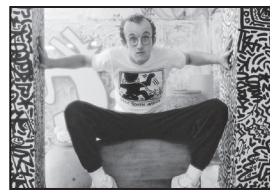


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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Life changes from minute to minute as the Northwest Corner reacts to the virus

Chicken is the new luxury meat in the odd world of COVID-19 in March 2020. Grocery stores in area towns are all sold out of fresh, uncooked chicken, although beef, pork and seafood remain abundant.

The biggest grocery store rush was last Friday, March 13, according to store employees at everywhere from LaBonne's in Salisbury to BJ's Wholesale in Torrington, perhaps as out-of-town residents came up here to seek refuge.

The area is experiencing an influx of people who aren't normally here. Many parents have college-aged or older children moving in with them during the COVID-19 crisis.

Real estate agents are also reporting that there is a brisk business now in leasing properties. It's not clear where the owners of those properties are living while they rent out their Northwest Corner homes, but agents have been busy showing and renting properties here, to people who have been here before and to people who are new to the area.

Look for an article in the March 26 Lakeville Journal with helpful tips for newcomers to the area. Until then, be kind and patient, and remember that our fire and ambulance companies are staffed by volunteers.

Also remember that you need to call the town hall in your town (don't stop by; visits are not allowed right now) and get a sticker that allows you to use your transfer station (it's required even if you have a hauler get your trash).

We will also try to keep you updated on Gov. Ned Lamont's executive orders, which are being issued nearly daily and which impact our lives in many ways.

For example: The deadline

COVID-19

NOTEBOOK

CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

for finalizing town budgets has been extended by one month. And town boards can now hold meetings that are not attended by the public (the meetings must, however, be made available to the public online or in some other way).

The governor has also decreed that pharmacies can now mix their own hand sanitizer (although one pharmacist at a large retailer here said they don't yet have the recipe and they also are sold out of the essential alcohol — as well as thermometers and toilet paper, of course).

Another executive order gives schools some leeway in deciding graduation requirements for this year. Students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village will begin "distance learning" this week. A survey of

households in the Region One School District showed that all the students do have internet access — but many do not have high-speed access and are still using dial-up to connect.

In normal times, the students would be able to go to their local public library to get high-speed internet but all the libraries in the area are now closed.

As of Monday, March 16, gyms and fitness centers were also ordered by the governor to shut down, as were movie theaters.

Another executive order decreed that restaurants must close, although they can continue to serve to-go and delivery food.

Food banks are still open but most are changing their procedures. Call or check online for information.

For updated information on COVID-19, go to the state's website at www.ct.gov, and look under "recent news."

The state also has a 211 telephone information line for information on COVID-19.

Before you go, call first — or just stay at home

We had started to keep a running tally of events that have been canceled and venues/schools/museums etc. that have closed down until COVID-19 is under control.

At this point, assume that most things are either canceled or closed. Before you go, you should phone to be sure you won't arrive to shuttered doors.

Some area libraries are offering curbside pickup of books that can be ordered ahead of time; check your library's website for more information. And some organizations are offering events online; again, check the websites for more information.

We wish everyone good health and safety and we encourage everyone to remain at home when possible.

— The staff of The Lakeville Journal Co.

Watch for salamanders & frogs!

The first warm rainy night came early this year, and with it the first amphibians. There were wood frogs and spring peepers out on March 4, nearly a week earlier than the earliest I have ever seen them emerge in this region. March 10 was the "Big Night" when the evening temperature was in the mid 50s and a very light rain was all it took to get the salamanders and frogs moving.

Emily is home from college, so for the first time in several years both my children went out with me to check the major road crossings that amphibians need to pass over to get to their breeding pools. The first salamanders we found had already been struck by cars, their broken bodies a sad feature of these nights, but later we started to find live ones, along with many

NATURE'S NOTEBOOK

TIM ABBOTT

wood frogs and peepers.

We covered a lot of ground between Sheffield, Salisbury and North Canaan, and our tally for the night included almost 20 living salamanders of several sorts.

In addition to the spotted salamanders with their bright yellow dots and blue black skin fading to creamy gray beneath, there were many Jefferson salamanders, probably members of the hybrid complex that interbreeds with the blue spotted variety.

We found several very small blue spotted salamanders — no longer than my little finger — crossing between Cobble Hill and the Hollenbeck flood plain. I have never seen juvenile blue spots before. They were so small that we only found them by watching for movement on the

roadbed.

There was also a four-toed salamander, another first for us during the spring migration.

The hour was late and traffic tapered off. I drove at a crawl while Emily and Elias walked ahead and shifted the frogs and salamanders they found to the far side. At one bend in the road in Falls Village we encountered two bobbing flashlights coming toward us, and met kindred spirits from the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center out on the same mission. It is good to know that others are aware of this time and alert to the thousands of small creatures making their way through the darkness.

I drove home slowly and erratically, weaving around the frogs in the headlights, leaving the roads to those small beings whose lives depend on passing in safety.

Tim Abbott is program director of Housatonic Valley Association's Litchfield Hills Greenprint. His blog is at www.greensleeves.typepad.com.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

In the last days of school for March ...

Luca Bascetta of North Canaan Elementary School, left, Sammy Berry of Cornwall Consolidated School, center, and Addison Green of Kent Center School participated in Fourth Grade Arts Day at The Hotchkiss School on Wednesday, March 11, days before Region One closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. See more about Region One's Arts Day on Page A7.

A COVID-19 update from TAHD

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — Officials from the Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) met with the members of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG) on Thursday, March 12, to assess the ongoing efforts to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19.

TAHD is the public health and sanitation agency for 20 Northwest Corner towns. Of the six Region One School District towns, Sharon is the only one not to use TAHD.

Leslie Polito, Public Health Nurse at TAHD, handled the bulk of the questions from the chief elected officials of the 21-town group.

Polito said the way it looked on March 12 was that there was "community transmission" of the coronavirus in the southwestern part of the state, particularly in those areas adjacent to Westchester County, N.Y.

She said the coronavirus will spread throughout the state in the next six to eight weeks.

"It's only a matter of time," she said.

Asked about so-called "drive-through screening" at hospitals (a strategy designed to avoid large numbers of people overwhelming hospitals), Polito said the idea is to establish alternative sites.

That way people who might have the disease won't walk into a hospital and immediately contaminate entire areas.

Brian Ohler, who is the as-

sociate director of Safety and Engineering at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, said the hospital has established a "forward triage area" on the hospital campus in anticipation of increasing numbers of prospective patients.

"We're not seeing it now," he added.

Ohler said someone who is worried about COVID-19 must see a primary care physician first before coming to the hospital. Call the physician before going to the office.

He said eventually the hospital will get to where a "drive-through" test can be made.

The first selectmen from the 21 towns reported on measures they have taken in their towns, including frequent disinfecting of buildings and advising boards and commissions to cancel meetings.

Decisions about school closings were made at the local level. COG Chairman and Barkhamsted First Selectman Don Stein said the Region 7 schools had closed for two weeks.

Region One Superintendent Pam Vogel announced later on Thursday, March 12, that the seven Region One schools would be closed for at least two weeks beginning Monday, March 16. That includes the elementary schools in Canaan/Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon and Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.

Polito said at the moment the state is "contact tracing" the

coronavirus — that is, tracing the movements of people known to have COVID-19.

Should the number of cases increase significantly, contact tracing ceases to be practical, she added.

Bob Valentine, the first selectman of Goshen, thinking ahead to such events as the Goshen Fair in September, asked about the advice not to hold events with more than 100 people.

He wanted to know if 100 was a "magic number."

No, said Polito. The figure of 100 is for use as a benchmark. The idea is to slow the spread by limiting the exposure people have to each other.

She said TAHD recommends canceling events, especially those that involve elderly people, who are most at risk.

Henry Todd, first selectman of Falls Village, asked if TAHD was making recommendations or issuing orders.

"Everything is voluntary now," said Polito. "That may change tomorrow."

Over and over, the health officials stressed the importance of keeping hands clean, avoiding crowds and canceling events.

And Polito also emphasized that the situation is changing daily. She advised everyone to check the website of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov), the state Department of Public Health (www.portal.ct.gov), and TAHD (www.tahd.org) for updates.



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Three-day forecast

Friday..... Rain, high 69°/low 39°
 Saturday..... Cloudy, 42°/23°
 Sunday..... Cloudy, 42°/24°

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.

Breach of peace

On March 7 at approximately 3:30 a.m. Troop B responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Ethan Allen Street in Lakeville. Following an investigation into a broken window, Krystal Fenn, 38, of Lakeville was charged with criminal mischief in the fourth degree and breach of peace in the second degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 9.

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



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Celebrating 97 years

Bertha Fowlkes, a longtime Salisbury resident, received this card to celebrate turning 97 on Monday, March 9. The card was created by artist Danielle Mailer and her students at the Salisbury School and was available at Salisbury Town Hall and the Scoville Memorial Library for residents to sign birthday wishes. Peter McEachern, Mailer's husband and the chairman of the music department at Salisbury School, said, "In this troubling time, bringing a little joy to someone has a powerful effect on our collective spirit."

Kent eighth grader awarded Marvelwood scholarship

KENT — The Marvelwood School announced Wyatt Lee as the recipient of their 2020 Town Scholarship. Wyatt lives in Kent and is in the eighth grade at Washington Montessori. As the winner of this prestigious merit-based award, Wyatt will receive a full scholarship to attend Marvelwood as a day student.

The scholarship is available annually to a new rising freshman or sophomore day student. Selection is based on the candidate's potential to contribute to and benefit from the Marvelwood experience. Scholars are expected to demonstrate good citizenship and solid academic progress throughout their Marvelwood careers.

A total of nine extremely qualified students applied for the Town Scholarship. Candidates came from six different schools: Cornwall Consolidated School, Indian Mountain School, Kent Center School, Mizzenport Day School, New Milford High School and Washington Montessori.

"We are so proud of Wyatt's hard work over these middle school years," said Wyatt's mother, Kathi Lee. "One of the biggest draws for us is the school's 'out of the box' approach to teaching. Marvelwood seems to have found the perfect balance of classroom education and hands-on, out-of-the-classroom experience."



PHOTO BY PAUL CRYAN

Wyatt Lee was awarded the 2020 Town Scholarship.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice of Democratic Caucus

To the enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of North Canaan. Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and State Election Laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on March 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the North Canaan Town Hall, Pease Street, North Canaan, CT. to select delegates for local and state conventions and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus. Dated at North Canaan on March 14, 2020. Democratic Town Committee of North Canaan, CT.

Susan E. Warner
Secretary
03-19-20

Legal Notice

Special Permit granted to Bates Contracting LLC to construct a Contractor Equipment Storage Building at 156 Sand Road, Falls Village, CT 06031. Date: March 9, 2020.

Frederick J. Laser
Chairman
Canaan Planning & Zoning Commission
03-19-20

Legal Notice TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the fourth installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 is due and payable on April 1, 2020. Payments must be received or postmarked by May 1, 2020. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before May 1, 2020, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum

interest charge is \$2.00.

Pursuant to Section 12-173 of the Connecticut State Statutes, unpaid Real Estate tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 will be LIENED on JUNE 3, 2020. Payment must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 3, 2020 to avoid a Lien.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or at the Town Hall, 27 Main Street, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town Hall is closed daily from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 11th day of March 2020.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
Tax Collector
Salisbury CT 06068
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NOTICE of REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

To enrolled members of the Republican Party of Salisbury, Connecticut, pursuant to the rules of the Republican Party & state election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on March 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main St., Salisbury, Connecticut, to elect delegates to state and district conventions and other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus. Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut, March 16, 2020.

Salisbury Republican Town Committee
Tom Morrison, Chair
03-19-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JACK W. BRYANT

Late of Cornwall (20-00094) AKA Jack Bryant
The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, February 24, 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 fiduciaries are:
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Charles W. Bryant
c/o Charles R. Ebersol
Ebersol, McCormick, Reis, & Steck, LLC

9 Mason Street
PO Box 598
Torrington, CT 06790
Megan Williams
Assistant Clerk
03-19-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ROBERT J. SADLON

Late of Salisbury, AKA Robert Joseph Sadlon (20-00110)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, March 10, 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:
Carol J. Sadlon
c/o Charles R. Ebersol
Ebersol, McCormick, Reis & Steck, LLC

9 Mason Street
PO Box 598
Torrington, CT 06790
Megan Williams
Assistant Clerk
03-19-20

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legal@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

COVID-19 affecting arts organizations

The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council is working in collaboration with the Connecticut Office of the Arts and Americans for the Arts to collect data on the economic impact of COVID-19 on arts and cultural organizations. The data will help the Arts Council advocate for stimulus funding.

Steph Burr, the newly appointed executive director of the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, is taking a proactive approach.

"We commend all the organizations that have made the responsible decision to cancel events to help mitigate the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. We encourage all organizations in the creative sector to take this survey now. It is critical to document the impact of the virus as the situation unfolds."

The survey is available by going to www.surveys.americansforthearts.org/s3/CoronavirusImpactSurvey.

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'The Sound of Music' came to life, despite COVID-19 fears

By Cynthia Hochswender

FALLS VILLAGE — In the tradition of the theater, the show went on last weekend, as students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) staged the spring musical of the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society.

The society's performance of "The Sound of Music" opened as planned on Thursday, March 12. The Friday night performance also went on as planned, but with one twist: Gov. Ned Lamont had mandated that day that there be no gatherings of more than 250 people.

The theater at HVRHS holds 500, and many of the seats had been pre-sold. Community members were told that no tickets would be sold at the door.

The performances sched-

uled for Saturday afternoon and evening were canceled.

The decision to continue with the first two evening shows was made to honor the hard work of the students and others involved in the production, according to Region One Superintendent Pam Vogel.

For information on ticket refunds, go to the website at www.hmms.org. It is helpful to the society for planning purposes if ticket holders email and say they do not require a refund, if that is the case.

The students were supported in the production by community members including Michael Berkeley, who once again was director and music director; Amber Cameron, who did choreography; Lori Belter, who was production stage manager and associate director; Kathleen DeAngelis,

who did costumes; Graham Stone, who did sound design; Savannah Relos, who did technical direction and scenic design; and Lucas Pawelski, who did lighting design.

The leads in the show were Charlotte Clulow, playing the spunky and beautiful Maria; Arieh Saed as her elegant and upstanding future husband, Captain Georg von Trapp; and Daniel Saed as the concert promoter and family friend Max Detweiler.

The many von Trapp children were performed by Aidan McCarthy and Brianna Webb (who were oldest daughter Liesl on different evenings), and Simon Savoye, Melody Matsudaira, Dominik Valcin, Lauren Sorrell, Tallulah Petkov and Alex Phillip.

This was the theater society's 17th performance since it was reinstated in 2004.



PHOTOS BY TOM BROWN

Charlotte Clulow as Maria and Arieh Saed as Captain von Trapp in "The Sound of Music."



Jacob Ellington as Rolf and Aidan McCarthy as Liesl von Trapp in the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society performance.

Town Hall is now closed to visitors in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Last week First Selectman Henry Todd put the town's Emergency Management System in alert status, and on Sunday, March 15, he issued the following statement:

"In order to protect those in Town Hall who work so diligently for the community, we are closing Town Hall to all visitors for the next two weeks. All staff can be reached by phone at the office to assist with any needs or problems that you might have during this period.

"After this initial two weeks, we will reassess the situation. We know that this is an inconvenience to our citizens but we must keep our staff healthy and safe to enable us to continue to serve you."

The transfer station will re-

main open and on its regular schedule. Todd said on Monday morning, March 16, that the transfer station has made some minor changes in procedure to protect the staff.

As far as fire or ambulance calls go, Todd said residents should continue to call 911 if necessary. If it is an ambulance call, the responders will determine whether they need to put on protective clothing at the scene.

Todd urged residents, particularly those over 65 years, to "be safe."

"One thing we know is that people 65 and up — including me — should shelter in place as much as possible."

Todd urged everyone to stay up to date. The first selectman's blog on the town website (www.canaanfallsvillage.org) will have updates.

MIRA and budgets at March 9 meeting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Board of Finance got its first look at the proposed municipal spending plan for 2020-21 on Monday, March 9. The plan calls for a town budget of \$1,973,636, an increase of \$15,836 (.81%).

The Board of Education was scheduled to present its proposed spending plan on March 23 but that meeting has been postponed.

First Selectman Henry Todd also reported that Harper Blanchet, the tenant at the town-owned 107 Main St., has agreed to vacate by June 1.

The artist has been living and working in the former town hall, across the street from the current town offices. There is now a plan to put a farmers market in the building and Blanchet was asked to vacate.

Todd said he has delegated the matter of the town's salt shed to Selectman Greg Marlowe, and the ongoing issue of the Materials Innovation Recycling Authority waste-to-energy plant to Selectman Dave Barger.

On the latter Todd said, "I have a suspicion this is going to turn into a very long-term project."

The MIRA plant in Hartford is in need of about \$330 million in upgrades and repairs. Some 51 municipalities use the facility, and many are balking at a projected tipping fee of \$145 per ton. MIRA authorities are approaching the towns that use the facility and asking them to commit to the tipping fee, which is roughly 50% higher than the fees now being paid, so that they can feel confident they'll be able to pay the \$330 millions in upgrades.

At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen immediately after the finance board meeting, Todd said of the rapidly developing crisis around COVID-19, "there are hundreds of decisions to be made in real time and locally."

Todd said he has activated the town's emergency team.

Kent's COVID-19 plans and updates

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — Kent First Selectman Jean Speck has been updating town residents through email notices and on the town's website at www.townofkentct.org.

The most recent update before this issue went to press was made on Sunday night, March 15.

Most events have been canceled. The school and library are closed. The transfer station remains open but, Speck says in her update, "We are only accepting household garbage and

single-stream recycling, and encouraging residents to self-toss — everything else is suspended, including The SwapShed and Ed Epstein's returnables.

"The Transfer Station Team reported that residents were happily taking their returnables back home to hold onto until we can start accepting them again, rather than opting to put them into the single-stream."

Families in need are still able to access the food bank but only if they are registered with the town's social services agent, Leah Pullaro (contact information for

her is on the town website).

Town Hall is open for essential staff but visits are discouraged. Much town business can be conducted online, and some requests and activities will need to be postponed — including meetings of the selectmen and the Board of Finance, which have been postponed. The governor has given Connecticut towns permission to delay their budget votes for a month, at this point. Updates will follow as new information is shared.

Emergency planning has begun in case things get worse.

"We have partially activated the Emergency Operations Center, which has been moved from the firehouse to the ancillary office in the town clerk's office. It will be manned from 1300-1600 every day," Speck said, using the military time abbreviations for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"An Incident Action Plan is in development and a Unified Command team is being assembled."

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Salisbury/Sharon

At Lenten talks, sharing supper and knowledge

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The first in a series of three planned Lenten season programs drew a large audience to a potluck supper and a talk on biblical archeology at the Sharon Congregational Church on Thursday, March 12.

The free series is itself a first, with the organizers hoping it will continue in future years (although it's not yet known whether the series will continue this year, due to COVID-19 concerns).

Bob Slagel offered piping hot corn chowder and biscuits for the more than 30 residents who attended. As it was a pot luck, salad sides and desserts were in ample supply.

The program for the evening, "Archeology and Jesus: How to Build a Kingdom," was presented by the Rev. Robert Keay, pastor of the Sharon Congregational Church.

Speaking of the Lenten series, Keay said, "We like to do

events that bring together all the churches. Although we meet in different buildings, we are one body."

Next in the series, set for March 18, was to be a potluck and a lecture at the Christ Church Episcopal, with a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker titled "A Pilgrimage in the Wilderness of the Holy Land." It is not yet known if the talk will be rescheduled and when.

The third and final event in the series was to be held at the Sharon Methodist Church on Thursday, March 26, with a talk by the Rev. Peg Laemmel, titled "Methodism in America."

Reflecting on the series, Laemmel commented, "We are all Christians; we all have a common denominator."

She added that the series brings a fellowship of community.

Focusing on the reigns of the four kings in the Herodian Dynasty, between 37 B.C. and 66 A.D., Keay zeroed in on the accomplishments of Herod the Great, so named for his prowess as a builder, designer, architect and landscaper on a large scale. During his time, he built cities, grand palaces, temples, arenas and massive aqueducts, and he rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem. "He did build a kingdom, but it is crumbling," Keay said, showing photographs of archaeological sites where only ruins remain.

Jesus, too, was a kingdom builder, Keay asserted, and his kingdom has been longer lasting, not of stone, but of influence. Jesus left behind not rubble, but teachings and examples.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

But the weather was lovely

Signs in Salisbury mirrored what was happening around the region, as libraries closed, worship services were held online and toilet paper sold out at stores all across the state. But on Monday it was warm and sunny. And on Tuesday it snowed.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The Rev. Bob Keay of Sharon Congregational Church, left, and the Rev. Peg Laemmel of Sharon Methodist Church presented a potluck dinner and a talk on biblical archaeology.

Salisbury town updates for COVID-19

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand said on Monday morning, March 16, that the Town Hall offices will be open to the public on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Access is limited to two persons maximum at a time.

There will be no other public access and it is urged that people get permits and documents online; any requests can be made by emailing townhall@salisburyct.us, or calling 860-435-5170.

All staff will remain working during regular office hours even when Town Hall is closed to the public; department phone numbers are posted on the town

website, www.salisburyct.us.

By next week there will be a dropbox for documents at the side entrance to Town Hall, Rand said.

Public meetings of most boards and commissions are canceled for this week. After that, meetings will be held on a case-by-case basis.

Rand said the executive order from Gov. Ned Lamont relaxing requirements on open meetings helps but noted the order requires the meetings be available electronically.

"We're trying to figure out how to do meetings online."

The programs for seniors — the nutrition program in particular — are suspended indefinitely but the town is working to find ways to help residents in need of services at their homes, Rand said. People who need help are encouraged to call Town Hall.

The Transfer Station Swap Shop will remain closed but the transfer station is open.

"The situation is fluid," Rand said. "This could all change in a week."

Sharon's COVID-19 plans

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Sharon First Selectman Brent Colley is a historian as well as a town official and he offered a summary of these COVID-19 days: "It's a unique time in history. That's for sure."

Plans are changing daily as new information arises and as new recommendations and mandates are made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by Gov. Ned Lamont.

Visits to Town Hall are being discouraged.

"We are asking groups, boards, commissions and committees to meet remotely if they can," Colley said. "For groups that need to meet in person, the town is arranging the seats in the conference room to provide enough distance among participants."

Town officials are taking precautions, constantly cleaning, and discouraging anything but essential visits.

The governor has given towns permission to delay their budget votes by one month, and also to hold meetings that are not open to the public. The public must be able to watch videos of the meetings or, ideally, to watch "live stream" meetings online in real time.

Sharon is the only town in the region to have its own health and sanitation department; the other 20 towns that belong to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments are all served by the Torrington Area Health District (see story, Page A1).

"We are blessed to have a health department upstairs in the Town Hall," Colley said, praising the professionalism of Jamie Casey. "If anyone has a question, she is there."

But again, it's better to phone in than to stop in.

"If you look at the numbers," Colley said reassuringly, "we are not in a hot spot" for the disease. "At present, there are no local cases."

The town's elementary school and the shared regional high school are closed for at least two weeks beginning Monday, March 16.

The transfer station is open, but the Swap Shop is closed.

Miriam Jones, the town's social service agent, "is delivering food and medication to those in need and checking in with other residents daily via phone, so they have social interaction with someone," Colley said. "Food and toiletries are her main concern at the moment, she's work-


ing to get a regional food bank truck lined up to help those in need."

Jones would appreciate help from volunteers; call her at 860-364-1003.

Colley said he will issue updates as information comes in. Check the town's website and Facebook page, where the first selectman is posting updates via Constant Contact. The town is also updating Marshall Miles and Jill Goodman at NPR station WHDD, which is next door to Town Hall, so they can announce the latest news.

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Cornwall/North Canaan

Hectic, but things rolling along as NC deals with COVID-19

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — First Selectman Charlie Perotti said on Monday morning, March 16, that all meetings of North Canaan boards and commissions are canceled. Budget presentation meetings are postponed until April 7 at 7 p.m. All essential people are at work at the Town Hall, but no visitors are allowed.

“Please call Town Hall to speak with any department; or as in the case of the building department, complete the forms online,” Perotti said. “Same with Social Services: Phone in.”
The transfer station is open. “As there are only two employees, they are continuing to work and just using safe practices with each other and the public. Besides, their work is outdoors. The town crew is working, too.”

Region One schools are closed, including North Canaan Elementary School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School.
“We’ve got to keep things going,” Perotti said, adding, “It’s a little hectic. I’d rather deal with a snowstorm.”
Look for updates on the town’s website and on Facebook at the Northwest Corner Chatter page.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

An executive order from Gov. Ned Lamont ordered gyms and fitness centers to close by Monday, March 16. The YMCA at Geer Village was crowded that day with young men and women rushing to get in one last workout before it shut down at 5 p.m.

In Cornwall: Make wise choices

By Patrick L. Sullivan

CORNWALL — First Selectman Gordon Ridgway urged residents to make behavioral changes in response to the threat of COVID-19. In a letter dated Thursday, March 12, Ridgway asked that residents limit unnecessary travel in addition to practicing good hygiene.
“If people have two houses, please decide to stay put in one and not commute back and forth.”
He also asked that people combine shopping trips and stock up on “necessary supplies.”
Above all, “If you are sick please stay home and call your doctor.”
Ridgway has asked civic groups to cancel “non-essential” events.
He wrote that the town’s emergency response group — town officials, fire and EMS personnel, school officials, and Emergency Management Director Diane Beebe — “has met and developed

action plans.”
Ridgway asked for volunteers — those who are “younger and in good health” — to call the selectmen’s office at 860-672-4959 or email cwselectmen@optonline.net. Ridgway specified the need for people with EMS experience.
Residents are asked to call or email Town Hall instead of coming in person. The transfer station will remain open; residents are asked to keep their visit as brief as possible.
“The fire and ambulance remain on call 24/7, but we ask residents to make good personal choices to reduce call volume.”
“Please wash your hands before coming to public spaces.”
“We are looking at a fairly long time of challenge which may get worse quite quickly. I am confident that Cornwall — a caring community — will work together to make the best of a difficult situation.”
“Please also feel free to give your neighbor a call.”

North Canaan Board of Finance eyes \$1 million in unpaid taxes

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — In response to the auditor’s report calling attention to nearly a million dollars in uncollected property taxes, the tax collector approached the Board of Finance at the finance board’s regular meeting on Thursday, March 12.
Tax Collector Jennifer Jacquier reported that she had assembled a list of 50 individuals, some of whom own several properties, who have failed to pay their property taxes. In some instances the situation has persisted for several years.
“I think people are ignoring the payment notices,” she said.
She explained the collection procedure, which includes reminders and then a lien process, and can eventually lead to noti-

fyng the marshal if the taxpayer has not arranged a payment plan with the town. The marshal has the authority to attach bank accounts or wages through the taxpayer’s employer.
Foreclosure stands as the final process, once all other options have been exhausted.
“Our concern, and the auditor’s concern,” Jacquier said, is that there is a large amount outstanding, but not a large number of properties involved. She added that some people owe more in taxes than some North Canaan residents earn in a year.
Selectman Craig Whiting suggested that the selectmen sit down with the finance board to go over the specifics of each entry on the list. He noted, too, that some towns publish the list in the local newspaper.

Board of Finance Chairman Nancy O’Connor agreed to the selectmen’s review, after which she said that the list should go to the town attorney for his opinion.
All noted that there may be extenuating circumstances, but those in arrears are still receiving town services that other taxpayers are paying for.
“It’s time to do something,” O’Connor said. “I’m just hoping that people will take it seriously, so that when we look at our taxes and possible increases, that we know we have done everything we can.”
The selectmen agreed to review the list and provide their comments before the next meeting of the Board of Finance, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8.

CCS presents 2020-21 education budget plan to finance board

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Board of Education presented its proposed 2020-21 budget to the Board of Finance at a meeting of the finance board on Thursday, March 12.
The total Cornwall Consolidated School (CCS) budget shows planned expenditures of \$2,558,290, an increase of 2.99% over the current year.
The Region One portion of the budget for the coming year is expected to be \$1,394,290, a decrease of 6.67%. That budget is based on the number of

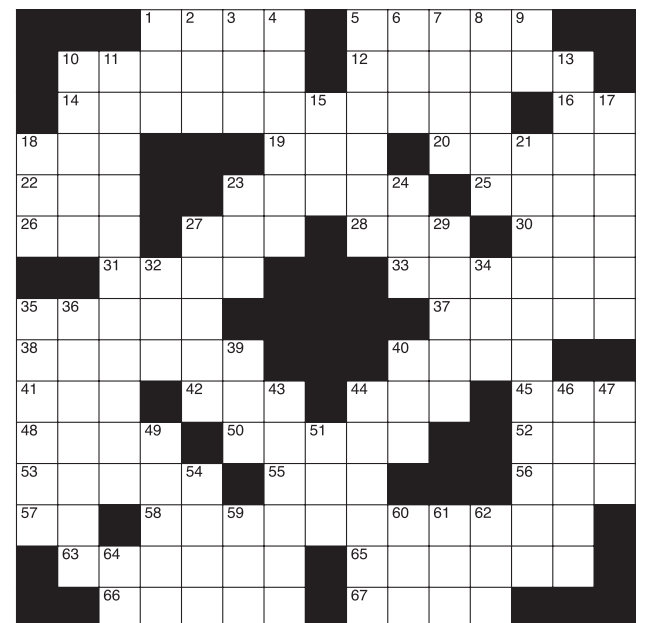
students Cornwall sends to the regional high school; it also includes costs for the regional superintendent’s office and for Pupil Services, which includes special education.
Combining the regional and town education budgets brings an overall total of \$3,952,851 — a decrease of 0.67% compared with the current 2019-20 fiscal year.
Accounting for some of the increases for the coming year at CCS are software purchases for administration and instruction, field trips, and special programs up from \$6,448 to \$16,815.

Discontinuation of Park and Recreation cost-sharing will bring an expense of \$4,899. The Middle School Sports and Activities program will add \$16,490.
Increases are also expected for equipment rentals, a copier purchase and new ski equipment. The purchase of 20 new iPads is expected.
The Board of Finance was expected to meet on Thursday, March 19, to discuss the town’s proposed budgets.
Go to the town’s website at www.cornwallct.org to see if and when the meeting will be rescheduled.

Brain Teasers

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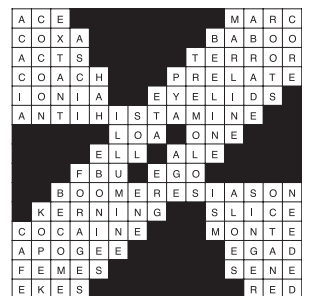
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- Trouble
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- Spiritual leader
- Soup dish
- Philippine island
- No longer fashionable
- Peaks
- Alabama football team
- King Cole
- Digital audiotape
- Open trough
- The woman
- Cools down
- Turkic language
- Body part
- Pulse steadily
- Embedded computer hardware company
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- Thou (plural)
- Odd and remarkable
- An evening party
- National capital of Zambia
- Tantalizes
- Dark brown or black



- Philly culinary specialty
- Popular lager — Adams
- Snitch
- Trimmed
- Greek god of desire
- Take to the limit
- Cool!
- Sound mental health
- Native American group
- Test for high schoolers
- Rocky peak
- Preferences
- Bother
- Call attention to (slang)
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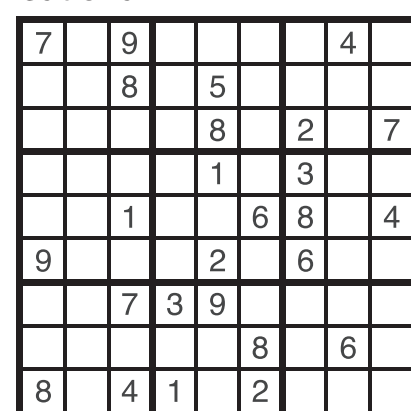
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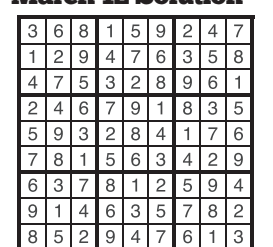
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- Surrounded by water
- Church towers
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- Railway
- Gradually wear away
- Measuring instrument
- Minor dust-ups
- Strongly alkaline solution
- Extreme scarcity of food
- Dash

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March 12 Solution



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EDITORIAL

This is just the right time for citizens to think about their right to know

There is no better time to think about open government and transparency than in the middle of an unprecedented health crisis. After all, the repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic are affecting all our lives right now, and will continue to do so as the full effects become clear down the line. In every nation that has dealt with this virus already, the way its government has handled it has made a difference in its spread and the outcomes for those who have contracted it. And in those places where information was made readily available and open to all, even if it took a while before they understood the severity of the crisis they were facing, the population understood better what they were dealing with and how to best manage it.

Here in the United States, our federal government has not been as forthcoming and open as it should have been from the start of the epidemic. Glossing over the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 and dragging out the timing for widely supplying tests for the virus only created the uncertain atmosphere in which the markets have destabilized and the nation's relationship with the rest of the world has been compromised.

Sunshine Week is March 15 – 21, the week when the News Leaders Association and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and media across the country, join in the annual nationwide celebration of access to public information and what it means for you and your community. A public health event is just the moment when we need to appreciate what government can do for our communities, yet still hold fast to the idea that government must also be accountable and open to those it serves. Keep that in mind as the nation, and our region, deals with the coronavirus threat and finds the best ways to mitigate it at the local, regional, state and let's hope federal levels of government.

Below are guidelines for understanding and taking action on your right to know.

This Sunshine Week, know your rights to government information with tips from the transparency experts at MuckRock:

1) Know the law: Federal agencies are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), but each state has its own laws (for example, it's the Freedom of Information Law in New York, and in New Jersey you file an Open Public Records Act request, or OPRA). Look up which rules apply — in some states, for example, legislative records are exempt from disclosure. Cite the correct law in your requests.

2) Keep it specific: FOIA can be used to dig up all sorts of information, but you have to ask for something that exists. Avoid asking questions; instead, request documents or data an agency would likely have that would answer your questions.

3) Work together: Most records officers are happy to discuss requests. There's also a community of requesters eager to help. Look up your local National Freedom of Information Coalition chapter, browse requests others have filed publicly on MuckRock and other online resources:

- The Reporters Committee Open Government Guide: <https://www.rcfp.org/open-government-guide/>
- MuckRock's state-by-state guides: <https://www.muckrock.com/place/>
- NFOIC's map of state Freedom of Information organizations: <https://www.nfoic.org/organizations/map>
- State of Connecticut resources are www.ctfog.org and www.ctfoicouncil.nfoic.net/ccfoi-news/
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Lakeville Journal and Millerton News offices closed during COVID-19 emergency

With the area schools closed, many cancellations of events and the directive being a minimum of direct contact with others, The Lakeville Journal Company has made the decision to set up a system of remote work schedules so the majority of our people can manage their work from home. During this time, all of our staff will be available through the same voice and email communication, and the newspapers will continue to publish until further notice.

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Stay safe, calm and healthy and use caution during this challenging time of COVID-19 risk. Keep us informed of any news you want to see reported on during this timeframe and beyond.

Opinion



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A breath of spring

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is this the beginning of the future?

The health and economic crisis that is the coronavirus COVID-19 is just a glimpse of what the coming climate crisis looks like. As devastating as this crisis is, it affords economies around the world a recovery investment opportunity in the future if they are forward looking enough to take it.

So in the United States, should economic recovery investments that are surely coming go to airlines, oil companies, meat producers or other carbon heavy industries? If no, then where?

... Transportation analyst Alon Levy estimates that for about €60 billion, Germany could build a comprehensive high-speed rail network that would better connect all its major cities and make domestic air travel obsolete. ... Source: Vox, "Coronavirus's threat to the global economy — and what to do about it," by Matthew Yglesias.

What if in the United States the billions of tax and deficit spending dollars that our government is going to allocate to meet this healthcare and eco-

nomc crisis go to financing and implementing the Green New Deal?

The Green New Deal offers all we need as a guidebook for a COVID-19 national recovery strategy: (excerpt of it as below)

... Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that - (1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal (A) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers; (B) to create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States; (C) to invest in the infrastructure and industry of the United States to sustainably meet the challenges of the 21st century; (D) to secure for all people of the United States for generations to come - (i) clean air and water; (ii) climate and community resiliency; (iii) healthy food; (iv) access to nature; and (v) a sustainable environment; and (E) to promote justice and equity by stopping

current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth ... (O) providing all people of the United States with - (i) high-quality health care; ... As stated in H.Res.109 - Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal. 116th Congress (2019-2020)

Source: www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/109/text

You can affect how our government meets this crisis by speaking out, how you spend your money and how you vote. What will it be? To build a new future or prop up a house of cards that climate change will just blow away?

Bernard Re, Jr.
North Canaan

Finding positive inspiration at a hard time

With all due respect to the world's shared concern of COVID-19, everyone can benefit from "retracing their steps" with awareness of where they were and who they interacted with recently and going forward with a daily journal. Sharing ex-

periences of travels from the past and helpful events online may encourage others that "one day things will normalize." Keeping in touch by phone, and online in private, local and other forums is also helpful to keep current with best practices in living, working and creating a stronger sense of community.

February found me headed to Hawaii for a program with Dr. Laurie Moore of animiracles.com as part of a small group connecting with positive intentions. Then I went to the Southwest for a few weeks, visiting the Grand Canyon and Prescott, Ariz., and more.

In Sedona, I got to be part of author Gregg Braden's program, which included seeing the educational heart-mind film HeartMath Experience (now gaia.com).

I reconnected as well with a couple dozen family members in New Mexico. I had met some of them in a cross-country trip during my Vassar College days in 1983.

The generations are amazing to learn about and will be a nice challenge to keep in touch with in coming years.

Before rules advised otherwise, I attended two events, honoring volunteers and women.

I share more about events and healing ideas over the past decade in Connecticut. Augmenting what is on mainstream media, I highlight insights about our late teen son Kaelan's heroic actions and safety ideas on lively.org.

I appreciate encouragement for decades of outreach, writing and learning endeavors as part of ongoing networking and advocacy efforts.

I welcome ideas and can be reached at thinkingapp@gmail.com or 347-471-9209.

Many people doing their part to create community online has taken on an urgent meaning.

Hopefully we can find ways to network and keep everybuddy in the loop to stay positive and healthy!

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village

TURNING BACK

THE PAGES

NORMA GALAISE

100 years ago — March 1920
SALISBURY — George Tellerday has severed his connection with Grassland Farms, and is now employed by G.A. Selleck.

Violin Lessons — 35 cents for three quarters of an hour. Apply to Gerald A. Bauman, Lakeville. Phone 39-4.

Norfolk boasts a snow drift as big as a house. It is 27 feet high, and overspreads the Litchfield road near the overhead bridge. Shovelers have cut a channel through the huge snow bank.

A milk peddler is needed in Lime Rock very badly.

ORE HILL — Mrs. Wm. Davis had the misfortune to slip on the ice and break three of her ribs recently.

50 years ago — March 1970
This week the Journal welcomes back Amherst Eaton of Canaan who formerly had the job of Canaan reporter for the Canaan Journal page and left to assume a part-time office position with the Connecticut Western News.

While the family was out, the two-car garage in the rear of the home of the Rev. F. Newton Howden in Lime Rock was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. The fire was reported by a passer-by, and the Lakeville Hose Co. responded but the small wooden structure was a total loss. There was no other damage. The garage was empty at the time, but an electric hair-dryer had been used to start a car and apparently had been left on.

Ray M. Wilder of West Main Street, Canaan, retires this month after 40 years of service with the Southern New England Telephone Co. Mr. Wilder has been plant service supervisor in Canaan.

25 years ago — March 1995
SALISBURY — In a matter of weeks, the 8,000-pound hunk of gray Woodbury granite that was unceremoniously dumped at the Salisbury town sand shed this week will become a graceful curved replacement for the present water kettle next to the town hall. Clear spring water from Mt. Riga, treasured by many residents and visitors to the area, will continue to flow out the spigot as it has since 1908. The original kettle stood in the center of what is now Route 44, placed there to make it easier for horses to drink. The first kettle was made out of iron forged at a local blast furnace. In 1966 the kettle was moved to its present location and replaced with a limestone basin, which was too soft and too susceptible to freezing and thawing.

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Fourth Grade Arts Day continues on, despite virus fears



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN AND PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Baylee Alderman of Kent Center School, left, and Marlow LaPoint of Kellogg School at Fourth Grade Arts Day



Ceramics instructor Christine Owen



Dance instructor Amber Cameron led her group of students in a performance set to the music of "Cats."



Imogene Stern of Kent Center School

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Fourth Grade Arts Day for the Region One School District proceeded mostly as usual on Wednesday, March 11, at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville.

The annual event is held during the independent boarding school's spring break. Students from the six regional elementary schools are invited to the Lakeville campus for the day. They are split up into small groups that combine students from each of the towns; they then cycle from activity to activity, participating in workshops in everything from dance to printmaking to making sculptures from cardboard.

Two presentations from out-of-town groups, Blue Jupiter and Dance China, were canceled.

The rest of the workshops are taught by artists from the area.

At the lunch break, a jazz group led by Kent Center School music teacher (and an instructor at the Kent School) David Poirier entertained the students. Tom Bouldin and Dave Wonsey (also from the Kent School) played bass and drums, respectively. Jim Santucci (a retired teacher from Chase Collegiate in Waterbury, Conn.) rounded out the group on piano.

Poirier said he got a call "to throw together a group" on Monday morning, March 9, when coronavirus concerns forced the

cancellation of the out-of-town performers.

In the art classrooms, Hotchkiss School art teacher Charlie Noyes coached students through the process of creating watercolor monotypes.

"What should be in the sky?" he asked one group, referring to a demonstration landscape.

The students responded: "A dragon."

"An egg salad sandwich."

"An egg salad sandwich dragon."

That made Noyes pause. "I've never heard of an egg salad sandwich dragon before."

Christine Owens showed students how to make a ceramic drinking cup.

"Pinch, coil, smear," she repeated as the children worked

with clay.

Choreographer Amber Cameron took her group through a selection from the musical "Cats."

"Act like a cat, move like a cat," she said as she twisted around in a feline fashion.

John Marshall had a room full of children and drums. He kept them focused on a simple pattern of 16th notes, and gradually added improvised sections. The children responded well, especially when spoken phrases were added.

"Bucket of fish!" was one, which quickly morphed into "I hate fish/ 'Cause they're gross."

Also leading workshops were Lisa Marsan (Ukrainian eggs), Geoffrey Stewart (theater), Lilly Rand Barnett (art) and Henry Klimowicz (art).



Tatum Hall of Kent Center School



Sadie Chapell of North Canaan Elementary School.

Worship Services

Week of March 22, 2020

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OBITUARIES

Dolores Selino

SHARON — Dolores Selino, 81, of Sharon, died on March 9, 2020, at Sharon Hospital surrounded by her family.

Dolores, more affectionately known as "Nan," was the loving wife of 43 years to Vincent Selino.

Dolores was born on July 21, 1938, in Pittsfield, Mass., the daughter of the late Irene (Chapman) and Joseph Paul Perry.

Dolores attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School. After graduation, she worked for Pratt and Whitney as a secretary.

After leaving Pratt and Whitney, Dolores opened up her own day care service, where she spent nearly 30 years devoting herself to children.

Dolores is survived by her son, Scott Schreiber; her daughter, Susanne Schreiber;

her granddaughter, Hannah Schewtschenko; her sister-in-law; her two nieces; and her nephew. In addition to her immediate family, Dolores is survived by the many children in the Region One community she helped raise over the past 30 years.

The family will hold a graveside service at the Mountain View Cemetery on March 21 at 3 p.m. All are welcome to come celebrate Dolores's life with her friends and family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sharon Ambulance and Susan G. Komen foundation.

Dolores, or Nan, will be missed by all. She was the best mother and grandmother anyone could every ask for, even if she never baked cookies.

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



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Your Guide to Tri-State Events

March 19-25, 2020

THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Tennessee Williams And the Uncertainty of Life

Katherine Almqvist promises that the Sherman Playhouse will not close down during this month's run of three one-act plays by Tennessee Williams.

"Even if there's only one person in the audience, the show will go on," she vowed, with the grit of a true theater person.

Almqvist is a seasoned veteran of productions at local theaters and a founder of the former Kent Community Theater, which merged with the Sherman Playhouse in Sherman, Conn., about a decade ago.

Having said that, however, here's the thing: The town of Sherman decreed this week that the theater must close for now. It's anyone's guess when it will be allowed to open again, and whether the current show of works by Tennessee



PHOTO BY AGNES FOHN

Reesa Nestor is Willie in "This Property Is Condemned" by Tennessee Williams, which is at the Sherman Playhouse.

Williams will extend beyond March 28.

So for now, "Three by Tenn" is on hold. Check the theater website to find out what will happen.

Almqvist chose the three plays. For this production, she is not performing — she

is directing.

"Tennessee Williams wrote more than a hundred plays and he's known for only a handful of them."

The lesser-known works are eminently worth saving, she said, describing the playwright as one of the world's greatest.

"His language is lush, lyrical, it elevates the spoken word to new heights."

While a student in college, she played a role in "The Gnadiges Fraulein," published in 1965, "And I loved it. It spoke to me. And all these years later, I wanted to put it on again."

Williams referred to the play as "slapstick tragedy," the tale of a group of "grotesques" who are the "permanent transient" residents of a boarding house in the deep South.

"It's a world in which everything is askew and casual everyday cruelty is the norm," Almqvist said. "It's a tragedy. But there are many hilarious lines."

The same can be said of "This Property Is Condemned" (published in 1946) and "A Perfect Analysis Given by a Parrot" (published in 1958).

"These plays are funny. And they're sad," Almqvist said. "They're like life."

"Three by Tenn" opens the Sherman Playhouse's 2020 season. It opened March 6 and was set to go to March 28.

Opening on May 7, if it can, is "Whodunnit" by Anthony Shaffer (who also wrote the popular play and then film, "Sleuth"); it should run until May 30.

"Habeas Corpus" by English actor/author/playwrite/screenwriter Alan Bennett opens July 9 and runs until July 26.

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PHOTO BY JEANNETTE MONTGOMERY BARRON

A portrait of Keith Haring from 1985 is one of more than 30 portraits of artists and gallery owners from that era in a new show of older work by Jeannette Montgomery Barron.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Falling in Love Again with Faces From the Past

A retrospective of Jeannette Montgomery Barron's portraits from the 1980s is at the Patrick Parrish Gallery in New York City at 50 Lespinard St. until April 18.

Low-key yet charismatic and powerful, Montgomery Barron moved to New York City from Atlanta, Ga., in the 1980s and quickly became part of the art and party scene, spending her evenings with Bianca Jagger, Willem Dafoe and others who helped make that era so lively and memorable.

Her photo portraits of artists and gallery owners are at the center of this retrospective show of her work.

Current work can be seen at the gallery space she shares in Kent, Conn., with her husband, James Barron.

To learn more about the show go to www.patrickparrish.com; to see newer work by Montgomery Barron, go to www.jeannettemontgomerybarron.com. Call ahead to find out if the gallery is closed due to coronavirus concerns.

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A large and fun-filled wedding is planned for September 12th, 2020!

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Black Humor and History in a Time Of Quarantine

If we all end up in a COVID-19 quarantine, we will of course have lots of time to catch up with our reading and viewing.

Here are a couple topical suggestions. I haven't actually read these books or seen one of these two films, but maybe now is the time when I will at last.

Lakeville Journal Co. graphic designer Olivia Montoya recommends the film "Contagion," directed

by Steven Soderbergh and starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Matt Damon (it came out in September 2011).

"I've heard that it's one of the more accurate portrayals of pandemics in film," Montoya told me.

"Most others are sensationalized and not scientifically accurate, but this one was meant to show what a modern pandemic would actually look like.

"It's not like a zombie movie; there are some parts that are upsetting and slightly scary but it's not gory or anything. I saw it when it first came out and enjoyed it. I think I'll watch it again, to see if what I remember about it is true to what's happening now."

Not that this virus is anything like the bubonic plague, but perhaps this is the time for us to read Giovanni Boccaccio's "The Decameron," which we were supposed to read in college and didn't.

This is not a diverting page-turner, but it's one of those classics that's still around because it so completely captures human existence.

Published first in Italy in the 1300s, "The Decameron" is a collection of 100 stories told by seven young women and three young men who are holed up in a

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A highlight of the season will be the autumn show of "A Doll's House Part 2," which visits Nora Helmer 15 years after she's left her marriage (in the original "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen). The play was first performed in 2017 and was written by Lucas Hnath. Laurie Metcalf won a Tony

Award for her performance as Nora on Broadway.

To find out more about the shows and when the theater will open again, and to order tickets, go to www.shermanplayers.org. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$12 for students and for youths, age 12 and under.

... Black Humor

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villa outside Florence, trying to avoid the plague.

Without having read it, I'm going to go out on a limb and say this is probably one of those books that will be more interesting to read if you can really burrow down with it and spend some time, without distractions from the modern world.

Another book I didn't read (but I'm pretty certain it wasn't assigned to me in college) is "A Journal of the Plague Year" by Daniel Defoe.

Unlike "The Decameron," which is about fantasy, Defoe's book (published in 1722) graphically describes

the horrors of London during the Great Plague of 1665.

There are death carts and burial pits and houses of death with crosses marking their doors.

Best case, we will read this book and be glad that things are better managed in the modern world.

The comic relief version of life in the time of the Black Death in England is, of course, the film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." It's not funny when the collector of bodies goes through town calling, "Bring out your dead!" but ... well, it's funny if it's just a movie.

GIVE YOURSELF SPACE WHILE CLEANING YOUR SPACE

SALISBURY — With a large percentage of the workforce staying home as part of self-isolating practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, why not spend time creating a more comforting and worry-free home environment?

Former psychology professor Kelly Kandra Hughes will hold a digitally streamed talk on the therapeutic art of minimalist living, presented by Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury. In "How to Get Rid of Your Stuff: A Practical Approach for Cleaning and Beyond," a two-and-a-half hour lecture, Hughes will guide participants in downsizing projects to help eliminate excess belongings, waste and clutter from the home.

"How to Get Rid of Your Stuff" will be presented on the remote video conferencing application Zoom on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m. Zoom can be downloaded to your home computer by going to www.zoom.us

A reservation is required for this digital broadcast. Contact scovilleadultprograms@gmail.com with your name, phone number and email address. An invitation link will be sent to registered participants by Scoville Memorial Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concerns about COVID-19 have canceled or postponed most cultural events in the region. Some organizations are finding ways to hold events online; to find out what has been planned, go online or call the host organization.

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