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Land conservancy receives \$750,000 grant

By Debra A. Alekisinas

KENT — Farms and land trusts in the region seeking to increase climate resiliency will have an opportunity to receive professional support through a \$750,000 state grant that has been awarded to the nonprofit Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy (NCLC).

NCLC, the state's largest land trust working with the communities of Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties, was one of only 12 organizations statewide to receive a grant from the Connecticut

Department of Agriculture's Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Grant Program.

The state allocated \$7 million for the initiative in a highly competitive process which drew 78 applications seeking more than \$55 million in grant funds.

"We are very grateful that the state has allocated this funding to climate-smart investments. That demonstrates how much need there is in our farming community," said NCLC Executive Director Catherine Rawson.

Rawson said the grant will fund

climate-smart agricultural assessments by the nonprofit Berkshire Agricultural Ventures of Great Barrington as well as provide direct funding for projects and farmland improvements that will help working lands in the region become more resilient in the face of a changing climate.

"Climate-smart agricultural practices include those that will help our local farms become more energy efficient, adapt to extreme weather events, improve water

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PHOTO BY MIKE COBB

Dan Carr and Marleen Van Gulick run Beavertides Farm in Falls Village, with bees, goats, and grass-fed cattle. Carr soon will begin teaching a beekeeper training course.

From office to apiary at Falls Village farm

By Mike Cobb

FALLS VILLAGE — When Beekeeper Dan Carr talks about beekeeping in one of his courses, he typically covers the anatomy and social structure of honey bees as well as the basics of starting and managing a hive.

With almost two decades of experience as a beekeeper, Carr has been teaching beekeeping courses

for years at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Westchester, New York, at the Brooklyn Grange rooftop farm in New York City, and at his family farm, Beavertides Farm in Falls Village.

In one of his courses, he met Marleen Van Gulick, who had been keeping bees for a couple of years in a small garden in New York City

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Town social workers fill big need

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series examining the role of town social service directors in the Northwest Corner.

The consensus in many states, including Connecticut, is that communities are safer, happier and healthier when their residents' basic needs are met at both state and local levels.

The Northwest Corner, a region with a strong culture of volunteerism, also has a relatively long history of town social service employment.

Town Directors of Social Services and Social Service Municipal Agents across the country provide information, referrals and support to assist

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residents seeking a variety of local and state services.

The employment outlook for this kind of service, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, is strong.

Employment in the field of social and human services is projected to grow by 12 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations and reflecting growing health and social-service needs of citizens.

Many Social and Human Service Assistants also work for nonprofit organizations, for-profit social service agencies, and state and local governments.

But in terms of town social service, not all municipalities invest in hiring agents, although during and because of the pandemic the need for them has become clear.

"We have amazing social service agents out in the Northwest Corner who know their communities and the needs of residents intimately," said State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64). "They are skillful, compassionate, creative, tenacious and deeply committed to the well-being of all residents and have taken on a broad array of tasks in order to accomplish that."

SHARON

Melia Hill was working a typical day as Sharon's Social Service Agent on the morning that I interviewed her. Her position is part-time, but never slow. The role of Town Social Service Agent in Sharon has

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More access to Narcan

By José Luis Martínez
CT Mirror

TOWN — In the past five years, over 7,000 people in Connecticut died due to opioid overdoses.

That's enough to overflow the Hartford Yard Goats' Dunkin' Park or fill the main theater at the Bushnell more than twice.

"I literally have lost count on how many people that I know, love, have worked with my family that have died from this," said Jess Morris, the mobile outreach worker at Perception Programs, a behavioral health services nonprofit. "I've responded to more overdoses off the clock than on."

Every day of the week, Morris drives the organization's van to various locations where she provides

services such as wound care kits, safe sex supplies, recovery support referrals and opioid use treatment, among other things.

One of the things Morris distributes is naloxone, an opioid antagonist that has successfully reversed more than 2,000 overdoses statewide since 2016. Morris' handouts resulted in 78 of them.

Either as an injection or nasal spray, naloxone is currently available with a prescription through a physician or pharmacist, without a prescription at pharmacies that have a standing order, or through a community health organization like the one Morris works in.

But starting in late summer, a brand of nasal spray naloxone, Nar-

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Grip and Grin

Bryan VanDerLinden of Litchfield caught an impressive rainbow trout Saturday, April 15. For the full story turn to page B5.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Attack ready

Rosie Muzaurieta finished with a hat trick for Indian Mountain School in the Falcons' 12-5 victory over Miss Hall's School on April 12 in Lakeville. For full story, turn to page A6.



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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.

Window entry at residence

On Tuesday, April 11 at approximately 10:15 a.m., what is believed to be a female subject entered through an unlocked window at a residence located 14 Orchard St., in North Canaan. Troopers said nothing appeared to have been stolen from the residence, but the subject turned off the main circuit breaker in an attempt to disable an internal surveillance system. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Trooper Jeremy

Ribadeneyra at Troop B.

Disorderly conduct, assault charges

On Friday, April 14, at approximately 7 p.m., Troopers were dispatched to 41 Reed Street in North Canaan on a report of an active physical altercation. An investigation led to the arrest of Robert Ensign, 33, of North Canaan, on charges of disorderly conduct and assault, third degree. Ensign was released on a \$2,500 non-surety 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

Hunt Library plans Lefferts book reading, exhibit for Earth Day

FALLS VILLAGE — The David M. Hunt Library in welcomes back artist and author Pieter Lefferts, who inaugurated the library's ArtWall exhibit space in 2011. Lefferts' new exhibition features pastel paintings inspired by his recent book, "What the Kek Kek Saw," an animist fable of braided plot twists that grew out of Lefferts' many years of immersion in the Adirondack Forest.

There will be a reading from the book by Lefferts on Earth Day, Saturday April 22 at 2 p.m.

Copies of "What the Kek Kek Saw" will be available for purchase. The exhibition will remain on display through Friday, April 28. Proceeds from sales benefit the artist and Hunt Library. For more information, call the library at 860-824-7424 or visit huntlibrary.org/art-wall.

Earth Day compost discussion and demonstration in Cornwall

CORNWALL — In celebration of Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, three major Cornwall organizations will present an afternoon of composting and education from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cornwall Library.

Registration for the free event is required at cornwallgardenclub.org.

Noted CBS broadcast journalist Richard Schlesinger will lead a discussion on composting with an expert panel. The panelists include Jane Lucas of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook; Barbara Bettigole, chair of the Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC); Michael Nadeau, an authority in the field of sustainable organic and ethical land care strategies; and Ted Larson, representing the Cornwall Transfer Station.

The panel discussion will be followed by a hands-on demonstration, and will conclude with a self-guided walking tour of three local Cornwall gardens with compost systems in place.

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Big Volunteer Clean-Up in Sharon

Volunteers gathered at the Sharon Town Green on Saturday, April 15, for the annual town-wide roadside litter clean-up. The event was sponsored by the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission.

Canaan Foundation awards 18 program grants

NORTH CANAAN — The Canaan Foundation has recently awarded 18 grants totaling \$23,500 to area programs benefiting the residents of the Town of North Canaan.

Core services that again received grants included the Canaan Fire Company, the North Canaan Ambulance Service, the North Canaan Social Services office and the Douglas Library.

Grants were also made to North Canaan Beautification Committee projects, Geer's Dial-A-Ride transportation

service, the Chore Service and the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Service of Litchfield also received grants.

Grants benefiting families and children in North Canaan included the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau, Canaan Child Care Center, the Canaan Community Trust, Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, Greenwood Counseling, North Canaan's AHA! after school program, North Canaan Cub Scouts-Pack 22, the Canaan branch YMCA and Booker Memorial's pediatric dentistry services at

North Canaan Elementary.

The Canaan Foundation was established in 2000 to enhance the quality of life in the Town of North Canaan. Since that time, the Founda-

tion has distributed over a half million dollars in grants.

For more information and a full list of this year's grant recipients, visit our website: www.canaan-foundation.org.

Online This Week

Examining many composting solutions

Taking a look at a composting facility and some DIY solutions. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Troutbeck plans face planning review

The Amenia Planning Board hears internal report on expansion plans. Go to www.tricornernews.com

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 9:05am to act on an Application (#2023-004) for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition of a new mudroom; covered breezeway connector; carriage house; and exterior light fixtures 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.

04-20-23

LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the fourth installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 is due and payable on April 10, 2023. Payments must be received or postmarked by May 1, 2023. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before May 1, 2023, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Pursuant to Section 12-173 of the Connecticut State Statutes, unpaid Real Estate tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 will be LIENED on JUNE 2, 2023.

Payment must be received by 12:00

p.m. on June 2, 2023 to avoid a Lien. Tax Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am- 4pm. Closed 12:30pm-1:30 pm.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card or E-Check. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury, CT this 8 day of March 2023.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
Tax Collector
Salisbury CT 06068
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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 10, 2023:

Approved - Application 2023-IW-006D by Regatta Dock Systems—a request for a jurisdictional ruling for replacement of a dock in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 39 as lot 22 and is known as 142 Interlaken Road, Lakeville. The owners of the property are Timothy Kintzel and Eliza Ng.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

04-20-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF THERESE K. PRESSLEY Late of Canaan (23-00140)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 4, 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:
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Guion, Stevens & Rybak, LLP
PO Box 338
93 West Street
Litchfield, CT 06759
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
04-20-23

Town of Salisbury Board of Finance Notice of Public Hearing Monday, April 24, 2023 7:30 pm

A public hearing called by the Board of Finance will be held in the remotely at 7:30pm on Monday, April 24th, 2023 with the following agenda:

1. To receive public comment on the proposed Board of Education budget as presented.

2. To receive public comment on the proposed Board of Selectmen, town government budget as presented.

Note: Copies of the proposed budgets are available at Town Hall.

Topic: Public Hearing on Budgets immediately followed by Final Budget review.

Time: Apr 24, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ROBERT N. PERTICONE Late of North Canaan (23-00138)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 6, 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.

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Mark J. Capececlatro, LLC
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Canaan, CT 06018
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Clerk
04-20-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARTHA SCOVILLE FETHEROLF LOUTFI Late of West Cornwall (23-00106)

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 fiduciaries are:
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c/o Margaret P. Roraback
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Our Towns

Cornwall talks cannabis options

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — A meeting of Cornwall's Planning and Zoning (PNZ) Commission on April 11 covered a full agenda that included considerable changes in town.

The Zoom meeting drew 22 attendees to hear updates on the town's approach to recreational cannabis, approval of zoning changes to the "Pink House" in West Cornwall, and the results of a three-year overhaul of Cornwall's PNZ regulatory document.

Town Planning Consultant Janell Mullen provided a detailed review of recent updates on adult-use recreational cannabis in Connecticut and how these changes may impact Cornwall.

"The state has really been updating and amending over time as the licenses have become more relevant," said Mullen.

Mullen explained there are currently four types of licenses that can be issued by the state: growing, manufacturing, sales, and delivery.

"There is opportunity to decide based on what the town needs," said Mullen. "Should there be any license types for adult recreation cannabis? Where? And which ones specifically?"

Cornwall has placed a moratorium on cannabis licensure that is set to expire Nov. 1, 2023. Before that time, Cornwall must have a plan in place on how to proceed with cannabis licenses.

Mullen said that permitting retail licensure could generate municipal sales taxes for Cornwall.

"I believe it's at 3%," said Mullen on the municipal sales tax rate. She added

that in the first week of recreational sales in Connecticut, retailers statewide grossed \$2 million. "So, if you take 3% of that and then disperse it across the municipalities who benefitted from that, that's a week of sales."

The commission decided to put forth a survey to the townspeople to gauge public opinion on this issue before determining how to proceed. Residents can complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6253JB8

"We'll see what the townspeople want," said Commission Chair Anna Timell. "It's complex and it's going to take a while for everything to settle out."

The commission heard a proposal for a permit for change of use in the Pink House in West Cornwall during this meeting. Jeff Morgan of the West Cornwall Development Group (WCDG) reviewed plans to restore the building and bring two new retail spaces plus a two-bedroom residential apartment to West Cornwall.

"We had a common mission which was to restore what used to be a vibrant commercial town center in West Cornwall," said Morgan. "We've already done structural restoration and remediation of the building to make it safe."

Morgan said their goals were consistent with the historic use of the property.

"What we call the Pink House was actually the village inn and was really a village hub," said Morgan.

WCDG purchased the building in 2019 after it had fallen into a state of disrepair following a fire in the early 2000's. WCDG began restoration of the property by first

opening a restaurant in the building at the rear of the lot: Frank. Food Company.

"We wanted to build more hospitality back into West Cornwall to help other businesses open up as well," said Morgan. "The plan we have for the Pink House itself has already been approved by Torrington Area Health."

Morgan said he expects construction on the Pink House to be completed this September and potential tenants have already expressed interest about the retail spaces. Much of the required updates had been previously approved by PNZ in 2020 when WCDG sought approval for the restaurant.

"Most of the development of the property has actually already happened. All the parking has been completed, all of the infrastructure has been put in including two major septic systems: one for the restaurant itself and a second for the Pink House," said Morgan.

Their current proposal included the addition of three more parking spaces, one of which will be handicap, and the approval of new signage. The commission pointed out that one of the proposed

signs near the road was on state land and would require state approval. The remaining changes were approved unanimously.

"I think you folks have done an outstanding job," said Timell. "We should be so lucky as to have overflow parking in the new business district in West Cornwall."

Timell also provided a recap of the three-year effort to overhaul PNZ's regulation documents.

"Zoning regulations are not static. They have to respond to historical changes and socio-cultural changes," said Timell.

Timell said the commission added 25 new definitions, updated regulations to bring them in line with recently changed state laws, created hot links to the state regulations, and rearranged the chapters to provide a more logical progression.

"We worked really hard to avoid changing anything that would affect the original intent of the original regulations," said Timell.

The revised regulations will be presented at a public hearing on May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Cornwall Library.



PHOTO BY SANDY RHOADES

The Rhoades family had an unwelcome visitor Saturday, April 15, in the form of a hungry bear, which broke in and helped itself from the refrigerator.

Bear scare in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Rhoades family had an unwelcome visitor Saturday afternoon, April 15.

Sandy Rhoades said around 2:45 p.m. he and his wife Elizabeth, heard a sound from the kitchen that they assumed was their Michael, who is visiting from Wisconsin, where he works as a biologist for the National Park Service.

Opening the door to the kitchen, instead of their son, it was a bear raiding the refrigerator.

"It scared the crap out of us," said Rhoades.

They called 911 and then the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Rhoades said Monday, April 17, that DEEP had set a humanitarian trap, baited with doughnuts, at his home. If captured, the bear will be relocated.

Selectmen vote to join anti-herbicide group

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — After a presentation from Bruce Bennett of the Housatonic Herbicide Working Group, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to join the HHWG at the board's Monday, April 10 regular meeting.

The HHWG, with members in Cornwall, Kent, Falls Village, North Canaan and

New Milford, is focused on environmental and human health concerns relating to the Housatonic Railroad's use of herbicides along the train tracks. The group is calling for an immediate stop to the use of an herbicide, Method 240, which according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a "high potential" for reaching surface water if there is runoff and for several months after ap-

plication.

The annual town meeting will be Friday, April 21, 7 p.m. at the Emergency Management Center.

On the annual town meeting agenda: To receive, review and act upon the Annual Auditors Report for the fiscal year 2022-2023; to receive, review and act upon the report of the offices of the Town of Canaan; shall the Town of Canaan approve

an appropriation of up to \$27,500 from Reserve Account 1705336856 for painting of the Town Hall; shall the Town of Canaan approve an ordinance allowing for the appointment of a Town Treasurer; any other business that might properly come before the meeting.

The town budget meeting will be May 22, 7 p.m.

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Kent P&Z considers brewery application

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Seeking permission to operate a farm store and to sell beer packaged in containers, representatives of the Kent Falls Brewing Company (KFBC) attended a regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, April 13. The meeting was held on Zoom.

Beginning with a visual presentation of the evolving scope of operations at the 52-acre farm at 33 Camps Rd., applicant David Birnbaum detailed the brewery's philosophy of collaboration within an agricultural supply chain. Over 60% of the brewery's raw materials come from within a 50-mile radius, he said, indicating that they are the largest user of hops in the area.

Plans will see the planting of a new perennial wheat, Birnbaum reported.

About their beer tasting room, Birnbaum said that seating capacity is 49 patrons, with parking limited to 35 cars. Birnbaum noted that they are not planning on growth beyond that, either in numbers of visitors or traffic.

Birnbaum said that the brewery had held a listening session for neighbors in late March, hearing and responding to concerns about traffic and odor (likely from the hogs), and truck traffic. He added that the largest trucks used by their suppliers are

small box trucks.

The tasting room is open to the public for 20 hours each week, Birnbaum said. The brewery is installing a designated phone line for neighbors to use if a complaint should arise.

The lights will be monitored to be turned off each night at 7:30 p.m., after the tasting room closes at 7 p.m.

"We are focused on the tasting room and the farm atmosphere," Birnbaum said. "We don't want to be an event space; we do want to be a valued member of the community."

Neighbor Bruce Osborne, a resident since 1981, expressed concern about traffic, particularly trucks that carry the beer away from the brewery. He urged that the existing zoning regulations be followed during P&Z deliberations.

Another neighbor Karen Camino, 32-year resident, felt that the business has grown and ignored regulations as the business grew.

Other residents feared that the application would set a precedent and that the zoning regulations are too vague, offering only generalities. One suggested that the P&Z set a special public meeting to develop the necessary definitions.

P&Z chairman Matthew Winter asked for various points of clarification, focusing on specifics on truck

traffic.

Explaining more about the growing of hops on-site, KFBC representative John Suskovich said that hops growing has been scaled back because the soils and terrain were not suited. Hops do not stand dampness well, preferring elevated planting on slopes.

"We still grow hops, though," Suskovich said, although less than in 2018 when they started.

Suskovich presented some figures on beer sales. Some 80% of their beer is delivered to vendors, 10% is sold through the tasting room and 10% to people on a takeaway basis.

Following the close of the public hearing, the P&Z reviewed the elements of the application and how they align with current regulations. Winter had noted that numerous letters had been submitted to the P&Z application records.

"We have a use here and how that impacts Kent residents," P&Z member Adam Manes said.

"We have to consider the special permit, site plan and lighting," Winter said.

"It's a balance between the regulations and the proposal," Manes added.

The P&Z agreed to discuss the application further at their next regular meeting on Thursday, May 11.

Fire department seeks volunteers

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Maintaining an all-volunteer fire department has become increasingly challenging for towns across the state. To promote their local department, the Cornwall Woman's Society sponsored a presentation on Cornwall's Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) on April 13.

Volunteer fireman Skip Kosciusko, who has been with CVFD since 1996, led the presentation to 24 attendees at the Cornwall Library.

"Our system is struggling," said Kosciusko. "Cornwall is doing better than most than most, but we're all struggling."

Kosciusko, who also volunteers for Cornwall Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), Canaan Fire Company and Goshen Fire Company, said the demographic of emergency responders in the area is aging.

"We're getting older and an influx of new young volunteers in our system seems



PHOTO FROM CORNWALLFIRE.ORG

Cornwall Truck 4, a 1951 Dodge Power Wagon 4x4, in front of the Cornwall Bridge Firehouse.

to be waning," said Kosciusko.

He estimated that there are about 20 active emergency responders total for CVFD and CEMS. The lack of new volunteers has required Cornwall to outsource help from neighboring towns recently for the first time in decades.

"I was an officer on the rescue squad for about 25 years and that never happened once," he said. "That's kind of a new phenomenon."

He said there are a wide

range of service levels in emergency response and that all forms of assistance are of value.

"There's all different levels of participation that a person can choose; from being there just a little bit, to being there all the time, and there's everything in between," said Kosciusko.

Those interested in learning more about volunteering for emergency services in Cornwall can email cvfd@gmail.com or call 860-672-6526.

A conversation with the bees

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — One thing is certain about the art and science of beekeeping. Successful beekeepers know a lot about bees. A local artist has gone a step further, finding an intersection between his artistic drive and the natural instincts and behaviors of the resident insects in his hives.

The result has been what local resident artist Randy Orzano terms "bee art."

"I began artistic collaboration with bees in 2004," Orzano recalled, having produced his first piece that year.

His commitment to beekeeping began in 2000, quite accidentally.

"I found bee equipment at the transfer station and stacked it up in my garage, intending to pass it along to a beekeeper friend," Orzano said. But, within a month, a swarm of bees had found the equipment and moved in. His beekeeper friend helped him to set up a hive with that equipment and the resident bees.

During an interview with Orzano on Tuesday, April 11, and a visit to his fenced hives, now more than one, Orzano pointed out the hive entrances that were active with bees on a seasonably warm spring day. Entrances face the south for the sun, with openings at the top and the bottom to promote air circulation, Orzano said.

"Bees generate body heat for warmth," Orzano noted, adding that if the air did not circulate, harmful condensation would form inside the hive.

Asked where the bees are in their cycle during the month of April, Orzano explained that on cold April days or nights, the bees cluster into a ball to keep warm. The warmest part of the cluster is in the center where the queen would be. The worker bees take turns going from the center to the outer edges of the cluster.

On warmer days, the queen is laying eggs near full strength, and her brood is being reared by the worker bees with pol-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Randy Orzano with an example of his unique bee art.

len and nectar, if available. There is a risk of starvation since pollen and nectar sources are still limited and there are not as many foraging flights as during warmer months, Orzano said.

Red maples bloom early and provide pollen. Nearby sugar maples haven't bloomed yet.

"I have seen skunk cabbage, witch hazel and lots of Siberian Squill with blue pollen," Orzano said.

As to how the hives fared over the winter, Orzano said, "One hive seems very healthy and one hive was dead by February. I usually lose one hive every year either from starvation, cold, disease, weakened state from parasites or pesticides or a combination of these factors."

"Nature is very violent," Orzano observed. "You don't see it. A whole world goes on, struggling to survive and thrive."

Orzano's art focuses on wax moths and bees. Wax moths are a parasite that will destroy a hive as their larvae chew through a brood of bees. Both insects produce useful wax in their abdomens.

"I'm interested in the bees' intuition and the marks they make," Orzano said. "I think we are all animals and capable of making art. I wondered how paper or canvas depicting bees or other animals and plants could be transformed by the actual organism of a colony of bees."

"I'm interested in their marks and their work in chewing the art paper using their mandibles to remove small bits of paper and add their wax deposits. They are depositing 'propolis', a mixture of wax, sap and enzymes to make a golden resinous glue.

"It's a conversation. I can strive to see what happens if I place a single sheet of folded paper (usually watercolor paper) or folded canvas and see how they have done their work," Orzano said.

"Working on plastic is relatively new for me," Orzano said. He is working with layering using mylar, having placed the mylar in the hive.

"I take what the bees and moths have done and bring it into public view," Orzano explained in response to a question about why he does it, why he sought a connection between bees and visual art.

"I'm interested in nature. My challenge is to work without thinking; bees work off of intuition and instinct," he said.

While Orzano has no public exhibits coming up, he said he usually participates in the Open Your Eyes Studio Tour organized by the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council. He maintains a studio and invites appointments that can be arranged by phoning 860-364-0592.

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OBITUARIES

Richard M. Christiansen

AMENIA — Richard M. Christiansen Jr., 87, (affectionately known as Dick), a resident of Amenia, passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2023. Born March 22, 1936, in Shawangunk, New York, he was the son to the late Richard Sr. and Margaret (Romer) Christiansen. On Dec. 31, 1957, in Pawling, he married Patricia (Carol) Christiansen, who survives at home.



Dick served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged on Nov. 27, 1953.

Mr. Christiansen worked at various locations throughout his lifetime, finally retiring in 1998 from the Wassaic Developmental Center where he was a Therapy Aide.

Mr. Christiansen was a 64-year lifetime member and Past Fire Chief of the Wassaic Fire Company where he could still be found at the firehouse daily.

Dick was a HUGE NY Mets fan and a one-time season ticket holder #LFGM. He additionally enjoyed NASCAR and watching his favorite driver, Jeff Gordon. Richard enjoyed trips to the area casinos and was an avid Joker Poker player for many

years. In addition to his loving wife Patricia, Mr. Christiansen is survived by son Richard M. Christiansen III (wife Tina) of Syracuse, New York, daughter Carol Robert (husband Tony) of Amenia, son Mark Christiansen (wife Donna) of Dover Plains. He is also survived by sisters Patty Austin, Alice Kreiling, Irene Christiansen and Peggy Mercado; grandchildren Matthew Christiansen, Andrew Christiansen, Jeremy Robert, Shayne Robert, Tyler Christiansen, Austin Christiansen, Jeremy Christiansen, Brandi Doyle and Ricky Christiansen; great grandchildren Joey, Logan, Alana, Annabelle and Leon.

He was predeceased by brothers Roy Christiansen, Robert Christiansen, Raymond Christiansen and a sister Joan Rockwood.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday April 22, at the Irondale Cemetery in Millerton N.Y. at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Dutchess County SPCA located at 636 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park NY 12538

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

KENT — Roger Lee Lintner, 82, a 12-year resident of Kent, formerly of Amenia, died peacefully on Friday, April 7, 2023, at his home in Kent. Mr. Lintner was a supervisor at Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office in Wassaic for 33 years, retiring in 1995.



Born on May 20, 1940, in Malone, New York, he was the son of the late Thomas and Mildred (Quilliam) Lintner. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers, Thomas, Donald and Darrell. He was a former member of the Amenia Lions Club in Amenia.

Roger is survived by five children: a son, Jamie and his

wife, Kendra, of Hanover, New Hampshire, and four daughters, Megan and her husband, Keith, of Lugoff, South Carolina; Kara and her husband, Eric, of Millerton; Ellen of Fort Covington, New York and Karen of Fort Covington, New York. In addition to

his five children, he is survived by his former wife, Bonnie, of Vero Beach, Florida. He is also survived by a sister, Gloria of Rochester, New York, and two brothers, Paul of North Bangor, New York, and Carl Lintner of Florida; eight grandchildren: Ruby, Vera, Hugh, Rachel, Lauren, Cole, Bryce and Sydnie.

While normally reserved, if Roger liked you, he would

have plenty to say. After many years of working for the state, including the last 12 on the nightshift to accommodate the raising of his children, Roger retired early at 55. He enjoyed retirement, spending time around his home in Amenia, mostly puttering, gardening, and cooking BBQ on the back deck. Luckily, Roger was blessed with amazing neighbors, Ned and Pat, who treated him and his kids like family. A loving thank you to the Ahearn family.

The little house in Amenia was its own community, with three young kids going in all directions, often accompanied by too many friends to count. In recent years, Roger was able to experience it all again, with

the addition of grandchildren, and always there to offer advice when asked. The best part about living into your 80's is watching the family grow, and the experiences that accompany a long life.

Funeral services and burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Amenia Lions Club, P.O. Box 472, Amenia, NY 12501.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com. For comments, or related info, email Jamie at jlintner@yahoo.com

Meet Sharon Democrats April 29

SHARON — The Sharon Democratic Town Committee is hosting an informational event at The Edward, 19 West Main Street in Sharon, on Saturday, April 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Casey Flanagan, candi-

date for First Selectman in November's municipal elections, will be on hand to meet people and answer questions.

For more information and to RSVP, email sharontowndemocrats@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Birthe Elizabeth Larsen

KENT — Birthe Elizabeth Larsen, age 81, fondly known as Elizabeth, passed away peacefully at home on April 10, 2023, following a long illness. Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Aug. 21, 1941, Elizabeth was the daughter of Hans Peter Chistian Larsen and Karen Marie Kristine Jensen.

Elizabeth is survived by her son Philip W. Shay, daughter Inge Marie Hankins, granddaughter Amber Rose Marie Purdy and her sister Inge Nielsen. Elizabeth was predeceased by her son Paul Eric who died shortly after birth in 1960.

Upon coming to New York City in 1962, Elizabeth worked various jobs in the garment district as well as a home care attendant.

After relocating to Connecticut in the early 1970's her love of cooking led her to several local restaurants as a chef including The Boulders Inn, New Preston, The Bulls Bridge Inn, and the Fife and Drum in Kent. Elizabeth also ran a small catering business out of her home for many years. Later in life Elizabeth found her calling to nursing, and devoted her career to home care for the terminally ill. Elizabeth took loving care of many people in the local area including the mother of Henry Kissinger in the early 1980's.

Elizabeth cared deeply for her patients, and it often showed through the gourmet meals she would often prepare not just for her patients, but also their entire families. Her devotion to comforting

patients in their final stage of life was often not easy, but as a five-time cancer survivor herself, she was a fighter to the very end. Elizabeth loved and cared for many, and was loved and cared for in return. Elizabeth enjoyed many hobbies over the years, including needle point, crocheting, painting, and caring for her beloved outdoor gardens and houseplants. Elizabeth had a special fondness for the Christmas Cactus, and had a knack for helping them bloom when others could not. Elizabeth had many friends in the Northwest Corner and always enjoyed a good lunch. She loved meeting people and chatting with both old and new friends at her favorite establishment, The Woodland in Lakeville.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the following, Dr. Peter Anderson, Kent Volunteer Ambulance, Food Bank of Kent, the staff at Templeton Farms, The Jane Lloyd Fund, The Kent Community Fund, the people of The Town of Kent, especially the social workers who were of tremendous assistance to Elizabeth and her family and all of her wonderful close friends that helped her and looked in on her throughout the years.

There will be a grave side service May 20, 2023, at 11:00 am at Flanders Cemetery in Kent CT. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Kent Volunteer Ambulance, The Jane Lloyd Fund, Kent Community Fund, American Cancer Society.

Great Falls Brewery Art Pop-up show scheduled for April 28

NORTH CANAAN — Great Falls Brewing Co. presents an Art Pop-up night Friday, April 28 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with local Canaan artists displaying their work.

The artwork is for sale to benefit the Douglas Library. Snacks will be provided by

Freunds Farm Market and craft beer is available for purchase.

The Railroad Museum and the Accordion Museum will also be open. Call 860-453-4076 for more information or call the library at 860-824-7863.

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Paityn Silvernail
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Daimen French
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Sofia Funk
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<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
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<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE 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</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>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. Lenten Services online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
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Sports

IMS lax defeats Miss Hall's 12-5

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — The Indian Mountain School Falcons hosted Miss Hall's School Hurricanes for a girls lacrosse game on the new turf field at IMS on Wednesday, April 12. The Falcons soared to victory over the Hurricanes in a 12-5 win.

"We're excited to be out here on the new field," said IMS Coach Eliza Statile.

The sun was shining with strong winds and temps in the upper 70s as both teams faced off. IMS got off to a hot start with a quick goal from Rosie Muzaurieta on their first possession. The Hurricanes responded with a goal of their own, but the Falcons quickly piled on four more to climb to an early 5-1 lead.

IMS dominated possession in the first half and dictated the tempo. They passed



Frances Clark split the defenders and found the goal during IMS' 12-5 win against Miss Hall's.

with efficiency and waited to find their opening through the eye of the Hurricane defense.

Hall's scored their second goal on a faceoff fast break and then IMS racked up three more to take an 8-2 lead by halftime. Helen Wood was lights out from the inside and secured a hat trick in the first half.

The Hurricanes came back fired up in the second half and looked to lock down the Falcon attackers. Both teams traded a pair of back-and-forth goals in the early part of the period to bring the score to 10-4.

With Hall's looking to pick up momentum and ignite a run, IMS slowed the pace of the game and ran



IMS' Addie Brown helped control midfield on April 12.

down the clock. Muzaurieta controlled the ball behind the Hurricane net and tacked on another goal in the process, securing the second hat trick of the game for the Falcons.

Both teams would score again late in the second half to bring the final score to 12-5 in favor of the Falcons. IMS advanced to 3-0 on the season while Miss Hall's

moved to 1-2.

Muzaurieta and Wood both finished with three goals, Emma Ohler scored twice, and Anna Ceola, Ryan Seelenbrandt, Frances Clark, and Anna Lim all scored once for the Falcons.

IMS varsity girls lacrosse will be back on their home field on April 21 when they host Litchfield Hills at 4:30 p.m.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Emma Ohler finished with two goals for IMS.

Brunswick wins Hotchkiss Quad Match by two strokes

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School hosted four visiting golf teams for a day on the links on Saturday, April 15. This year's Hotchkiss Quad Match featured Salisbury School, Trinity Pawling School, Canterbury School, and Brunswick School.

Each school put forth six golfers to represent their team in the boys varsity meet. Players teed off at about 1:45 p.m. on a bright and breezy afternoon in Lakeville.

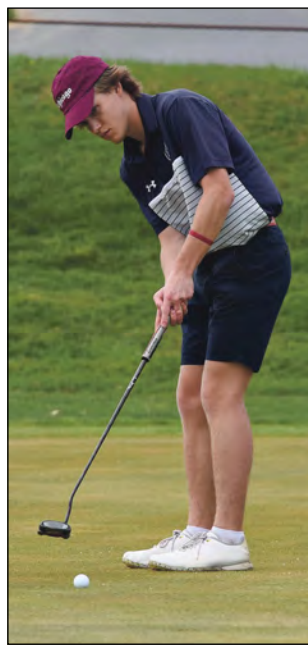
Ten groups of three completed the par 35 course on Hotchkiss' campus and then final scores were tallied at the clubhouse.

Brunswick placed first overall with an aggregate score of 187. Brunswick finished with five players under 40, led by medalist Will Harned who shot a one-under-par 34.

Salisbury ended two strokes back at 189 overall. Diego Vargas also medaled with a 34 and Dylan Lachaine shot par for Salisbury.

Hotchkiss placed third with an aggregate score of 195. Christian Waldron led the Bearcats by shooting 37 and Jake Doherty finished one stroke behind him at 38.

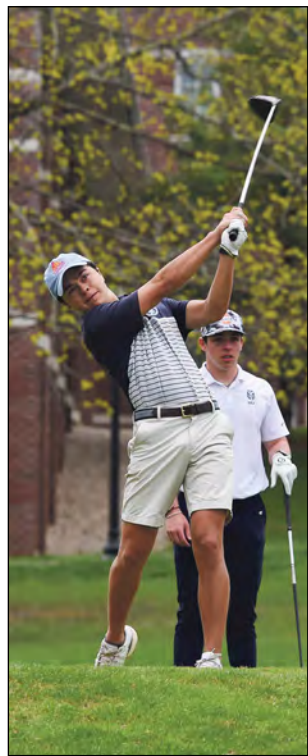
"This was a solid result for Hotchkiss given we were missing three starters from our line-up," said Hotchkiss Coach Jason Maier.



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Hotchkiss' Jackson Neeb shot 41 on April 15.

Trinity Pawling finished fourth at 215 and Canterbury rounded out the day with a score of 222.



Christian Waldron of The Hotchkiss School competed in the top ranked group and shot 37 on April 15.



Salisbury's Diego Vargas medaled with a one-under-par 34 in the Hotchkiss Quad Match.

Little League opener April 22

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League (NCSBLL) is set to field teams across six age groups in the coming season. In total, 154 ballplayers have been registered from the towns of North Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, Salisbury, and Sharon.

The Housy Juniors

(age 13-15) will compete against teams from Avon, Canton, Thomaston and Torrington. There are four NCSBLL teams that will be competing in leagues that include the towns of Litchfield, Terryville, Thomaston, and Torrington: the Giants and the Pirates in Majors (age 10-12), the Red Sox in AAA (age 9-11), and the Mets in AA (age 8-10).

NCSBLL will also host two in-house leagues,

coaches pitch (age 5-8) and T-ball (age 4-7), composed of teams with players from the Region One towns plus Norfolk.

"April 22nd is our opening weekend," said North Canaan's Recreation Commission Director Adam Bunce.

The Giants and the Pirates will face off on Steve Blass Field in North Canaan at 4 p.m. on April 22 to start the 2023 season.

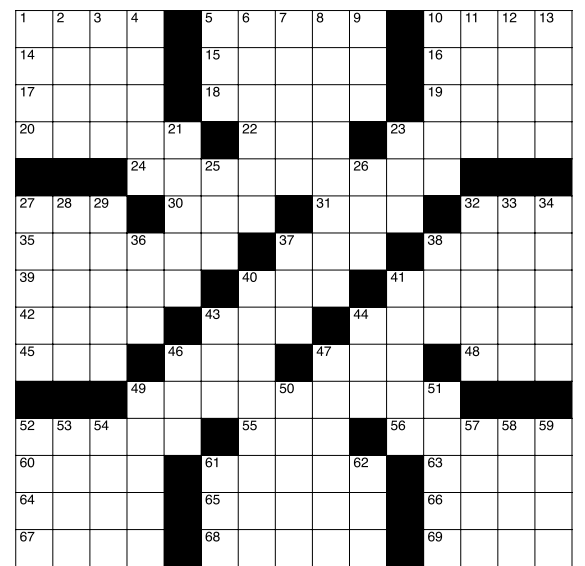
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- Online learning services provider
- "Lords" in Northwest Semitic languages
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- A place to relax
- Critical and mocking
- Consumed
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- Bath
- Luxury automaker
- Spiders spin one
- Guy (slang)
- Greek personification of Earth
- Large instruments
- Domestic cattle genus
- Appetizer
- Oil group
- Where to put groceries
- Speak incessantly
- Popular color
- A place to sleep
- Make fun of
- Former CIA
- Salts
- Never sleeps
- Sword
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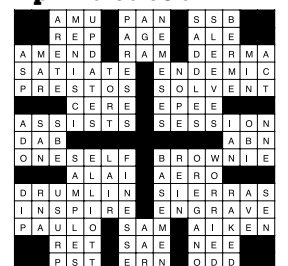
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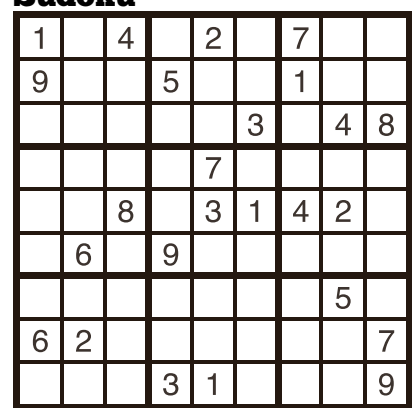


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- Type of pear
- Egyptian cross
- Satisfies
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- Bar bill
- Chicago ballplayer
- Performer
- Hairpiece
- Partner to flowed
- Aircraft formation
- You have 3 per day
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- College athletic organization
- Wet, muddy ground
- Talk
- Witty conversation
- Gurus
- "French Price of ___ Air"
- Sports equipment
- Try to get
- Flower cluster
- Sea dwellers
- Palmlike subtropical plant
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- Baseball's Ruth
- Gelatinous substance
- Hungarian violinist Leopold
- Offered
- Ancient Greek City
- A way to derive
- Touch lightly
- Witnessed

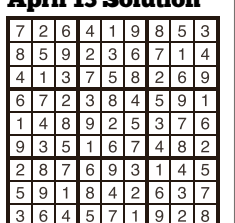
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Spring Cleanup

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BEEKEEPING

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and enrolled in one of Carr's courses to learn more.

Van Gulick had been fermenting, baking, and growing vegetables in her landlord's yard, while living in the city. She even learned pig butchering while still being a vegetarian and was yearning for country life.

"A few years ago, I was working in an office in New York City, dreaming of more community, more freedom, eating great food that I'd grow and prepare, and of knowing how to take care of myself in a more natural setting," she says.

Van Gulick was intrigued by how bee communities form, balance with the natural world, and by the art of managing a hive resulting in delicious, sweet honey.

Van Gulick got more than a beekeeping education. She and Carr found a connection, and soon afterward, the couple made for the country and started Beavertides Farm in Falls Village, a sustainable livestock farm and apiary that has pastures, woodlands and wetlands.

"We had two baby boys, started with an apiary, raised chickens and ducks, and quickly expanded production with a herd of meat goats and grass-fed beef cattle.

"We also managed an orchard that produced apples, pears, quince, peaches and much more," Van Gulick said.

Today, Van Gulick and Carr focus on providing 100% grass fed meat from sustainably raised sheep and goats, honey and other bee-related products.

Beekeeping Course

Starting in May, they will begin to teach a 10-session Beekeeper Training Course, as well as a Newbees class for the youngest beekeepers.

Carr's courses cover everything from installing a beehive, harvesting honey and preparing for winter.

NARCAN

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can, will be available over-the-counter after approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last month.

Access may be difficult in rural areas

Despite the FDA approval, some people in Connecticut may still have a difficult time obtaining Narcan over-the-counter.

Currently, 28 towns in the state, mostly rural, don't have a store that is eligible to sell over-the-counter medication, according to permit data from the Department of Consumer Protection.

In these towns, since 2018, there have been at least 104 opioid overdose deaths.

And while a store with Narcan could be just a town away for those with access to transportation, it's not as simple for individuals with opioid use disorder that are also experiencing homelessness or those that don't have access to a car.

Until then, one of the most direct ways to access naloxone is through a pharmacy, since they're conveniently located in many neighborhoods, providing quick and direct access to residents.

Yet, there are 45 towns where a pharmacy with a certified pharmacist is not available to prescribe and dispense naloxone or solely dispense it through a standing order.

And in these towns, since 2018, there have been at least 149 opioid overdose deaths.

Emergent BioSolutions, Narcan's manufacturer, will set the price of over-the-counter Narcan and is already facing pressure from officials, such as U.S. Sen.

Students are typically assigned to a hive to start and tend together with a course partner for the entire program. The course is designed to have participants feel comfortable enough to work a beehive by themselves by the end.

Students need to bring their own veil, beekeeping jacket or suit, a hive tool and smoker, and if desired, beekeeping gloves. Carr can recommend further gear after students sign up.

"Students learn about the connection between the bees and our pastures, about how our grazing practices offer opportunities for wildflowers to flourish, and how that provides our bees with a diverse forage. They see the different blooms throughout the season; the fruit trees, dandelions, clover, vetch, birdsfoot trefoil, asters, goldenrod and more, and may be able to recognize those blooms in the flavor of the honey at the end of the season," Van Gulick says.

"If there is anything to learn from a colony of honeybees it is the importance of community, of connection, and being in tune with the seasons. We try to mimic these lessons within our beekeeping course and our farm as a whole," she adds.

In addition, Beavertides Farm offers events, including farm tours, sharing their knowledge of beekeeping, animal husbandry and sustainable living. They even have a small cabin in the woods where campers can stay the night, visit the farm, and cook farm products on an old fashioned wood stove.

Beavertides Farm sells its meat in New York City, in northwestern Connecticut and directly from the farm.

For more information, see: www.beavertidesfarm.com or follow them on Instagram @beavertidesfarm.

Richard Blumenthal, urging it to make it affordable.

For friends and family of drug users

"Narcan is not for people who use drugs. It is for people who may encounter someone who uses drugs ... You can't 'Narcan' yourself," said Morris.

But a bystander, such as a friend or family member, could. And CDC data shows that almost 40% of overdose deaths involving opioids or stimulants occurred with someone else present, creating a need for widespread availability of naloxone among non-drug users.

"That is definitely part of my spiel all the time: You don't use alone. If you have to use alone, use the Never Use Alone Hotline or one of those apps [NORA] or wear your Narcan so that if you fall out and somebody comes upon you, they will be more likely to administer it for you," said Morris.

In Region One, Greenwood Counseling and Referrals provides free Narcan kits and fentanyl test kits to the community on a weekly basis at Sharon Hospital, Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. (at the front entrance to the hospital.)

Greenwoods' Julia Jagger said family and friends of addicts, as well as users themselves, are coming for help.

The Journal occasionally will offer articles from CTMirror.org, a source of nonprofit journalism and a partner with The Lakeville Journal. A longer version of this article appears at www.tricornernews.com.

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quality and reduce water use, and extend growing seasons," she explained.

Examples of projects that qualify under the grant include the installation of high tunnels to extend the growing season, the use of cover crops to improve soil health, stream corridor buffer plantings to improve water quality and control, and address the spread of invasive plant species.

"The funds can also be used to install solar panels on existing farm buildings to help offset onsite energy use and costs," said Rawson.

As part of NCLC's state grant application, the regional conservation organization sought input from about 25

land trust partners throughout the region who reached out to farmland owners in their communities to gauge interest in the program. As a result, roughly a half dozen projects were forwarded to the state as examples of the need.

This is the first time the state has had a grant program specifically targeting climate-smart agricultural practices, said Rawson, who noted that she hopes it will not be the last.

Public Act 22-118, passed during the 2022 legislative session, allocated \$14 million to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to support Climate Smart Agriculture production and prac-

tices. The first \$7 million was distributed for climate smart practices, with the additional \$7 million coming available for farmland restoration and climate resiliency projects in the near future.

On March 30, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt and DEEP Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble concluded Climate Action Week with the announcement of the 12 grant recipients.

"These investments in Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry throughout our great state underline our administration's commitment to supporting local farmers, increasing access to fresh

foods, and combatting climate change," said Bysiewicz.

Hurlburt noted that the vigorous response demonstrates a "clear desire by the industry to make change and the structure of the grant program allowed us to touch more than just the 12 recipient organizations, as many applied on behalf of a collective or will distribute funds through their own award process."

Rawson said farms interested in seeking assistance will be able to apply later this year when NCLC opens the application process. The program is limited to applicants in NCLC's service area as well as Sherman, Newtown and Brookfield.

SOCIAL WORKERS

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existed since 1988, when its initial employee, Ella Clark started both the long-valued and treasured Chore Service, and the Sharon Food Bank.

In the course of a day, Hill assists residents in a myriad of ways. She has been helping residents with needs pertaining to food, energy assistance and housing, as well as accessing other essentials for well being. Examples of her work include helping with fuel assistance via the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, prescription assistance via the Foundation for Community Health, food-assistance applications and transporting and delivering groceries from the Lakeville and Sharon food pantries.

Financial assistance for these programs comes from state, federal and local resources including the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Sharon Community Foundation, among others. Hill stated that generous private donations to town funds including the fuel fund were extremely helpful last year when oil fuel prices soared above \$5 and \$6 a gallon. Hill also coordinates receiving and distributing gift and food drives each year for Sharon for fall and winter holidays. The donations for these come from local residents, local churches, Sundays in the Country food drive, and the Salvation Army.

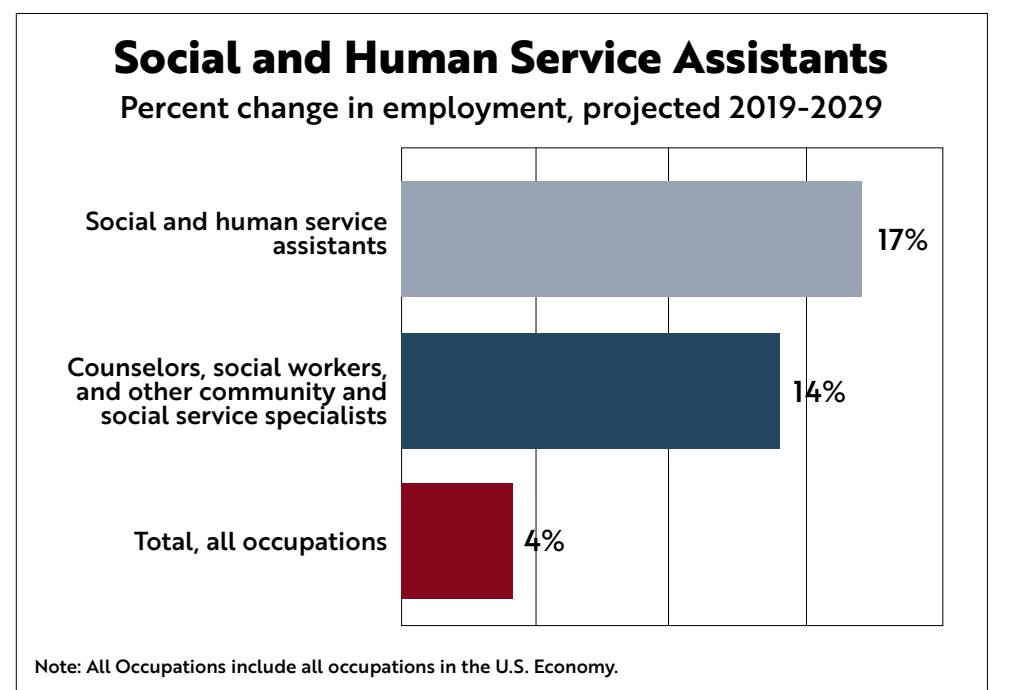
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KENT

Samantha Hasenflue, Director of Social Services for Kent has been in her position with a part-time assistant, funded by the town, for a year. The job has just recently become full time, with benefits.

"I am grateful," she told me, "because this is a difficult role to fill with part-time hours, due to the increase in need."

Hasenflue's position has been in existence for at least ten years in Kent, she stated. Social service agents work with all age groups and Hasenflue's role is no exception. She helps with applications for SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and all state program applications including energy assistance, renter's rebate, and housing applications via Kent Affordable Housing and Templeton Farms Senior Housing.



Hasenflue helps with prescription assistance through the Foundation for Community Health and by navigating Medicare mainly through referrals to the CHOICES Program through the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging. She assists with financial hardship grant applications through local sources including the Berkshire Taconic and Kent Community Funds.

With rising rates of food insecurity, Hasenflue's work running the Kent Food Bank is critical. Management tasks include: ordering through Connecticut Foodshare, monthly shopping trips to stock shelves, collecting local donations, and collaborating with New Milford Social Services for bread pick up.

Hasenflue said there is a big focus on senior citizens due to an aging population.

She has been tasked with reopening and running the Kent Senior Center, which was closed during the pandemic, and has been hard at work at the Senior Center since August 2022.

It is now in operation with bimonthly lunches and full active programming.

When I asked Hasenflue about why local rural social services might be important, she had no shortage of answers.

"Residents would have to go to Torrington or Danbury from here. The trip is challenging because of transportation difficulties that include shared or no vehicle situations," she said. Navigating application centers can be overwhelming — even at its

best. Technology is also difficult at times, and Hasenflue is happy to help residents navigate these types of websites. She can be reached at the town hall or senior center in Kent.

"Anything someone comes to me for help with, I will either find a resource, or help them navigate it. Where there is a will, there is a way," Hasenflue said.

In terms of rural support for its residents, Hasenflue also addressed the importance of collaboration among towns. For example, towns often share food bank access. She expressed appreciation for the Kent Community Fund's work with its Roundtable Connections.

She states that town Municipal and Social Service Agents recently gathered to meet with Project Sage, formerly known as Women's Support Services, which serves towns in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

Hasenflue would also value increased opportunities for town agents to gather, a common sentiment among town providers.

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CORNWALL

Heather Dinneen is full time in her role as Social Services Director for Cornwall. She works directly with

over eighty families. Dinneen informed me that Cornwall has heavily invested in affordable housing and social service. Cornwall has had a social services position for over twenty years. As with her colleagues in neighboring towns, she connects residents with a wide array of services and referrals. She runs the Cornwall food Pantry, Senior Center and Back-to-School/Holiday Gift programs.

Dinneen informed me that in Connecticut, towns have long been required to have a municipal agent appointed to work with the elderly. The social service positions have grown out of that requirement to meet the need of the wider population. Dinneen connects residents to state programs and regional resources such as the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and its Blue Horizons and Jane Lloyd Funds. The Cornwall Food and Field fund, a local resource, assists with essential bills and emergencies.

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Algerian Night Club
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ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Po-Town Up & Down

Before the Eyewitness News, there is the eyewitness account — if we are observers of our communities, if we keep our heads up while walking our streets, the sociological and economic stories

of change and struggle will unfold before us. The human details that reveal these stories at play are waiting to be seen. Onaje Benjamin's camera is the watchful eye of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In a new show on the second

floor of Kent Art Association in Kent, Conn., Benjamin's monochrome street photography depicts the anatomy of a city as colorful as New York, worn down but alive in its conflict, hardship, activism, and joy.

Little ironies are glimmers of humor peeking through the indignities of existence. In "Gentrification," a transient cyclist hauling garbage bags of cans wheels by a for-profit hair school that's sprouted, fungus-like, in the defunct carcass of a Classical Revival bank building. In "Band of Brothers," two middle-aged Black soldiers, furrowed brows and cigarettes sparking between their fingers, slump on a front stoop, while a lawn figurine of a saluting marine is chained like a bicycle to a porch post — they're wary of what can be stolen. The neon lights of the retro chrome diner, gleaming across a dark winter sky like an Americana "Nighthawks," may beckon you in, while the COVID-precautionary plastic bubbles keep customers eating outside. A faceless mannequin in a kitschy storefront finds its outfit du jour in a Black Lives Matter sweatshirt, soon to be swapped out.

Benjamin's photography is a stance against the erasure of working class dignity, of historic neighborhood character, and the distinct Black culture of urban Upstate New York.



Gentrification

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

A Lust For Life

It is a well-trodden anecdote that Vincent van Gogh, the most popular and cherished artist of the modern age, couldn't sell his work. Proportionally, Robert Andrew Parker may face a similar problem, but only because there is so much of his work to sell. Turning 95 this year, the prolific painter who has long resided in West Cornwall, Conn., is undoubtedly one of the most beloved Litchfield County artists. A visit to his rural studio reveals a boundless supply of watercolor paintings, piled and stacked and waiting to be uncovered, along with books, cards, sculptures, and his model dog-fighter planes suspended by wire, soaring from the rafters.

Opening on Saturday, April 29 at The Washington Art Association in Washington, Conn., is a mighty retrospective of his paintings and lithographs, along with a 95th birthday celebration and artist's reception on Saturday, May 14.

Parker's masterful illustrations render scenes of wartime aerial combat, foreign travel, sultry women, silent-pic-

ture stars, parrots, and pet dogs, all curled, slanted and exaggerated, awash in a soak of poppy pastels. His work is in the collections of MoMA, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and The Whitney, but at 28 years old, and employed as a high school art teacher, he took the chance to play van Gogh — well, his hands at least. He was selected to fly to Arles, France by MGM to create van Gogh reproductions for the 1956 biographical film "Lust For Life," starring Kirk Douglas as the Dutch painter and directed by Vincente Minnelli, known for his movie musicals like "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "Gigi."

In his account for Arnet of his brief film career, Parker recalls little fondness, but concludes, "I learned a lot copying van Gogh's work and of course I greatly admired him. He took more risks with color than anyone before him. Once, at Ecole Emile Loubet, I copied his drawing of an old man with his head in his hands called "At Eternity's Gate" that so moved me I had tears in my eyes."

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The Rarest Milkmaids and Pearls

“Paris Syndrome” was first coined by a Japanese psychologist in the 1980s to label the particular ennui — or rather, *kanashimi* — that tourists from The Land of the Rising Sun suffered upon discovering that Paris was not a romantic fantasia but a real-life metropolis spoiled by garbage, pickpockets and noisy crowds. In 2006, the BBC even mistakenly reported that the Japanese Embassy had set up a hotline for depressed victims of Paris Syndrome. Like being *un touriste*, seeing da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa” in The Louvre is said to be its own disappointment: a little painting swarmed by photography.

I personally wouldn’t mind manning a hotline for the select few who have made it into The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam this year and seen “Girl With A Pearl Earring” in person. It would be hard to imagine they would feel let down. Tickets for the national museum of The Netherlands exhibition on Johannes Vermeer, which opened in Febru-

ary and closes in June, are completely, definitively, sold out, making this exceptional retrospective even more exceptional. With a collection that presents 28 of the 37 known paintings by Vermeer, with loans from institutions that include The Frick in New York City, The National Gallery in London, and The Louvre, this rare and extraordinary exhibit is a

once-in-a-lifetime sight... or perhaps, a not-in-this-lifetime sight.

For the rest of us, there’s “Exhibition On Screen,” a documentary series that has brought audiences as close to the paint as possible, minus the museum ticket stub. “Vermeer: The Blockbuster Exhibition,” directed by David Bickerstaff, is a guided tour with expert analysis through The Rijksmuseum, contemplating the precise details

that lend magic to the scenes of daily life in Delft — the rippling folds of satin dresses, stained-glass windows bouncing glow and shadow on white-washed walls, the milky smudge that adds weight to a perfect pearl, and those grand skylines of animated, cumulus clouds. Even if we’re not in Amsterdam, it is tulip season.

At The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m.



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Installation of the Vermeer exhibition at The Rijksmuseum.



COURTESY OF FURNACE ART ON PAPER ARCHIVE

Cut to Length No. 1 by Janis Stemmermann

Two Openings at Furnace

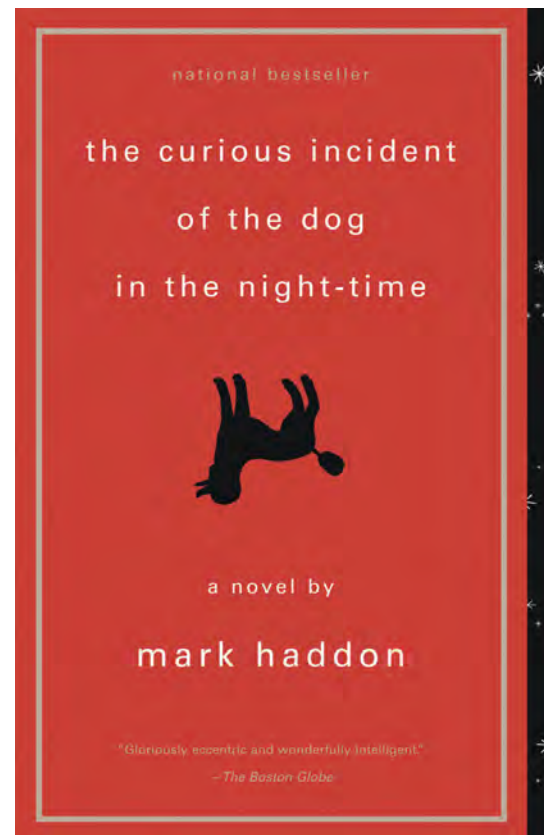
Furnace - Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., will open two shows on Saturday, April 29. In the main gallery will be “Cut to Length,” with prints by Janis Stemmermann, and in the Vault Project Space will be “Hills, Trees, and Others” with graphic ink on paper landscapes by Jimbo Blachly.

Tea & Talk on Edie Sedgwick

Art historian and author Alice Sedgwick Wohl will speak at Ventfort Hall Mansion and Gilded Age Museum in Lenox, Mass., on Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m., as part of the “Tea & Talk” series to discuss her memoir “As It Turns Out,” about her younger sister, Pop Art icon Edie Sedgwick through the lens of the art of Andy Warhol. For tickets and reservations go to www.gildedage.org.

Jazz Night at The American Mural Project

The American Mural Project in Winsted, Conn., will present Ed Fast & Conga Bop in “Rumbafied!” the second event in the Live @ AMP music performance series on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m., with a night of Afro-Cuban-inspired jazz and dance. The American Mural Project will be open an hour before the event for guests to explore the five-story high mural. For tickets go to www.americanmuralproject.org/live.



COURTESY PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE

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Downward Dog

It’s few shows that would open with the murder of a beloved pet — or hitch their narrative to solving the mystery of who skewered the neighborhood pooch with a garden fork like an appetizer — but that’s what kicks off “The Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night-Time,” opening at The Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn., on Saturday, April 29. Falsely accused after being found at the scene of the punctured poodle, 15-year-old mathemat-

ics prodigy Christopher becomes an unlikely detective while attempting to solve a problem he can’t add up: what makes other people tick? Falling on an unspecified spot on the autistic spectrum, Christopher confines himself to a pre-calculated world of his own making, an equation for living that shuns social situations and shatters upon disturbance.

Based on the novel by English author Mark Haddon, “The Curious Incident” was adapted by Simon Stephens and won the Olivier Award for Best New Play in 2013 for its West End theater run and won the 2015 Tony Award for Best Play when it made its way to Broadway. In translating Haddon’s first-person narrative to the stage the production becomes a play-within-a-play, as Christopher’s teacher reads aloud an essay recounting his experiences. An ensemble remains on stage for the duration, whizzing through multiple roles to take on the many players who are repelled, confused, or concerned for Christopher, and occasionally try to understand him.

For tickets go to www.warnertheatre.org.

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Ann Leary Book Signing

Author Ann Leary will sign copies of her new book “The Foundling” at The Hickory Stick Bookshop in Washington, Conn., on Saturday April 29, at 1 p.m. This signing will take place as part of Independent Bookstore Day at The Hickory Stick. Ann Leary is the New York Times bestselling author of the novels “The Children,” “The Good House,” “Outtakes From A Marriage” and the memoir “An Innocent, A Broad.” This event is free and open to the public.

Final Crescendo Concerts

Crescendo will present its final concert series of the season, “In Search of Bridges,” on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lakeville, Conn., and Sunday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m. at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. The repertoires include 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.

Hotchkiss Philharmonic

The Hotchkiss Philharmonic Orchestra at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., will presents their final performance of the season on Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m., with Slovenian guest clarinetist Darko Brlek, and conductor Fabio Witkowski. This concert will include Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K.622, Khachaturian’s Adagio from Spartacus, and Lorenzo Fernandez’ Batuque. The concert is free to the public in the Katherine M. Elfers Hall.

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EDITORIAL

Earth Day 2023

Earlier this month at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville students conducted a trash audit to see what was thrown away over the course of a few days. Of course, the sorting of garbage and refuse revealed a lot of plastic waste, including one-time food items in permanent plastic wrapping. The next day, students and parents from IMS along with community members watched a documentary film — “Junk” — at the Moviehouse in Millerton. The 2009 film is about a voyage from California to Hawaii on a raft made of 15,000 water bottles secured by discarded fishing nets and plastic waste. The film spurred concern by both students and parents about the five gyres in the world’s oceans — large systems of circulating ocean currents. Those slowly moving whirlpools also draw in the pollution released in coastal areas, known as marine debris. There are five gyres: the North Atlantic Gyre, the South Atlantic Gyre, the North Pacific Gyre, the South Pacific Gyre, and the Indian Ocean Gyre. In the North Pacific Gyre, a Great Pacific Garbage Patch persists in an area between Hawaii and California. The vast patch is made up of tiny micro plastics along with larger items of debris.

More than five decades ago, it was students behind the anti-war movement who helped inspire the Earth Day movement. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, seeking to ignite consciousness about air and water pollution, announced the idea of a teach-in on college campuses. The day that ultimately was chosen was April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day — a weekday falling between spring break and final exams.

The grandparents of today’s IMS students may remember the first Earth Day. At the end of it, Walter Cronkite anchored a CBS News Special. “Good Evening,” he began. “A unique day in American history is ending. A day set aside for a nationwide outpouring on mankind seeking its own survival.”

Student groups in 2,000 colleges and 10,000 lower schools and citizen groups in 2,000 communities planned to participate in the first Earth Day. Cronkite went on to say it was unclear how many actually participated, but the network’s correspondents nevertheless reported on the day’s activities across the nation. Today, by some estimates, one billion people get mobilized for Earth Day.

Our communities in the Northwest Corner and across eastern Dutchess County also mobilize around Earth Day. This coming Saturday, April 22, it will be hard not to come across an Earth Day event or exhibit or activity in town after town.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — April 1923

Mr. Harry Millies is driving a new Durant touring car of the sport model.

Perry Loucks of Lime Rock has been confined to the house for a few days with an attack of laryngitis.

The ice left the lake last week — a somewhat later date than in a number of years.

Adv.: Eight room house, two baths, fronting concrete road in village, can be bought for \$500 cash and \$75 monthly. J. Cox Hoxwell, Salisbury.

John Billings was pretty near right when he said this climate consisted of 8 months winter and 4 months late fall.

It is learned that Dr. Arthur Mees is very critically ill and is not expected to recover. Dr. Mees for many years has acted as conductor of the orchestra at the Norfolk concerts and also at times conducted the rehearsals of different choirs in preparation for the concerts.

50 years ago — April 1973

“Don’t quote me on this, but it looks like the meat boycott was a one shot deal” ... “Our meat sales went right back to normal ... we’re right back to where we started.” These comments from the managers of local food stores reflect the return of meat sales to normal. The meat boycott is over. The Lakeville Journal reported that during the

boycott meat sales were off 30 to 50 percent. These same stores now report that meat sales have been returned to normal.

In order to offer improved service to readers and advertisers, The Lakeville Journal is acquiring a large four-unit web offset press for printing The Journal, The Millerton News and other publications. The announcement was made this week by Journal editor-publisher Robert H. Estabrook amid preparations for groundbreaking for a one-story addition to the Journal building to house the press.

Easter eggs are not the only decorated items around Kent this week. Numerous little children have come down with chicken pox and now the disease has spread to their older brothers and sisters. Director of Health George Greiner M.D. reminds parents that chicken pox must be reported through the state Department of Health through local health officers.

Pfizer Inc. this week reported the best first quarter in its history, a gain of 12 percent in sales over last year. Pfizer operates a lime plant in North Canaan.

25 years ago — April 1998

This June, Housatonic Valley Regional High School Vo-Ag Director Robert Gambino will start his summer vacation. This time, it will be a vacation that doesn’t end in September. The 59-year-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Housatonic Railroad Way Past ‘Sell By’ Date

The spraying of toxic herbicides by the Housatonic Railroad is just another indication that the railroad is long past its ‘Sell By’ date. It should cease operation along the Housatonic River.

The Housatonic Railroad is a remnant of the 19th Century industrialization of the Housatonic River. What may have made sense for transportation in the 1800’s and early 1900’s is no longer sensible for the 21st Century. The continued operation of the railroad continues to degrade the river’s ecology and is costly to taxpayer paid operating subsidies.

The condition and location of the tracks not only are unsuitable for passenger transportation but are potentially hazardous to our environment with a high risk of an industrial spill into the river from a derailment.

It is time to return the railbed back to nature and to use for human health with an environmentally friendly forty-one-mile rail trail. A rail trail will not only benefit nature but will be far more valuable to the economy of Northwest Connecticut and

a much better use of state property and tax dollars.

The owners of the Housatonic Railroad should voluntarily discontinue service along the river just as they have petitioned to discontinue service in Dutchess and Putnam Counties this Spring (FR 4 14 2023).

In any event, I personally will work to find a way to bring about my dream of the Housatonic River Rail Trail Line.

Barton T. Jones
Cornwall

National Day of Prayer

In our State and across America, the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday May 4, 2023.

Thank you to those who have faithfully met and invited you and me to these observances. In 1775, the First Continental Congress observed the first National Day of Prayer. In 1952, by joint resolution our Congress affirmed the essential need of prayer throughout our country and commenced the annual recognition of a National Day of Prayer. In 1988, this was reaffirmed and our Congress proclaimed the first Thursday of May as National Day of Prayer. Every U.S. President since then has proclaimed a National Day of Prayer. Thank you to those who have gathered in the past and will gather once again on May 4th. You are invited as our community members pray for our government, schools, first responders, military, churches, families and businesses. Thank you community members for your faithful observance. On their behalf, I say thank you and encourage you to participate at any one of the following towns: Falls Village — Noon on The Green; Sharon — Noon on The Green; Cornwall — 5:30 p.m. on Village Green; North Canaan — 5:30 p.m. under the Pavilion; and Salisbury — 6 p.m. War Memorials next to the Town Hall. If the weather is inclement at the Salisbury Congregational Church. Thank you for observing the National Day of Prayer with your community.

Marie Barnum
Salisbury

Sharon Center School budget clarification

In reference to the April 13 article about Town of Sharon’s budgets, it is important to bring attention to the article’s omission that Sharon Center School’s ‘23-‘24 budget was presented to the Board of Finance in early March, with a 0% increase over the previous year’s budget.

The 0% budget increase is important information for Sharon residents to know as they head into town meeting on April 28, when both town and education budgets will be presented to residents for their review.

Deborah W. Rathbun
Member, Sharon Board of Education

Sharon

‘Turning Back the Pages’ item in March 30 column, a delight

I was delighted to see the “Turning Back the Pages” item on Louis Goderis in the March 30th column. In it Mr. Goderis was reported as remodeling a cottage he bought next to the Best (later Stuart) theatre a hundred years ago, intending to move his meat market there.

Of course the theatre is long gone, but the “cottage” now houses the “On the Run” coffee shop

I’m sure Lakeville oldtimers remember Louis and his brother Ernest operating their butcher shop there for many years; however by the mid-fifties the shop offered absolutely nothing!

But the brothers held regular business hours, took legal holidays off and pulled the shades over their windows at the end of the day. Again in an empty store with no meats or anything else for that matter.

There was a tale that if an out of townner stopped in for an order, one of the Brothers flew out the back door to get some meat at the A&P.

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Communing with Katie

I've always been intrigued by animal communicators. There are lots of things we don't know about animals, and even if they don't write novels, they have their own ways of transmitting thoughts and feelings. So when the trainer told me that Katie, my challenging three-months-old puppy, might be intractable, and asked if I'd like to see a communicator who also did reiki, I was in.

I'll call the communicator Julie. I called, and told her about Katie, adorable but difficult. Adorable, with her bright eyes and curly tail, bounding into the library, my socks in her mouth. Adorable, as she tenderly licked my husband's face while he dissolved in laughter. Difficult, when she defied commands, when she growled and lunged and snapped. So difficult that the trainer had advised a severe punishment: "bonking," or hitting her on the head with a rolled-up towel. She said this might save Katie's life.

I told Julie about Katie's misbehavior, and sent her a video of her lunging and snapping. Then, nearly in tears, I told her the worst. "She doesn't love me."

Julie gave me an appointment. The night before I wondered about Katie's interior life. Was she really intractable? Was I overreacting? But why didn't she snuggle? Why didn't she wag? I knew I was never going to hit her on the head with anything.

Julie lived in a nearby town on a busy road. The

My Dog:

PART 4
ROXANA ROBINSON

traffic frightened Katie, and I had to pull her across the yard. We both arrived in a state of high anxiety, Katie from the cars and I from the fear that Julie, too, would find Katie intractable.

Julie was a calm, pleasant woman in her thirties, with long soft fair hair. She welcomed us into a big open room, sparsely furnished but thickly carpeted. Julie sat down on the floor and Katie stretched out beside her. "Lie down" was a command she never obeyed, but now Katie lay flat, eyes open, body still.

Julie began to pass her hands over Katie, not touching her, as though she were stroking her in the air.

"Can you tell me what you're doing?" I asked.

"Reiki," she explained. "I'm gathering energy from



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Katie, at rest.

the atmosphere and passing it into Katie's body. She's very receptive." Julie closed her eyes.

After a moment she said, "I'm getting a big personality here. Very big."

I knew that, but it was good to hear it.

After a moment Julie smiled and shook her head.

"This is a funny dog," she said, "very funny."

I was startled. I knew that, too, but how did Julie know?

Katie had done nothing funny here.

I asked what she'd thought about the video of Katie lunging and snapping. I held my breath: would she say "Intractable?"

Julie shook her head dismissively. "Puppiness."

She stroked the air. Katie, who was never motionless, was motionless.

"She says she's different from your other dogs," Julie said.

I knew that, too.

"Why does she snap at me?"

"Excitement," Julie said. "This is not an aggressive dog. She's just excitable. Has she ever bitten you?"

"Never," I said. "She tore my parka, but by mistake. She grabbed my bathrobe. She's touched me with her teeth, but never bitten."

"She wants to play."

"How are you getting the answers?" I asked. "Are you thinking questions in sentences? Do you hear a voice in your mind? Do you see words? Pictures?"

"All three," Julie said. "Sometimes I'll get a word. Sometimes a strong feeling. Sometimes an image."

"What about the coyote?" I told her about the midnight encounter, how frightening it was, how casual Katie had been.

Julie closed her eyes, then laughed.

"What did she say?" I asked.

"Oh, he wouldn't have gotten me! Not with her there!"

Great, I thought. I have a teenager who thinks she can drink and drive.

Julie stroked the air over

Katie's back.

"What are you telling her?" I asked.

"Don't bite mom. Don't bite mom. You can't bite mom."

Julie's eyes were closed again. I waited.

"I'm getting something about singing," she said. "Do you sing to Katie?"

I was startled. I did sing to her, but only when we were alone. I had never told anyone. In the car on the way to the vet's or the groomer, I sang to comfort her. "K-K-K-K-Katie." I sang, "Oh my Katie, oh my Katie," to the tune of "Darling Clementine." I sang an old lullabye that my grandmother — Katie — used to sing. I sang her name, over and over.

"I do sing to her," I said.

"She likes that," Julie said.

I was silent.

Julie looked at me. "Katie is your dog," she said gently.

"She's different from your other dogs, but she's made for you, and you for her. You'll learn from each other. She's yours."

I thought of the nighttime moment in the woods, when I'd thought of sending her back.

"She knows what you're thinking, you know," Julie said. I was mortified.

Finally I asked the most frightening question.

"Does she love me?"

Julie closed her eyes. Then she gave a little snort of laughter.

"What did she say?"

"She's working on it."

Katie was different. She had that big personality. She was funny. She liked my singing. And I was head over heels in love with her.

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Pink pear blossom

Only in America

As a person whose wardrobe has an average age measured in decades, I'm usually not one to walk into a clothing store on a whim. Certainly not a fashionable men's shop in Venice, Italy. In full tourist mode I couldn't resist the lure of the soft fabric and beautiful colors and what looked like a great deal. The shopkeeper picked up immediately on my interest and in slightly accented English offered: "We have them in extra-large." XL! My meek reply that I wear a medium was met by a kind but firm: "No, extra-large." Hearing me pathetically trying to negotiate my size, he allowed that maybe a large would be ok, but you knew his heart wasn't in it. Only in America am I a medium. And after two weeks in Italy, barely, I quietly left the store.

This experience proved to be the exception. Generally, the Italians we encountered were very accommodating and willing to "go along to get along". Want to split an entrée? Not a problem. Unsure about the wine. Don't worry, if you don't like it, we're happy to take it back. Try splitting a dish in Paris. Not going to happen. What do you think this is, America? The French make it pretty clear who's running the show. That's not to say that Italians don't have a strong self-image. They are very protective of the food and culture of their city and region. In fact, every city we

NEWS OF A VERY NARROW INTEREST

M.A. DUCA

visited had a protector. A person, usually a saint, who people believed had protected the city from harm down through the ages. St. Mark in Venice. St. Petronius in Bologna. At the very least it made for a lot of statuary and provided great narratives for the tour guides. Maybe Salisbury should designate someone as its official protector. Can you imagine that discussion at a town meeting!

Spend any amount of time there and you realize that the Italian sensibility always comes back to food. Cooking food, eating food, and talking about food. As we sat outside on a beautiful afternoon overlooking a Venice canal my enthusiastic approach to eating had produced a war zone of food stains. Right on cue our server was tableside deftly covering the detritus with a "napkin of shame", while expressing his pleasure that I had enjoyed myself.

Calorie counting, portion control, no bread, no carbs, dry January?

Only in America.

M.A. Duca is a resident of Twin Lakes, narrowly focused on everyday life.

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Where's the beef?

Over the past 80 years the world's human population has quadrupled while at the same time people's taste for meat has grown considerably. But the supply has not been able to keep up with the demand. Currently according to the World Health Organization nearly a third of the world's population have inadequate food. But raising animals for food is an ever greater strain on the environment as forests worldwide are cut down to make way for giant fields to grow animal feed. The amount of land, energy, water, fertilizer, human labor and other resources needed to raise animals for meat is staggering, increasingly expensive, and the environmental toll on the planet is huge. Despite the arguments in favor of reducing our meat intake, the United States (followed by Australia and Argentina) is, on a per capita basis, the world's largest consumer of beef and meat in general. But this may be beginning to change. Largely because of cost but also for environmental and health reasons, a new competitor to traditional meats has arrived in restaurants and grocery stores:

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imitation meat made from vegetable products and designed to resemble beef, pork, chicken, and other meats.

Currently more than 50,000 grocery stores and restaurants across the country including fast food chains such as Burger King, McDonalds, Subway, KFC, Wendy's and many more carry products from the two leading imitation meat suppliers, Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods and others. During the past year, fast food restaurants served more than 228 million plant-based burgers, still but a tiny fraction of sales of all-beef burgers (over 6.4 billion). In many states, particularly those dominated by meat processing companies, efforts have been made to outlaw the use of the word "meat" in describing those products made with vegetables. The "imitation meat" business is little more than a decade old and may change considerably in the future.

Typically, an imitation "meat" is formed into a patty, sausage, or nugget so as to resemble the item it is imitating. The material is formed into a paste contain-

ing as many as two dozen different vegetable ingredients. All seem to contain several "vegetable proteins" extracted from their host plant and introduced into the mix (it's not clear why they don't just put the whole vegetable into the mix but perhaps this would damage the final taste). Two ingredients that occur in many of the products are pea and soy. Soy leghemoglobin (a.k.a. as heme) is a key ingredient in some items for color and texture. Canola and coconut oils are frequently added. Other common ingredients include methylcellulose(?), thiamine hydrochloride(?) leghemoglobin(?) zinc glucomate(?) Nearly all of the imitation meat products use copious amounts of water, sugar, and especially salt.

As someone who has always favored natural foods and who had never tried artificial meat, I approached the actual eating of a sample fake meat meal with some trepidation. I remembered the old Alka-Seltzer commercial of a man in his pajamas sitting on his bed anxiously moaning, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing!" From my local grocery store I purchased an Impossible Burger, currently the nation's best selling artificial meat product. Following directions, I browned the patty for two minutes per side in the fry pan and placed it between two slices of semolina toast. I added a thin slice of gouda

cheese but otherwise left it as is, forgoing the fast food restaurant ploy of gussying up the burger with all sorts of extraneous ingredients. Then I ate it (well, not the whole thing but at least half). The appearance and the texture were surprisingly convincing: almost like a beefburger at a fast food restaurant. The taste wasn't bad. Despite my fear, I had no trouble keeping it down. But I was not able to find the desired "beefy" taste. As I ate, I kept remembering the 40 year old Wendy's commercial in which an older woman with a hoarse voice asks, "Where's the Beef?" Of the many flavors I tasted, the dominant one wasn't beef but salt. Still, millions of people are persuaded and think an imitation meat product is almost the same as the real thing. But the purveyors of fake meat should not rest on their impressive accomplishments. A new type of product labelled "cultured meat" takes cells from live animals and grows them in a special chamber where, in a short time, the cells grow into pieces of meat (without the bones and other inedible parts). These products are in the process of getting development approval and should be on the market soon. Might this trigger a science-fiction field day?

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

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Recently I found an interesting site where private property owners rent out their pools by the hour, which really caught my attention as something unique and fun. The site is swimply.com and it identifies pools in a community that offers this service. While there are not many pools offered in our area, I would imagine that there could be once people are aware of this. One thing is for sure, there are certainly enough pools in the NW Corner! To learn more on becoming a host, please go to: swimply.com/become-a-host.



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Salmon Kill bridge project hits snag

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand discussed the Salmon Kill bridge rebuilding project with the state Department of Transportation's Liz Lopes Monday, April 17. Rand said Lopes told him "we're not done with the unforeseen conditions." Rand said the contractor has encoun-

tered rebar deeper down than anticipated, and the decision on how to proceed has not been made.

Rand said he hopes to have the bridge finished by the end of the summer "but we can't commit to anything."

— Patrick L. Sullivan

Fishing returns to Blackberry River

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — Members of the Northwest-Connecticut chapter of Trout Unlimited gathered along the Blackberry River at Beckley Furnace in East Canaan Saturday, April 15 for conversation, food and a bit of fishing.

Bryan VanDerLinden of Litchfield, a relative newcomer to fly-fishing who attended one of the chapter's beginner's classes last year, was working a pheasant tail nymph through a deep hole on the downstream side of the bridge, as Joe Cieslowski and others watched from above.

A large, brightly colored male rainbow trout grabbed the nymph and the fight was on.

By an odd coincidence, this reporter had caught the same fish in the same spot the day before.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Bryan VanDerLinden wasn't the first angler to catch this rainbow trout at Beckley Furnace last week.

Vanderleeven, using a 9 foot 5 weight rod, and the fish appeared to at a standstill. The fish went one way, the angler responded, all in the same general area.

Then the rainbow made the downstream dash for freedom, forcing VanDerLinden to make his way downstream, through tricky terrain, all the while keeping the rod up and the line tight enough to prevent escape

but not enough to break the tippet.

Eventually, the angler got the fish into the net, and released it safely.

Meanwhile TU members wandered back and forth from the stream to the tent set up by Beckley Furnace, wetting a line here, grabbing a sandwich there, and talking non-stop about fishing, which is standard operating procedure.

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