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Zoey Greenbaum from Kent and Linus Barnes of Sharon are the winners of the Superintendent's Award from Housatonic Valley Regional High School for the 2022-23 school year. (See more student awards on Page A7.)

Greenbaum, Barnes are Superintendents Award winners for HVRHS

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School has announced that Linus Barnes and Zoey Greenbaum are this year's winners of the Litchfield County Superintendents Award. Barnes and Greenbaum are both set to graduate later this year and were given the award for their devotion to the community.

Barnes, who is from Sharon, said

he is looking forward to majoring in history at Vassar College next year. Barnes interns at the Sharon Historical Society and has a passion for public speaking. He also serves as captain of the Quiz Bowl

"Quiz Bowl is trivia. It's an array of questions on different subjects and we compete against different schools across the country, just bat-

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New owners for Colonial Theater in North Canaan

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — With the flip of a switch, a glow emanated from the neon marquee outside the historic Colonial Theatre on Saturday, April 22.

The sign of life marked the arrival of the landmark building's new owners, who purchased it one day earlier with the intent of reviving it as a multi-use gathering space and centerpiece for the community.

On Friday, April 21, the 100-year-old theater, which sat dark and silent for several years, was sold by Canfield LLC to Lenore and Marc Mallett of Lakeville and Stacey and David Fiorillo of Salis-





PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

bury for \$325,000.

The transaction included the theater and its adjoining, two chamfered storefronts with showcase windows which flank its recessed entrance, as well as the purchase of an adjacent parking lot.

"We are so excited for the community," said David Fiorillo, who serves as CFO for the private Marvelwood School in Kent, as he and his partners explored their newly

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), from 1999 to 2021, drug overdose deaths quadrupled in the United States.

Mountainside to relaunch **NYC Recovery Hub**

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — The Connecticut-based Mountainside Treatment Center, which is nationally recognized for its drug and alcohol addiction treatment programs and operates a sprawling facility in North Canaan, announced that it will be relaunching its New York City Recovery Hub in June to allow for in-person gatherings and events sion 2.0 of our New York City

halted during the pandemic.

The three-story facility in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, opened in 2019, is dedicated to expanding and enhancing the recovery experience for individuals suffering from addiction, and for the community around them, according to Mountainside CEO Andre Basso.

"We are excited to launch ver-

Recovery Hub to provide more much-needed resources for individuals to heal, learn and connect in a safe and supportive environment," said Basso in making the April 18 announcement.

"We never closed, we just suspended our live events and now we are full speed ahead for the relaunch of services in June," said the Moun-

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Sharon Hospital panel offers advice on healthy aging

By Leila Hawken

MILLERTON — Basically, we need to move in any way that moves us, but we should get up and move to achieve a longer and more energetic life as we age.

The advice was engagingly offered by a panel of physicians during a program on Thursday, April 20, sponsored by Nuvance Health/Sharon Hospital, held at the Moviehouse and titled "Younger Next Year."

The event's title was borrowed from an acclaimed series of healthy aging advice books authored by Chris Crowley, 90, of Lakeville, who opened the event with an energetic pep talk. He co-authored the "Younger Next Year" series with Henry Lodge, MD, that became a bestseller, boasting sales of over 2 million copies and translated into 23 languages.

Formerly an eminent Wall Street lawyer, Crowley's latest work is the legal thriller "The Practical

Navigator." Greeting the audience at the Moviehouse before the program, Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch, marking the end of her first year in the position, described the event as one in a series intending to "get the community together post-pandemic" and to inform the community of the care services offered at Sharon

"It's a chance for the community to meet our physicians and learn a little about health," McCulloch said of the program series, of which this

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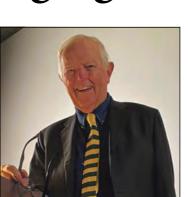


PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Acclaimed local author Chris Crowley was the featured speaker at the Nuvance Health/ Sharon Hospital panel on healthy aging, at the Moviehouse in Millerton on Thursday, April 20.

Region One referendum vote May 2

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One budget referendum is Tuesday, May 2, with voting from noon to 8 p.m. in the town halls of the six Region One towns: Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

The proposed spending plan budgets \$8,631,818 for Housatonic Valley Regional High School, an increase of \$200,562 (2.38%).

Pupil Services is \$6,733,362, an increase of \$50,291 (.76%).

The Regional Schools Services Center is \$1,667,147, an increase of \$114,875 (7.4%).

The total for the 2023-24 Region One budget proposal is \$17,032,327, an increase of \$366,358 (2.2%).



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Boys of spring

Cooper Bunce exchanged high fives with his teammates after hitting a home run in the Little League opener Saturday, April 22 in North Canaan. For full story, turn to page A9.

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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.

Disorderly conduct

On Tuesday, April 18 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Troopers were dispatched to 17 Miner Street in Canaan for a disturbance. An investigation led to the arrest of Serafettin Senel, 31, of the same address on a charge of disorderly conduct. Senel was released on bond with a court appearance set.

Risk of injury to a child

On Wednesday, April 19, Troop B personnel went to 134 Wells Road in Salisbury to serve an active arrest warrant to Feby Rubilla Rosales-luis, 34, of Salisbury. She was placed under arrest and transported to Troop B, charged with risk of injury to a child and assault, third

Operating under the influence

Troopers responded to 274 Gay Street in Sharon on

Friday, April 14 where Tilden Southack, 72, reported that Eugene Harding, 49, of Norfolk, had a suspended license, had been drinking and had left the residence. While on patrol on Route 44 in Norfolk, Troopers observed Harding's vehicle. After an investigation at the scene, Harding was charged with operating a vehicle under a suspension and operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Harding posted bond and was released.

Disorderly conduct,

threatening, 2nd degree On Tuesday, April 18 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Evlyn Anne Kerr, 18, of Mill River, Massachusetts, turned herself in at Troop B on an active arrest warrant on charges of disorderly conduct and threatening, 2nd degree. Kerr was released on bond.

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 johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Native American heritage talk planned in Salisbury May 6

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association Historical Society and Scoville Memorial Library will present "Native American Heritage of the Salisbury Area" by Tim Binzen on Saturday, May 6 at 4:00 pm.

Binzen will discuss the colonial-period history of the Mohican communities of Weataug and Wechquadnach, who lived in today's towns of Salisbury and Sha-

Binzen grew up in Salisbury, now lives in Amherst villelibrary.org.

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Massachusetts, and serves as Regional Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. He has conducted archaeological investigations in the Northeastern states, New Mexico, and Idaho, and his analysis of the area's Indigenous archaeological heritage has been presented in scholarly publications.

The program will be in-person and online, at the Wardell Community Room of the Scoville Memorial Library. Register at www.sco-

Online This Week

Millerton appoints a police chief

Solving a problem that put police on leave, the village hires a chief. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Bequest allows library to pay off mortgage

Ex-president of Friends of Roeliff Jansen Library in Copake makes gift. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Students race EVs at Lime Rock

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — Electric cars zipped around Lime Rock Park on April 21 for the 2023 Spring Electrathon. The race featured nineteen cars made by teams of students from high schools across New England and Canada.

The bi-annual event that began in 2001 drew a crowd of tailgaters to take in the action on a sunny spring day in Lakeville. Teams traveled from as far as Maine and Quebec to participate in the competition.

Local regulars returned for Electrathon as well, including the Housatonic Valley Regional High School FFA team. Retired HVRHS teacher Mark Burdick said he has been attending the race for over ten years.

"A lot of the kids that started it became engineers," said Burdick. "Even though they're not tractors, in ag it's the same technology that they're going to be building. Plus, the kids get to design and engineer and problem solve."

The Housatonic FFA was among fifteen teams in the race and put forth two electric vehicles that were made by the students during Burdick's class.

"Home-built from the frame up," said HVRHS driver Aramis Oyanadel, who added that his car can top out at about 27 miles per hour.

The cars lined up for inspection at 10 a.m. by race officials. Several cars did not pass muster, including one of HVRHS' due to a narrow roll-cage.

Each car was powered by 67-pound battery packs and included custom engineering and design flairs. The teams consisted of two drivers per car with a mandatory pit stop and driver swap midway through the race. The winner would be the car that completed the most laps within one hour.

The race officially began just before 1 p.m. with nineteen cars on the track. HVRHS ran into trouble on the first lap when a battery connection came loose. Some quick repairs by the pit crew allowed driver Spencer

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Spencer Markow drove the first leg for Housatonic Valley FFA's team in Electrathon on April 21. Aramis Oyanadel stood by until the midway point when he swapped in for the remainder of the race. See Instagram video @lakevillejournal

Markow to get back into the action and finish off a strong first leg for Housatonic.

At the midway point, Oyanadel swapped in for Markow and was cautious to preserve precious battery life. Oyanadel's discipline paid off as he continually passed dying cars the longer the race went on.

When the checkered flag flew, only a handful of cars had any juice left and

HVRHS was among them. Housatonic placed third in the Classic Division by completing 40 laps within the hour. Noble High School's two cars placed first with 45 laps in car one and tied for second with Seymour High School at 41 laps in car two.

The Composite Division was won by Wilby High School with 38 laps. The Novice Division was won by Northwestern High School with 35 laps in their first appearance in the event.

Electrathon Coordinator Mike Grella, a retired teacher, was pleased that interest in the event remains high.

"I've been doing this for 20 years and it's great to see the kids excited about learning. The race is just the tinsel on top," said Grella.

Electrathon will return this October for the fall installment of the competition.





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Cornwall panel explores composting solution

By Ollie Gratzinger

CORNWALL - The Cornwall Garden Club, in conjunction with the Cornwall Conservation Commission and the Cornwall Conservation Trust, hosted a panel discussion Saturday afternoon at the Cornwall Library to commemorate another Earth Day for the

Four panelists represented a wide range of perspectives and expertise, but had all come to speak about the same thing: composting.

Ted Larson, manager of the Cornwall Transfer station; Barbara Bettigole, chair of the Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee; scientist Jane Lucas of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies; and the Sharon Energy and Environmental Commission's Michael Nadeau explained that while it may seem daunting at first, composting is one of the most effective ways to reduce food waste across Connecticut.

When the processing facility in Hartford shut down last year, the future of the state's refuse was left in limbo. Most of it is now shipped to facilities located all around



Richard Schlesinger, CBS broadcast journalist, moderated a panel on composting on Saturday, April 22 at the Cornwall Library. From left: Jane Lucas, Ted Larson, Barbara Battigole, and Michael Nadeau.

the country in a process that Richard Schlesinger, a broadcast journalist with CBS who also moderated the panel, said is far from flawless.

"It's a climate change problem, of course, because all that trash needs a whole lot of fuel to move it. It's a social justice problem, because the trash ends up in poorer communities, and it's an economic and financial problem because it's expensive to move all that stuff," said Schlesinger. "The good news is, there is something we can do about it."

About 40 percent of the garbage sent out of the state

"We did have to defer

some capital projects and,

with the budget we did come

up with, we had to utilize

some capital reserves," said

Ridgway. "Through coopera-

tion and a bunch of meetings

and sharpening pencils, we

were able to come up with

something that is not a 6%

operating budget and capital

expenses totaled \$2,942,689,

a \$91,164 (3%) decrease from

last year's town budget of

for Cornwall Consolidated

School in 2023-24 is \$2,633,

903. This is down \$31,080

(1.17%) from 2022-23's bud-

assessment for 2023-24 is

\$1,847,118, an increase of

\$396,904 (27.37%) over last

year's Region One budget of

Cornwall's Region One

get of \$2,664,983.

\$1,450,214.

Total proposed budget

The selectmen's proposed

tax increase."

\$3,033,853.

can be composted, either at facilities like some transfer stations or in a resident's backvard. This waste, which would otherwise end up in a landfill producing methane gas, can instead be spread over a garden bed or sprinkled into a potted plant.

One of the hardest parts,

This put's Cornwall's total

proposed education spend-

ing at \$4,481,021 in 2023-24,

up \$365,824 (8.89%) over the

\$4,115,197 budget in 2022-

from the town's reserves

toward next year's budget,

Cornwall was able to get the

mill rate for 2023-24 to 14.7,

a 1.47% increase over 2022-

expenses in 2023-24 would be

set at \$7,768,573, a \$276,100

(3.69%) hike over the 2022-

residents of Cornwall will

nave the opportunity to vote

on the Region One assess-

ment at Cornwall's Town

Hall between noon and 8

p.m. The town vote for Corn-

held at Cornwall Consoli-

7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 2, the

23 budget of \$7,492,473.

Cornwall's overall town

23 mill rate of 14.49.

After moving \$350,000

the panelists agreed, has been getting folks in local communities on board.

"We were trying to get people to understand that their leaves are gold," Nadeau said, chronicling his endeavors to create compost areas at an organic landshare company he used to own in Fairfield County. "How easy was that to sell? Very difficult."

Common concerns included the smell of a compost bin, which Larson said is more earthy than unpleasant, if the composting is done correctly, and the potential for a bin to attract some of Connecticut's wildlife, like bears and bobcats.

"When things get soggy, it smells more, and that's what normally is attracting most of the animals," Lucas said. "But if you balance that with a higher amount of dry brown material, odds are you're going to get less attraction."

After the panel, Lucas demonstrated the process of composting in a repurposed fish tank. She started with sticks, dead brown leaves and straw - known as the browns, which make up most of a successful compost bin — and then added in the greens: egg shells, coffee grounds, lettuce and assorted food scraps.

She also emphasized that you don't necessarily need any special tools to get start-

"Composting can be a very cheap thing," she said. "You don't need fancy equipment to do it."

Cornwall budget ready for town vote

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — At the April 21 public hearing at the Cornwall Consolidated School on the proposed town and education spending plans for 2023-24, the line item that carried the most weight was the \$396,904 (27.37%) increase in next year's Region One assessment for Cornwall.

This hike was due to a small graduating senior class for Cornwall this year paired with a large incoming freshman class, increasing Cornwall's population at Housatonic Valley Regional High School by ten students.

"By itself this would be about a 6% increase in Cornwall's town budget," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway on the Region One increase. He added that after hearing the news, the town began to tighten the purse strings to alleviate the overall budget.

Social worker turned true crime writer at Hunt Library May 6

FALLS VILLAGE — The David M. Hunt Library will host a discussion of "Hidden Demons" by local author Margery Metzger on Saturday May 6 at 2 p.m.

"Hidden Demons" is a true crime story set in the Berkshire Hills that tells the tale of a serial killer and the father and daughter team whose brave actions exposed

Books will be available for sale and to be signed by the

This event will be held outside.

Margery Metzger, a retired social worker and mediator is a first time author who felt compelled to tell this story. Metzger will share the process of writing the book, as well as what drew her to this topic.

SHS calls for art show entries

SHARON — The Sharon Historical Society & Museum announced an open call seeking entries for its upcoming show in Gallery SHS, "A Room of One's Own," a iuried in-person exhibition and sale running from May 13 through July 7.

Artists may submit for consideration original works in any medium.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for up to two works of art, \$10 for each additional submission. The show's judge will select the art to be exhibited and award cash prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 to three pieces. In addition, guests who view the exhibition in person or on the SHS website will have the opportunity to select their favorite work of art which will receive the "SHS Crowd Pleaser" award at the end of the show.

Submissions must be delivered on Saturday, May 6, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

CCS hires new principal

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL - Cornwall's Board of Education (BOE) has appointed Leanne Maguire to become the new principal of Cornwall Consolidated School. An 18-member committee led by Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter conducted the search for a new principal.

"Ms. Maguire's positive energy and enthusiasm, coupled with her belief in successful learning outcomes for all students and her commitment to community is a wonderful fit for CCS," said Carter.

Maguire previously worked in the Torrington School District for 20 years, including time as

an elementary and middle school classroom teacher and experience as an assistant principal in middle and high school. She holds a B.S. in Psychology and Special Education from Marist College and an M.S. in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University.

"We are all extremely happy to have found Leanne Maguire to lead our school. She will be a positive and thoughtful principal who will support teachers and students," said BOE Chair Emilie

Maguire will take over for Principal Mary Kay Ravenola following her departure at the end of the 2023 school year.

'Luminous Voices' at Salisbury Congregational Church May 6

SALISBURY — On Saturday May 6 at 3 p.m. the Salisbury UCC Choir, along with guest singers and professional soloists Jennifer Oberto, Jimi James, and Steve Hoagland will perform a spring concert entitled "Luminous Voices."

Featured works are: "Hear My Prayer" by Felix Mendelssohn, "Five Mystical Songs" by Ralph Vaughn Williams,

and "Luminous Night of the Soul" by contemporary composer Ola Gjeilo.

The singers will be accompanied by a string quartet and pianist Jesse Goldberg, and conducted by Music Director David Baranowski.

The concert will take place in the Salisbury Meeting house at 30 Main Street, and is free to the public.





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Kent budgets to face public hearing May 5

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Following discussion mostly on points of clarification and some minor adjustments, the Board of Finance voted unanimously at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19, to forward the town's 2023-24 proposed budgets on to public hear-

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 5, at the Town Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. The hearing will afford residents an opportunity to ask questions and offer opinions on the proposed town budgets. The current budget draft is posted on the town's website at www.townofkentct.

As presented, the proposed budget for town expenditures totals \$6,283,283 with an additional \$1,106,141 for capital expense. The total of the selectmen's operating budget of \$4,886,668 shows an increase of \$313,013 (6.8%) over the current

The Kent Center School budget proposal of \$4,954,047, when combined with the Region One component (\$2,293,953), totals \$7,248,000, an overall increase in the education budget of 0.09%.

Speaking of the selectmen's budget proposal, First Selectman Jean Speck said, "All departments really came to the table with sharpened pencils. There are no large increases."

And finance board chairman Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick pointed out that there is "not a lot of runway room" before the May 5 public hearing on the

budgets.

Remembering the Swift House Committee's request for \$13,900, needed for an assessment of work needed to bring the historic house into Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, finance board member Casey Cogut asked for the selectmen's opinion.

"The selectmen agree that the assessment be done," Speck responded, indicating that there is urgency to the request. She has been seeking grant support and has been looking at the current year's budget to see if residual funds could be used as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

Treasurer Barbara Herbst indicated that there is no excess money in the present budget and that the Board of Finance would need to approve any scrutiny of the budget to find funds.

Swift House Committee chairman Zanne Charity pointed out that she and town officials have been talking about the ADA assessment for many

Herbst noted that closer to the end of the fiscal year, she contacts each town department to determine the status of their accounts and whether they anticipate any residual funds.

Resident Patricia Orris questioned the decision to eliminate the proposed \$16,000 expenditure for additional hours of state trooper protection for the town, speaking in defense of the expense. She urged that the finance board and the selectmen reconsider.

Earth Day stories in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Artist and author Pieter Lefferts read an excerpt from his book "What the Kek Kek Saw" at an Earth Day event at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, April 22.

The reading came toward the end of an exhibition in the library of Lefferts' art.

Lefferts recalled the first Earth Day in 1970. He was a youngster in New York City, decked out in "a pretty cool green shirt" and cleaning up

Lefferts provided the setting for the reading, his imagining of a society of animals, inspired by his experience in the Adirondacks.

He asked the audience of 20 or so people gathered under a tent on the library

grounds to imagine the animals sitting in a circle and telling stories, near a swamp, and with "abundant mosquitoes."

"Like that," he added, referring to the sound of auto racing from Lime Rock Park, clearly audible in Falls Vil-

After the reading, Lefferts recalled how, as a very young boy, he was "obsessed" with raccoons, and was even given a baby raccoon as a pet.

He said he knew "Weezy" would eventually revert to her wild nature, but the animal stuck around from spring to fall, and then returned briefly the following spring.

his pillow. 'She purred louder than

Weezy used to sleep on



Pieter Lefferts read from his book on Earth Day.

North Canaan airs 2023-24 budgets

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN -North Canaan's Board of Finance presented the town's 2023-24 spending proposals at a public hearing at Town Hall on April 19. Finance chair Nancy O'Connor led the meeting to review changes and field questions.

"I'll go through each section. I'll stop at the end of each section. If you have any questions specifically about that section you can ask it then," said O'Connor.

The board first reviewed the budget for North Canaan Elementary School (NCES). One notable change in NCES' proposal was a \$30,185.17 decrease in cost of electricity. Resident Dan Stanyon inquired about the cause of this decrease to NCES Principal Alicia Roy.

'We did use some grant moneys to do a little bit of building management work

and I do think it truly may have helped our electricity," said Roy.

NCES' total proposed budget amount for 2023-24 is \$4,426,036.83, which is \$25,597.17 (0.58%) less than the 2022-23 budget of \$4,451,634.00.

The decrease in elementary school spending helped offset a hike in North Canaan's Region One assessment for next year. North Canaan's total proposed contribution to the 2023-24 Region One budget is \$5,702,883.00, up \$194,761.00 (3.54%) over the 2022-23 budget of \$5,508,122.00.

The Region One budget referendum is Tuesday, May 2, with voting at Town Hall from noon to 8 p.m.

O'Connor then moved on to the Board of Selectmen's spending plan, which includes a 4% raise for all hourly town employees. The largest line item increases for

municipal spending went to emergency services, including a \$50,000 increase to the fire department, a \$30,000 hike toward emergency medical services, and a \$30,000 increase to the resident trooper budget.

The selectmen's proposed municipal budget amount for 2023-24 is \$3,267,102. This represents an increase of \$232,559 (7.66%) compared to the 2022-23 budget of \$3,034,543.

This put the total budget for North Canaan in 2023-24 at \$13,396,021.83, an increase of \$401,723 (3.09%) over last year's budget of \$12,994,298.83.

The Board of Finance will conduct a final review of the budget at its regular meeting on May 10 before determining a date for the town vote.

Sharon road race May 6

SHARON — The 38th Annual Sharon Classic Road Race to benefit the Sharon Day Care Center will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. The hub of activities will be located at Veterans' Fields in Sharon Valley.

There will be a variety of activities for children as well as sundry vendors and display booths, and a food truck.

Free snacks will be provided the registered runners and walkers.

As a concluding event, cash prizes, ribbons and medals will be awarded to the winners.

Go to www.sharondaycare.org for more informa-

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the Sharon Water System: On May 1st and May 2nd, the Sharon Sewer and Water Commission will be flushing the water mains between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. On May 1st, all lines north of West Main Street including West Main and Hospital Hill will be completed. The remainder of the system will be flushed on May 2nd.

Customers can expect to experience intermittent decreases of water pressure with the potential for discolored water. Limiting water consumption will help to minimize the impact on individual service lines. It is also advisable to refrain from doing laundry, as potential iron and manganese slugs could result in staining.

If any customers notice that their water is discolored or turbid after 4:00 PM they should run their water until it clears before consumption or laundry. Past experience has shown water quality to return to normal within a couple of hours. We apologize for any inconvenience that this might cause you, and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call VRI at 860-364-0457.

04-27-23

LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023

005) for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition of a new play surface and retainer wall at 63 Millerton Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/ agendas/. The Application is posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www. salisburyct.us.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL **TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SALISBURY** WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

7:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM

The electors and others entitled to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, are hereby warned that the Annual Budget meeting of said Town will be held via

Zoom on Wednesday, May

3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. for the

following purposes: 1.To act upon the budget and any supplements thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, which budget has been prepared and recommended by the Board of Finance; said budget is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office

immediately. 2.To act upon the following items, which are customarily considered at

a. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow any sums of money they deem necessary to meet the Town's indebtedness and current or authorized expenditures, and to execute and deliver the Town's obligations

b. To see if the First Selectman will deliver on behalf of the Town all documents that may be necessary for carrying out any of the items in the budget;

c. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expendanyfundsallocatedto the Town of Salisbury by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and extending to June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Board of Finance; and

d. To authorize the Board of Finance to transfer funds from surplus to cover shortages in various line items in the 2022-2023 budget.

3. To consider and act upon a resolution to set Wednesday, February 7, 2024 as the date for the Annual Town Meeting.

4. To consider and act upon a resolution to set Wednesday, May 8, 2024 as the date for the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen will post a notice on the Town's website (https:// www.salisburyct.us/)notless than forty-eight (48) hours

the public on how to attend and provide comment or otherwise participate in the

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 20th day of April, 2023.

Curtis G. Rand First Selectman Christian E. Williams Selectman Donald Mayland Selectman 04-27-23

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS ESTATE OF FAY WILLIAM REED** Late of North Canaan (23-00155)

The Hon.Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 11, 2023, 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: Michael Stephen Reed c/o Louise F. Brown Ackerly Brown LLP 5 Academy Street P.O. Box 568 Lakeville, CT 06068 Megan M. Foley

> > Clerk

04-27-23

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given

at 9:05am to act on an the Annual Budget meeting prior to the Town Meeting that the following action result in the loss of rights to Message to Customers of Application (#2023- for approval: providing instructions for was taken by the Planning recover on such claim. & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 17,

> Approved with Conditions - Special Permit Application #2023-0209 by owner 343 MS Restoration LLC, for change of use - multi-family, high turnover restaurant, mixed use commercial, and a use rendering more than 30% of the lot impervious in accordance with Sections 205.2, 209.2, 403.4 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 26 and is located at 343 Main Street, Lakeville.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Courtinaccordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 04 - 27 - 23

> **NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF** LINDA FENN **LANDGRAF** Late of Canaan

(23-00131) The Hon.Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 13, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may

The fiduciary is: Erik W. Landgraf 12 Fenn Drive Barkhamsted, CT 06063-

> Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk 04-27-23

Town of Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority Notice of Public Hearing immediately followed by a Special Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023 5:00pm

A public hearing called by the Water Pollution Control Authority will be held virtually on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm with the following agenda:

1. To receive public comment on 8% rate increase to go into effect July 1, 2023.

There will be a Special Meeting immediately following the public hearing.

This public hearing and meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The agenda and meeting instructions to join via Zoom will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/ agendas. Written comments may be submitted to the WPCA, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT 06068 or via email to townhall@ salisburyct.us.

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OBITUARIES

John Manuel Moore

MILLERTON — John Manuel Moore, 66, a life-

long area resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon. Mr. Moore was a self-employed professional sound engineer for the movie and film industry for over twenty years.

Born June 10, 1956, in Manhattan, New York, he was the son of the late John H. and Aurora M. (Troconis) Moore. He attended and graduated from the Barlow School in Amenia, and was a Bard College alumnus.

There was no one like Johnny. He had the remarkable ability to relate to anyone, regardless of age, background, or sensibility. He made everyone he met laugh and was a supportive and empathetic friend. Johnny traveled the world, often solo, and loved to encounter new cultures. He was a World War I and II history buff and recently spent time visiting sites and museums in Berlin. He also enjoyed fine art, old movies, rock and roll, photography, and social media. He was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous and he offered encouragement and support rides to meetings for new members.

The pinnacle of his life was spending time with his

loving and devoted family.

Words cannot express how much his friends and family miss him.

John is survived by his brother, William Hitchcock and his wife Didi of New York, New York and Mill-

brook; his sisters, Leslie Murray of Salisbury, and Melinda Hitchcock and her husband David Fanning of Millerton; two nieces, Nina Murray of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Isabel Murray of New York, New York; two nephews, Thomas Hitchcock of New York, New York and Oliver Correa of Craryville, New York, and many friends.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A memorial service will take place at 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Pastor Lee Gangaware will officiate.

Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Millbrook, NY. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in John's memory or to send a floral tribute, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Linda Rose Lamay

MILLERTON — Linda Rose Lamay, 68, a thirty year resident of Millerton, formerly of Dover Plains, died peacefully on April

19, 2023, at The Grand at Pawling in Pawling, New York, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Lamay had a long career with the Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office in Wassaic. She re-

tired as a staff supervisor in bard and her husband Larry 2010 with over thirty years of service with New York State.

Born Jan. 1, 1955, in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of the late Frederick Killmer and Rosalie "Rosie" (Klingzahn) Abrams. She attended school locally and married Bruce M. Lamay on Jan. 28, 1992, in Dover Plains.

Mr. Lamay died on July 10, 2016.

Linda had a passion for traveling; she also enjoyed summer barbecues and gettogethers. She treasured the times spent with her loving family and many dear friends. She had an infectious laugh and the warmest smile. Her presence will be greatly missed at the Millerton Legion Post 178 where she served as the longtime bartender at the Post Canteen and where she was also an ac-

Legion Post 178 Auxiliary. Linda is survived by three children, Christopher Palmer and his wife Amanda of

> Knoxville, Tennessee, Alicia Palmer of Queensbury, New York, and James Flynn and his fiancé, Amy Page of Syracuse, New York; two grandchildren, Tyler Palmer and Alex Swale; her sister, Susan Hib-

of Schroon Lake, New York, and her nephew, Josh Hib-

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the family plot at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Legion Post 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Linda's memory or send a floral tribute, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome. com Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

Graveside Service Birthe Elizabeth Larsen

KENT — There will be a grave side service May 13, 2023, at 11:00 am at Flanders Cemetery in Kent for Birthe Elizabeth Larsen, age 81, fondly known as Elizabeth,

tive member of the Millerton

who passed away peacefully at home on April 10, 2023, following a long illness. Elisabeth was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Aug. 21,

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Ann Ritter Brown

SALISBURY — Ann Ritter Brown, 84, of Alburgh,

Vermont, died from leukemia on April 13, 2023, at her winter home in Lake Wales, Florida. Dale D. Brown, her husband of 48 vears, was at her side, as always, loving and encouraging her during their last dance together.

Ann was born in New Haven, Connecticut, the daughter of Virginia L. Ritter and Manvel B. Ritter. She and her elder sister Barbara grew up in North Haven, Connecticut. Ann often described her childhood as full of adventure and fun. She and her friends freely roamed the neighborhood, seeking adventures in the woods and streams nearby. She could walk through a neighbor's yard to visit her best friend Judy, and a tin-can "telegraph" connected her with a good friend Lee. All the children walked to and from school, with a round trip home at lunchtime. Ann was a "candy striper" in her school years, and she developed a strong desire to help others and a confidence in her ability to do so.

Ann and her family spent summer vacations on Twin Lakes in Salisbury, Connecticut. The area played an important role in Ann's life, and many happy memories became a part of the family lore. Her love of the water, swimming, canoeing, and water lilies were all developed in this beautiful setting in northwest Connecticut.

Ann was a member of the class of 1955, North Haven High School's first graduating class. She was younger than her classmates, and earned her driver's license at age 16 in her senior year. She was the first member of her class to be accepted to college and she attended Centenary Junior College and studied fashion design.

Ann married Chester A. Page, Jr., in 1956 and the first years of their marriage were spent on Air Force bases in Texas, California, and Georgia. Ann learned to play bridge in those years, and enjoyed playing her entire life. She was always a member of a bridge club and even adapted to playing bridge on an iPad. Most recently, she was a member of bridge clubs in Alburgh, Vermont, and Lake Wales, Florida.

Ann and Chet had three children, and raised them in Princeton, New Jersey, and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Ann always said she loved being a young mother. She "grew up" with them, and imparted her love of the outdoors and swimming to all three: Lesley, Chester, and Manvel. She was an active member of her communities, and volunteered with the Junior League and the League of Women Voters. She was proud of these efforts and how they prepared her for a career in day care and community service.

Ann's marriage to Dale D. Brown in 1975 launched a new phase of her family life and career aspirations. Together, they raised Ann's three children and Dale's daughter Marci and son Duane. Ann and Dale worked together for the Manpower program. There, she turned her skills as a mother and her experiences as a volunteer toward developing a daycare center to care for the children of mothers who were learning non-traditional trades. The federal government actively invested in these efforts, and Ann's

work supported hundreds of families as the program

grew. This was the beginning of a lifelong career devoted to supporting families in the Lehigh Valley and later in Salisbury, Connecticut. Ann and Dale

moved to Salisbury to be closer

to Ann's family, and both became active members of the Salisbury community for the next 20 years. Ann was director of the Housatonic Day Care Center for 14 years. Ann and the center's board of directors recognized the need for infant child care and were instrumental in establishing that program.

Known as Annie to many, her enthusiasm and effervescent personality endeared her to the children, their parents, and the staff. Community members will remember annual events to support the center, each delivered with her special flair. These included: Mothers' Day Tea hosted by Harney Tea Company, Fathers' Day Breakfast, an annual circus featuring the daycare kiddos, and participation in the Salisbury Memorial Day parade.

An annual house tour organized by Ann and board members elevated community support from bake sales to major investments in the center. One transformative achievement was the building of a new day care center that was co-located on a campus with other social service organizations and community soccer fields.

Ann's volunteer service to the community included membership in the Salisbury Rotary Club and she served a term as president of Salisbury Family Services. Ann and Dale were hosts of a local television program that highlighted town events and featured local personalities.

Ann and Dale retired to Alburgh, Vermont, in 2003, eventually dividing their time between Vermont and Lake Wales, Florida. Ann was an antique dealer and enjoyed collecting and selling furniture, silver, and linens at antique shows in each of the communities she lived. She loved all things fancy and sparkly, and she delighted in being the grandmother to four girly-girls: Kathryn, Erica, Molly, and Veronica. She shared her love of food, fashion, and fun with each of them. And, as the most creative of Christmas elves, she loved to select special gifts for her family, including the next generation of little ones, her great grandchildren: Xander, Lily, and Harlan.

Ann was a life-long patriot of the United States. She grew up during the Second World War and many of her values were informed by love of country and pride in the opportunities available to its citizens. She was a proud member of the national society of Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a descendant of Captain Job Candee from Connecticut. Most recently, she was a member of the Captain

> of Our Mother Lois G. Shaffer 2/19/1926-4/28/2007

In Loving Memory

Dear Mom, Missing you so much. The pain never goes away. Love you more than you'll ever know.



the DAR in Saint Albans, Vermont.

Annie was draped in an American flag as she left her house for the last time; friends and neighbors honored both with a salute of their hands on their hearts.

In addition to her husband, Dale, Ann is survived by her daughter Lesley A. Yorke, and her sons Chester A. Page III and Manvel R. Page and wife Karen. She also has four granddaughters: Kathryn Heinen and husband John Heinen; Erica Beneke and husband Matt Farr; Molly Beneke and partner Nick Poteat, and Veronica Page and fiance Dan Saldarriaga. Her three great-grandchildren are Alexander (Xander) and

Jedediah Hyde Chapter of Liliana (Lily) Heinen and Harlan Farr.

Ann is also survived by her sister Barbara R. Peterson, her niece Lisa Finis and husband Mario Finis, her nephew George Peterson, as well as great nieces, nephews, and close cousins.

Ann is also survived by her stepdaughter Marci Kickliter and step-grandson Trevor Kickliter; stepson Duane Brown and wife Sharon and step-granddaughter Dale Breisch and husband Wesley Breisch and great step-granddaughter, Grace Breisch.

Ann was deeply loved and her joie de vivre will be missed by her extended family and many friends. A celebration of Ann's life will be held in Salisbury, CT, in early summer 2023.



Worship Services Week of April 30, 2023

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are,

wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: ness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442

St. John's Episcopal Church 2 Main Street, Salisbury, Ca Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290

North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC

Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232

FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm

The Lakeville United **Methodist Church** 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039

9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

> The Sharon United **Methodist Church**

112 Upper Main Steet, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net

Promised Land Baptist Church

29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow. Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org

Falls Village Congregational Church **16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village** 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with

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860-824-0194

The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org

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Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!

All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT

Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 | allsaintsofamerica.us

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon

9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org

St. Thomas **Episcopal Church** 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links www.stthomasamenia.com Community of Radical Hospitality

Trinity Episcopal Church484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville
Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at

www.trinitylimerock.org Misa en español a las 4 de la tarde el último domingo de mes The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix River trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627

Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be

Sunday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome

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Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Concention Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078

UCC in CORNWALL

Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community

Sharon Congregational Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday & Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard

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mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone

Questions remain as budgets go to public hearing May 12

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Continuing to seek clarification of the methods used by the state Board of Education to compute the annual Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR), key to the Board of Education's budget process, the Board of Finance voted unanimously on Tuesday, April 18, to forward the proposed town 2023-24 education spending plan to a public hearing without its approval.

Board of Finance Chair Tom Bartram reported that he had sent a letter to the state Department of Education that included questions about the MBR. Bartram said that he hopes that a response from the state will be received in advance of the public hearing. Should a timely response be received, he said, the Board of Finance could meet to review the response.

The current gross budget that includes spending for both the Sharon Center School (SCS) and expense for Region One is \$6,123,789 with a Net Budget of \$6,114,451. The SCS budget apart from Region One totals \$4,514,327, increasing by \$1,756 over the current budget (0.04%), anticipated to return to the town as unexpended at year's end.

The public hearing on both the town and the education budget proposals will be held on Friday, April 28, at the Town Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Copies of both proposed budgets are available at the Town Hall or on the Board of Finance page on the town website: www.sharonct.

The finance board went on to approve the selectmen's 5-year capital spending plan, clearing the way for the plan to be considered at the budget town meeting scheduled for Friday, May 12.

Continuing their efforts to understand the MBR process, the Board of Finance voted unanimously to add the MBR to the agenda for its next meeting on Tuesday, May 16. Finance board member Lyman Whelan has agreed to provide his understanding of how the MBR is computed, based in part on a recent meeting with Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick.

Green Team: How to shave electric bill

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Angela Lomanto took one look at a reporter's electric bill and said "We can cut this in half."

Lomanto, Theresa Carroll and other members of the Salisbury Congregational Church's Green Team had a Green Expo set up in the parish hall after services on Sunday, April 23.

Carroll explained the uses and advantages of wool dryer balls, which allow for shorter drying times and eliminate

the need for fabric softeners. Plus they make great cat toys.

Powdered dish soap that comes in a biodegradable packet instead of a cardboard of plastic container can be deployed by reusing a small plastic bottle which once held

It doesn't take much to do a sinkload of dishes.

Or consider soap nuts. Simply soak these actual nuts (or berries) for 10 minutes or so, put them in a net bag and use in your washing machine. Repeat, up to eight to 10 times.

Carroll was asked if they work.

"Smell me," she said. Lomanto punched up a website — powersetter. com — listing providers that charge significantly less per kilowatt hour than Ever-



Theresa Carroll of the Salisbury Congregational Church's Green Team demonstrated how to use wool balls to improve dryer performance and amuse your cat.

As in about half as much - 12.49 cents per kwh from Direct Energy, compared to 24.179 cents per kwh from Eversource.

Lomanto cautioned that these savings only apply to the electric side of the bill, not the delivery charges.

But this reporter's backof-the-envelope calculation is

that the \$95 March bill could have been \$65, which would free up funds for vital items.

The Green Team had a handout with product de-

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PRAYER

Downtown Lakeville project okayed by P&Z

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALSIBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the application from William Colgan to to turn the former Chinese restaurant at 343 Main Street in Lakeville into a dessert restaurant and apartment building after closing the public hearing on Monday, April 17.

The application was approved unanimously.

There were some conditions, mostly dealing with

Center on Main is offering

two music programs for chil-

ages seven and up (including

adults) with Brook Martinez

offers a new approach to the

traditional music lesson.

Rather than focus on the

technical mastery of a sin-

gle instrument, the goal is to

nurture the unique creative

musical expression of each

participant in an environ-

ment that will provide them

with the tools they need to

bring their musical ideas,

"Music Hear Now," for

dren and adults.

Martinez, Domenick bring

music programs to Center

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reporting on the progress of the work on the first of the month, and with inspections along the way.

Colgan submitted a letter expressing concern and alarm that, having satisfied one set of criteria earlier in the process, he was now asked to deal with another list.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens assured Colgan and the other commissioners that the conditions were mostly "boilerplate," standard conditions for any sort of construction

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com for more information

ages one to five, the Dana

Domenick is offering "Mon-

day Mini Music Makers."

This program is an oppor-

tunity for parents with young

ones to gather and be led by

in singing, rhythm, move-

Mondays 10 a.m. at the Center at 103 Main St., begin-

ning Monday, April 24, and

running through May 15.

The program is offered

For those with children

on Music Hear Now.



A lemonade container was adapted for use as a handy way to store and deploy powdered dish detergent.

Discover the story of the first veterans' association May 12

NORTH CANAAN — Join town historian Kathryn Boughton Friday, May 12, 7 p.m. at the Douglas Library for a talk on the predecessor of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

Few people realize that in the industrial North, wounded Civil War veterans were not accepted as conquering heroes as they marched

home from four years of carnage. Often unable to work, hardened and disturbed by what they had seen, they were viewed as a burden on society.

The GAR was the first veteran's association to form and fight for veteran's rights. North Canaan had an active chapter.

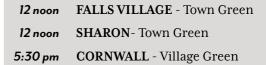
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scriptions and website addresses, which will be posted on the church website, www. salisburycongregationalchurch.org

Concert to

LAKEVILLE — On April 30 at 2 p.m., Hotchkiss School musicians, many of whom recently performed at Carnegie Hall, invite the community to a concert at the Lakeville Town Grove that will benefit The Corner Food Pantry.

To ensure enough seating and refreshments for all guests, please RSVP to cl-



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benefit Corner Food Pantry

Guests are encouraged to enjoy the refreshments and reception following the concert which will include classical music performances, a jazz ensemble, and the school's all-male and all-female acapella groups. Students have requested non-perishable food donations for the Corner Food

burchf@hotchkiss.org.



6:00 pm

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artists at Hunt Library May 13 FALLS VILLAGE — In May, the David M. Hunt Library will host an exhibiton of artworks by Lakeville and Brooklyn-based couple, Millree Hughes and Sarah Davis, with a reception for the artists on Saturday, May

13 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display

through Friday, June 9.

Welshman Hughes' work has always been about the relationship between technology and nature, whether it takes the form of glitch video-stills or watercolors.

Davis was raised in Sharon. Her watercolors and pastels reflect her deep attachment to the region's landscape.

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Superintendents Awards



Hayden Bachman

Lee H. Kellogg School

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Hayden Bachman is the Litchfield County Superintendents Award winner from the Lee H. Kellogg School.

Asked why she was picked, she said it was a combination of "good grades and I help out a lot," especially in the lunchroom setup. Bachman said her favorite subjects are English and science.

The eighth grader plays soccer, basketball, and softball, and in her free time she loves to ride horses, split wood, and help out at the Caddy Shack. She plans to attend Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the fall, where she hopes to get involved with the Agriculture Education program and the

"I like working with animals," she said.

Sharon Center School

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Litch-field County Superintendents Award winner Finian Malone, is totally familiar with Sharon Center School, having studied there since pre-school.

Now finishing Grade 8, Finian is Student Council President, and has been a member of the Student Council since Grade 5. He has distinguished himself academically and enjoys the challenges of Region One soccer and track. He is active in his school's Environmental Club and he enjoys his service through Project Make a Difference where students in the upper grades are paired with Grade 2 and younger students in a buddy system, having lunch sometimes or just playing together. Outside of school, Finian enjoys Tae Kwon Do and volunteers at the Sharon Volunteer Fire Department, helping with community breakfasts and

the luminaries on the green project. Praising SCS, Finian said, "It's really small; everyone knows everyone, and there is a good sense of community."

The regional sports program has been a great benefit, Finian said, because "you meet more people, people that you will be with in high school."

Passing by during conversation with Finian and upon hearing that Finian had earned the Superintendents award, SCS school nurse Debbie Sheehan said, "I am not at all surprised that it is he."

Finian plans to continue his education at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAW

Finian Malone

Kent Center School

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Speaking with Litchfield County Superintendents Award winner Owen Brown in Principal Michelle Mott's office at Kent Center School, his qualities of character and leadership are apparent. Owen is the Student Council President, having been elected the previous year as Council Vice President.

His sports interests include soccer, serving as team captain, the position of center in basketball (he has the height), and he has past baseball experience covering first base. Outdoor activities are a favorite.

Actively involved in intramural basketball, Owen enjoys his time spent as a coach for the younger players. He also enjoys his work mentoring students enrolled in Grade 4 at KCS.

KCS administrators indicated that Owen is an exceptional role model for the



Owen Brown

school community by always offering kindness and put-

ting forth maximum effort.
"I love it at Kent Center School," Owen said, describing a sense of community

found in a small school. "It's

like a big family," he added. Among Owen's favorite subjects, he says he favors English.

Next year, Owen plans to enroll at Marvelwood School.

North Canaan Elementary School

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Eighth grader Addie Diorio was named North Canaan Elementary School's (NCES) 2023 winner of the Litchfield County Superintendents Award. Diorio said she was surprised to win but pleased be given the award.

"I'm glad I got it. It's pretty special," said Diorio.

Diorio is headed to Housatonic Valley Regional High School next year and is excited to participate in the school band and join the ag department.

"I play trombone and I really like animals and helping plants. That all interests me," she said.

She is an altar server at her church and serves as a member of student council at NCES. Diorio said she recently took part in a climate



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Addie Diorio

summit and worked to create a youth action plan to be implemented at the school.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Daniel Lesch

Cornwall Consolidated School

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The Litchfield County Superintendents Award winner at Cornwall Consolidated School (CCS) for 2023 is eighth grader Daniel Lesch. Lesch is an active participant in both his school and community and appreciated being honored with the award.

"I like to think of myself as a leader. I like helping people both inside of school and outside of school," said Lesch.

Lesch was selected by his classmates to represent the student body on CCS's Student Advisory. In this role he advocates on behalf of the students in discussions with teachers.

"We're kind of like the voice of the students. If we want something to change, we bring it up with the teachers," said Lesch.

He also plays on the baseball team, runs cross country, sings in chorus, plays percussion in band, and does the morning announcement live stream each Friday. For his exploration project, Lesch is repairing the school's baseball field and holding a two-day baseball clinic after school.

Lesch said he is excited to attend Housatonic Valley Regional High School next year

Salisbury Central School

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Charlie O'Connell is the Litchfield County Superintendents Award winner from Salisbury Central School,

The eight grader and her family moved to Lakeville from New Jersey three years

"I love it here," she said. "The people are amazing."

Her favorite subject has been English, but this year she credited teacher John Conklin for sparking an interest in science.

O'Connell is president of Student Leadership. She plays on the regional

soccer, basketball and softball teams. She was candid about her

sporting prowess.
"I play sports, badly. But I

like being on the team."

O'Connell plans to attend

O'Connell plans to attend The Hotchkiss School in the fall.



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Charlie O'Connell



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Cake auctioneer George Potts lent his talents to keep the bidding lively at the Kent Memorial Library's first cake auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 22.

Gateaux galore at Kent library

By Leila Hawken

KENT — As a festive celebration of the town's Daffodil Days, the Kent Memorial Library held a cake auction and dispensed bubbly beverages on Saturday, April 22. The theme was appropriately titled, Cakes and Champagne. An overflow crowd packed the reading room to admire what can happen when flour is artfully combined with a variety of other ingredients.

From the display of the finished products, the creative process beginning to end is a high art form. Cakes were donated by businesses, pastry artists and friends. Serving as auctioneer was local restauranteur George Potts whose hospitality personality kept the bidding on track, all to benefit the



Each cake, donated by local bakers, was a work of art, pleasing to the eye as well as the palate.

A special feature in advance of the auction was a demonstration of baking tips offered by local favorite home baker Barbara Marcone who said that she has been a baker since she was eight. She

was such a hit, many in her audience expressed a desire to move in next door to her.

"Bakers share," Marcone said, "Sharing is nice. Be smart and get a baker as a

Marcone advised using lot of butter, genuine vanilla, and make sure that all ingredients are room temperature. Remember always to plump your raisins. Kitchen scales are better than measuring cups. You would be surprised at the difference.

"It's no longer necessary to sift flour," Marcone advised. Just a simple swirl with a whisk will do.

A loyal fan of King Arthur flour, Marcone directs everyone to its website, replete with wonderful recipes and even offering accompanying

While this was the Kent library's initial effort at the cake auction genre, the enthusiasm was there to make the event an annual draw for the library. If you missed it this year, make sure you watch for next year.

Salisbury student helps on Hotchkiss purple martin project

By Elias Sorich

LAKEVILLE — Emma Sisk, a seventh grade student at Salisbury Central, began to develop a passion for birding at age nine. Then, during the pandemic, she started going on nature walks with her mother, and attending online seminars at the Sharon Audubon Center.

"I've got a whole bookshelf of birding books. Sometimes they end up just scattered allover my floor," she said. "We were in Florida recently...We saw some roseate spoonbills, and they're awesome."

On Saturdays, she can be found volunteering at Sharon Audubon—working on and learning about wildlife care and rehabilitation with Bethany Sheffer, Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist.

When it came time for Emma to work on a special project as part of her volunteering, she choose to help erect a purple martin complex.

Purple martins, named for the distinctive purple plumage of the males, are aerial insectivores, meaning they feed only on insects and catch their food on the wing. They're also colony birds, nesting in groups.

Aerial insectivores are declining in North America, mostly due to habitat loss, and dwindling food sources. And though purple martin populations have generally followed that downward

trend, thanks to more recent conservation efforts, their population has stabilized, and they were downlisted in Connecticut from a state threatened species to a species of special concern in 2015.

Sheffer was able to connect Emma with Jennifer Rinehart, Environmental Instructor at The Hotchkiss School, to find a place on campus to put the martin colony—which looks something like a fire house siren crossed with a pigeon.

With the help of Laurie Doss, a local purple martin expert, they chose a small site near the forest's edge. As for the future of Emma's martin complex, she will continue to work with Rinehart and Sheffer to improve and monitor the site.

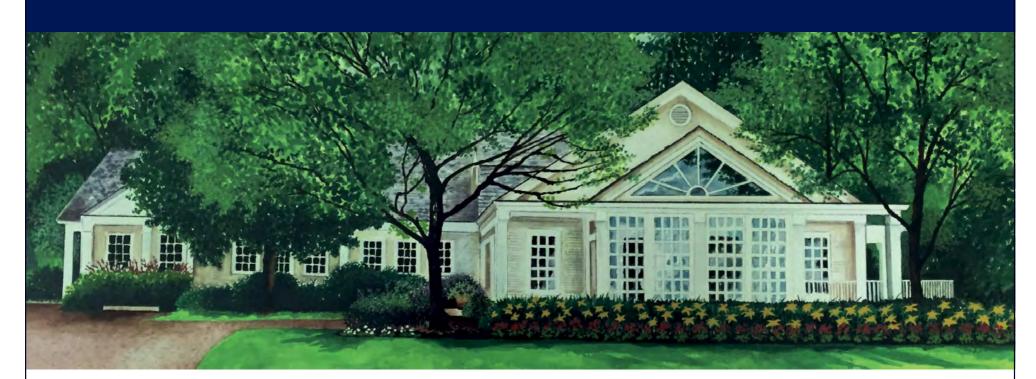
And though it might be a take a while (Sheffer had informed them that it took nearly a decade for purple martins to take up residence in Sharon Audubon's structures), those efforts will involve banding and monitoring the birds that make their nest there.

The hope is to contribute to an understanding of their migratory patterns—but also, according to Emma's mother Michelle Sisk, to work with fledglings. Michelle Sisk said her daughter "has come to consider the resident birds at Audubon kindred spirits, particularly a dove named Paloma and a wood duck named Darnell!"



Emma Sisk, left, and Jennifer Rinehart at the purple martin complex that was installed on The Hotchkiss School grounds on Thursday, April 20.

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Sports

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Tommy Downey of the Giants forced out Brayden Foley at second base during the Little League opener.

Giants win Little League opener 6-3

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN -The Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League's season began with a matchup between the two home teams on April 22. The Pirates and the Giants, both composed of players aged 10-12 from North Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Norfolk, Salisbury, and Sharon, met at Steve Blass Field in North Canaan for their first game of 2023.

After some warm-up drills out on the field, the action began around 4:30 p.m. when the umpire exclaimed "play ball!" Both sides came out of the dug-out fired up and ready to go.

Brody Ohler of the Pirates was the first to touch home in the top of the first inning after stealing both second and third. Nate Young settled into his pitching rhythm and closed out the inning with two strikeouts for the Giants.

The Giants quickly got to work offensively and racked up four runs in the bottom of the first. Four players logged RBIs before Ohler, the Pirate's pitcher, got his team out of the inning. At the end of the first, the Giants led 4-1.

Defense prevailed in the second inning for both teams as each pitcher put the batters out in order and added two more strikeouts apiece. In the third, Young added three more Ks for the Giants. The Pirates closed out the third on a double play with bases loaded to keep the score at

In the top of the fourth, Jaxxon Rogers opened the inning with a double and was brought home by Ohler on the next at-bat. Ohler later came home as well to bring the score to 3-4.

The bottom of the fourth began with a bang when Cooper Bunce sent a dinger out of the park that nearly reached some cars parked along the street, well past the 200 foot marker at center field. Ohler closed out the inning with two more strikeouts for the Pirates and they trailed by two heading into the fifth.

Young got the Giants out of the top of the fifth with three more consecutive strikeouts. Brayden Foley



Brody Ohler pitched five strikeouts and hit 1 for 2 with an RBI for the Pirates on April 22.

relieved Ohler in the bottom of the fifth and secured two put-outs from the mound. An error allowed Sam Hahn to get on base for the Giants. He subsequently stole second and third before Jamison Boone brought him home to bring the score to 6-3.

Bunce closed out the game pitching for the Giants and sent some serious heat down the middle. The game concluded with a final score of 6-3 in favor of the Giants.

"Great first game," said Giants Coach Adam Bunce. "No fear. We got up there and swung the bat."

Young finished with 11

Ks for the Giants and Bunce logged three of his own as the closer. Bunce hit 2 for 2 with a homerun and an RBI. Young, Boone, Will Nichols, and Jackson Goodwin all hit 1 for 2 and brought in one run each.

Ohler ended with five Ks for the Pirates and hit 1 for 2 with an RBI. Rogers hit 2 for 3 with a double.

Both teams will be back on Steve Blass Field on Saturday, April 29, when they host two Torrington teams. The Pirates will play the Torrington Royals at 2 p.m. and the Giants will play Torrington Navy at 4 p.m.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Mountaineer Tessa Dekker rotated 360 degrees and scored against Wolcott April 18.

Housy lax falls to Wolcott 13-11

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE -Housatonic Valley Regional High School's girls varsity lacrosse team narrowly lost when they hosted the Wolcott High School Eagles on April 18. In a game that came down to the wire, the Eagles held on to win 13-11 over the Mountaineers.

Strong winds gusted on an overcast afternoon for the Mountaineers' return to the field after a two-week hiatus due to spring break. HVRHS Coach Laura Bushey looked to inspire her team with optimism in the pre-game huddle.

"On the bench and on the field, positive feedback only," said Bushey. "Be just as aggressive as we were two weeks ago."

The on-field action got started in a hurry with both sides' attacks making quick work of the defenders. Repeated lead changes in the opening minutes had the fans roaring louder than the Lime Rock racecars that could be heard in the distance.

HVRHS' sharpshooter Marissa Zinke was a menace from the crease. She scored the first three goals of the game for the Mountaineers, helping Housy take an early



Mountaineer goalie Libby Menniges made seven saves.

3-2 lead and forcing a timeout from Wolcott Coach Marty Dituccio.

"You've got to stop number 16. If one of the other players beats us, so be it," said Dituccio to Eagles' huddle.

Wolcott successfully subdued Zinke and started to mount a run. In mere minutes, the Eagles pulled ahead to a 7-3 lead.

HVRHS responded with three quick goals at the end of the first half to bring the score to 7-6 in favor of Wolcott at intermission.

"The fact that they're crashing and we're stopping them is good. We're playing really good D," said Coach Bushey at the half.

Wolcott found their



niges came up with a big save

with five minutes remain-

ing and ignited a flame for

HVRHS. Mountaineers The stormed down the field and played with ferocity, eager to produce a win on their home field. In just two minutes they scored three goals to bring the score to 12-11.

With the tying goal in sight, Mountaineer Tessa Dekker worked her way to the crease as time ticked away. While she spun around the final defender, Dekker took a shove to the back. The referee's whistle blew in favor of the visitors and gave the ball back to the Eagles.

Wolcott subsequently scored the final goal of the game and the match ended 13-11.

HVRHS was led in scoring by Marissa Zinke with four goals in the game. Tessa Dekker, Lola Clayton, and



CLUES ACROSS 1. It's all over the beach

- 5. A cirque
- 8. Corpuscle count (abbr.) 11. Influential report
- author
- 13. Satisfaction
- 14. Recurring only at long intervals
- 15. Islamic calendar month
- 16. Neither
- 17. Gelatinous substance
- 18. American electronic music producer
- 20. Old computer system 21. Professional
- organization
- 22. Malaria mosquitoes
- 25. Not composed of matter
- 30. It's in the ocean
- 31. Peyton's little brother
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- rain 43. One who beheads
- 45. Sung to
- 48. Influential punk artist 49. Amount of time
- 50. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Abba ___, Israeli
- politician
- 56. Job 57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
- 59. Japanese wooden clog 60. Folk singer DiFranco
- 61. FL city
- 62. Naturally occurring solid
- 63. Language of indigenous Asian people
- 64. Dark brown
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- 3. Venomous snake genus
- 4. Uninteresting 5. Straightforwardness 6. Expression of wild
- excitement 7. Arrange in order

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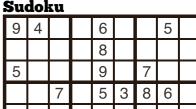
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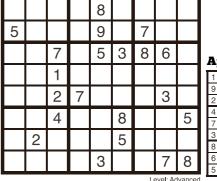
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- 27. Automobile
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- 34. Influential journalist
- **Tarbell**
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- 44. In slow tempo





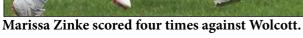


Catherine Bushey all finished with a pair of goals for the Mountaineers and Ariana **HORIZONS** Dahoney scored once.

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tainside official. "During COVID it was impossible to host in-person gatherings."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), from 1999 to 2021, drug overdose deaths quadrupled in the United States. The pandemic exacerbated the problem, sparking a surge of mental health struggles, leading to an increase in opioid-involved overdoses from an estimated 70,029 in 2020 to 80,816 in 2021.

New York City saw a nearly 80 percent jump in drug overdoses from 2019 to 2021.

"We have to do something about that as a company and as a society," noted Basso.

"The substance abuse crisis is an ongoing and ever-evolving problem. As one of the world's largest urban centers, New York City has an entirely unique set of challenges," exacerbated by the stressors of a densely populated, urban environment, he said.

Mountainside, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, currently operates six treatment facilities in the Northeast, including North Canaan and Wilton in Connecticut, as well as centers in New York and New

The company also recently expanded virtual services into neighboring Massachusetts so that individuals who seek initial treatment at its North Canaan facility can have access to follow-up treatment without the inconvenience of having to drive 45 minutes to an hour to Connecticut.

"It's very important for keeping people supported," Basso noted.

Lack of qualified healthcare providers

Statistics provided by the federal Substance Abuse

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"We have an aging com-

munity," McCulloch said, ex-

pecting that demographic to

increase. "The community

has always been older," she

featured speaker, Crowley

said: "The body is primarily

a signaling device, driven by

the brain. We all get a brain;

The choices are sim-

The good news is, Crow-

ple, Crowley admonished.

"Growth or atrophy; grow

ley said, that we can stem the

tide of the aging process, re-

ducing it to 70% of what it

noted, espousing six days

each week as the right sched-

ule. "The body is designed to

Exercise is good for com-

batting a variety of ailments

physical and mental, Crow-

ley said. It can reduce risk of

heart attack and dementia,

for a start. It's good for mood

enhancement. It can increase

your intelligence and gener-

also for increasing balance

and coordination, pain reduction and fall prevention.

Aerobic exercise is good

The panel of physicians followed up by inviting questions from the audience that included slowing or revers-

"You have to do what

ate new brain cells.

portant.

Movement is the key, he

would be otherwise.

move," he said.

it's astonishing."

or decay."

Taking the stage as the

week's event was the first.

HEALTH

and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reveal that more than 44 million Americans ages 18 or older struggle with a substance use disorder. Yet officials estimate that less than 10 percent of those affected receive proper care.

"A major reason behind this alarming statistic is poor treatment accessibility due to the lack of qualified healthcare providers," said Basso.

To help **CEO of Mountainside** shrink this gap, he said, "Mountain-

side NYC will also house the Mountainside Learning Institute, an initiative to provide first-rate education to train addiction treatment providers."

Mountainside Learning Institute's first program will be the Recovery Coach Training program, which will prepare aspiring coaches to guide those in early sobriety toward a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

Basso explained that participants will learn from active Mountainside recovery coaches who utilize case studies to teach recovery best practices.

"Helping people become certified recovery coaches will have a more profound impact in helping society survive this crisis," said the Mountainside CEO, who noted that the Recovery Coach Training program exists "in every single location we work with."

The Mountainside Learning Institute will also offer continuing education workshops to support existing

makes you happy," said Dr.

Paul Wright (neurology),

espousing the virtues of line

dancing, particularly Scot-

tish, thought to improve cog-

nition. He said exercise and

nutrition go hand in hand,

he added, promoting healthy

said Dr. Mark Marshall (in-

ternal medicine and pallia-

tive care). He said that exer-

cise can be a social activity,

enhancing happiness, and

an aid toward maintaining

independence. "Don't wait;

talk with your doctor," he

advised finding enjoyable ac-

tivites such as what you like

to do and water aerobics to

combat arthritis, or racquet

sports of any type, including

ping pong or pickleball, and

than searching through

the wilds of Florida for the

Fountain of Youth, it is to be

discovered internally. But it's

not automatic. To make your

internal youth fountain work

to advantage, it needs to be

pumped by hand. It requires

movement. Youth is not eter-

nal, it's internal.

As it turns out, rather

A majority of the panelists

"Diet is fundamental,"

mental health professionals in staying at the forefront of the latest therapeutic techniques and advances in the field of addiction treatment.

For the greater New York City community, Mountainside's New York City Recovery Hub will offer education-

"As one of the

world's largest

urban centers, New

York City has an

entirely unique set

of challenges."

Andre Basso,

Treatment Center

al workshops such as how to use Narcan and the topic of addiction as a brain disease to share knowledge on substance abuse and recovery.

"We have been providing Narcan training for the

past five years," throughout its centers, said Basso.

A full suite of clinical outpatient services will be added to Mountainside NYC's existing menu of offerings, according to company officials.

In addition to its peerto-peer recovery coaching program, New Yorkers will also have access to outpatient counseling from intensive group therapy and individual therapy to family counseling, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing

High risk populations such as the LGBTQ+ community, young adults, and business professionals will also have specialized programing to meet their unique needs, and free support groups will also be offered and open to everyone including support groups specifically for family and friends impacted by a loved one's alcoholism and drug use.

"We have a lot going on," noted Basso.

Addiction is a 'family crisis'

To mark its milestone 25th anniversary this year, Mountainside will be hosting a series of free community events at its six locations across Connecticut, New York and New Jersey to educate individuals on practices for healthier, ore mindful living.

Additionally, the nationally recognized treatment center will showcase inspirational stories of recovery spotlighting individuals from all walks of life.

In late March, Mountainside Treatment Center announced that, for the second year in a row, it is providing

\$10,000 worth of academic scholarships to high school juniors and seniors in the Northeast.

The treatment provider has created the Mountainside Brighter Future College Scholarship to foster awareness and education about addiction among youth and empower students who have been impacted by substance use disorders to share their

Interested students are invited to complete an initial application and then submit a short essay explaining how they have been impacted by their own or a loved one's substance use disorder. The writing sample should also detail how the student's personal experiences have shaped their understanding of addiction as a disease.

This year's scholarships will be provided as \$1,000 awards to up to 10 selected students from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is May 15 and winners will be announced in early June. Essay guidelines can be found at www.mountainside.com/scholarships/ brighter-future/

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Award

tling it out with really obscure knowledge," said Barnes.

Barnes also works as a camp counselor at Camp Sloan each summer.

Greenbaum, from Kent, had yet to make a final decision on college and was town between Skidmore College and University of Vermont. Greenbaum serves on the local environmental action group, is a member of the LGBTQ+ Alliance, and hopes to work with animals in the future.

"I worked at an elephant reservation in Cambodia. Experiences like that kind of hit me because I'm going into environmental science and I hope to work with animals my whole life," said Greenbaum.

When asked what this award means to them, Barnes said, "It's nice to be recognized by the school. Knowing that people take into consideration all we do, it feels good."

Greenbaum said, "I think that the biggest thing for me is that it's not just gradebased. I think it's really cool that it's an award based on citizenship and stuff you do for the community around

THEATER

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acquired, 10,340-squarefoot, two-story structure and contemplated its possibilities.

"We're thinking of it as an events space focusing on the local community."

Marc Mallett, a digital media veteran and vice president of programmatic sales for the Walt Disney Company, said he and his wife, Lenore, who is an agent for Sotheby's International Realty in Salisbury, have always been drawn to historical buildings and the old main streets of small towns.

"We love the idea of restoring something like the Colonial, but we were all pleasantly surprised when the opportunity to purchase the Colonial presented itself and we jumped on it. We look forward to bringing such a great asset back to the community."

Michelle Gandolfo, who manages properties for the seller, Benjamin Wohlfert, the principal of Canfield LLC, said her client's main priority was to ensure that it "went into good hands for the community.

A new era for 'Little Radio City'

Since opening in 1923, when it was known as "Little Radio City), it has had its share of ups and downs and owners.

In its early years, movies were shown on the main level, and a grand upstairs ballroom hosted vaudeville shows, civic events, graduations and dances. A bowling alley occupied the basement area, and the Colonial became a major social hub for North Canaan and neaby towns.

The aging structure weathered decades of changes of film and audience until it was closed in 1997 upon

the death of its owner and on the verge of being condemned. A nonprofit started a year later had been working to acquire and reopen the theater, which was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

In the early 2000s North-Canaan residents David and Missy Ohler purchased the property for \$249,000 and undertook a million-dollar renovation to return the 496seat Colonial to its art deco opulence. It reopened in 2005 as a cinema/dinner theater, similar to another historic Litchfield County theater, the Gilson Café and Theatre in Winsted.

By 2008 the Colonial was back on the market for \$1.58 million and remained closed until Wohlfert assumed ownership in 2013 special events venue hosting live music and occasional film events.

In May of 2019, The North Canaan Community Hub, a brainchild of North Canaan Selectman Christian Allyn and student-intern Victor Flores, opened a free collaborative work and meeting space for local businesses and nonprofit groups in one of the theater's storefronts.

Similar hubs had popped up in other nearby communities, including in Norfolk, which opened in 2016 and has become a popular gathering place.

April 21 sale of the theater. Purchasers' plans for the future

Twenty-four hours after

represented the seller in the

buying the Colonial, its new owners took The Lakeville Journal on a tour of the the-

Stacey Fiorillo, who is a genetic counselor for Myriad Genetics as well as the office manager for her husband, David's, company, Twin Lakes Consulting, said the building's aged and fading exterior belies its turn-key condition inside.

The outside doesn't match the inside. I expected the ceilings to be caving in," she laughed, but instead found the interior to be very well preserved and maintained, with its carpeting, hardwood floors, red velvet stage curtains and seats and dining booths and tables in excellent condition.

Marc Mallett explained that the group has started exploring grants through organizations dedicated to preserving old buildings and theaters.

But before the curtain rises on any activities, the new owners said they aim to interview key stakeholders in the community.

The group plans an open house party in May, and ask that anyone with questions email them at Canaancolonial@gmail.com or visit www.canaancolonial.com.



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS and transformed it into a Lenore and Mark Mallett of Lakeville, left, and Stacey and David Fiorillo of Salisbury, purchased the multi-screen Colonial Theatre in North Canaan on Friday, April 21.

> Then came the COVID-19 pandemic. The Colonial Theatre, and with it the North Canaan Community Hub, closed in the summer of 2021.

The property went back on the market and was listed by William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Salisbury for \$300,000, according to agent John Harney, who



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ing aging, nutrition and cognitive decline. Dr. Jodi Friedman (geriatrics) and Dr. Alexander Clark (orthopedic surgery) advised exercising with friends and keeping going by starting with small things at your own level. Friedman added that foot care is im-

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

BOOKS: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Stories of A Girl

Teenage Dylan wakes up to a parent's nightmare — she's in an apartment in New York City's Hamilton Heights that she's never been to before, she's in bed with a boy she doesn't recognize, she tastes alcohol on her breath but doesn't remember drinking, and she's been missing for days. The question isn't just where she's been, but who she's been.

Dylan's process to uncover what transpired unlocks the buried trauma at the center of her life, and the mental disorder that has fractured her sense of self.

Connecticut-based author Kate McLaughlin stopped by House of Books in Kent, Conn., last week to discuss her newest novel for young adults from Macmillan, "Pieces of Me," a portrait of a girl struggling to ground herself while living with a dissociative identity disorder (DID) diagnosis.

"DID can be very terrifying. It's this way



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Kate McLaughlin

for the brain to protect itself and the body from trauma. It's really kind of neat and scary at the same time," McLaughlin said. She was inspired to write a different kind of mental health story around DID for young audiences. "It's a disorder that doesn't get a lot of media attention, and when it does it's very sensationalized." Women, McLaughlin cited, are

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more likely to be diagnosed, but also likely to be misdiagnosed.

Braving the gritty side of female adolescence in her fiction, McLaughlin's previous novel, "What Unbreakable Looks Like," portrayed the uncomfortable aftermath of a girl starting her life over after being rescued from a trafficking ring in what Kirkus called "A gutpunch story."



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From left, "Palm Trees and Power Lines" actresses Lily McInerny and Gretchen Mol with Moviehouse co-owner Chelsea Altman.

FILM: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Dark Summer Romance

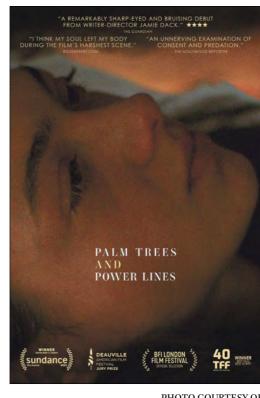
n the stagnant haze of Californian heat, sensitive 17-year-old Lea (Lily McInerny, in her first film role) spends an aimless summer vacation lost in the ugly boredom of her deadbeat town. Jamie Dack's debut film, "Power Lines and Palm Trees," lingers

on the bong smoke and beer-fueled chatter of boys that buzzes by Lea like radio static, while her calf eyes girlishly glance at the horizon, hoping something new will come her way. She is a flower sprouting in concrete, waiting to be plucked. Just be careful

what you wish for. Lea catches the atten-

tion of Tom, a disarmingly handsome 34-year-old man who presents himself as a white knight, rescuing her from loneliness, fulfilling her diary daydream of love with his soft voice and fixed stare, his graceful affection. Tom's courtship is disturbingly romantic, even sexy, played with quiet magnetism by Jonathan Tucker, who over 20 years ago starred in another cruel story of girlhood, Sofia Coppola's debut, "The Virgin Suicides." This time he is not a high school peer, but a hunter, stalking his prey with truly evil intent.

Lily McInerny, along with Gretchen Mol, who plays Lea's emotionally absent mother caught in her own destructive love life, attended the film's opening at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., where Mol serves on the board for the nonprofit independent theater. Originally based on a short film by Dack, the feature-length version of "Power Lines and Palm Trees" received critical acclaim at the Sundance Film Festival, and is now playing in select theaters and on-demand through Momentum Pictures. The film also received four nominations at the 2023 Film Independent Spirit Awards last month, including Best Supporting Performance for Jonathan Tucker and a well-earned Best Breakthrough Performance for McInerny, who anchors the film with the honesty of her character's fragile innocence.



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Ryan Speedo Green in "Champion."

Champion

The Met Opera's Live in HD series will present "Champion," the new opera by Grammy-winning jazz composer Terence Blanchard, the first African American opera composer for the New York City company. "Champion" will broadcast at Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., and at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m.

The Critic's Daughter

Dan Dwyer, vice chair of The Lakeville Journal Foundation, will talk with author Priscilla Gilman on her new memoir "The Critic's Daughter" at The White Hart in Salisbury, Conn., on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC: MATTHEW KRETA

Crescendo, Da Capo

This weekend Crescendo will present its final concert series of the season with "In Search of The Bridges." In this piece, Crescendo chorus member Matthew Kreta looks back at the origins of the music organization.

he Berkshires-based chorus Crescendo will be celebrating its 20-year anniversary this October. Founded in 2003, director Christine Gevert began by collaborating with church choirs in the region to present weekly concerts. As this project grew, Gevert soon outpaced what she could do in her capacity as a church organist and was given the suggestion to create a nonprofit organization. Gevert agreed and created Crescendo with the help of Trinity Church in Lakeville, Conn.

The first public event Crescendo held was not a musical performance, but a series of lectures, ranging from talks on music theory, history, and choral music, made possible by funds raised through a private concert held at Weatherstone, the estate of designer and author Carolyne Roehm in Sharon, Conn. Their first public concert was held

in Feb. 2004, singing a repertoire in celebration of Valentine's Day with a smaller group of singers and madrigals. Their first large-scale public concert premiered that fall.

Since then, Crescendo has brought a wide variety of repertoire to the Berkshires region. Gevert, a trained musician in early period music, has brought rarely-heard and forgotten Baroque and Classical era pieces to the stage. Crescendo has performed contemporary selections, Latin American music, original commissioned works by several composers, multimedia concerts with light shows, dance and art pieces, and even the late Norwalk, Conn., based composer Dave Brubeck's jazz mass. In addition to performing at Trinity Church, the group has been performing in Great Barrington, Mass., since 2006. Crescendo collaborated with the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., won national awards, and received international attention in Florence, Italy.

In addition to these accolades, Crescendo has also provided outreach to the community since its inception, with workshops and private lessons.

"I took education very seriously," Gevert said. While not the chorus' main mission, education continually remains a part of its identity by offering keyboard, solo singing, and choral workshops, as well as giving a platform to young artists over the years.

Though COVID restrictions temporarily restricted live performances, Crescendo continued with a virtual season, adapting to the changing times by recording concerts. Talks and lectures were also held and can still be found as recordings online. Despite the restrictions, the group is moving forward and it is finally, yet carefully, beginning to hold in-person events and performing without masks again.

Crescendo will present "In Search of The Bridges," on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lakeville and Sunday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m. at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. This will be the premiere of a composition commissioned by Crescendo: "In Search of The Bridges," a four-movement work by composer John Myers. For tickets go to www.crescendomusic.org.

Five Points Opening

Five Points Gallery in Torrington, Conn., will present three new openings on Friday, April 28, with a reception at 6 p.m. "Flood 2.0" by the art collective Water Women features work by Krisanne Baker, Susan Hoffman Fishman and Leslie Sobel touching on climate change, "Dreaming Animals" shows work by Meredith Miller and MJ Millington, and "Nature Remains" exhibits paintings by the late Margaret Grimes.

Connecticut's Witch Trials

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host "Witches in Connecticut" on Thursday, May 18, at 5 p.m. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of the women and men falsely accused, tried, and executed as witches.



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Paintings by Jane Bevans

A new show of abstract oil paintings by Jane Bevans will open at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn, on Saturday, May 6, with an artist's reception at 5 p.m.



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EDITORIAL Solving a problem

"t's a climate change problem, of course, because all that trash needs a whole lot of fuel to move it. It's a social justice problem, because the trash ends up in poorer communities, and it's an economic and financial problem because it's expensive to move all that stuff. The good news is, there is something we can do

These were the comments of Richard Schlesinger, former CBS news correspondent, who led an expert panel discussion at the Cornwall Library on Saturday,

By some estimates, Connecticut produces approximately 500,000 tons of food waste annually. It is either shipped to out-of-state landfills or burned in waste-to-energy plants. Gov. Ned Lamont wants to do something about the state's waste management and has proposed waste-disposal and recycling legislation — Bill 6664 — that would, among many things, increase the collection of residential food waste for reuse.

Our news pages have chronicled a growing interest in composting on the part of towns and residents in the Northwest Corner and in Dutchess County. McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton has been composting at Coleman Station Road since 1987, as reported by reporter Deborah Maier in The Millerton News last week.

According to Saturday's Cornwall panel, about 40 percent of the garbage sent out of the state could be composted. At McEnroe's, a big source of its thousands of cubic yards of collected food waste comes from New York City restaurants.

Last month, the Connecticut General Assembly's Environment Committee passed a substitute version of Bill 6664. The changes including removing a fee charged for shipping municipal solid waste out of state, and for shipping to waste-to-energy facilities. But the bill's measure related to organics-separation requirements, such as separating food scraps from other trash and waste, remains, along with setting rates for recycled content in plastic beverage containers.

New York State figures in the calculus of Bill 6664, which originally contained an Extended Producer Responsibility (ERP) provision — a policy requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for their product and packaging through end of life, including disposal. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said at the start of the year that she would introduce EPR legislation in 2023, after it failed to pass in 2022.

Connecticut's substitute bill pulls back on the EPR provision of Bill 6664 until four other states in the northeast region — with an aggregate population of 20 million people — enact such consumer packaging stewardship.

Back to financials. Connecticut municipalities pay on average \$102 to dispose of every ton of solid waste, according to the CT Mirror. And as Richard Schlesinger noted, it takes a lot of fuel just to move it — six days a week, in the Hudson Valley, 15 tractor trailers filled with waste leave the waste facility in Kingston, bound for a landfill in western New York.

The Earth Day event in Cornwall concluded with a demonstration of the composting process using a repurposed fish tank.

You don't need much to get started. And, yes, as was demonstrated, there is something we can do about the

In support of supporting nonprofits

While this time of the year reminds us of the natural beauty of the Northwest corner, in Sharon it also brings that annual struggle — the negotiation of the town budget. On Friday, April 28 Sharon's Finance Committee will meet again as it looks to finalize the town's spending for the coming year, and if the last meeting is anything to go by, it could be lively. At issue is the town's support for its non-profit organizations, the institutions that are vital in the cultural, educational, and social welfare life of the community. Each year these organizations line up for a "donation" to accomplish some carefully presented capital project or service improvement, that might not otherwise be possible without the additional support from the Town of Sharon. These funds represent a tiny fraction of the town's total budget, but they are a crucial supplement to the fund-raising efforts of these largely volunteer outfits. No

one doubts that the Finance

Committee has a tough job. But some on the committee question whether the town should provide any financial support at all to its non-profits and the unique services they provide. We at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum successfully fund raise from private sources and state-wide grants for our exhibitions and programming. The result is richer and more engaging than it has ever been. But our historic building on the Green is expensive to maintain. Our collections and archives must be carefully looked after or we betray the Sharon residents who have entrusted their treasured objects and documents to us to preserve and display.

If you value the cultural, educational, and social services that Sharon's non-profits provide, come on the 28th and let the Finance Committee know.

Christopher Robinson Sharon Historical Society and Museum Sharon





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The importance of the Hotchkiss **Library of Sharon**

As the Sharon Board of Finance decides on a new budget for the fiscal year, some board members have raised the question of whether taxpayer money should be used to support the town's library and other cultural and nonprofit organizations.

In the case of the library, the question can best be answered by asking what Sharon would be like without it. For over 125 years, the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has been an important educational, cultural and social resource. The library is open seven days a week and provides residents with free access to books, periodicals, newspapers in person and on the internet. Plus, there has been a robust menu of classes and programs for children and adults featuring prominent authors.

Where would Sharon residents go to find these services if the library did not provide them? The question is especially poignant for

those with lesser financial resources, who cannot duplicate at home what the library offers free of charge.

In sum, the library is perhaps the soundest value-for-dollar proposition in the town's budget, a judgment I believe would be firmly endorsed by other town taxpayers.

Dennis Ross Library Board Member Sharon

Tribute to Sharon Hospital

On December 30, 2022 my wife Barbara had emergency surgery at 4 a m. at a large city hospital. That was the beginning of a very difficult New Year. After spending five and a half weeks at the hospital a twelve days at a nursing and center she came home. Medical problems cropped back up after a week forcing her back into the hospital. Over the next five weeks three of her hospital stays were at Sharon Hospital. There I witnessed a level of care and kindness from the entire staff that I have not seen else wear. Two of the three stays required a couple of days in ICU. Without that department she would have been shipped of to a larger hospital. When I visited my wife there the doctor overseeing her care always took the time to keep me informed on how she was doing. This I found was very helpful and comforting that she was being so well cared for. I have come to realize just how wonderful our hospital is. We need to do all we can to keep Sharon Hospital at it's present level of care, we truly have a gem in our little corner of the world.

Carl Marshall

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Norma Bosworth

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Robert Fowlkes, who has been chef for 23 years at the Wononsco House, has accepted a similar position at the Salisbury School.

Miss Helen Spurr is working at Champagne's Drug Store.

50 years ago — April 1973

All that construction activity in front of the Lakeville Post Office this week was to replace a sidewalk that collected water, Postmaster Joseph Whalen has announced. Ernest P. Riva & Son was the contractor for the new sidewalk to replace the previous walk that canted the wrong way. The cost was expected to be "over \$1,000" and the work was scheduled to be completed by Thursday, Mr. Whalen said.

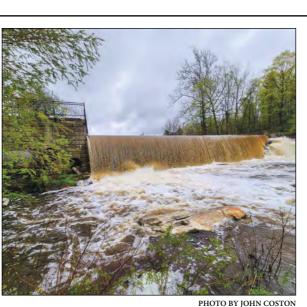
Canaan voters will be asked to act May 1, during the annual town meeting, on a proposal to purchase a tract of land adjacent to Church

Street for housing for the elderly. The proposal marks the first tangible results of more than a year of effort by the Housing Authority to establish housing for the aged.

The idea came from Maryland. The decision was Richard Snyder's. The Canaan Union Station will be painted light mustard yellow, with eave brackets and train shed supports "a light gold brown." He announced Tuesday that the paint job might begin as soon as next Monday, May 1.

The changing of names of various town roads in Kent, intended to eliminate confusion, appeared to result in even greater confusion at Monday night's special town meeting. It was proposed that the names of eight town roads should be changed. Three changes were tabled, five were acted upon. Result: the town of Kent now has two town roads with exactly the same name, two other town roads with almost exactly the same names as roads they adjoin, and two town roads with brand new (official) names.

The Kent A&P store, lo-



After the deluge

cated on Main Street for several decades, is scheduled to discontinue business some-

25 years ago — April 1998

time in the near future.

Actress and Salisbury resident Meryl Streep was honored last Thursday at Boston University when she received the Bette Davis Lifetime Achievement Award created by Ms. Davis' son, Michael Merrill, who wanted to recognize an actress "with the high professional standards" set by his mother. Ms. Streep had previously won two Oscars and an Emmy Award.

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

Thanking Earth Day volunteers

A huge Thank You to the Earth Day volunteers who pitched in to clear The Vincent Property of invasive species. It proved the adage that, "many hands make light

Volunteers are the key to creating ecological health in our wonderful community.

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Gloria Miller Salisbury Association **Beautification Committee**

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Viewpoint

My forty-eight hours of local literary exhilaration

athalinn O'Dea, who teaches at Marist College in Poughkeepsie led a discussion at the David Hunt Library in Falls Village, a few weeks ago on James Joyce's short story "The Dead". A dozen or so of us were the benefactors of her erudition. There is an excellent movie of the story with Angelica Huston leading an all-star Irish cast with the late great Donal McCann playing Houston's husband. The story/movie ends with Huston crying for the loss of an early love and McCann at a loss for her loss. The film is directed by Angelica's father, the sublime John with a screenplay by his son Tony. The last minute of the film with Angelica weeping and McCann eloquently befuddled ripped me up.

The ending will, perhaps, prepare you for the end of Joyce's "Ulysses" with its show-stopping, Molly Bloom speech and if she doesn't stop your show, you surely don't have a show to stop.

Just about finishing Colum McCann's "Let The Great World Spin" — on an Irish

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

kick here — having adored his "Transatlantic," in which he recounts the Irish sojourn of Frederick Douglass in which Douglass says he never once felt an ounce of prejudice when in the Old Sod. Nor a scintilla of condescension, as he always felt stateside even from the firmest abolitionist.

The film "The Commitments," about a singing group in Dublin has this passage — The Irish are the Blacks of Europe; the Dubliners are the Blacks of Ireland; and the Barrytowners are the Blacks of Dublin.

That all came to me Friday. On Saturday afternoon I attended "A Year with Frog and Toad" performed by the Falls Village Children's Theater at the Center on Main in the second smallest town in the third smallest state in the Union, Union being the smallest town in the ...

"Frog and Toad" from sto-

ries by Arnold Lobel was directed and choreographed by Amber Cameron, Falls Village resident and former Rockette, Falls Village boasting three former Rockettes, which must be some sort of Guinness (as in the Stout) record. What Amber accomplished with a gaggle of kids surely makes herding cats look easy. I've worked extensively in kids' theater and this ain't easy.

There is a scene in which three little girls undulate on as one snail. If I've seen anything funnier in New York, Chicago, London or L.A., it has slipped my memory.

Bravo/a to them all.

And on Sunday afternoon at the Cornwall Library, I saw Priscilla Gilman present passages of her excellent book "The Critic's Daughter" about Richard Gilman, who was my professor at the Yale School of Drama, a man who saved me. Explanation. In ensemble work at Yale I presented a scene. Everyone hated it. Except Dick, whom I did not know but who came to my defense. As he would for many years to come.

Dick directed my first pro-

fessional production — "Iz She Izzy Or Iz He Ain'tzy Or Iz They Both." "Izzy has Marx Brothers-like Physicality." Richard Gilman, The New York Times.

During rehearsals one of our actors kept bugging Dick — What's my motivation. The actor was playing a slapstick lawyer named A. T. "Ernie" Law. Dick hated that sort of talk. It smacked of the angst-ridden realistic theater that boiled his blood. The actor was relentless. Finally, Dick said, "You graduated at the top of your Tulane Law School class and went on to become the lead prosecutor of New Orleans County." The actor exclaimed, "That's it. That is who I am!"

The actor went away and Dick grinned.

I told that story to Priscilla and she howled. That was her

And that was my 48 hours. We may be up here in da sticks, but we sure got some kulcher.

Lonnie Carter is a playwright, Obie winner and his signature play is "The Sovereign State of Boogedy Boogedy."

And the giant stuffed panda goes to...

once decided to create a national prize for pandering.

It would be like the Golden Razzies, which are awarded for bad films. Annually, we'd hold a press conference at which we would award a giant stuffed panda toy to the person or organization who so egregiously pandered to a group that we judges could do no more than shake our collective heads at with admiration at their gall and mendacity. We would not require the recipient to personally accept the award.

I had in mind as perennial candidates for the award such national embarrassments as the Reverend Al Sharpton, who never saw a Black family's crisis that he wouldn't exploit for his own aggrandizement, and such TV show hosts as Maury Povich, who enhance their fortunes by egging people on to hurt each other on air (without benefit of boxing gloves), and the many unrepentant segregationists among the senators of our Southern states....

The problem, I soon discovered, was that there were too many prolific and outrageous panderers – so many, that we would have a hard time choosing just one. Possibly we could up the ante to quarterly awards, but audiences would get tired of the spectacle. So I forgot about the idea.

Silly me.

This year's award – obvious already, even though it's only April — goes to the Fox News Network and its founder, Rupert Murdoch, not only for world-class pandering, a skill that Murdoch has been perfecting for sixty-seventy years on three continents, but also for showing to the rest of us the precise reasons that he and his network engaged in their particular kind of pandering in regard to who won the 2020 election. The settlement with Dominion voting machines, and the revelations about the "real," off-air sentiments of the broadcast personnel (and the Murdochs) vs. what they said on air, provided all the necessary evidence to earn them this year's award.

In the 1980s, TV land embraced a concept called the Lowest Common Denominator. Network programming executives for ABC, CBS, and NBC — this was prior to the Murdochian Fox network — would choose

THE LONG VIEW TOM SHACHTMAN

from among their vendors' pilot sitcoms, game shows, soap-operas, and cop shows the ones that appealed to the LCD, and put those on air, to ensure garnering the highest ratings, which translate into the highest ad rates and profits for the network. Quality of production, acting, scripts, and the like were no match for LCD appeal.

Today's Fox News Network, its Opinion shows but also its News shows — which seldom report all the news, or even an honest sampling of it — have trothed themselves to the LCD. Fox News and Opinion's audience demographic skews older than the norm, less educated, less moneyed, less tolerant of anyone not white and/or born in America, more tolerant of authoritarianism, and very willing to buy a wide variety of snake oils.

The Fox News executives' experience has shown them that when your programs continuously pander to your audience's biases, you will be able to sell and re-sell your audience's extreme loyalty and make money.

The decision of the Fox brass to settle the Dominion suit rather than to let it drag on through the courts (and in the legitimate news media) is evidence to some that the network and its owners are willing to pay a large price to keep their dirty laundry from further public view.

I view the settlement in a different way. Its monetary cost to Fox is minimal, mostly offset by insurance pay-outs. Money is not the real issue. Nor is the issue the avoidance of displaying dirty laundry in public. Fox's urgent need is to get the distraction out of the way so that it can go back to news-twisting, which it knows its audience wants to see and hear.

I fearlessly predict that the ratings of Fox News and Fox Opinion programs, and the loyalty of those programs' viewers, will not be adversely affected by the settlement of Dominion's suit against Fox.

That is to say: Fox and its "pundits" — Carlson, Hannity, Bartiromo, et al., — will remain on the short list for stuffed panda of the year.

Ignorance: A Global History by Peter Burke

he epigraph Peter Burke has chosen to open his new history of worldwide ignorance is ripped from a political debate. It's Brazil, 1989, and the presidential incumbent is decrying the high cost to the state of his government's investment in education. His challenger shoots back:

"Education isn't expensive. What's expensive is ignorance!"

A professor emeritus at the University of Cambridge, Burke has written more than 30 books, including histories of the Italian Renaissance. A friend of his suggested he present his publishers with a sheaf of blank pages as his submission for this one, but thank goodness he didn't. What he's delivered instead is like A Guinness Book of World Stupid. The 15 chapters of "Ignorance: A Global History" (Yale University Press) are rich with examples of "duh!" and "d'oh!" across dozens of subjects (politics, war, business) and stories of hundreds of people through about five centuries from all around the globe — plus scores of footnotes and a bibliography that may help to spare us from finding ourselves mentioned in the next

The growing importance of the absence of knowledge in all aspects of our lives is undeniable.

As we look at the news, it's hard to imagine that our present moment in time can be beat. But Burke tells us that "every age is an age of ignorance." That's because the expansion of our collective knowledge is "not," as he gently puts it, "reflected in the knowledge of most individuals." It's also because, "in every age, the rise of some knowledges is accompanied by the loss of others." The rapid expansion of information in society — in any age, including our own does not imply an equivalent "growth of knowledge." And that's because, as we have come to learn, many of the most powerful entities in society — governments, big businesses — "conceal an increasing amount of the information they collect."

The tragedy is that the antidotes to ignorance are so close by. Knowledge is so often withheld, and reason and rational thinking so very often quashed, on purpose by people in power who are

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seeking to perpetuate injustice, inequality, dependence, and captivity. Like the proverbial frog in the pot of water, we don't notice the water temperature rising. But we should. Rupert Murdoch's forces consolidate; Elon Musk takes over Twitter; Jeff Bezos controls Amazon and the Washington Post; television, radio, and academic journal owners consolidate; and then NPR lays off its staff. The structure of these curious knowledge systems that have been built around us need some more explain-

Books have been rolling off the presses now and in recent years about systematic efforts to keep us stupid — books with titles like Angus Burgin's "The Great Persuasion;" Kurt Anderson's "Fantasyland;" Amitav Ghosh's "The Great Derangement;" Jacob S. Hacker and Paul Pierson's "American Amnesia;" and this year, Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway's "The Big Myth." They

try to explain who installs in our heads the thought paradigms we carry — the myths, amnesia, fantasies, derangements, and persuasions — so many of which are systematically orchestrated to keep us in the dark.

Behind some of this, as Burke begins to touch on, are the commercial interests of the fossil fuel industry, drug manufacturers, big tobacco, the gun lobby — yuckadoo. The great challenge in the years ahead may be to understand the active efforts that intend to make us ignorant and to see who underwrites them. Who pays for and runs the schools, the sermons, the newspapers, journals, textbooks, think tanks, television and radio programs, and now all the social media work? Who lobbies for it all? And why? Do we know? We should know.

Add up the cancers, the murders, the overdoses, the pollution.

Ignorance is expensive.

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Is it bad for the planet to upgrade my phone?

Dear EarthTalk: Is it really bad for the planet to upgrade my phone every two years?

- A.J., Darien, CT

nartphones have certainly become ubiquitous, with some 85 percent of Americans and 67 percent of adults worldwide possessing one. Manufacturers sell almost 1.5 billion of them per year. And every year these manufacturers come out with upgraded models to lure customers into trading in their old models to get the latest technology at their fingertips. According to the Consumer Electronic Association the average lifespan of a smartphone is 4.7 years, but the average American user replaces their smartphone within three years. This can be, in part, attributed to planned obsolescence by manufacturers. As new smartphones are manufactured, new software

updates accompany them; these updates can lead to older phones becoming unusable if they do not have the capacity to accommodate the new software.

pollution Regarding created by the industry, 95 percent of emissions come from the production phase. A culture that requires constant replacements results in ongoing growth of manufacturing emissions. In addition, continuously replacing phones creates e-waste in the form of the phones themselves. In 2019, 50 million tons of waste came from smartphones which constitute about 10 percent of e-waste globally.

One way to combat e-waste is to recycle. However, according to the World Economic Forum, only about 20 percent of global e-waste is recycled. The Basel Action Network used radio tracking to verify where shipments of e-waste were sent. They

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found that nearly 40 percent of e-waste from the United States was exported illegally to developing nations where it was unsafely processed or even burned in the open air.

There are steps manufacturers can take to alleviate the environmental burden, one being to introduce "repairable" phones. Currently manufacturers hamper smartphone repair with very high repair prices and restricting third parties from having access to the needed parts. Europe is leading the charge on embracing a circular economy surrounding smartphones that encourages repairs, refurbishments and upgrades instead of replacement. Various European countries have instituted programs to address the problem. France maintains a publicly accessible phone repairability index to help consumers there make smart choices about their smartphone purchases. Meanwhile, Sweden and Austria both offer financial incentives for device repairs to encourage fixing instead of junking old smartphones and other electronics.

Whether or not such programs exist in your neck of the woods, you can be part of the solution by simply waiting longer to upgrade your phone, which will help reduce the demand on production while lowering your environmental footprint. While it may not seem like much at first glance, keeping your phone for an extra year can reduce your lifetime device usage by 25 percent. When it is finally time to get a new phone, an eco-conscious consumer can turn to companies like Fairphone and SHIFT that offer easily changeable parts and support

software upgrades throughout the phone's lifespan.

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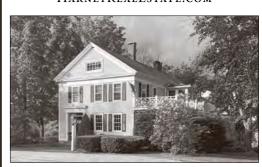
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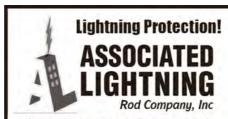
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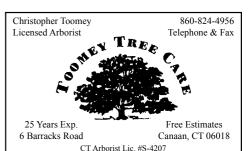
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