers attend.

Shortly thereafter, Philip shipped out to serve in World War II in England and France. In the late 1940s they moved to New York City, where they lived before relocating to Long Island, first in Levittown and in 1955, to Farmingdale. Charlotte's sons were born in 1952 (James) and 1954 (Richard).

She decided to attend college starting in the late 1950s, graduating in 1962 in the second class of Stony Brook University. She went on to a rewarding career as an English teacher at Walt Whitman High School in South Huntington, N.Y.

She earned her master's degree from Columbia University. Charlotte loved to travel, read, sew, listen to Eartha Kitt and most of all to ballroom dance. Once she and Philip moved to Winter Park, they were members and leaders of a number of cotillions.

Philip died in June 2009.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Jim and his wife, Ann Dean, and Richard and his wife, Tara Dolan; two grandchildren, James IV and Allison, and their spouses, Katy Peterson and Matt Seren; and three great-grandchildren, Maeve and Elliot Wright, and Toby Seren.

Charlotte and her husband spent summers and Christmas holidays in Amenia Union with their son, Jim, and his family.

Deepest thanks to the Mayflower Retirement Center where she lived for the last 20 years.

Donations in her memory are most welcome: the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, www.alzinfo.org/donate/donation_form.

Burial will be at The Columbarium at the Historic Sharon Burying Ground.

Frances Hardwell (Gibby) Roberts

SHARON — Frances Hardwell (Gibby) Roberts died May 23, 2020, at the age of 77.

Fran was born on March 16, 1943, the daughter of William Foote Gibby and Florence Hardwell Gibby. Her father was a mechanical engineer and the inventor of a patent for industrial dust collection in air pollution control at the Pangborn Corporation in Maryland.

The family lived in Berkeley Heights, N.J., until 1956 and then in Hagerstown, Md.

She attended the National Cathedral School, graduating in 1961.

Fran graduated from Hollins College in 1965, where she majored in art history.

After graduation she moved to New York City and worked in the Trust Department of Manufacturer's Hanover. It was there she met Dick Roberts, and they married on June 10, 1967.

Fran worked at Citibank in portfolio management after her marriage and studied at the Graduate School of Business at NYU. She and Dick bought their house in Sharon in 1971 and became full-time residents here in 1994.

Fran loved art and travel, and she and Dick often accompanied his Yale classmates and her Hollins friends to distant places, touring museums, cathedrals, castles and temples. Fran created beautiful scrapbooks of each trip she and Dick took, matching her photographs to captions that summarized the historical background of the place and adding her own observations.

In Sharon she loved to swim and garden and she was active in the Sharon Land Trust, the Sharon Historical Society and Museum, the Hotchkiss Library and the Sharon Country Club.

Fran was an elegant and creative woman who was adored by many but especially by her husband of 50 years, whom she deeply mourned upon his death in 2017.

Fran is survived by her brother, William M. Gibby; two stepchildren, Dorothy Roberts and Barbara Hodgson; and three step-grandchildren, Anissa Belal Roberts, Nora Belal and Nacera Belal.

She did not wish to have a memorial service but memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Land Trust.



Theresa Jane Thompson

AMENIA — Theresa J. Thompson, 88, a longtime resident of Amenia, passed away on July 25, 2020, at Noble Horizons.

Mrs. Thompson was a secretary at the Wassaic developmental center.

She was a longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia.

Born on Oct. 15, 1931, in Yonkers, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Agnes R. (Walsh) and John F. Mahoney.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her son, Ross H. Fleury Jr., and his wife, Dena VanVoorhis, of Sharon; a daughter, Renee M. Sartori and her husband, Thomas, of Lakeville; a sister, Mary Ellen Proper of Amenia; three grandchildren, Sierra Fleury and Gabrielle and Landon Sar-

tori; several great-grandchildren; a nephew, Raymond Proper Jr. of Amenia; and a niece, Barbara Cummings and her family, of Jackson Beach, Fla.

A memorial Mass will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, at Immaculate Conception Church on Lavelle Road in Amenia, the Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating.

Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial donations may be made to Smilow Cancer Hospital, P.O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508-9979 or Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.



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Peter Hill

SHARON — Peter Hill, 63, of Sharon, died July 21, 2020, at home surrounded by his family after a 9-month battle with brain cancer.

Peter was born in New York City to parents Muriel and Daniel Hill. He grew up in Weston, Conn., and graduated from Philadelphia College of Art and Yale University of Art.

Peter was the loving husband and business partner of 34 years to Tara Cafiero. The two ran the clock company Pink Cloud Gallery out of their studio in Sharon.

Peter was a devoted father to their three children, who survive him: Melia Hill of Salisbury, Danielle Hill of Asheville, N.C., and Elias Hill of Sharon. He is also survived by his wife, Tara Cafiero of Sharon; and his brothers, Robert Hill of Portland, Ore., and Brad Hill of Washington, D.C.

Of all the creative projects Peter developed from his vast collection of building constructions, paintings, sculptures, furniture and stained glass, he


most enjoyed slowly building out a camp in northern Maine on a tidal river. Over the years he enjoyed the quiet natural beauty the wilderness provided, enriching his imagination for the rest of his years to come.

Peter will forever be remembered for his quick wit and willingness to talk for hours on end about all manner of disciplines, from carpentry and building techniques to art and computer technology.

Due to the current COVID-19 protocols a memorial service/art show will be planned when we can all gather safely in the coming year.

If anyone has a memorable Peter story they would like to share with the family they are invited to email it to mail@pinkcloud.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to Eli's college fund payable to: CHET (Connecticut Higher Education Trust), P.O. Box 219125, Kansas City, MO 64121-9125 memo: acct 4228048.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our new world

Reinventing our society while avoiding the coronavirus

When the state of Connecticut first shut down in the middle of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of us, it seems reasonable to assume, believed it would be for a couple of weeks or so. But the time has gone by with all of us facing challenges we could not have foreseen, scrambling to find ways to fill in for lost personal or business revenues, through government support whenever possible. Now the original finance support legislation's funds are starting to expire, such as the \$600 federal unemployment for individuals or the PPP loans taken out by small businesses. Yet still, we have not seen the end of the spread of the coronavirus nor any preventive treatment or vaccine that will dramatically change the picture in the near term. What happens now?

It's as if we need to reinvent our society on the fly. There's not much point in arguing about whether it had to be this way, as other countries have escaped the high spread rate the United States has experienced. Those who need to decide how to operate in the moment must do so with conditions as they are. Though of course it would be better if our national leaders could have come up with a carefully coordinated pandemic plan and applied it across all the states. Until that happens, we must deal with things the best we can.

Some of those most challenged by this situation are our public school professionals, who have had precious little time and shifting and contradictory guidance from national leaders to consider as they made their plans. But, we have been lucky to be in Connecticut so far, as our governor has been responsible and strong in requiring the wearing of face coverings and social distancing for months, keeping the spread of the disease contained here. Gov. Ned Lamont also released loose guidelines for educators to use in planning to open schools for the next semester, from which individual school districts, and even individual schools, are now formulating their plans for opening.

Region One's planning, as described by Senior Reporter Patrick Sullivan on last week's Lakeville Journal front page, has three stages of operation laid out that can be used depending on the current state of COVID-19 spread. Region One Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter and the reopening committee of more than 40 people have taken on this critical responsibility. The committee has representatives from all facets of the community and they have come up with the options for all to work with depending on how the virus behaves as the state steadily increases social interaction.

The Region One plans should be reassuring, we hope, to both parents and students, as they are well-thought-out and clearly put the health of all those who learn, teach and work within our school buildings first. This is the way it must be with every part of our society as things cautiously open, then perhaps close, then open again, depending on increased numbers of COVID-19 cases as steps are taken to reopen.

All of us need to be hyperaware of our own needs, as well as those of our neighbors and coworkers, as we continue to wait for an available vaccine or cure. Here's hoping Connecticut can continue to keep the coronavirus in check, using well-defined measures of mask wearing, excellent hygiene and distancing. If we can, we may be able to keep schools open and look at reopening even more businesses in the next weeks and months without another spike of the disease.

Our wish to our readers during this vast upheaval is that you stay well and keep in touch with those around you as possible and responsible in a physically distanced world. Try to avoid being too isolated and take the opportunities for connection as you find them. We at The Lakeville Journal are here, and plan to remain so, to provide useful information and the opportunity for open communication for all of you.

We need champions for reproductive justice

When it comes to the topic of health care, most of us will readily agree that everyone has the right to comprehensive access. Where the debate begins, however, is how to ensure this access. Health-care systems around the world are crumbling under the pressure of the pandemic, highlighting the tangible barriers that were already in place preventing women from accessing treatment of any kind.

Time and time again, President Donald Trump has made it clear he doesn't respect the lives of women and girls. His dangerous Global Gag Rule makes it even harder for people in developing countries to access family planning, barring organizations from receiving desperately needed U.S. reproductive health funding if they so much as mention the word abortion.

This chokehold on funding has forced clinics abroad to close and cut off access to essential reproductive health care, causing life-threatening consequences.

This is unacceptable. Fortunately, we have a solution. The #Fight4HER Campaign is fighting to pass the Global Health, Empowerment, and Rights Act, or the Global HER Act. This piece of legislation would permanently repeal Trump's Global Gag Rule and restore funding to health-care organizations all over the world.

Our biggest opposition comes from Trump and his supporters in Congress. Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal must stand up for women and families and support this bill.

For the safety of all people around the world, especially women, we must demand the immediate repeal of Trump's Global Gag Rule.

Claire Foley

West Cornwall

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A hummingbird moth at work. Or play?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The USA is in trouble

Donald Trump's presidency has consistently weaponized racism and white supremacy to gain his objectives. He stirs up division because he firmly believes this is the key to winning a second presidential term. By taking a stance against cultural change, he can fuel anger in his base, who believe our country is "going to hell" because of liberals and minorities.

In all reality, Donald Trump doesn't believe or care about anything but his own profit and power. He has proven he is willing to do anything to win, no matter the consequences. His abuse of power is blatant, as shown in Portland, Ore. Militarized federal agents with weapons took a peaceful protest off the street and shove him in an unmarked van while releasing tear gas! The United States is a democracy, not a dictatorship.

Donald Trump's toxic attitude toward Dr. Anthony Fauci, a voice of reason during this deadly pandemic, is incomprehensible. Dr. Fauci is trying to save lives, while Donald Trump has proven again that, to him, human lives are expendable. He refused to wear a mask for months, and ridiculed those who did, while encouraging people to believe that COVID-19 will "just disappear." Worst of all, his recommendations of treatments, such as drinking lethal cleaning products, boggles the mind. Yet, Donald Trump's long line of sycophants stand behind him, nodding their heads in unison to curry favor with this mob boss of a president.

Does Mr. Trump really have a message for Americans other than his lying misinformation and political shape-shifting? If he does, it is "Bring back the 1950s

and the Good Old Boys' Club" where certain white men ruled with an iron hand and crushed any resistance.

Donald Trump is a serious threat to American democracy. He is an arbitrary and unhinged man, which is clear from the erosion of democracy during his presidency. From the Russian debacle, the vanity Wall he touts, attacks on transgenders, gays and minorities, to ignoring the Constitution, this erratic, malicious, ignorant liar leaves carnage wherever he goes, and that's unacceptable.

The United States is in trouble and unless Donald Trump is voted out, another four years with him at the helm will most certainly be the ruination of our country.

Gretchen Gordon

Sharon

Thanks for helping dedicated kayakers

We would like to express our thanks to the young men who are teaching sailing at the Town Grove in Lakeville: Landon, Nathan, Zim, Jacob and Wade. Each week they graciously move our kayaks from the racks into the lake and then back into the racks when we finish our paddling excursion.

Fifteen years ago when we started to kayak

at Lake Wononscopomuc, it was easier to move the kayaks around. But time takes its toll and we sincerely appreciate the assistance of these fine young men.

Debra Frank, Kathy Weigel and Barbara Zimmerman

Lakeville

An American tragedy is upon us now

What we are experiencing now in our country is not only a failure of a presidency but an American tragedy. Where an administration that governs a nation of immigrants seeks to wall out immigrants. Where a nation with a history of helping free Europe and then rebuild it after WWII has now proclaimed nations in poverty and turmoil to be less than garbage. Where statues of traitors to this country

are defended. Where denial of science is national policy. Where mention of "the common good" as stated in our Constitution is perverted by campaign rhetoric into "a socialist menace". Where divisiveness is a re-election strategy. Where "law and order" fear mongering is shouted out at the very top of our government. Where "We the People" are branded anarchists. Where corporations have the rights of

citizens and citizens are killed for being Black. Where the undocumented living side by side us are declared to be less than people and uncounted in our national census. Where a virus can sweep the nation and our president fails to even mandate mask wearing. Where an executive order can remove environmental safeguards that protected people but now fast track projects. Where selfishness, jealousy, avarice and deceit speak truth to millions while facts are ignored and denigrated. Where a once shining example to the world has become a shadow of what it was at the hands of the Trump administration.

Bernard Re, Jr.

North Canaan

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Viewpoint

Democrats missing in Trump's Garden of Heroes

Preoccupied as we are with a worldwide plague and an economic collapse, we the people have so far managed to contain our enthusiasm for President Trump's planned statuary park for American heroes.

Maybe some of us, busy with Zoom cookouts over the Fourth of July weekend, missed the Trump announcement at Mount Rushmore. Then again, maybe others were not happy that the President picked all 31 heroes to be statued in the park by himself and didn't give lesser historians a shot.

Some might even conclude he picked a park of his own heroes, probably because Billy Graham and Antonin Scalia aren't the first names that come to mind when looking for the 31 greatest Americans.

But, I ask you, if Donald Trump doesn't know a hero when he sees one, who does? Just ask him.

It is, admittedly, a rather heroic list the president has put forth, a mix of explorers, athletes, aviators, politicians, soldiers, astronauts and other exemplars. Four heroes are Black and 27 are white. But it's also largely a list compiled from the American history we learned in elementary school.

Trump's presidents are mostly from the beginning — Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison — plus two more: Lincoln from the 19th century and Reagan in the 20th. Scalia's the only Supreme Court justice, Graham's the only clergyman and Betsy Ross is the only sewer of the flag.

There's Daniel Boone and Davy, Davy Crockett, the Wright Brothers and Black icons like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr. Dolley Madison's the only first lady, presumably because she was saved George Washington's portrait when the British burned the White House and Eleanor Roosevelt didn't. Mark Twain didn't make the cut, nor Walt Whitman; the only writer is Harriet Beecher Stowe. We're lucky he didn't pick Margaret Mitchell.

There are two Medal of Honor winners, Joshua Chamberlain from the Civil War and Audie Murphy from World War II, and two generals, who might cause arguments.

George Patton was the colorful World War II general who rushed across the Rhine so fast, he had to stop and wait for his supplies. But his character was on unpleasant display when he slapped two soldiers who were being treated for what was then called battle fatigue and screamed that they were cowards. General Eisenhower made him apologize to his entire army.

A hero of two wars, Douglas MacArthur let his ego get the better of him in the Korean War when President Truman had to fire him for insubordination. Truman, by the way, would be a prime candidate for any garden of American heroes but he'd probably be uncomfortable with MacArthur, whom he fired "because he wouldn't respect the authority of the President. I didn't fire him because he was a dumb son of a bitch, although he was," Truman later explained, "but that's not against the law for generals."

Truman isn't the only Democrat missing from Trump's garden; all of them are. There are Federalists, Democratic-Republicans, two Republicans and a Whig, but no Democrats. This is obviously an oversight, which will be corrected when the next garden crop is sewn.

We are told the next crop will also consider more "advocates for the poor and disadvantaged" and "authors, intellectuals, scientists and teachers," but no Native Americans. Trump's executive order for the park calls for only statues of American citizens or noncitizens

IF YOU ASK ME

DICK AHLES

who "lived prior to the American Revolution but who made substantive historical contributions to the discovery, development or independence of the future United States." In other words, no American Indians need apply.

Meanwhile, our history-loving president is being far more tolerant of another group, who, like Native Americans, was not exactly composed of defenders of freedom for the American Union: the 10 Confederate generals who have U.S. Army posts named for them.

In addition to having been traitors, taking up arms against their country, these 10 have one other quality in common that should worry Trump, if betrayal isn't enough: They're all losers. But for now, he's fighting valiantly for these traitors and losers because the people in their Southern towns, a.k.a. his base, admire them.

Finally, the president wants his statues to be classical in design, none of this modernist or abstract stuff. And he wants the same rule to apply to federal buildings. Not to make comparisons, but I can't think of another national government that so vociferously attacked "decadent" art, except of course, the Third Reich.

Just saying.

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A modest economic proposal II: Unions and dues

THE LONG VIEW

TOM SHACHTMAN

If your employment requires you to be a union member, it seems logical that you should be able to deduct your union dues from your income taxes, doesn't it?

In unionized businesses, whether "open" or "closed" shops, employees pay such dues. For the 1.4 million Teamsters in the U.S. and Canada, for example, the going dues rate is 2.5% of the hourly wage. On the union's website, the Teamsters figure that at a pay rate of \$20 an hour, a member's monthly dues would be \$50, or \$600 a year.

In the U.S., the average union member pays \$400 per year in dues. These dues, however, are no longer deductible for unionized employees. This is mandated by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, whose provisions will be in force through 2025. The supposed rationale for doing away with such deductions was the raising of the "standard deduction" for individuals to \$12,400 per year and \$24,800 for couples, so that it could cover many smaller expenses. Also done away with was the deductibility for employees of home office expenses, legal fees, licenses and regulatory fees, expenses incurred in the process of being an educator, etc.

But for me as a freelancer, the owner of a "sole proprietorship," such union dues are still deductible on my Schedule C of the federal form. So are legal expenses connected with the business and so are part of my home expenses for areas used solely for my work, and so are the fees I pay for licenses to use images in my next book.

I pay union dues to the Writers Guild of America, as I have for over 50 years. It is a union made up of people who write for film, television and other visual media. Actually, you can't really work as a writer in the visual media unless you are a member. No WGA card (or intent to get a card), and the "signatories" to the WGA contracts, which include almost all legit producers, cannot hire you. The more

"covered" work I do in that field, the more I owe the WGA; and I even owe a minimum in dues if I'm not working in the field at any given moment. Such dues are a regular business expense for me, so I deduct them from my profit and loss sheet.

But isn't a Teamster's dues payment equally necessary for him or her, so they can continue to be employed in their field? Of course it is — which

is why it was deductible for decades prior to 2017. Which means to me that making the union dues not deductible was a deliberate attempt to punish unions and union members. It was part of an administration-wide push to get rid of unions, which have traditionally (though not always) voted for the Democratic Party. By the way, in 2016 the Teamsters as a union endorsed Hillary Clinton, although many of its members voted for Donald Trump, whom Teamsters' leader James Hoffa referred to as "no friend to working Americans." One of Trump's first unfriendly-to-working-Americans acts as president was to axe the deductibility of union dues.

There is a simple fix for this economic unfairness: Allow union members to deduct their dues payments on the first page of their tax returns, separately from the standard deduction.

Let's do some figuring. About 140 million Americans file tax returns each year, and pay \$1.4 trillion in individual federal taxes on their "adjusted gross incomes" of \$10.2 trillion. Multiplying total U.S. union membership of 14 million people by the average dues of \$400 per year yields \$5.6 billion dollars. If taxes on union members' incomes are being paid at the rate of 20% — close to the average net federal tax rate for workers earning \$20 to \$35 an hour, which is the range for most unionized workers — we're talking about \$1.1 billion in lost income to the federal government if it once again allows unionized employees to deduct their dues payments. "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking big money," said the late Senator Everett Dirksen in the early 1960s, regarding federal spending. And that was before the federal budget had added an extra zero or two. In other words, a billion is chump change.

That is to assert that if every unionized employee could deduct their dues payments from their "adjusted gross incomes," the resulting loss in income to the federal government would be almost inconsequential to the government. But such a deduction would have important benefits for union members: It would restore a bit of buying power to unionized employees, and it would restore their dignity, by having their government officially consider their dues as legitimate a business expense for them as it is for us freelancers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mohawk Trail part of the proposed housing equation

A few yards. That is the distance between The Mohawk Trail and the five-building, 16-unit, 29-bedroom housing project under consideration in Falls Village. With the permission of Habitat for Humanity, I am more than happy to walk with anyone from River Road up to the trail. Or we can easily access the trail from the property of the adjacent landowner who has given me permission to access the Mohawk from his house. The entire section of the Mohawk Trail from Music Mountain Road to Johnson Road is spectacular with a lovely view from Lookout Point but it is rugged in parts so not accessible to all who might be interested.

A locator map for the Mohawk Trail was omitted from the original Incentive Housing Zone application. In fact, the application failed to indicate the presence of The Mohawk Trail on this property in

any way. It is a requirement of a properly executed application that a public use of the land be noted.

It is possible that the consultant who filled out the application was unaware of the presence of the trail on the property or unaware that this section of the trail cuts very close to the road because of the very steep slope behind it. A properly warned hearing would have allowed for the vital input of townspeople who could have educated out-of-town consultants about the local land.

I am heartened that people finally seem to be asking questions about this proposed development and I thank The Lakeville Journal for giving everyone a forum for discussion.

Furthermore, I do want to state clearly that I support Affordable Housing in the Smart Growth district of our town. To build housing that is literally on the wrong side of the tracks is not the right way to welcome new people into our community.

Laura Werntz

Falls Village

Too much like the Gestapo

Those who lived through World War II Are now living it anew The similarities of the two leaders And their idiotic believers One had Gestapo the other Ice

Both are evil to be precise And ego driven rallies were the rage Of both strutting on the stage

For the life of me, I don't know How to rid us of this woe Hopefully the voting booth Will rid us of this "stable" uncouth And normality can return Of this day, I do yearn.

Michael C. Kahler

Lakeville

Safety and inclusion

I commend the statements made in last week's Lakeville Journal by Selectmen Henry Todd (Canaan/Falls Village) and Curtis Rand (Salisbury) as well as our senator, Craig Miner (R-30) and representative, Maria Horn (D-64).

Bilingual signage, both way-finding as well as prohibitive and warning, is an important first step. It sends a clear message to all the visitors to the Falls that we are a welcoming community. It's a recognition that we anticipate and accommodate the needs of non-English speaking visitors. Access to rivers, lakes, state parks, and all other properties acquired and/or managed through state and federal agencies is the right of every resident of our state. We are fortunate to have the privilege to live in an area that is rich in natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Over the years, Connecticut has invested significantly (and continues to invest) in protection of open space in the Northwest Corner for the welfare and enjoyment of all.

Senator Miner is correct that the current patchwork of closures and restrictions to accessing state waterfront property results in the over-crowding of areas such as the Falls, which cannot safely manage the growing influx of day trippers. Boulders, gates, guardrails, saw horses, and caution tape are but stop gap measures which send a de-

cededly unwelcoming message.

The recent addition of guardrails (2019) has exacerbated traffic and parking problems on Housatonic River Road, and has scarred one of Salisbury's most scenic roadways. Excluding people is not a long-term remedy, nor is it a socially just solution. We need a management strategy for this unique, fragile, and potentially dangerous natural area that meets the needs of all stakeholders, not a select few.

Michael W. Klemens

Lakeville

The nuclear family is important to children's well-being

To prove their "virtue" many individuals and corporations are screaming their support for and sending money to Black Lives Matter.

Supporters and donors should be aware that the BLM website states "We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure..."

The breakdown of the nuclear family in the last 50 years with children raised in fatherless homes has been the main reason young men, particularly young black men, turn to drugs, crime and violence. It isn't news and it isn't a surprise that children of all races have a far higher chance of having a stable, productive life in two-parent families with a strong father figure.

But BLM denigrates and wants to dismantle the "Western prescribed" nuclear family. The very structure that has been weakened in the past five decades, with disastrous results for members of those families as well as society, is the institution targeted for destruction by BLM.

It would be impossible for the most retrograde

pre-1960 segregationist politician to formulate a policy more certain to condemn generations to poverty and failure than this one touted by Black Lives Matter.

If Black lives really mattered to BLM, instead of spouting on their website about "comrades," "liberation," and other Marxist rhetoric they would demand that public policy support efforts to restore the family.

This point was illustrated by columnist Chris Powell in a recent column when he wrote about the tragedy of 15-year-old Jayson Negron. Abandoned by his family, living on the street, he turned to drugs and stealing cars. He died tragically after a run-in with police.

The point is, fathers matter, families matter in children's lives. As a society we need to work to restore and strengthen the family ASAP.

John Morris

Litchfield



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“COVID-19 has driven home sales outside the city to extremes,” said Goldspiel, who reported getting four offers on a South Kent home listed at \$895,000 that was “just sitting around” for months before the pandemic hit.

“It was a good size, had a pool—and sold in the high \$900s.” Likewise for a property in Morris, Conn., also with a pool, that generated five offers, he said. Listed at \$965,000, the home closed at \$1.2 million.

“I have a home in Warren, on Brick School Road, listed at \$750,000. I put it up Sunday night so that no one would bother me to see it, and I showed it four times on Tuesday, twice yesterday and twice today,” Goldspiel said last Thursday, July 17. “On Saturday I plan to have a block of showings, and most likely will get full price.”

Record-low mortgage interest rates, fueled by the economic turbulence, have also motivated people on a limited budget who may have previously been hesitant to enter the home-buying market, said area Realtors. According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (also known as Freddie Mac), rates during the week ending July 9 reached a record low of 3.03% for a fixed-rate, 30-year loan, which can take hundreds of dollars off a monthly mortgage payment.

A ‘sea change’

The Litchfield County housing market started out strong in January and February of this year, said Morris.

“We were putting things under contract. And then came March,” and with it a surging pandemic, “and the world stopped.”

Within weeks, the rentals dried up, and the housing market exploded.

New Yorkers afraid of contracting the coronavirus fled the city in droves once the city’s lockdown eased, creating what

Graham Klemm, president of Klemm Real Estate, called a “sea change”: an influx of younger, first-time homebuyers with either school-aged children or no children, escaping the city.

Morris mirrored Klemm’s assessment.

“Definitely younger families is what is fueling the trend.” It started, she said, with summer camps and family vacations getting canceled by the quarantine. All of a sudden, houses with swimming pools, big yards and extra space to fit home offices, extended family members and live-in help were in demand.

“Your home is now your oasis,” Goldspiel said.

Another trend the agents noted is that empty-nesters who traditionally sought to downsize to a city apartment or relocate to the sunny southern states have decided to stay put, and not put their house on the market.

And then there are homeowners nearing retirement who may have planned on waiting a few years before selling their homes, but changed their minds.

“Because inventory is so low, it’s a great time to sell and take advantage of the active market. They know there may not be a better time to get a strong offer on the property,” said Morris.

“Even people in the high-end market who were never thinking about selling are reaching out to sell properties now. We, as brokers and Realtors, are thrilled they are adding inventory in the area.”

In many ways, said Klemm, Litchfield County’s housing market is, and has historically been, insulated from economic downturns.

“Even in recessionary times, some people can afford not to sell,” noted Klemm. “Regardless of what’s going on in the rest of the world, Litchfield County always marches to the beat of its own drum. It’s really a micro-market within a market. There is a class here that can afford to do whatever they wish. They are their own decision makers.”

Industry experts say they see

no end in sight to the housing boom, which could strengthen rural communities by adding new students to the schools, new volunteers to town boards and commissions and economic growth.

“While it is a seller’s market, the buyers are thrilled that they get to become a part of our community,” said Morris. “The schools are playing a very strong role. Indian Mountain School in Lakeville has had a record number of applications and acceptances, and the same with Salisbury Central and North Canaan—all the schools benefit from having newer families move to the area.”

Unless the market slows, area real estate agents are likely to be put through their paces over the coming months, if not longer. Buyers, said Morris, have a sense of urgency.

“They are closing faster. Timing is critical—and the houses are much more turn-key. People want to get in and be safe,” and enjoy all the amenities of country living.

Goldspiel, like his peers in the business, is taking it all in stride. He has been spending endless hours on the road, racking up miles while showing properties, attending closings and fielding calls.

“I live in my car,” which is packed with food, water, masks, gloves and disinfectant.

“My passenger seat,” said Goldspiel, “is my COVID seat.”

RESCUE

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press the First Light power company for a management plan for the falls.

He also suggested, as a way to relieve parking pressure, that the picnic and boat launch area on Dugway Road, which is now closed, be reopened for parking and launching boats, but not for picnicking. This would probably require that the picnic tables be removed.

PATROLS

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areas (i.e. pick up your trash).

“The state is opening some inland parks and beaches and the Selectman’s office will request that Kent Falls opens as well. Reminder: if you see any unlawful activity, please call the police.”

The newsletter also thanked town resident Patience Lindholm, “who volunteered to clean up sections of River Road this week, which saw large gatherings and trash left over the weekend. Thanks to Jim Vanicky for taking the trash to the transfer station and to anyone else who volunteered to clean up!”

The announcement that Encon officers and the State Police would begin to patrol state boat launches was sent out the day after the Cornwall newsletter.

Kent Falls remains closed at this point.

In their announcement, the State Police and Encon said, “The area surrounding the [boat] launches are not to be used for picnicking, camping, or swimming; those activities are prohibited at the launches.

“The hot weather, in combination with coronavirus restrictions, have caused an increase in the use of personal watercraft throughout Connecticut. Parking lots at all state-owned boat launches have limited parking. Boaters are urged to safely unload their boats and operate them in a safe manner on the state waterways.

“A reminder from DEEP that the possession and consumption of alcohol is prohibited. There are no trash receptacles at boat launches, so patrons must carry out what they carry in to keep the area free of litter.”

In response to an email query, the State Police said that, “This initiative will be taking place at all state-owned boat launches.”

Mohawk Pond is a state boat launch. For a full list of other state boat launches, go to www.portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boat-Launches/Boat-Launches-in-Connecticut.

REFORM

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decisions. The bill also creates a new process for the state and municipalities to address these issues earlier, before things get to the lawsuit stage.

The bill also does not go into effect until July 2021, and requires the formation of a task force within the Legislature to study the impact and cost of the bill and report back before the law goes into effect.

Asked why qualified immunity needed reform at all, Horn said there were too many examples of “egregious police misconduct that were not actionable.

Therefore, issues were not addressed.”

Horn also said “this is not a ‘defund the police’ bill. It actually adds additional resources.”

Horn said residents of the 64th District, where towns do not have their own police forces and rely on the Connecticut State Police, may not see examples of police misconduct.

But municipalities elsewhere in the state have real problems with police-community interactions.

“What’s happening there is real.”

RIVER

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body was visible in the river.

At the Cellar Hole on Route 7 in Sharon, there were six cars and some people swimming.

Sunday the crowds were larger. Again, starting at 1:30 p.m., the picnic/boat launch area was empty, although one of the sawhorses blocking the parking area was partially knocked over.

From the Appalachian Trail entrance to the junction of Housatonic River Road and Sugar Hill Road, there were 10 cars parked wherever the drivers could find a plausible space. Halfway between the bottom of the hill and Sugar Hill Road a state trooper was parked, and seemed to be having a conversation with a family group.

North of Sugar Hill Road, there were 15 cars parked on both sides of Housatonic River Road, and people were making their way down the hill with coolers and other picnic supplies.

On the Falls Village side, the area next to the bridge held seven cars and two motorcycles. Downtown, there was a van with a trailer carrying kayaks.

Downstream at the Cellar Hole there was a large group of picnickers and swimmers, with 16 cars shoehorned into

the small lot. There was music, cookouts were in progress, and someone set up a tent next to the parked cars on the south side of the lot.

In the park, there were four pop-up tents with picnics in progress and a total of 19 cars. One angler, despite the heat and high water temperatures, was spotted donning waders prior to setting out. A state park employee, who declined to speak on the record, was keeping an eye on things.

The Bend had five cars, including two anglers in waders, but no swimmers.

At the Abutments, the next named fishing access point downstream from Push ‘Em Up, there were five cars crammed into a space that normally accommodates at most three vehicles. A family had set up a charcoal grill on the rocky bank and were swimming and playing with inflatable devices.

There were 11 cars at Push ‘Em Up, spilling out of the designated parking area and there was music, cooking, swimming.

Back by the falls, at 2:45 p.m. the area next to the bridge on the Falls Village side now held about 20 cars, with a couple leaving and a couple arriving. People could be seen, from the bridge, in the water at Furnace Rock upstream, despite a vigorous flow.

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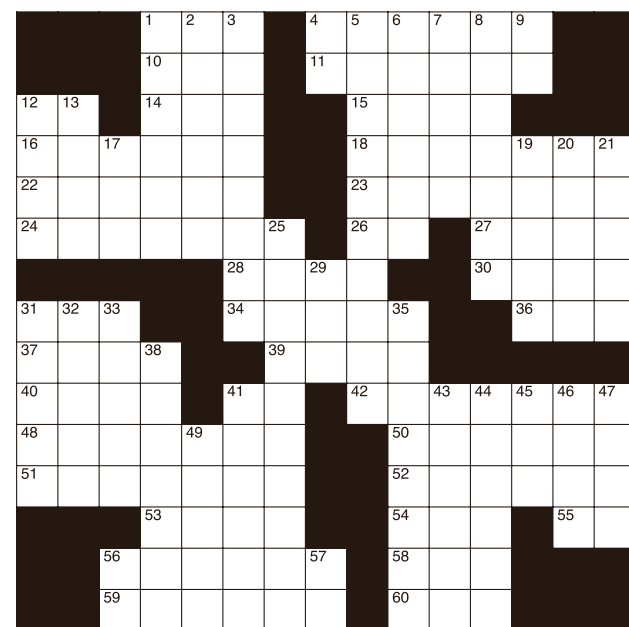
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CLUES ACROSS

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4. Military action
10. How electricity gets to train carriages (abbr.)
11. Unsafe
12. Of (French)
14. Autonomic nervous system
15. Type of bean
16. Accuse formally of a crime
18. Promote
22. Type of lava
23. Meat from a deer
24. Herbaceous plants
26. Potato state
27. Helsinki neighborhood
28. Sports officials
30. Shout wildly
31. Reptile genus
34. Frocks
36. Born of
37. N. Scandinavian indigenous people
39. Poultry cage
40. Aquatic insect genus
41. Of I
42. Ad __: tirelessly repetitive
48. Item
50. Produce
51. Seedless raisin
52. Bond in a third party’s control
53. Legendary character __ Finn
54. Space station
55. Note at the end of a letter
56. In a way, contradicted
58. Midway between northeast and east
59. Bears important traffic
60. Brooklyn hoopster

CLUES DOWN

1. Presides
2. Artist’s tool
3. On a higher floor
4. Commercial
5. Something to watch
6. Chased
7. Commercial producers
8. Keyboard instrument
9. Blue grass state
12. Phonograph recording
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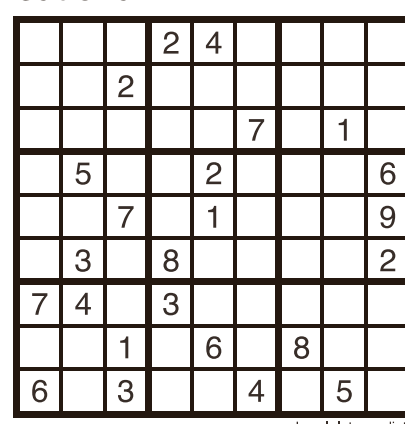
31. Arm bones
32. Korean seafood dish
33. Tap of the foot
35. Astronauts
38. Carolina footballer
41. Indiana city
43. Of or relating to bears
44. Not widely known
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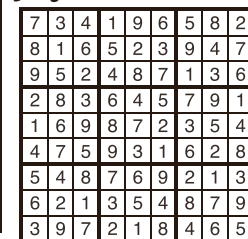
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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Hope and Old Glory in Flag-themed Art Show

Residents of the Tri-state region first met Lauren Was and Adam Eckstrom through their work as the art-creating duo Ghost of a Dream, when they exhibited their work at the Wassaic Project in the hamlet of Wassaic in the town of Amenia, N.Y.

Their work addressed our dreams of love, money and more, in pieces that were usually made of repurposed and sometimes “found” commercial art, specifically items such as the covers of romance novels or discarded lottery tickets.

The couple left New York City several years ago (washed up here in part following floods caused by Hurricane Katrina that destroyed much of their work and much of the ephemera they had gathered) and bought a house in Wassaic. They have a 4-year-old child now, and are continuing to do work on their own and together.

One of Eckstrom’s projects of the past few years has been the ArtForArtists Edition Exchanges. He curates a show, inviting in artists he knows and/or admires. Each artist creates enough iterations of a work of art so there is one exhibition piece; two pieces that can be sold; and one piece for each of the other participating artists.

The story now winds



PHOTO BY THEO COULOMBE

Adam Eckstrom has curated a flag-themed show at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., that includes the works behind him by, from left, Mel Chin, David Scher and DARNstudio.

around to Sharon, Conn., where Theo Coulombe decided that, in 2020, he would invite other artists to curate shows at his gallery, Standard Space on the town Green.

Three shows had been organized; two of them were canceled by the COVID-19 quarantine. Eckstrom’s show was scheduled to open July 3, which coincided nicely with his chosen theme: American flags.

As Connecticut slowly reopens, the show called MESS (or Marker Emblem Symbol Signal) featuring flag-themed

art by 13 artists, is now on display at Standard Space and can be seen by appointment only, in groups of six people or smaller. The show remains open until Aug. 13.

The works are for the most part gently political; they are esthetically pleasing while also making a statement about the divisions in our country.

There is an American flag re-sewn by Mel Chin so that 25 stars are on the right side and 25 are on the left.

Connecticut artists David Anthon and Ron Norsworthy of DARNstudio have a

16-square “quilt,” each square is a flag of “quilted together” matchbooks that were custom made to commemorate the sites of aggressions and atrocities against minorities.

There is also a flag by Ghost of a Dream tucked into a corner in the back, made from money sacks purchased at a Trump casino bankruptcy sale. The red stripes on the bag were augmented with stripes in the colors of the LGBTQ+ flag.

Eckstrom and Was are also working now on a cu-

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MUSIC: FRED BAUMGARTEN

Varied Virtual Concerts from Music Mountain

Like so many arts organizations everywhere, Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., has had to pivot this year to a new way of delivering content virtually, after having to shut down its summer concert season to keep audience members and artists alike safe.

The summer chamber music festival has responded with a continuing series of live-streamed programs, “Live From Music Mountain,” taking place every Sunday at 3 p.m. — the traditional time of Music Mountain’s live chamber concerts.

Artistic and Executive Director Oskar Espina Ruiz produces and hosts the hour-long series, which features fascinating conversations with leading artists from their homes and live performances of the repertoire, as well as taped performances when live ones are impossible (such as when ensembles can’t meet). Many of the musicians were scheduled to play at Music Mountain this summer.

“This has been a wonderful way to keep our audience engaged and coming back,” said Espina-Ruiz. “We’ve been very gratified with the results. More than 120 viewers have joined us

weekly from around the country and the world — places like Mexico, Spain, France, and Argentina — and over 1,000 watch the video replays on our website.”

“Live From Music Mountain” began in June with a program on “Birdsong and Messiaen’s ‘Quartet for the End of Time’” featuring the Horszowski Trio and Fran Zygmunt of the Litchfield Audubon Society. Espina Ruiz and Zygmunt had a lively discussion about birdsong, with taped recordings Zygmunt had made on Music Mountain’s property. It was followed by a recorded performance of the Messiaen quartet, which makes liberal use of birdsong.

Subsequent Sundays saw live performances by renowned pianist Simone Dinnerstein, playing Glass and Schubert, conversation and music with the Ulysses Quartet (the graduate quartet-in-residence at Juilliard), more live piano artistry by Polish-born Magdalena Baczewska, and a program of Penderecki, Kelly-Marie Murphy, Beethoven and Mendelssohn by the Penderecki Quartet, in memory of the recently deceased, groundbreaking Polish composer whose name was chosen by the founding members of the ensemble. Penderecki is perhaps best known for his chilling “Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima,” composed in 1960.

This coming Sunday, Aug. 2, will feature the Verona Quartet. And on Aug. 16, Music Mountain will share a first-ever collaboration with Carnegie Hall in New York City, with a program being put together to celebrate the life of the great pianist Peter Serkin, a beloved Music Mountain regular, who died in February of this year.

Live From Music Mountain can be seen every Sunday at 3 p.m. on Facebook Live, YouTube, and at the website www.musicmountain.org.

Fred Baumgarten is a regular contributor to Compass on music and culture and was formerly The Lakeville Journal’s Nature’s Notebook columnist, with a specialty in birds. He is on the board of Music Mountain.

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The last student to study with classical guitar’s iconic Andres Segovia will perform in a cello-and-guitar concert as part of the Close Encounters with Music series out of Great Barrington, Mass., on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Eliot Fisk is famous not only for his relationship with Segovia but also for his skills as a teacher and performer and for his work in using historic music in innovative

and appealing ways.

He and Close Encounters founder Yehuda Hanani will perform works on guitar and cello by composers including Schubert, Gabriel Fauré, Villa-Lobos and J. S. Bach. The arrangements for most of the pieces are original and were created by the two musicians during the past decade, during which they have performed together across the United States.

Fisk has performed for audiences large and small, from President Bill Clinton to King Juan Carlos of Spain. A graduate of Yale University (where he founded the guitar department at the Yale School of Music after his graduation, in 1977), he

teaches at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Mass., and the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

Hanani studied at Juilliard in New York City and also with Pablo Casals. A native of Jerusalem, Israel, he was brought to the United States by Leonard Bernstein and Isaac Stern after Bernstein saw him perform with the Israel Philharmonic at the age of 19.

Hanani currently serves on the faculty of the Mannes School at the New School in New York City.

Hosted by the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington, the concert will be streamed Aug. 2 live on Facebook; learn more about how to sign up at www.mahaiwe.org.

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BOOKS: SHANE STAMPFLE

'The End of October' Imagines a Pandemic-stricken World

Published in April 2020, Lawrence Wright's novel "The End of October" seems prescient: A new disease advances across the globe, with nations being brought to a standstill.

Wright's prophecies diverge from the coronavirus reality in important — and sometimes reassuring — ways.

The story's hero is Dr. Henry Parsons of the Centers for Disease Control, who is dispatched to Indonesia to investigate an outbreak of kongoli, a deadly new virus. Parsons, in his methodical and analytical nature, is reminiscent of Dr. Anthony Fauci, director

of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Wright, a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine, has written extensively about the Middle East and about the power of ideas, particularly in the sphere of religious dogma. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his 2006 book "The Looming Tower," about the formation of al-Qaida. Influences of his past work are evident in "The End of October." The kongoli virus spreads when millions of pilgrims gather in Mecca for the hajj.

Wright is at his most clairvoyant when imagining the initial response to

the outbreak. As with the coronavirus, leaders obfuscate and are slow to accept the dire circumstances.

The virus is consistently dismissed as the flu — notably by the president of the United States.

Before long, civil society completely breaks down, with major American cities descending into anarchy.

In "The End of October," neighbors turn on one another as supplies become scarce. So far, we all seem to have avoided this kind of community-destroying behavior.

Wright interviewed scientists and government officials for this novel. He complements his fictional prose with lengthy expository sections detailing past pandemics and advancements in epidemiology. While interesting in themselves, they serve no clear purpose until late in the novel, when Par-

sons, attempting to create a vaccine, draws inspiration from a smallpox experiment detailed earlier.

Parsons' attempt to get home to his family, and the repeated setbacks he encounters along the way, are less Homer and more Tom Clancy. He hitches a ride on a submarine, survives a bombing in the Middle East, and nearly drowns in the North Atlantic.

Readers expecting an examination of individuals' response to a plague, as a way of holding a mirror to our own society and times, will be disappointed.

Instead, the outbreak seems like little more than a storytelling device used to tell a quintessential intrigue/thriller story. We turn to novels to make sense of our world, and sometimes to escape it. "The End of October" is, perhaps unfairly, asked to do both.

FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT ...

It's hard to imagine that anyone who loves song, dance and live theater doesn't love "A Chorus Line," which is being performed by Up In One Productions at The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck.

The show opened July 24 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 16. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on The Center's new outdoor stage. Seating is on the grand lawn; bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnics as well as masks and a willingness to be socially distant.

For those who have never

seen or heard it, the show's irresistibly catchy music is by the great, late 20th century composer Marvin Hamlisch, with lyrics by Edward Kleban. The book is by James Kirkwood Jr.

Seventeen dancers (all of whom "really need this job!") try out for a Broadway show and along the way reveal their hopes, dreams and the traumas that helped prepare them for the grueling life of a dancer in a chorus line.

Tickets are \$25; to order and for more information, go to www.centerforperforming-arts.org.

... hope and old glory

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rated video event, in which artists from around the world are making videos of sunrises. In their own work as artists and sculptors, Eckstrom said, "We are definitely curators in the studio as well.

"Our basic rule — of making work about peoples'

hopes and dreams — is vast, and the people are prolific in creating detritus in pursuit of their dreams.

"Recently our projects, and in some ways our curatorial choices, have strayed away from aspirations of money and love toward jus-

tice and equality instead."

To make an appointment to see Marker Emblem Symbol Sign at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., email gallery owner Theo Coulombe at theo@standardspace.net or call him at 917-627-3261.

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Tale To Take Your Mind Off The World's Woes

Books about stolen fiancés and ruined weddings are always popular because, weirdly, these kinds of situations do come up in real life — even or especially when two sisters are involved.

And so "The Wedding Thief," a new novel by Mary Simses, immediately creates that tightening in your chest (if you're a woman, and maybe even if you're a man) as two sisters are dragged together by an overly dramatic mother who wants them to reconcile before Mariel's wedding to Sara's recent ex-lover, Carter: Carter the perfect, Carter the dependable, Carter the wealthy attorney, Carter who seemed like he was

going to Be The One for Sara.

Mariel's wedding is in two weeks. Sara and Mariel have been tricked into gathering at their mother's house in the fictional town of Hampstead, Conn. Complications ensue.

The author says she based the locale loosely on the Connecticut towns of Kent and Litchfield, which she visited often as she was growing up in Darien, on the state's southern shore.

Tired of feeling anxious about politics and viruses? This book is a perfect antidote, offering an opportunity to worry about a conflict that will only change the lives of the fictional characters and not your own.

Mary Simses will talk about "The Wedding Thief" and her Litchfield County experiences during an online interview sponsored by House of Books in Kent on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. To register, go to the bookstore's website at www.houseofbooksct.com or www.crowdcast.io/e/marysimses-2/register.

Health

Beware of wasps in your garden and yard

By Cynthia Hochswender

We spend a lot of time in the Tri-state region thinking about tick bites, and sometimes forget that there are other extremely dangerous insects right outside our homes.

If you have a vegetable garden, the chances are that you have bees and wasps zooming around your plants. It wasn't until recently that I realized that it isn't the bees you really need to worry about (although you do need to worry about them); it's really the wasps, which are much scarier and more aggressive.

I am in the awkward position right now of having a hornet's nest inside one of my garden boxes, which means I can't use hornet spray on them without potentially poisoning my garden. It's possible I'll have to take that box out and replace the whole thing at the end of this growing season anyway, but for now I'm trying ye olde internet solutions.

I can't yet give you a report on how this will work, since I'm just about to embark on this experiment but the short version is I'm using Bob Villa from This Old House's instructions on building a trap out of a 2-liter soda bottle filled with vinegar and sugar. Wish me luck.

Of greater interest is knowing how to handle the sting of a wasp or a bee. The danger with wasps isn't just the individual sting; it's the repetition of multiple stings.

Bees seem to just lash out at you, but their stinger has barbs on it so that, for the most part, they'll sting once and then fly away. When the stinger is pulled out of their body, it takes some of their internal organs with it, which is why the bee will die shortly after it stings you.

Wasps have a smooth stinger that they can use again and again.

They also seem to be more organized in the way they attack

you. They will just randomly sting you if you get in their way or (especially) if you get close to their nests. But they can also organize the other members of their colonies to swarm you if they feel sufficiently threatened — if, for example, you mess with their nest.

Sometimes their nests are visible; they look like honeycombs that are made of paper. Sometimes their nests are underground in a hole in the dirt, or inside of a structure. In my yard, they're in a structure (garden box) that serves as a tunnel to what is no doubt a vast and dangerous underground network of waspy evilness.

One of the websites I researched on wasp avoidance stresses that you should not squash a wasp or it will send out a warning call and an SOS to the other wasps, and they will swarm and attack you.

For balance, I'll note that wasps also do pollinate your plants and they are carnivores and will eat some of the other unpleasant insects that are in your vegetable garden.

Bees as we know are generally beneficial and are excellent pollinators. Just don't step on one or get near its hive.

Based on my internet research, here is what you need to know about protecting yourself from wasp and bee stings. First of all, some stings provoke a potentially fatal anaphylactic response. Any information in this article is only for more modest stings. If you feel dizzy, anxious, sweaty, break out in hives, have trouble breathing, start to cough or have any of about a dozen symptoms, get to the emergency room.

The tips here are for the more common and simply painful and upsetting stings.

The websites for the Johns Hopkins medical school (www.hopkinsmedicine.org) and the Merck Manual (www.merck-manuals.com) stress that the first



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

thing you need to do is take out the stinger, which can continue to inject venom into your body.

Don't use a tweezers or try to pull it out, or you might puncture the venom sack. Instead, use a smooth hard surface such as a credit card, butter knife or even a long fingernail and gently scrape it over your skin.

Once the stinger is out, wash the area with soap and apply a cool compress or ice pack to the sting site. You can take an anti-

histamine such as Benadryl to relieve the itching and some of the pain.

And to help keep the sting site from swelling up, elevate the spot where you were stung if it's possible.

Always, the best thing to do is protect yourself from getting a sting in the first place. Don't wear bright colors or perfumes outdoors and try to stay respectfully out of the way of anything that has a stinger.

Someone to talk to about your COVID-19 fears

By Patrick L. Sullivan

TORRINGTON — You might have seen a post on social media from the McCall Center for Behavioral health in Torrington announcing a new program, COVID-19 Assistance for Community Health (COACH).

And if you call the number given (860-626-9805), you'll speak to Manny Barreto, a crisis counselor.

The COACH program helps people recognize COVID-related stress and manage the emotional toll of the pandemic.

Barreto picked up the phone on Friday, July 24, and provided a rundown of the services the program offers.

He said the main focus is on assessments and interventions, providing information and referrals to people who are in crisis because of the pandemic, and just taking the time to listen.

"Many people don't understand how COVID-19 affects them," he said, even if they don't have the coronavirus.

Seniors in particular are suffering from isolation from family and friends, deaths among family and friends, and from practical difficulties, such as getting to and from appointments, Barreto said.

McCall director Maria Coutant-Skinner said Monday, July 27, that originally the program, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, started out with the goal of addressing the pandemic's impact on nursing home residents and staffers.

Now it has expanded to "anybody in his path," she said, speaking of Barreto.

Barreto said he's been getting between 100 to 150 calls per week in the last two weeks, as word of the COACH program spreads.

He said many people just need someone to talk to.

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Cynthia White Children's Center
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The Hotchkiss School
Cynthia White Children's Center
Lakeville, CT

Substitute Teacher Variable Hours, Non-Benefits Eligible

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