

National
FFA WEEK

The Lakeville Journal

TriCornerNews.com

Special Banner, Page A7

Small Business Spotlight, Page A2

26 PAGES IN 3 SECTIONS VOLUME 126 NUMBER 29

© 2023 The Lakeville Journal Company, Periodical Rate Postage Paid at Lakeville (Town of Salisbury), Connecticut 06039

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 \$2.00

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



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Dr. David Kurish, center, testified on behalf of the Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) organization at the public hearing Feb. 15 from Kent Town Hall with SSH attorney Paul Knag (right) and Lydia Moore, SSH president. Hearing officer Paul Daniel Csuka is on the screen.

Hospital and critics collide at hearing

By Riley Klein

HARTFORD — Nuvance Health's proposal to replace the intensive care unit at Sharon Hospital with a progressive care unit was heard by the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) on Feb. 15. The all-day Zoom hearing featured testimony from medical professionals in support of Nuvance Health's proposal and rebuttal testimony from members of the Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) organization.

If approved, the staff and equipment in Sharon Hospital's ICU would be relocated to the second floor and combined with the Medical-Surgery unit. Merging these wings would create a new pro-

gressive care unit and become the central hub for critical care services at Sharon Hospital.

OHS' Daniel Csuka served as hearing officer. Csuka stated he and his team would be considering the following factors before ruling on the application: need, cost effectiveness, quality of care, and access to care.

Three witnesses testified for Nuvance in favor of this change: Nuvance CEO Dr. John Murphy, President of Sharon Hospital Christina McCulloch, and Sharon Hospital's VP of Medical Affairs Dr. Mark Marshall. Each testimony highlighted the fiscal challenge

See SSH HEARING, Page A8

Holley Block affordable housing lawsuit dismissed

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — A Superior Court judge has struck down legal challenges to a proposed affordable housing development on town-owned property at 11 Holley Street in the Lakeville section of Salisbury, known as the Holley Block.

A 19-page Memorandum of Decision, filed by Judge Andrew Roraback on Friday, Feb. 17, paves the way for the construction of 12 rental units for individuals or families at or below 80 percent of the median income level for Litchfield County.

"This is a clear win. We are overjoyed and we look forward to being able to put up 12 affordable housing units in that location," said Peter Halle, co-president of the Salisbury Housing Committee,



ILLUSTRATION FROM SALISBURY HOUSING COMMITTEE

A rendering of "Holley Place" from Millerton Road (Route 44).

Inc. (SHC).

SHC was a named defendant in the lawsuit filed 18 months ago, along with the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). SHC's application for the hous-

ing project was approved by the P&Z on May 17, 2021, with numerous conditions and after three lengthy sessions of a public hear-

See HOLLEY BLOCK, Page A8

Wine sales in supermarkets

Renewed push has package stores primed for battle

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Connecticut is one of eight states in the country that prohibits grocery stores and supermarkets from selling wine. But that could soon change, much to the chagrin of Northwest Corner package store owners. A decades-long battle over the sale of wine in grocery stores has resurfaced with renewed vigor and aggressive lobbying on both sides of the aisle.

A bill pending before the state legislature's General Law Committee is seeking to expand existing grocery store permits to include sales of wine manufactured by small wineries. It also provides that no food store within 1,000 feet of an existing package store would be allowed to sell wine, and that all wine in supermarkets must be from vineyards producing 100,000 gallons a year or less, or about 43,000 cases.

Advocates said current laws limiting wine sales to independent package stores are arcane and shield them from the reality of modern commerce at the expense of consumer convenience; that 42 out of 50 states allow grocery stores to sell wine and that Connecticut state taxes, in the case of cooperative marketing, would net \$1.7 million

a year in 2023-2044, increasing to \$3.6 million per year in 2045-2080.

The state's 1,250 package stores, including many in the Northwest Corner, argue that the competition with major supermarkets will severely cut profits and threaten their livelihood.

Contentious public hearing

A public hearing on H.B. 5918 held on Feb. 2 drew hundreds of people to the state Capitol who gave more than six hours of testimony

for and against the proposal, and hundreds more filled the Capitol's atrium during the hearing.

Jean Cronin, chief lobbyist and executive director of the Connecticut Package Store Association (CPSA), gave testimony on behalf of package stores in the state, something she has done many times since the mid-1980's, when the push for wine sales in food stores was first proposed.

See WINE SALES, Page A6

Land trust puts 682 acres in 'forever-wild' status

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association Land Trust has safeguarded as "forever-wild" 682 acres through the Northeast Wilderness Trust's Wildlands Partnership program.

The Salisbury easement properties are noted as Pope Preserve, Belter Lime Rock and Shostak, Dark Hollow and Railroad Ramble, and the Yoakum Preserve.

The properties include diverse

forest in both high and low terrain that supports habitat, refuge, and safe passage for myriad species including black bear, moose, beaver, mink, otter, fisher, porcupine, deer, red fox, coyote, timber rattlesnake, and other important wildlife species.

Three of the preserves are adjacent to the Appalachian Trail Corridor (Pope, Belter Lime Rock, and Shostak); Belter Lime Rock

See FOREVER WILD, Page A6



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Getting mobilized

The future site of a \$5.4 million health center in North Canaan opposite the Stop & Shop got some grooming by an excavator on Monday, Feb. 20. The Torrington-based Community Health and Wellness Center plans to build a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing

Northwest Corner residents with increased access to primary and behavioral health care.



8 91421 00011 9

CELEBRATING 126 YEARS of Fostering the Free Flow of Information and Opinion



Your Local News
Just the Way You Like It

Print Subscription
Includes Free Online Access!

\$82 annually

in county | \$98 outside county

Subscribe online at tricornernews.com/subscribe



iPaper edition
\$82
annually

The Lakeville Journal

The MILLERTON NEWS

In Print & Online | Subscribe Today

860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com

www.TriCornerNews.com

In The Journal this week

LEGAL NOTICES.....A2	COMPASS.....B1-2
OUR TOWNS.....A3-A4	OPINION.....B3
OUR TOWNS.....A6	VIEWPOINT.....B4
OBITUARIES.....A4-A5	SPORTS.....B5
FFA Week.....A7	CLASSIFIEDS.....B5-6

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.

Failure to maintain lane

On Friday, Feb. 10, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Barbara Bartram, 93, of Sharon, was traveling eastbound on Route 361 in a 2004 Toyota Tacoma, failed to maintain her lane and got stuck in a grove of bushes. Bartram exited the vehicle and waited for first responders and was transported by EMS to Sharon Hospital. Bartram was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain lane and her driver's license was seized for DMV retesting.

Failure to obey Stop sign

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, at approximately 3:30 p.m. Laura Knoepler, 66, of Housatonic, Massachusetts, was traveling north on Route 7 in Canaan in a 2000 Honda Civic. A second vehicle, a 2016 Subaru, driven by Katherine Rodriguez, 23, of Waterbury, was traveling east

on Route 63 and stopped west of the intersection of Routes 7 and 63. Rodriguez continued onto Route 7, striking the driver's side of the Civic. Knoepler sustained minor injuries and was transported to Fairview Hospital. Rodriguez was issued an infraction for failure to obey a stop sign.

Traveling too fast

On Friday, Feb. 10, at approximately 7:15 a.m. William Olsen, 17, of Falls Village, was traveling southbound on Warren Turnpike in Canaan in a 2005 Ford Ranger when he lost control on the wet roadway and struck the dirt embankment. Olsen was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane, traveling too fast for conditions and operating without a license.

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.

LEGAL NOTICES

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT WARNING

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Meeting of the said District will be held at the North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items:

1. To name the legal depositories for the funds of the Canaan Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.
2. To name an auditor to inspect the accounts of the Canaan Fire District for such fiscal year.
3. To elect three members of the Executive Committee to serve for three-year terms.
4. To transact any other business proper to come before such meeting.

Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 23rd day of February, 2023.

Anthony J. Nania
Warden
02-23-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DENNIS M. RAND Late of Sharon (23-00010)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 31, 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:
Denise Rand
c/o Neal Dennis White
Cramer & Anderson LLP
46 West Street
PO Box 278
Litchfield, CT 06759

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-23-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARY T. KIRBY Late of Sharon (23-00021)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 31, 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:
Kevin E. Kirby, Sr.
c/o Lynda Lee Arnold
Czepiga Daly Pope & Perri, LLC, 15 South Main Street,
New Milford, CT 06776

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-23-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DOLORES J. DUBOIS Late of Salisbury (23-00019)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 31, 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:
Sharie Lee Schwaikert
c/o Donna D Vincenti
Law Offices of Donna D Vincenti, Atty LLC
12 Porter Street
PO Box 1399
Lakeville, CT 06039

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
02-23-23

LEGAL NOTICE

The Audited Financial Statements for the Town of Salisbury covering the period from July 1, 2021 to

Auction promotes Ukraine awareness

By Emily Edelman

AMENIA — To mark the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, Cellmark Inc. executive Andre Wlodar and his wife, art dealer Kim Schmidt-Wlodar, launched an online art auction featuring works by both Ukrainian and local artists that will culminate in an fundraising event Sunday, Feb. 26, from noon to 3 p.m. at Troutbeck.

Similar in scope to the auction and fundraiser that the Wlodars presented last year at the start of the war, this year's auction includes more than 80 lots, a number of which were installed for display to the public on the walls of the Re Institute in Millerton on Feb. 10.

"The commentary has been that this is such an interesting glimpse into such a faraway Eastern European culture both in terms of the palette and, obviously, the subject matter," said Schmidt-Wlodar. "We couldn't get away completely without some notes [about the war]. If you see the Putin references, they're almost tongue-in-cheek and comical, but also very, very powerful."

The art was moved to Troutbeck on Wednesday, Feb. 22, in order to be visible at Sunday's event.

Alice Min Soo Chun, founder and CEO of Solight Design, will speak about de-



PHOTO SUBMITTED

"Botanical Garden Subway Station" by Oksana Boik, 2022, featured in benefit auction.

livering her collapsible solar lights to hospitals in Ukraine. A live auction conducted by Christie's auctioneer Rachel Orkin-Ramey will feature experiences and other items such as a dinner for six prepared by local resident and chef Matthew Lodes, a home consulting experience with Hammertown owner and founder Joan Osofsky; a gift certificate to Stissing House; classes at Studio Lakeville, a two-hour session at the Horse Institute in Ancramdale; a case of wine from City Winery in New York City; and additional items.

Included in the live auction will be a small number of limited-edition prints of the artwork featured on the Dec. 7, 2022, cover of TIME

magazine, with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the spirit of Ukraine as Person of the Year, signed by artist Neil Jamieson.

Food will be provided by a number of local businesses.

Bard College grad student Terenia Kuzma will perform live music on Ukrainian bandura. Tickets for the Feb. 26 fundraiser are \$125 each. The Wlodars are also invit-

ing community members to volunteer at the event in lieu of the ticket price. To inquire about volunteering at the event, call 786-282-2495.

The art auction will stay live online until sometime in the evening after the Troutbeck event is over.

"We don't want it to be this incredibly somber thing," said Schmidt-Wlodar. "We want people to realize that it's about awareness." Wlodar commented, "We have to do whatever is possible."

To see the preparations that are being made for the upcoming Troutbeck event as well as photos of previous events and Wlodar's trips to Ukraine and Poland, go to kimschmidtfineart.com/fundraiser-for-ukraine. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com/e/art-auction-and-fundraiser-for-ukraine-tickets-526820001807.

Online This Week

Tribute to HVRHS's Ed Tyburski

The former athletic director remembered for his legacy. Go to www.tricornernews.com/multimedia

'Housing insufficiency' addressed at Expo

Millerton event brings fresh thinking to stubborn problem. Go to www.tricornernews.com



SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



jam food shop
Grab n' Go
Soups
Salads
Entrees
Quiche
Ready to go dinners

10 Gay Street Sharon, CT
860-364-2004
jamfoodshop.com
Open 7 days a week
8 - 5 pm
Gift certificates available



CROWN
ENERGY CORP.

Propane • Heating Oil • Kerosene • Diesel Fuel • Gasoline

Full Service Department
3 Century Blvd PO Box 656
Millerton, NY 12546
(518) 789-3014
www.crownenergycorp.com



PK
CONTRACTING

PALLONE KARCHESKI
Serving the Tri-State Area | Fully Licensed & Insured
**BUILDING • REMODELING
PAINTING • RESTORATION**
860-485-4696 | info@pkcontractingct.com
www.pkcontractingct.com



BEFORE

AFTER



Fly the Berkshires.
Scenic Flights • Flight Lessons


BerkshireAviation.com
(413) 528-1010
70 Egremont Plain Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230



SHARON LAWN & LANDSCAPE
EXCAVATION • LANDSCAPING
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Commercial/Residential
Licensed | Insured | Credit Cards Accepted
(860) 672-5260
Sharonlawnandlandscape@yahoo.com



Wheeler Interiors
25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

A TO Z WORRY FREE REMODELING
Fine Workmanship & Precise Quotes
Kitchens, Bathrooms and Millwork Specialists
Serving Litchfield and Dutchess County
Sharon, Connecticut | 860.626.9684
Fully Insured • CT Lic. # HIC.0657381
Wheeler Interiors, LLC



Our Towns



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Friends and family of the late Edward Tyburski attended the renaming and dedication of HVRHS's gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 18. Left to right: Jeffrey Tyburski, Michael Tyburski, Elizabeth Tyburski and Edward Tyburski Jr.

Remembering Ed Tyburski as Housy athletic director

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Former Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Director Edward Tyburski passed away peacefully in his Salisbury home on Jan. 21. Following the funeral service at St. Joseph Church in North Canaan on Saturday, Feb. 18, family members, colleagues and friends made their way to the high school for lunch and a tribute.

Tyburski served as Housatonic's athletic director from 1966 to 1992 and ushered in a new era of team sports at the high school. One year after becoming athletic director at HVRHS, Tyburski initiated a sports program for girls, five years before Title IX, the federal legislation that outlawed sex-based discrimination for schools that receive federal

funding. Under his leadership, the athletic program increased from six sports and 11 teams to 21 sports and 34 teams.

Current HVRHS Athletic Director Anne MacNeil welcomed the procession with opening remarks on her predecessor.

"Like our mascot, the Mountaineer, Ed is a legend among these walls," said MacNeil. "Ed's mark on Housatonic athletics is everywhere."

Friends and loved ones spoke passionately about their memories of Tyburski in the room where he once coached.

"A consummate gentleman, Ed faithfully and lovingly served his country, his

community, his profession, and his family and friends," said Ron Dower, former HVRHS coach and guidance counselor.

The attendees then walked to the gymnasium that was originally built under Tyburski's leadership, now named after Tyburski.

"This room holds very special memories for Ed," said MacNeil during the dedication. "Because of his commitment to Housatonic athletics and the special place that this room represented to Ed, on behalf of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School, I proudly dedicate the gym the Edward S. Tyburski Gymnasium."

'Like our mascot, the Mountaineer, Ed is a legend among these walls.'

Anne MacNeil, HVRHS Athletic Director

Sharon Comcast contract encounters final wrinkles

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — At the Feb. 14 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, there was a discussion of continuing efforts to iron out the final wrinkles before signing the \$1.6 million contract with Comcast.

At issue is what is known as "Exhibit A", detailing plans to extend high-speed internet service to local homes, although the Sharon Connect Task Force (SCTF) has noticed that a few homes have been excluded from the list.

SCTF co-chairman Jill Drew noted that at a November town meeting, voters had approved a \$1.6 million project that called for all homes to be connected. At first, Drew said, her committee imagined that the excluded homes were simply an oversight, an error in Exhibit A, because in other locations, homes were indicated as needing connection when they were already receiving service.

Wanting to bring clarity to Exhibit A, Drew urged the selectmen to agree to a joint meeting of all of the parties and she further offered to drive around the town with a Comcast official to examine the properties in question.

Comcast had indicated that six properties were challenging to provide service to, leading to their exclusion. The exhibit shows 342 homes that would be receiving service. Finding a solution to the problem of servicing the six homes could add some cost to the contract, roughly estimated at \$65,000.

First Selectman Brent Colley expressed concern

about the passage of time, that the town is locked in at \$1.6 million. The town has learned that rather than owing half of the commitment at the start of the project, the first half (\$800,000) would not be due until the project is half-done. He said that he worried that Comcast would walk away from the contract.

"We've narrowed the issues," Drew said.

Join health district?

Having announced months ago plans to step down from their positions in the town's Health Department, Director Michael Crespan and Sanitarian Jamie Casey both attended the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 14 to discuss the future of that town office.

Now serving as a board member for the Housatonic Valley Health District (HVHD), Crespan urged the selectmen to consider joining the other communities who are part of the HVHD, citing advantages of available staffing and resources as well as additional capabilities in meeting state requirements.

"There is a lot to public health that the state requires," he said, "and we are just scraping the surface." He reported that today, it takes three towns to form a district with a combined population of 50,000 to qualify for state funding. He said that if Sharon joins the district that now has five area towns, the combined population will stand at 59,000.

Sharon is the only area town not in the district, Crespan said.

Town Sanitarian Jamie Casey urged that if the town joins, that the health records be kept in Sharon, taking advantage of a decentralized system option. At present, Casey said, the town offers one-stop service where residents can benefit from getting a number of things done through a single office.

"A health district can be expensive," Casey noted, indicating that if the town were to join the district, the town would no longer receive the revenue from fees and there would be a membership charge assessed on a per capita basis, based on population.

Falls Village composting program gets off the ground on March 4

FALLS VILLAGE — Falls Village residents have two chances to learn about the town's new composting program.

On Saturday, March 4, 4 to 5 p.m., Transfer Station Manager Tracey Wilson and the transfer station crew will be on hand to explain the program and hand out starter kits. (Rain date Saturday,

March 11.)

And on Friday, March 10 at 4 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library will host "Let's Talk Trash" with Wilson, and Falls Village resident Leone Young, a research analyst and independent consultant with 35 years of experience in the waste management industry.

Call the library at 860-824-7424 for more information.






Sharon Hospital Community Update

Come learn about the latest developments at Sharon Hospital. President Christina McCulloch will present a virtual community report that includes information on our services and an update on the affiliation that created Nuvance Health. The independent monitor we engaged will report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy.

We will discuss and answer questions from the community following the presentation.

Please join us via Zoom webinar:

 nuvancehealth.org/CTForums
Join via phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 989 5227 4180 Passcode: 172768

 February 27  5-7 pm

This will also stream live at facebook.com/sharonhospital

To submit questions in advance:

Call: (203) 739-7919

Email: sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org

Mail: Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum
50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT 06069

No registration required

Our Towns

A plants' eye view on February's weather swings

By Janna Siller

FALLS VILLAGE — On Saturday, Feb. 4, the weather station at Great Mountain Forest recorded a low temperature of -15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Windchill made it feel like -44. Local municipalities opened up warming centers for residents in need. Pipes froze throughout the area. Northern New Englanders even reported hearing popping noises from expanding sap in tree cells that night.

On the afternoon of Sunday the 5th, kids were riding their bikes through downtown Falls Village without winter coats, highs being in the low forties.

Forest ecologist Charles Canham of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, New York, says our woods are adapted to the drama of moments like these. "It's worth remembering that one of the defining characteristics of 'temperate' ecosystems is that the organisms had to evolve tolerance of often extreme climatic variability in order to occupy temperate regions."

Forests are complex systems with many factors affecting health that are hard to measure in isolation, but Canham says the mid-winter timing of this month's extreme temperature swing made measurable impacts less likely.

"If a cold spell anywhere near that extreme came in late winter/early spring when plants were coming out of winter hardening and breaking buds, then the story



PHOTO BY JANNA SILLER

Lev Sadeh drank fresh sap straight out of a maple tree in Falls Village. Tapping trees on warm days with cold nights yield buckets full of slightly sweet water that can be boiled down at a ratio of 40:1 for syrup.

would be quite different."

Matt Gallagher, director of programs and operations at Great Mountain Forest agrees.

"Since we are in the dormant season for growth in the forest, the extreme temperature swings had little effect."

Gallagher is, however, hopeful about the potential effects of the extreme cold on some arboreal foes.

"Many forest pests that affect the forest's health have temperature thresholds. The low temperatures on Saturday the 4th surpassed the lower mortality threshold for hemlock wooly adelgid (and other pests)." According to Gallagher, these pests can lead to 90% tree mortality. How much the cold temperatures have staved off these tiny adversaries is still

pending further study by forest entomologists, but Gallagher calls the negative double digit event "a stressor relief on the health of hemlock trees in the region, leading to positive feedback for stream ecosystems, waterbodies, and avian species."

Fruit and berry specialist and UConn extension educator emeritus, Mary Concklin, is similarly hopeful about the cold snap's toll on crop pests but doesn't have good news for Connecticut's tree fruit crops. "There will be a rare peach in the state — they were hit very hard. Apples also took a hit but at this time it is hard to say how much loss there is."

Fruit trees simply weren't prepared for such cold temperatures because of the relatively warm January we'd had. According to Concklin, lows

as cold as we had on Saturday the 4th can cause damage even in a more stable winter, but the trees' lack of acclimation this year magnified the impact.

"Some buds may open but be too damaged to continue to grow. So, we have to wait and see," says Concklin. "We won't know how blueberries, brambles, and strawberries will do for some time yet. Winter isn't over yet, so if we get another hit of cold that will affect things."

While our forests are much more resilient to temperature fluctuations than our cultivated fruit trees, Canham reflects that similar issues to those described by Concklin might arise in the woods if much colder weather comes our way again after the prolonged February warm weather. "Really pronounced warm spells in mid winter like the last week or two can reduce the cold tolerance of trees and lead to damage to buds when it gets really cold again."

Another tree-weather connection to keep an eye on is maple-syrup production. Driving around the Northwest Corner, there has been a marked increase this week in tin buckets hanging off the sides of maple trees with the plink plink of sap dripping into them. That's because the warm, sunny days and cold nights are perfect for sap collection. The more weeks that we have of days above freezing and nights below, the

more maple syrup our region is able to produce. Many are predicting a low sap yield this year due to the quick jump into warm weather without a long lingering in the liminal space between winter and spring.

For the soil that plants live in, the quick freezing and thawing we've had this winter can have a heaving effect. Cary Institute soil scientist Jane Lucas notes that the kind of temperature swing we had in early February has particular impacts on soil life, the basis for plant health, explaining that "the microbial cell walls often burst with frequent freezing and thawing, which can then lead to a pulse of nutrients into the ecosystem." While there are many useful insights farmers and others who make their living from partnerships with plants can learn by observing and modeling weather patterns, some of the longer term themes of the moment we're living through are still emergent.

Forest Pathologist Robert Marra of Connecticut's Agri-

cultural Experiment Station reflects on the weather patterns we are seeing in our area of late. These include hotter and droughtier summers as well as changes in precipitation patterns with little snow in winter and a change in the timing and intensity of rain. He explains that these changes are by their very nature Climate Change, set in motion by the global warming effects of burning so much fuel. He notes the difficulty of drawing conclusions about the changing weather patterns' effects since the carbon we are rapidly releasing into the atmosphere has built up to levels higher than they've been in millions of years, a time when "life on this planet was very different, and didn't include mammals, let alone humans."

"The challenge," says Marra, "is to realize that plants, animals, all life, and the ecosystems of which they are a part respond in time scales that go well beyond the single-year level at which we would wish to discern, or divine, consequences."

Noble art show looks at spring

SALISBURY — On March 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Noble Horizons welcomes community members to its opening reception for 4 Artists Anticipate Spring, a new exhibit and sale saluting the joys of the new season. Opening just three weeks before the

official start of spring, the show features a variety of multi-media images interpreting the traditional and cherished harbingers of spring; artists include Jean Saliter, Tina Chandler, Nina Mathus, and Mim Galligan.

For more information go to www.noblehorizons.org.

OBITUARIES

William C. Walsh

NORTH CANAAN — William C. Walsh, 52, of Tallahassee, Florida, and a former resident of Salisbury, died on Feb. 13, 2023. Bill was born on Dec. 14, 1970, and was predeceased by his parents, Jeanne and Bill Walsh, formerly of Salisbury.



Bill was a talented guitarist who took great joy in jamming with any number of friends. Bill had unlimited knowledge of music and equipment. He had a great affinity for history and current events as well as a wealth of classic metal and

and then prove you wrong. Bill is survived by his sister, Kerry Walsh-King and her husband, Cary of Hamilton, New Jersey, his son, Patrick Bouchard of Canaan, and his girlfriend of nine years, Christine Williams of Tallahassee, Florida.

A brief memorial will be held on March 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in Canaan, CT.

Sally Swanson

SALISBURY - It is with great sadness that we have to inform you, our little Mom, Sally Swanson, passed away on Feb. 14, 2023. She was 85 years old [nearly 86 (May 19th)].



Mom was the most giving, loving and toughest lady who, with her strong relationship with God, always conquered the significant medical challenges that she endured for many, many years.

Mom welcomed everyone into her beautiful home. The home that she and Dad

worked tirelessly to make it what it is today. The home so many of our childhood friends love coming back to, cherishing fond memories.

Mom was so positive, happy and was always smiling. Most of all, Mom loved her family, her home and appreciated the many friendships she developed through her years.

Mom is survived by her children: Ram, Kim, Patricia and John, as well as her granddaughter, Madisyn for whom she was so very proud

of. Mom is survived by two siblings: Judy Loucks and Leah Procopio.

Mom was predeceased by her loving husband, Charlie Swanson, as well as three siblings: Gene Stahovec, Faye Blakey and Carl Stahovec.

We will be having a private burial and a gathering at some point so that we can all celebrate Mom.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance or Sharon Methodist Church.

Please take a moment to remember Mom as you knew her.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Debra Anne Freund

EAST CANAAN — Debra Anne Freund of East Canaan died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023. She was born Dec. 27, 1955, in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Stanley and Estelle Wolk.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Benjamin Freund, her brother Arthur Wolk, her father Stanley Wolk, her children Aaron and Sarah Freund and her grandchildren Avina, Blaze, and Roan, as well as numerous cousins, nieces

and nephews. She passionately adored her grandchildren and was greatly loved in return.

Debbie enjoyed a career in information technology in industries ranging from insurance to investment management to fundraising. She loved the arts, especially the ballet and musical theater. She volunteered extensively, recording audio textbooks and providing tutoring for students in need. She dedicated herself to the study of

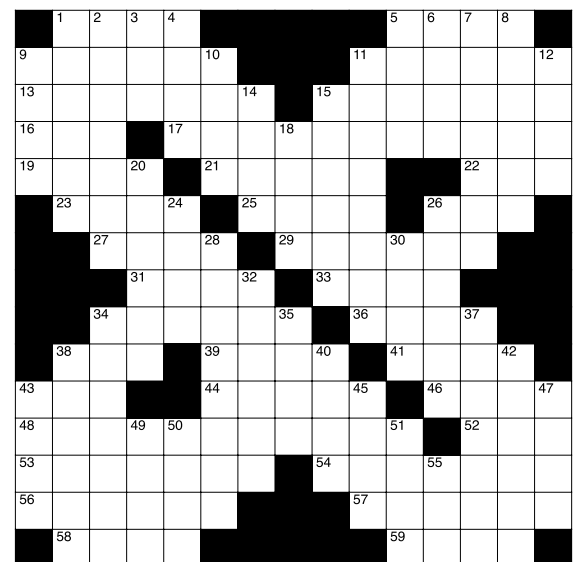
chanting traditional Jewish texts and tropes to support her fellow congregants in worship.

Many thanks to the compassionate teams at Smilow (ccflh.org/) and Salisbury Visiting Nurse (www.vnhlc.org) for their wonderful help and support. Debbie ardently supported the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council (www.artsnwct.org/) in their mission to enrich local arts. Please support any of them in Debbie's memory.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

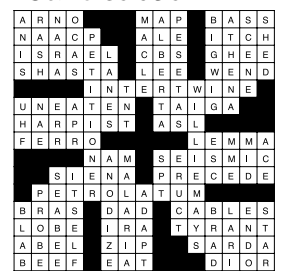
- Sea grape
- European public health group (abbr.)
- A way to delight
- Appetizers
- Ancient heralds' wands
- Make a booking
- '_ death do us part
- Pearl Jam frontman
- Spider genus
- Fill with high spirits
- A major division of geological time
- Catch
- An independent ruler or chieftain
- Electronic music style (abbr.)
- Influential Spanish cubist painter
- Illegally persuades
- A way to derive
- British School
- Appear alongside
- Surely (archaic)
- Harsh cry of a crow
- A day in the middle
- Kansas hoops coach Bill
- The longest division of geological time
- The first sign of the zodiac
- Appetizer
- Link together in a chain
- A bacterium
- In a way, forces apart
- Cheese dish
- Combines
- In an inferior way
- Colors clothes
- Dried-up



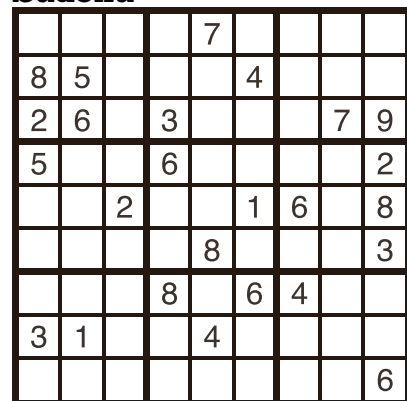
- A prosperous state of well-being
- Asked for forgiveness
- Makes less soft
- Part of speech
- Outside
- Advice or counsel
- Badness
- Protein-rich liquids
- Not moving
- Call it a career
- Poetry term
- Not wide
- Pastries
- Turns away
- Satisfies
- Gift adornments
- San Diego ballplayers
- Manufacturing plant
- Check or guide
- Dogs do it
- Chilled

- Scorch
- Unproductive of success
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Attack with a knife
- Feel bad for
- Enclosure
- Assert
- Geological times
- Midway between east and southeast

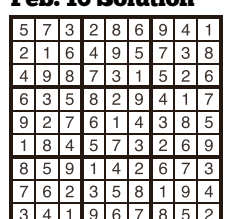
Feb. 16 Solution



Sudoku



Feb. 16 Solution



Level: Intermediate



Senior Living • Rehabilitation • Skilled Nursing • Memory Care

A nonprofit organization
17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068
(860) 435-9851 • www.noblehorizons.org



OBITUARIES

Eva (Cruz) Aitcheson

DOVER — Eva (Cruz) Aitcheson passed away surrounded by her four children on Feb. 14, 2023, at the age of 49. She was born in New York City on Jan. 19, 1974. She was a fun, loving, and proud mother and grandmother, who loved nothing more than spending time with those closest to her. Eva also enjoyed cooking for her family, watching movies, and just hanging out. She had a loud, easy to love laugh that made you smile. She helped and supported others in a way that was non-judgmental and clearly came from a heart of love. Her children, siblings, mother, and other loved ones will always hold Eva in their hearts. The fam-



ily also wants to thank the fantastic medical team in the ICU at Vassar Brothers Medical Center for making this journey less difficult and making Eva's final few days comfortable and as peaceful as possible. She is survived by her children Justin (Rose) Praise, Jason Praise, Joshua Praise, and Ashley (Jeremy) Praise; three grandchildren; mother Judy Lamy; brothers Richie Cruz and Alex Cruz; sister Nyasia Nesmith; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Charlie. Kenny funeral home in Sharon, is handling arrangements for calling hours on Friday Feb. 24, 2023, 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Peter R. Douglas

LAKEVILLE — Peter R. Douglas, 72, a retired attorney who practiced corporate law in New York City, died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack at his home in Lakeville on Feb. 9, 2023.

A graduate of Deerfield Academy, Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Peter became one of the youngest partners at Davis Polk & Wardwell, a Wall Street law firm. He was widely admired for his intellect, humor and charm. His law practice focused mainly on mergers and acquisitions for both domestic and international clients, and among many other accomplishments he was the inventor of the "Pac-Man" defense against hostile corporate takeovers and numerous novel transaction structures and held a patent for a pricing formula in exchange offers. He retired from the law firm in 2012.

Peter was born on June 3, 1950, in Northampton, Massachusetts and grew up in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He was the son of John W. Douglas, who headed the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Division under At-

orney General Robert F. Kennedy, and Mary St. John Douglas, a medical researcher and first woman trustee of Princeton University. His grandfather, Paul H. Douglas, served as three-term U.S. senator from Illinois from 1949 to 1967.

Peter had a special fondness for fast cars and for a brief time held a track record at the now defunct Bridgehampton race course. During his retirement, he focused his energies on woodworking, nature photography and automobiles.

Peter and his wife established a part time home in Lakeville in 2004 and relocated to Lakeville full time in 2012 following Peter's retirement. Peter is survived by his wife, Ulrika Ekman, and his three children, Matthew of Miami Beach, Florida, Alexander of San Francisco, California and Anna, a junior at Georgetown University; by his sister, Kate Douglas Torrey of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and by many Douglas and St. John cousins. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Anna Moore Gilfillan Curtis

AMENIA — Anna Moore Gilfillan Curtis, 87, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Sharon Hospital, surrounded by her family at her side. She was the loving wife of Arnold Curtis.



Anna was born Jan. 5, 1936, in Brownington, Vermont, to parents Nye and Marion (Moore) Gillfillan, who preceded her in death. Anna graduated from Orleans High School, married, and moved to New York in 1958. She was a den mother for the cub scouts and a homemaker for many years before attending Dutchess Community College and acquiring her Registered Nursing License in 1977.

Anna was employed as an RN at Wassica Developmental Center in Wassica, for many years before retiring in 1991. Anna loved to travel and spent many summers in their Vermont camp on Brown's pond in Westmore these past 30 years. She was an avid card player and stamp collector and loved gardening in her younger years.

Anna is survived by her husband of 64 years, Arnold Curtis, Amenia; her son Whaden Curtis and

wife, Barbara, of Brookfield, Connecticut; her daughter Laurie Wilcox and husband, Brian, of Sharon; her granddaughter Morgan Underwood and her husband, Kerry, of Valley Falls, New York; and grandson Alex Curtis of Grand Rapids, Michigan; brothers, Eric Gilfillan of Derby, Vermont, and Wilis and wife Betty Gilfillan of Island Pond, Vermont; sister-in-law Marlene Gilfillan of Holland, Vermont; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand-nephews.

Anna was preceded in death by her brothers Gilbert Gilfillan, Raymond Gilfillan, and nephew John Gilfillan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023, or online at diabetes.org

Services will be at a later date at the convenience of the family at Lakeview Cemetery, Westmore, VT. Online condolences can be made at Legacy.com by searching Anna's name and scrolling past this obituary.

The Kenny Funeral Home has made care of the arrangements.

MILLERTON — Long-time Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Kent T. Kay, known for a love of animals and the gentle way he had with them, died Feb. 12, 2023, at age 89 from complications of dementia. He was a resident of Amira Choice Minnetonka in Minnesota at the time of his death but spent most of his life in New York, first growing up in the city and later residing in Millerton, New York, where he purchased a veterinary practice serving the surrounding dairy farms in 1965.

Growing up in New York City, Dr. Kay dreamed of living in the country, working summers at horse farms in New York and New Jersey and eventually studying at A&M in New Mexico where he learned firsthand about working with large animals. This led him to study at Cornell University, where he earned his DVM degree in 1957. He worked in a few small clinics before purchasing his practice in Millerton, which included a ranch house and a small clinic on four acres of land. His wife, Marilyn (Master-son) Kay, who also grew up in New York City, joined him in his dream of small-town life, serving as office manager for the practice. She balanced that with raising their four sons, who grew up in a lively household surrounded by animals, both large and

small. Marilyn recalls the long hours her husband kept tending animals at all hours of the day or night. "Before Kent went to sleep each night, he took a shower and laid out his clean clothes — including a short-sleeved shirt, signature bow tie and coveralls. It wasn't unusual for him to attend a birth of a calf or foal in the middle of the night," she said. "And it also wasn't unusual for him to complete his day late in the evening with surgeries — but he absolutely loved his work."

Because it was a small practice, the boys started working in the clinic when they began grade school. Some of the animals that came to the clinic stayed, including Irma, a pig that grew to 300 pounds, and Sweetheart, a large St. Bernard that became fast friends with a tiny stray chihuahua named Charlie. "And then there was Tornado, our amazing Siamese cat that literally bounced from object to object inside the house and came when we whistled to him like a dog," son Gene remembers, adding that another memorable moment included his father trimming the nails of baby tigers in town for the circus. One of Dr. Kay's sons, Clinton,

followed in his footsteps and owns a veterinary practice in Boulder, Colorado. Over the years, Dr. Kay became known for his gentle way with horses, tending many equestrian teams, some of them Olympic caliber. After selling his clinic in 1980s, he continued to work with horses on a part-time basis before he retired.

In addition to his professional work, Dr. Kay was involved in the local community, serving on the Village Board. He was a member of the steering committee developing a region Rails to Trails path. He and his wife Marilyn were long-term members of the Church of St John in the Wilderness in Copake Falls, New York, where both served on the

Church Vestry and sang in the choir. Dr. Kay contributing his beautiful "Irish tenor" voice. He also was involved in getting the church listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Kay is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marilyn, and his sons Christopher Kay of New York, New York; Eugene (Jane) Kay of Plymouth, Minnesota, and Clinton Kay of Boulder, Colorado; daughter-in-law Melanie Kay of Millerton, wife of his son Timothy, who predeceased him in 2019. Grandchildren include Emily, Jessie, Alexander, Alycia, Gabrielle and Genevieve Kay. A memorial service is planned for early summer in Copake Falls, N.Y. Memorials may be given to Church of St John in the Wilderness, P.O. Box 180, Copake Falls, N.Y. 12517, or to the Animal Humane Society.

Kent T. Kay



Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Worship Services

Week of February 26, 2023

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

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<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>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel of Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd., Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.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>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</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. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

John Manuel Moore

MILLERTON — John Manuel Moore, 66, a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon. Mr. Moore was a self-employed professional sound engineer for the movie and film industry for over twenty years.



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

There was no one like Johnny. He had the remarkable ability to relate to anyone, regardless of age, background, or sensibility. He made everyone he met laugh and was a supportive and empathetic friend.

Johnny traveled the world, often solo, and loved to encounter new cultures. He was a World War I and II history buff and recently spent time visiting sites and museums in Berlin. He also enjoyed fine art, old movies, rock and roll, photography, and social media. He was a long-time member of Alcoholics Anonymous and he offered encouragement and support rides to meetings for new members. The pinnacle of his life was spending time with

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

John is survived by his stepfather, William M. Hitchcock and his wife Rosalie of Houston, Texas; his brother, William Hitchcock and his wife Didi of New York, New York, and Millbrook; his sisters, Leslie Murray of Salisbury, and Melinda Hitchcock and her husband David Fanning of Millerton; two nieces, Nina Murray of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Isabel Murray of New York, New York; two nephews, Thomas Hitchcock of New York, New York, and Oliver Correa of Craryville, New York, and many friends.

Calling hours will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A memorial service will take place at 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate.

Burial will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Millbrook, NY. The date for visitation and service will be announced in late April. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in John's memory or to send a floral tribute, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

TriCornerNews.com
The Best Regional News Site
When you need to know what's happening in **your** area, we're there.

CENTRAL CONTRACTORS
BUILDING • REMODELING
DECKS • ADDITIONS • SIDING • WINDOWS
CARPENTRY
860-866-8980

Wine sales under review

WINE SALES

Continued from Page A1

"I commented how it's not lost on me that this is Groundhog Day, because we've done this so many times before," she said in a recent interview.

"The food stores are pushing it hard this year. They're putting in a huge effort, and revving up consumers with massive marketing and media campaigns. But we also have a media campaign, so we are pushing back. The battle is on."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said the latest debate, "seems just as heated as in past years, which, for me, pits local small business package stores, with at least one in every town I represent, against the Connecticut wineries."

"The grocery chains, who are also fighting hard for this change, tend to be large, out of state and even international companies, so their interests are distinct," Horn explained.

"We do have a number of Connecticut farm wineries in the district, however, and if there were a way to favor them explicitly, I would be pushing for that," she said, "but the interstate commerce clause pretty much shuts down our ability to favor in-state businesses, so we cannot do that."

Horn further noted that the General Law Committee has tried to express that concern by favoring smaller wineries, but, she said, "It's an imperfect device as many large national wineries also own small brands that they can use to get around these restrictions."

CPSA's Cronin said Connecticut wineries are hoping that exposure in grocery stores will boost their profits. "They are putting a big push on products that don't sell as well as they had hoped," she said the

CPSA would be "ready and willing" to work with the wineries to help them better market their products.

Poll: consumers want convenience

Written testimony presented by Wayne Pesce, president of the Connecticut Food Association (CFA), which represents the state's supermarkets including small, independently-owned stores to larger regional grocery chains, noted that a voter poll recently released from the University of Connecticut shows that 84% of the state's consumers "overwhelmingly" support the option to buy wine where they purchase groceries.

"Customers continue to make their priorities and needs clear to the industry: consumers want choice and convenience when shopping.



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Laura Babcock of Salisbury said she makes most of her wine purchases at Staline Wine and Spirits in North Canaan, and she intends to remain a loyal customer.

These dramatic shifts in customer shopping patterns and consumer demand are driving the need for grocers to adapt and offer the assortment and variety that today's customer requires," according to Pesce.

"You may hear the argument that every bottle of wine sold in a grocery store is a bottle not sold in a package store. This claim is patently false," the CFA president wrote.

"If the law is amended, a fair portion of supermarket wine sales will be incremental, as wine in grocery stores in

that will completely upend business plans and result in serious financial difficulties for many package stores," said Cronin.

Déjà vu for Northwest Corner businesses

"Every year it comes up," said Richard Bramley, who has owned and operated the Cornwall Package Store for the past 45 years.

Referring to the most recent battle over wine sales, he predicts that half of the state's package stores "would be out of business in five years" if the new law passes.

"Wine is readily available in almost every town in the state in numerous locations, and there is no need to expand it. The grocery stores are not going to offer anything that is not already offered.

I think Connecticut satisfies its consumers," he said.

"Package stores are one of the last privately owned entities still on Main Street in every community and that is one of the crucial factors," particularly in rural Northwest Connecticut, noted Bramley. If the only package store in a small town closes, he said, customers would be inconvenienced by having to drive 10 or 15 minutes to the next town over.

"The state does have the legislative power to prevent the demise of one of the last small businesses on Main Street," said the Cornwall business owner. "How much do I have to lose before it's not a viable business, 10 percent, 15 percent? But it's not about losing my business, although certainly that's concerning. The community loses, that's who loses."

Dan Chaves, who manages Staline Wine and Spirits in North Canaan, which is located only a few steps away from Stop & Shop, said while his store is protected under the 1,000-foot distance clause in the proposed legislation, he still has concerns, because it

could always be amended at a future time.

"If it ends up passing it could affect one-third of our business, and I have a lot of friends who own package stores and I'm worried for them. Wine is money."

According to the CPSA, wine accounts for 30 to 60 percent of the overall sales of a package store.

On a recent Friday evening, Staline customer Laura Babcock of Salisbury carefully placed two bottles of Pinot Grigio into her shopping cart. Babcock said she treasures the camaraderie of staff as well as their wine knowledge.

She said if wine sales are allowed in grocery stores, while she might occasionally pick up a bottle as she shops for food items, her loyalty lies with the small package stores.

"I am concerned for the small business owners and prefer to give them the business if the prices are the same."

'Consumerism is a nasty thing'

For Gregory Brick, Jr., owner of Goshen Wine and Spirits, wine is his livelihood.

In his written testimony, he explained that he worked two or three jobs for the better part of a decade just to have enough for a down payment on his package store, which he bought six years ago after his 26th birthday.

"When I bought my store I bought into a system that had

A voter poll recently released from the University of Connecticut shows that 84% of the state's consumers "overwhelmingly" support the option to buy wine where they purchase groceries.

a set of laws, not rules, laws. You can't just change those laws due to pressure from outside groups," he said in written testimony in opposition to H.B. 5918.

"Consumerism is a nasty thing that we are all guilty of, it's wiped so many small businesses off the map and out of our lives."

Brick said he didn't get into the package store business to get rich.

"I'm far from it. I got into this work to be a small business owner in a small town, to span a generation, to ask how's your day going? How are the kids? To talk football, to talk wine, whether you're buying a bottle or cru champagne."

He said he doesn't blame wineries "for thinking their wine would sell better at a grocer than the liquor store next door. I don't blame grocers for seeking new revenue streams. I don't blame the consumer who could care less where they get something as long as they can. The problem is, all of that comes at the cost of someone else, someone else's livelihood, someone else's business, someone else's family, someone else's community.

The ruse of "customer convenience" and the statement "they do it in other states,"

Brick said in his testimony, "is not a reason to change it in ours."

The small business owner said he could never compete with the volume of a grocer.

"I exist based on the good will of my customers, my slightly isolated location and a state system that allows the sales of a few controlled substances in limited, regulated and approved locations. I shouldn't have to lose sleep thinking the legislation, grocer's association and local wineries who we've partnered with for decades is going to take that away."

In the Northwest Corner, it is not unusual for grocery stores and package stores to co-exist in strip malls.

Such is the case in Sharon, where Sharon Farm Market owner Kim Choe said she would not be able to sell wine at her grocery store because it is located within 1,000 feet of a package store.

The owner of Davis IGA in Kent declined to comment, and the owner of LaBonne's Market in Salisbury could not be reached for comment.

The 23-member General Law Committee has until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, to either move the proposal forward or vote it out of committee.

"It's not about losing my business, although certainly that's concerning. The community loses, that's who loses."

*Richard Bramley,
owner of Cornwall Package Store*

other states has shown.

"An amended law should allow package stores to sell a variety of highly consumable food products in order to recoup the potential wine sales lost to them," Pesce said.

CPSA's Cronin said change is unnecessary. It's a "very convenient process" to get wine from one of state's package stores, which are located in 162 of 169 towns and are open seven days a week for a total of 92 hours a week, she noted.

The CPSA lobbyist said small package stores are often the last of the stable, small businesses in their respective towns.

"They are supporters of local events, and part of the fabric of their communities. In many small towns they are the last small business left on Main Street. But this legislation will change all of that."

Should the proposal pass, said Cronin, it would allow the over 850 grocery beer permit outlets to expand to sell wine, representing a 68% increase in the venues that can sell the most profitable product in a package store: wine.

"This is a game changer



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The envelope please...

Art lovers came to the artgarage at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Friday, Feb. 17 to see an unusual show of artworks made on donated envelopes and cards. The show raised \$1500 for charities that support the Ukraine war relief.



McTEIGUE & CO
EST. 1895

JEWELERS, GEMOLOGISTS, APPRAISERS

**BUYING GOLD, DIAMONDS
& ESTATE JEWELRY**



EXPERT EVALUATIONS WHILE YOU WAIT • COMPETITIVE PRICES
IMMEDIATE PAYMENT • NO COST OR OBLIGATION

— FIVE GENERATIONS OF EXPERTISE —

With a global network of clients McTeigue & Co. is able to pay highly competitive prices for your diamonds and precious jewelry. If you have pieces that you are considering selling please contact us to arrange for a consultation.

— BY APPOINTMENT ONLY —

413-449-5275 • MCTANDCO.COM • GREAT BARRINGTON

A Good Mechanic Is Not Hard to Find!

**Ask for a proven pro
An ASE Certified Technician**

(518) 789-3462

52 S. Center Street
Millerton, NY

MILLERTON SERVICE CENTER

Quality Used Cars
Maintenance - Repairs

MICHAEL D. LYMAN
ADAM LYMAN
MASTER TECHNICIANS



Celebrating our agricultural leaders

Housatonic FFA honors Jacquier

By Riley Klein

The Housatonic Valley FFA dedicated its new Farm to Table room to James “Cricket” Jacquier in recognition of his leadership and commitment in seeing the project through.

Jacquier, chairman of Agri-Mark Family Dairy Farms and third generation dairy farmer at Laurelbrook Farm in East Canaan, was presented a dedication plaque by FFA students and staff on Feb. 7 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS).

“He’s done so much for our program and provided leadership to us,” said Ag-Ed Department Chair Dave Moran. “You’ve educated a lot of people.”

FFA President Alyssa Tatro said she couldn’t think of a more deserving person to dedicate the Farm to Table room to. “I consider us pretty lucky to have access to a kitchen because not many students can say that,” she added during the dedication.

The room, which was originally added during HVRHS’s 2001 expansion project, has recently been completely renovated and outfitted with new floors, walls and new culinary equipment such as gas stoves and stainless-steel prep tables.

“I am wicked beyond surprised,” Jacquier said as he received his plaque. “I’m humbly honored to accept this.”

Jacquier remarked on the significance of adding a dedicated food science and culinary studies room to the high school, saying “it will give every student a better idea of where their food comes from.”



PHOTO BY JENN JACQUIER
FFA award recipient James “Cricket” Jacquier, right, with Christopher Crane, junior president, on Feb. 7 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

National FFA WEEK

FEBRUARY 18-25, 2023

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It’s a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Housatonic Valley FFA members participate in a wide variety of events locally and nationally including Envirothon, an environmentally themed academic competition, and career and leadership development events.



Proud Supporter
OUR LOCAL FFA CHAPTERS

Stay Connected
Visit www.tricornernews.com to purchase a print or online subscription.

The Lakeville Journal MILLERTON NEWS
TriCornerNews.com

PALEY'S MARKET and GARDEN CENTER

Proud Supporters of FFA!

230 Amenia Rd (Rt.343), Sharon, CT • 860-364-0674
www.PaleysMarket.com
The Good Earth Farm • Celebrating our 41st Season

NODINE'S SMOKEHOUSE

Smoked Cheeses Smoked Game
Smoked Ham Smoked Sausage
Smoked Bacon Smoked Chicken
Smoked Turkey ...and much more!

Rt. 63 39 North St. Goshen, CT.
Mon.-Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4 (860) 491-4009
www.nodinesmokehouse.com - Mail order

Goshen Agricultural Society

Proud to support our local future farmers!

home of **GOSHEN FAIR**
Labor Day Weekend

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF FFA

LAURELBROOK
TOPSOIL COMPOST SAND STONE

NATURAL RESOURCES

860-824-7217
12 CASEY HILL RD,
EAST CANAAN, CT 06024
LAURELBROOK.WEBBLY.COM
MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00AM-4:00PM
SATURDAY 7:00AM-12:00PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

JACOBS GARAGE INC.
since 1930
FALLS VILLAGE, CT

Complete Automotive Repairs
Including Engine Rebuilds,
Diesel Repairs, Tires & Snowplows

Proud Supporters of FFA

34 Railroad St., P.O. Box 185,
Falls Village, CT, 06031
860-824-5861 | jacobsgarage@att.net

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF FFA!

Matt's Landscaping

Call for a quote on your Spring projects today!

Lawn & Land Installations · Patios and Walkways · Land Clearing
Lawn Maintenance · Invasive Plant Management
Excavation Services & More!

(860) 824-1188
office@mattslandscapingct.com

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF FFA

Crane's

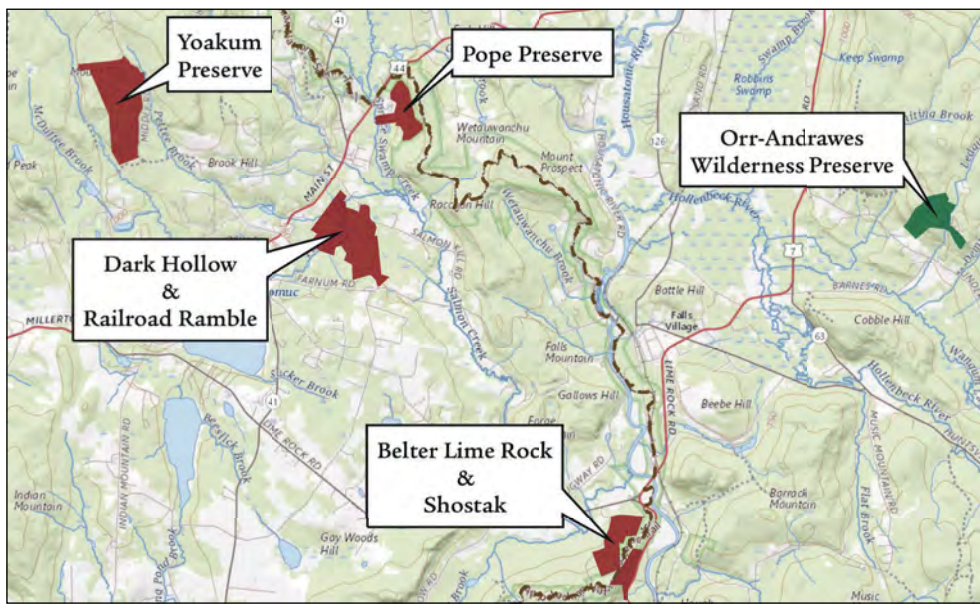
Outdoor Power Equipment

337 Ashley Falls Rd (Route 7)
Canaan, CT 06018
860-824-7276 Fax 860-824-7759

Sales - Service - Parts
WWW.CRANESCOPE.COM

FOREVER WILD

Continued from Page A1



MAP COURTESY OF NORTHEAST WILDERNESS TRUST

The areas in red are properties in Salisbury that are now “forever wild.”

and Shostak are also part of a protected block along the Housatonic River.

These landscapes also provide safe places and multiple options for migrating wildlife and plants. The forest itself functions as a carbon sink, sequestering and storing carbon, helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Diane Fitzmyer Murphy, who co-chairs the Land Trust with John Landon,

said in a phone interview Feb. 19 that the partnership with the Vermont-based Northeast Wilderness Trust adds an extra layer of protection.

Murphy said the properties will be managed in the most natural way possible.

“If a tree falls, unless it’s across a path, it will stay there.”

The land trust will continue to try and eradicate invasive plant species.

There is a financial benefit to joining up with the NWT. Once the arrangement is in place, the NWT will assess the properties as a whole, which will subsequently allow the Land Trust to enter the carbon credit market.

And as part of the larger effort, the land trust will be in a position to apply for grant money.

“Every time we get land in conservation, it costs a lot of money,” Murphy said.

SSH HEARING

Continued from Page A1

of running a rural hospital while trying to maintain the highest possible level of care.

“Current losses at Sharon Hospital are enormous,” said Dr. Murphy as he opened his testimony. He added that NuVance budgeted a \$6 million loss at Sharon Hospital in the first quarter of 2023 and projected a \$25 million loss for the year.

McCulloch expressed her belief that the proposed change better utilizes space and staffing. She explained that both ICU and Medical Surgery’s average daily censuses are consistently under half of their capacity. “Why not take all of the services that we provide in these two distinct units and move them into one?” asked McCulloch.

“In my opinion, the efficiency and synergy of collocating all patients in one unit with all nursing and ancillary staff will improve patient safety and satisfaction,” said Dr. Marshall. “This move will allow better use of space and ensure that Sharon Hospital will be strong well into the future.”

Their testimonies implied that all services, equipment,

and staff currently available at Sharon Hospital’s ICU will remain in place under the proposed PCU.

SSH was granted intervenor status for this hearing and put forth two witnesses to testify against the change: Dr. David Kurish and Victor Germack. Both spoke out in opposition to the termination of ICU services. Dr. Kurish highlighted the risk of a reduced level of care and Germack focused on financial implications.

“Intensity of care in a PCU is inferior to ICU,” said Dr. Kurish. “NuVance is being reckless with patient safety.”

“In addition to losing access to care and a reduced quality of care, Sharon Hospital will incur a very substantial loss of income,” said Germack, a financial expert and vice president of SSH.

Germack projected the change could lead to multi-million-dollar losses of potential revenue for Sharon Hospital. These losses, he posited, would be caused by an increased need to transfer patients to other hospitals due to a reduction in services.

Germack noted that since 2019, 51% of patient transfers from Sharon Hospital’s emergency room have gone to other hospitals within NuVance Health’s network. He contrasted this statistic with only 2.8% of transfers being sent to Charlotte Hungerford, the closest hospital in proximity to Sharon.

Upon conclusion of testimony and cross examination of witnesses, the floor was opened to public comment. NuVance had 17 healthcare professionals to speak in support of the change.

“I view this as a common-sense plan to shepherd our hospital into the future without sacrificing the five-star care our hospital provides,” said Dr. Jean Carlos Jimenez, chief of medicine at Sharon Hospital.

“I want to reassure our patients and our community that Sharon Hospital’s emergency department will continue to be here for you,” said Dr. Ron Santos, medical director of Sharon Hospital emergency department.

Public officials from the area and several residents also signed up to share their opposition to the proposed

change.

“This is a critical aspect of our community,” said State Sen. Steve Harding (R-30). “By removing this from Sharon Hospital, life will be in danger.”

“We are rooting for the long-term viability of this rural hospital,” said Chris Kennan, town supervisor of North East in New York. “Sharon Hospital plays an absolutely central role in the economic and social fabric of our community.”

“On the surface this change seems relatively small, but the cumulative impact would send our communities down a slippery slope,” said Kent First Selectman Jean Speck.

The hearing is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. on Zoom. The follow-up hearing will include OHS questions for witnesses as well as closing arguments from both sides.

An outstanding and controversial application before the quasi-public OHS regulators to close labor and delivery services at the hospital was the subject of a marathon public hearing in December 2022. No decision has been made on that request. State regulators were flooded with approximately 400 letters and public testimony.

Sharon Hospital will host an online community update from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27. McCulloch will discuss the latest hospital developments and provide updates on the affiliation in 2019 that created its parent, NuVance Health. The independent monitor, engaged by NuVance Health, will report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by OHS.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org or calling (203) 739-7919 with their name and phone number.

Questions can also be mailed to: Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT, 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the website: www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums.

HOLLEY BLOCK

Continued from Page A1

ing. On June 8, 2021, opponents of the proposal filed a lawsuit to halt the process.

The three plaintiffs in the lawsuit included two abutting property owners, 12 Millerton Road, LLC and RJS Holding, LLC, and an individual, William Muecke, who was an intervenor in the process.

The plaintiff’s attorney, Daniel Casagrande of Cramer and Anderson, wrote in a Tuesday, Feb. 21 email:

“While my clients respect the decision of the court they are obviously disappointed. We are weighing options to appeal.”

The plaintiffs challenged the commission’s actions in approving the application and claimed that it “failed to conduct an inquiry...as to whether there existed a ‘feasible and prudent alternative’” to SHC’s proposal.

In his decision Judge Roraback ruled in favor of the defendants.

“The plaintiff’s verified complaint...contains a litany of alleged shortcomings challenging the substance of SHC’s special permit application and alleged abuses of discretion on the part of the commission in reaching its decision to approve that application,” said Roraback.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens said the judge’s decision to dismiss the lawsuits is “affirmation that P&Z conducted a fair, open and inclusive process.”

Klemens said he was

pleased that the judge “recognized that P&Z actually listened to the intervenors and imposed conditions that reflected their testimony.”

While pleased with the ruling, Klemens cautioned that it may be just the beginning of a multi-step legal process.

“What it means is that we’ve prevailed in this go-around, but of course the plaintiffs have the opportunity to appeal. I’m not even thinking that this is the end of it.”

He said the process has already been an expensive one for the town.

“It’s cost the taxpayers quite a bit of money, and that’s money that we cannot recover. It was an expense, but it was needed. We had to defend our decision to the best of our ability.”

The process has also delayed the project for the past year and a half, noted Halle. “Every month that goes by without these 12 units is another 12 families that don’t have a place to live.”

‘Feasible and prudent’ alternatives sought

The Memorandum of Decision notes that the Holley Street property was given to the town in 1967 by the Belcher family. The gift was conditioned on the town agreeing to demolish a large and aging building known as “The Holley Block” that dated at least from the 1880s.

The Belchers provided that if new buildings were

constructed on the site, they should have “exterior design in keeping with the Federal or early Eighteenth-Century image of our villages,” according to the legal decision. If no buildings were constructed, the Belchers directed the property be “cleared, graded and landscaped for a town park or attractively landscaped for a parking area.”

At the public hearing, there was extensive testimony and documentary evidence relating to the historical importance of the vacant .31-acre site on which SHC seeks to construct a building containing affordable housing, wrote Roraback.

In his decision, the judge noted that “...the court upholds the commission’s determination that the intervenors did not adduce evidence that was sufficient to require the commission to consider feasible and prudent alternatives.”

The court also ruled favorably to the commission’s interpretation of the regulations as they apply to the permissible front yard setbacks for SHC’s proposed building in the subject overlay zone, and that such interpretation was the result of “honest judgment that was reasonably and fairly exercised.”

In conclusion, Roraback ruled that the decision of the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission is upheld and dismissed the appeal.

In 2017, the Salisbury

Affordable Housing Commission hosted a series of community forums to seek resident input on housing goals and locations. The Holley Block was voted the most popular site for new affordable housing at these forums. The site once contained an apartment building on it that was demolished decades ago.

The town provided an option to lease the property to the SHC, which has been awarded pre-development funding for the affordable housing project from the state Department of Housing to explore the viability of affordable housing on that site.

On Feb. 6, the Salisbury Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to extend the lease on the Holley Block property to SHC until July 31, 2025.

Halle credited the town’s Planning and Zoning commission, its chairman and town attorneys for making a solid case for the proposed affordable housing project, to be named “Holley Place,” which he said he expects will move forward once state financing comes through.

“P&Z did a thorough job when they ruled for us back in May of 2021, and that is really what carried the day. This is an important win for us. We needed this.”

TriCornerNews.com

The Best Regional News Site

When you need to know what’s happening in **your** area, we’re there.



Relationship banking – right in your neighborhood

We have a genuine commitment to our customers, employees and the towns where we live and work. Mobile access, online, branch network, and ATM convenience. Competitive products for your personal and business needs.

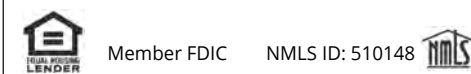
Interested in switching to *your* community bank? Yes, a friendly, local person will answer the phone.

Call Susan Dickinson, Vice President, Lakeville Branch Manager at 860-393-9171.

Litchfield Bancorp

A Division of Northwest Community Bank

Lakeville at 326 Main St. | Litchfield | Torrington | Watertown
litchfieldbancorp.com | nwcommunitybank.com | collinsvillebank.com



VIOLET HILL NATUROPATHIC CLINIC

*Creating optimal conditions for healing using
traditional Naturopathic techniques.*

DR. ELIZABETH WING, ND
40 Gay St. Sharon, CT 06069
(860) 397-5195 | violethillnaturopathic.com

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

The Odd World of a Teenage Dollmaker

Anyone who has attended high school has felt like an outsider at one point or another — but there may be only one student at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., who is making outsider art. HVRHS senior Theda Galvin, who was home-schooled before enrolling in the small public high school, spends her free time in a well-populated fantasy land of figurines she sculpts, designs, dresses, and photographs. Her work has paid off, and she's been selected as the first student artist to have a solo show at the school's new Kearcher-Monsell Library gallery wall. Titled "Interior Motives," the showcase will open to the public on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

"I start with a wire frame, although some of the bases are made from grocery store twist-ties," Galvin told me as we walked through the show ahead of the opening, along with Ellie Wolgemuth, a sophomore who is heading the library's art installation as lead

intern. The dolls wear the origins of their crude, mismatched materials proudly, Frankenstein-stitched from hot glue, notebook paper, floral wire, and craft yarn. "For the clothing, I've gone to the thrift store and found small pieces of fabric fuse under flower vases for a quarter."

The disproportionately magnified eyes on the dolls might bring to mind Mark Ryden's whimsical pop surrealism, while the diorama photographs of the figures at play might echo the miniatures in the work of Laurie Simmons, but Galvin's influences are more in line with internet fandom. She draws from the English Gothicism of steampunk and the robot-limbed female iconography of Japanese cyberpunk, characters from "Ace Attorney," a Capcom video game series, Finnish illustrator Tove Jansson's Moomin characters, and the



queer coupling of Sherlock Holmes and Watson, made popular by the 2010s BBC adaption of the British detective sto-

ries. Of course, plenty of well-established artists have worked by mixing "low" popular culture and fine art — when American painter Elizabeth Peyton had her 2019 solo show at the National Portrait Gallery in London she included

a painting of Bella and Edward from "Twilight." At the core of Galvin's work is a tender loneliness — the characters are drawn from the nerdier corners of the internet where "shipping" enthusiasts commune, even as scrolling through web pages remains a

silent, solo activity. The photographs, too, are reminiscent of a child's solitary playtime, when dolls could be paired and posed and taken outdoors for endless imaginative adventures. The work is empathetic, earnest, and the mark of an emerging talent.



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

GARDENING: LEILA HAWKEN

A Garden Writer's Guide to Indoor Growing

If your green thumb pales at the very thought of houseplants, then the advice offered during a recent upbeat presentation by noted gardening author, horticulturist, photographer, and avid fan of houseplants, Tovah Martin, could be just what you need.

A program co-spon-

sored by The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., and the Essex Memorial Library of Essex, Conn., titled "Easiest Houseplants Ever, With Style," was presented on Thursday, Feb. 16, drawing a sizable audience to hear Martin's rapid-fire positive advice and encouragement. Viewers were

treated to 120 images of houseplants that are easy to manage. Important to the presentation, also, was advice on how to pot and display for maximum visual effect.

"Making plants look like art," was a companion theme, illustrating how to display and grow with style. To begin, turn

away from any type of plastic container. Better to use imagination in finding pots of other materials. Thrift shops can be a low-cost source for potting vessels that can effectively be displayed on pedestals of varying heights, achieving a personalized, flexible style. Holes can be drilled for drainage, Martin pointed

out.

If the container is too fragile to accept drilling, then Martin suggests placing one or two inches of pebbles in the bottom, mixing with one tablespoon of horticultural charcoal, then adding the potting soil. That pebble-charcoal layer will prevent the soil from smelling bad due to a lack of drainage.

Soil should fill the pot from the bottom up, Martin advised. Avoid adding filler materials

to the bottom of the pot, things like Styrofoam peanuts, or other packing materials that some people may try, hoping to use less potting soil.

"I use long, tall containers for plants that will grow downward," Martin said, adding that there is nothing easier than ivy, even if situated a short distance from a north-facing window.

Combining plants into groupings is similar to a jigsaw puzzle, Martin said, adding that west-facing windows are a bit better than east-facing for growing houseplants. Her plants happily spend the summers outdoors, adding instant plant variety to the outdoor garden.

"I love foliage," Martin said, "particularly ferns of all varieties that can thrive away from a window."

"Let's talk about water," she said, indicating that she does not water based on a particular day of the week. Rather, she uses the sensitivity

Continued next page



We here at Robin Hood Radio are on-air and on-line keeping you informed and updated 24 hours a day on the following stations of the Robin Hood Radio Network.

WHDD AM 1020

Serving Northwest, CT and Adjacent Eastern, NY

WHDD FM 97.5

Serving the Route 7 corridor from Cornwall to Kent, and the Route 22 corridor from Amenia to Pawling

WHDD FM 91.9

Serving Sharon, Millerton, Lakeville, Salisbury and Falls Village, and adjacent Eastern, NY

WLHV FM 88.1

Serving in New York - Northern and Eastern Dutchess County, Columbia County, Eastern Ulster and Windham County, and Southern Greene County

WBSL FM 91.7

Serving North Canaan, CT, Sheffield and South County, MA

GILZON
Cafe & Cinema

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING SHOWTIMES

LIVE JAZZ SUNDAYS

354 Main St. Winsted, CT 06098
1-860-379-5108 • www.gilsoncineca.com
Doors open at 6 p.m. • 21 Years & Older

Moviehouse SHOWTIMES & TICKETS

FRI 02/24 > THU 03/02 (518) 789-0022 themoviehouse.net

EMILY | WOMEN TALKING

ANT-MAN & THE WASP: QUANTUMANIA

OSCAR SHORTS ANIMATION LIVE ACTION DOCUMENTARY

A LITTLE WHITE LIE GET TICKETS

TRIVIA NIGHT Tues 2/28 7-9 PM

48 MAIN STREET, MILLERTON, NY

...garden writer's guide

Continued from previous page

method. "I check each plant because I love to visit them."

"I know my soil," Martin said. If it is pale and dry and not dark, it needs water. You can stick your finger in, or you could use the eraser end of a pencil. If the eraser comes out clean, the soil is dry. If it comes out with a bit of soil adhering to it, then water is not needed. What could be simpler?

"There is nothing easier than an African Violet," she said, noting that they are happiest in a shady spot.

Herbs are great to grow indoors, Martin said, although they need sun and a deep container.

Responding to

questions from viewers wrestling with issues, Martin said that plants exist to make you feel happy. If a plant grows to a stage where it is not giving you pleasure, it is quite acceptable to send it away.

About soil, Martin favors the organic potting soil sold at McEnroe's Farm, Millerton, New York, above all others. "McEnroe's has great potting soil," Martin said, adding that vermiculite, found in some packaged soils should be avoided.

Tovah Martin will present a program titled "In Unison" at Kent Memorial Library on Saturday, Feb. 25, beginning at 2 p.m. The talk will explore how to create



PHOTO BY TOVAH MARTIN

harmonious combinations to attract and please pollinators. To register

for the in-person talk, go to www.kentmemoriallibrary.org.

RECREATION: MIKE COBB

Art, Theater and Live Music for One Winter Weekend in Norfolk

In its seventh year, A Weekend in Norfolk (WIN) is a celebration of the creative community in Norfolk, Conn. In keeping with the historical legacy of Ellen Battell Stoeckel, who helped bring the arts to Norfolk by donating portions of her 78-acre estate to Yale University's School of Music, A Weekend in Norfolk was first conceived by women.

WIN co-founder, Sue Frisch, explained, "I had worked with a group to put out the Norfolk Map and Guide on paper. It had pictures of places and things to do in Norfolk, and it occurred to me one day as I was going to the post office that we should do something to get people here to sample everything in the guide. I walked into the post office, met Holly Gill, and started talking to her about it. She liked the idea and the two of us walked up to the library, still talking about it. There we met Ruth Melville, who loved the idea, so the three of us went to work, proposing the concept to people and groups, and here we are! Our first WIN was in the summer of 2016. We started the winter version in February 2018."

This year's winter Weekend in Norfolk, held on Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26, features guided wildlife

tracking in Great Mountain Forest, the Farmers Market in Battell Chapel, art shows by Caryn King, Lilly Woodworth, and Ani Jenkins, tours of the five Tiffany stained glass windows at Battell Chapel which were installed in 1929 as a gift from Ellen Battell Stoeckel, the premiere of two one-act plays by Sara Heller and Marinelle Crippen at the Norfolk Library, a 100-year retrospective of Main Street at the Historical Society, and all-day ice skating capped off with a bonfire and hot chocolate at the town ice rink.

When asked about challenges and successes in producing WIN, Frisch replied, "Everyone supports WIN, both with donations that cover the expenses and by putting on events. Donors have been very generous and so have the event organizers. The town itself has been very helpful; for example, it acts as our fiscal agent, and the Economic Development Committee has helped with money."

"Perhaps the biggest challenge was Covid, but we came up with the idea of doing a virtual festival to keep WIN and Norfolk in people's minds. Today we have a YouTube channel with more than 65 videos on it and are adding more. Videos are accessible

from the virtual events page on our website or directly on our YouTube channel," Frisch continues.

What do Frisch and her co-producers on the WIN committee want the public to know? "Norfolk is a friendly place and it likes visitors, so almost all the events are free. Our website address has all the events and descriptions posted, as well as a printable program and other information."

A Weekend in Norfolk, a two-day winter festival, will host free events on Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26, with a ticketed evening live music featuring Mike Cobb and Trina Hamlin on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manor House Inn. For a listing of scheduled events go to www.weekendinnorfolk.org.

'A Reckoning With The History of Slavery'

Author Peter Kaufman will lead a discussion of Clint Smith's book "How The Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America" at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. Register at www.scovillelibrary.org for this in-person and online talk.

Winter Watercolor Classes

Collette Hurst will lead a series of classes in ink drawing and watercolor painting over the winter. The final class at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. For registration go to www.cornwalllibrary.org. Hurst will lead classes at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturdays, March 10, 17 and 24 at 1 p.m. Classes are \$75 for the package and registration can be made by calling 860-824-7424.

Fever Poems by Kylie Gellatly

The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn. will hold an opening reception for a showcase of poem collages by Kylie Gellatly titled, "Time & Fever & Nothing More" on Saturday, March 11 at 5 p.m. The show will run through April 22. For more go to www.cornwalllibrary.org

Documentary on Animal Rescue in Ukraine

"Checkpoint: Zoo," a documentary short on the rescue efforts by zookeepers and volunteers to rescue enclosed animals in the Ukrainian zoo during the Russian invasion, will screen at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m.. Filmmaker Joshua Zeman will discuss the making of the film and his career in documentary film, which includes the 2021 film "The Lonliest Whale," which was nominated for three Critics Choice awards.

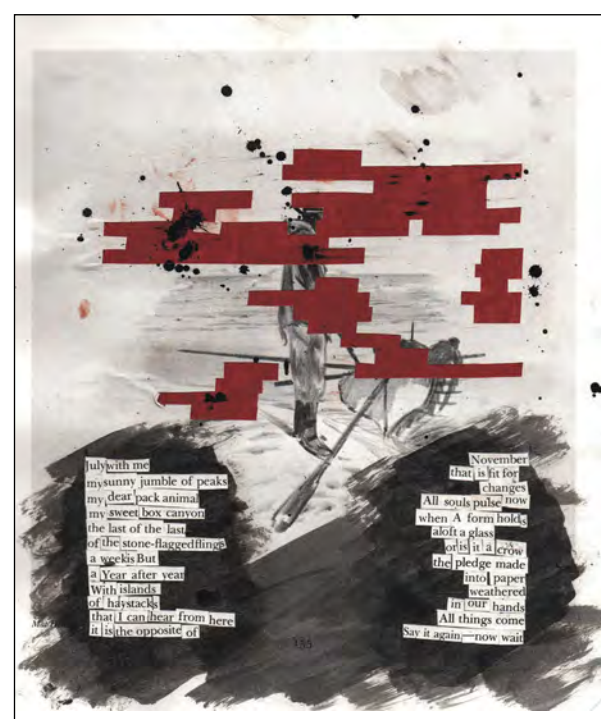
Royal biographer at Ventfort Hall

Hugo Vickers, biographer and expert on the royal family, will lead a talk on the life of Gladys Deacon who followed Consuelo Vanderbilt as wife of the 9th Duke of Marlborough. The presentation on Sunday, March 5 at 3:30 p.m. at Ventfort Hall Mansion and Gilded Age Museum in Lenox, Mass., followed by a champagne tea. Vickers' 1979 biography "Gladys, Duchess of Marlborough" was republished in 2020 with additional research and titled "The Sphinx." Tickets are \$40. Reservations are required as seats are limited. For more go to www.gildedage.org/events.

Steve Katz Concert

Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series will present Kent, Conn. based musician Steve Katz, founding member of the Blues Project and Blood, Sweat & Tears, in "A Night of Story and Song" on Saturday, March 25 at 8 p.m. in Spencertown, N.Y. For general admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 Academy members) go to www.spencertownacademy.org.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR



COURTESY THE ARTIST

ADVERTISE IN COMPASS

To advertise your event under the Arts & Entertainment banner, call 860-435-9873 or email advertising@lakevillejournal.com

HOUSING GOVERNMENT RIVERS & LAKES NONPROFITS THE NORTHWEST CORNER

BUSINESSES SCHOOLS LAND HISTORY SPORTS RECREATION THE HARLEM VALLEY

THE NEWS THAT MATTERS to you

Subscribe Today

You'll never miss vital reporting with a subscription to your community news source.

Subscribe to either The Lakeville Journal or The Millerton News and gain free access to all the news from both newspapers at www.tricornernews.com.

Or, you can opt to only subscribe digitally. Your news, your way.

Just \$82 annually

Simply go to www.tricornernews.com/subscriptions and select your preferred subscription. Or, call 860-435-9873 x303 or email circulation@lakevillejournal.com

The Lakeville Journal

The MILLERTON NEWS

TriCornerNews.com

860-435-9873 • 64 Route 7 N, Falls Village, CT 06031

EDITORIAL

Restoring a park

Last year at this time the outcry following the tree-cutting at Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon was heard all the way in Hartford. The call for oversight on the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), which had cut more than 100 trees in the popular riverside park, evolved into proposed legislation. While legislation was passed in May, it never quite met with the full satisfaction of citizen groups that had come together to not only put the focus on the problem of hazardous-tree management by the agency, but also to do something about the damage done.

Over the summer, the Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA), a citizen group, pressed on. Its volunteer members started with a clean-up session at the park to remove rotting wood chips from the bases of pine trees and to plan next steps. The goal was to do something about remediating the damage at the park in time for the fall 2022 planting season.

In the process, the group also hatched an unusual collaboration with DEEP and other state agency workers to restore the park. The collaborative effort resulted in real action. By mid-October, after many design sessions, state workers arrived with heavy equipment to plant 21 trees along a stretch in front of the parking lot. The Northwest Conservation District also provided engineering work to determine water runoff needs.

Now, as HMPA prepares for more restoration work over the 2023 summer, plans are being made to again enlist volunteers to restore the riverbank and prepare for more new plantings.

Volunteers will be needed to help with weeding, watering, replanting plugs that are dislodged and other small tasks that may come up. The riverbank will undergo an herbicidal program and more trees and shrubs are scheduled to be planted there as well as in areas excavated for rain gardens.

HMPA members Katherine Freygang and Bruce Bennett, both of Cornwall, are working with DEEP. Bennett, who also is the tree warden in Kent, has developed a planting list with the idea that early ordering might ensure availability of plants.

Freygang said HMPA is anticipating as many as 15 volunteer work sessions at the park starting in May and running through October.

HMPA was joined by other groups, including the Housatonic Valley Association, the National Audubon Society and Trout Unlimited. The Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality also supported the groups' testimony at hearings about DEEP's hazardous tree approach and the need to remediate damage at Housatonic Meadows. Others at HMPA and many other citizens testified at hearings and kept the questions coming about the tree cutting at the park.

Ultimately the state's involvement in the restoration included many departments: parks, forestry, wildlife, fisheries and park services.

These concerned citizens and the state workers who helped in the process should be saluted for their dedication to Housatonic Meadows State Park, a destination retreat just like Macedonia Brook State Park and Kent Falls State Park.

The restoration work includes creating a swale to carry water from the parking area to a rain garden to prevent erosion of the riverbank. Native wildflowers will be planted in the rain gardens. The project features shrubs and plants to support birds, fish and other wildlife and discourage invasive species, and a safety barrier at the river bank with berms and boulders.

Signage will inform visitors about trails and amenities at the park, making it clear where there is access to fishing, boating and picnic areas. In addition, signs will tell the story of the restoration project and also provide an ecology lesson in native plants and biodiversity.

The image of protestors stomping through the snow a year ago in January has transformed into one of citizens working with DEEP and other state agencies to restore the park — thanks to the dedication of HMPA volunteers.

Many thanks to SVAS volunteers

We want to thank our dedicated volunteers of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service who responded to our call on Jan. 27 at 3:30 am. How reassuring to see Jackie Rice at our door. They were not able to take Kiau to Sharon Hospital because a machine was down. They took him to Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, Mass. This seamless transfer to another state was crucial and medically necessary.

We will be indebted to their service, their sacrifice for the wellbeing of us all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Jo and Kiau Loi
Lakeville

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of The Lakeville Journal and the Journal does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

Letters to the editor deadline is 10 a.m. Monday for that week's publication. No more than 500 words. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. Please include a phone number for confirmation.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Light at sunset, Lakeville Lake

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PCU is more like partial care

I've been following the debate regarding the closing of the Intensive Care Unit in favor of a Progressive Care Unit at the Sharon Hospital. Google says "Progressive Care" is a step down from an ICU. However, without an ICU in the Sharon Hospital, where will serious accident and critical care victims step down to? Progressive care is not Intensive care. Progressive Care is wrongly named — it should be called Partial Care. Partial Care facilities cannot handle patients in need of Intensive Care. Patients will have to be shipped elsewhere, further endangering their health.

As a past user of Sharon Hospital ER/ICU (it probably saved my life), here are my questions.

Where will patients go who immediately need intensive care in an ICU? How will they get there? Who pays for the transportation? For example, I've heard speculation that patients might be shipped by helicopter to a distant ICU at a cost of \$85,000. Who will pay for that?

Who's supporting Partial Care, aka, Progressive Care? In my brief look at the supporters, many seem to have monetary or other ties to Nuvance. I assume

the Board of Directors receive some compensation? Several staff employees of Nuvance have sent letters in support of a Partial Care Unit. They are obviously being paid by Nuvance. It's rumored that employees of Nuvance have to sign employment agreements that they cannot criticize Nuvance or risk termination. Is that true? Is that transparency?

The PCU argument provides stark evidence that in medicine today the Hippocratic Oath is being replaced by a spread sheet.

Bob Maxwell
Sharon

Letter had incorrect information

The misinformation in Colter Rule's letter last week cannot be ignored. First, the \$750,000 award of funding to the Falls Village Housing Trust was NOT the result of a solo appeal by First Selectmen Henry Todd. I have seen the formal and comprehensive application for this funding that was submitted by the Falls Village Housing Trust. Secondly, the First Selectman has in no way "muzzled" citizens who have expressed their "grievances" about the River Road development.

There have been a significant number of public meetings at which these citizens have expressed their grievances over and over and over again. Their questions have been answered, they just didn't like the answers. The grievances of 33 citizens cannot override the duly adopted zoning regulations in a town and do not outweigh the support of many more residents who understand that River Road homes will be an asset to the community and an investment in a community that supports young people, families, and seniors with fixed incomes.

The town will not be left "holding the bag" to finance construction of River Road homes so the concerns ex-

pressed by Mr. Rule about its effect on the town's mill rate are unfounded. I work in affordable housing finance every day on developments throughout Litchfield County. Towns do not pay to construct these developments and mill rates are not affected. Mr. Rule goes on to suggest that people shouldn't rent because they are not creating equity and that they are "enriching a landlord who will privately own the development after 30 years."

How many of us have not rented at one time in our life or another? How many of us can afford to pay \$595,000 for a house, plus maintenance and heating costs? (This was the median sales price of a house in Falls Village in 2022.) The Falls Village Housing Trust is the mission driven non-profit organization that will be the "landlord" for River Road Homes.

Their mission is to keep rents affordable for the residents that live there, they will not be making a profit. Most of the non-profit owned housing in Litchfield County has affordability restrictions that eventually (over say a 30-year period) expire. However, these mission driven non-profits maintain the affordability restrictions in

perpetuity. I can point to many examples of this including in Salisbury, Kent, and Cornwall.

We very much appreciate the leadership and support from Congresswoman Hayes and First Selectmen Henry Todd for the Falls Village Housing Trust's effort to bring some dedicated housing to the town that will be affordable for the many residents that have been priced out of the housing market or kicked out of their rental homes when owners sold at pandemic prices.

I am tired of hearing "We are not against affordable housing BUT..." we are in the middle of a housing crisis; we have to do everything reasonable that we can to address it. This thoughtful development, River Road Homes, by a local volunteer led non-profit is more than reasonable. It is essential.

Jocelyn Ayer
Salisbury

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — February 1923

Mr. William P. Stone is in Hartford attending the Postmasters' convention.

Mr. Andrew Fulkerson will dispose of his farm equipment and household furniture at public auction on Thursday, March 1st at 1 o'clock p.m. at the Russell farm near Dutcher Bridge.

The groundhog tradition of Candlemas day indicated severe weather and a continuation of winter. It looks as if the old chap had delivered the goods.

50 years ago — February 1973

Another section of Kent's business district at the north end of Main Street will be developed for commercial use, it was revealed this week. Gordon E. Casey and John F. Casey, owners of Housatonic Enterprises Inc., have announced that a shopping plaza is planned for the five-acre parcel of land east of the Kent Pharmacy and the Housatonic Enterprises office building.

Sunday was "Obookiah Sunday" at the First Church of Christ in Cornwall. The service, a remembrance of his passing on Feb. 17, 1818, at the age of 26, was held in Hawaii as well.

25 years ago — February 1998

Members of the Lakeville Hose Company pulled off a dramatic rescue at Lake Wononscopomuc Wednesday. Joy Pulver, daughter of Bill and Adie Pulver of Lakeville, ventured out onto the lake after she saw her golden retriever named Oliver fall through the ice. Julie Christie happened to look out on the lake and saw Ms. Pulver in the water and immediately called 911. After rescuers pulled her out she was taken to Sharon Hospital where she was treated and released.

Hilda and Ralph Lowell Sr. of Sharon were feted at a party Saturday in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Son Ralph Lowell Jr. served as best man and daughter Myra Brandt, matriarch of honor.

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

THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

(USPS 303280)

An Independent Connecticut Newspaper
Published Weekly by The Lakeville Journal Company
Owned by The Lakeville Journal Foundation; Noreen Doyle, Chair
64 Route 7 North, Falls Village, CT 06031
P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039-9989
(860) 435-9873 • www.tricornersnews.com • editor@lakevillejournal.com

Volume 126, Number 29 Thursday, February 23, 2023

Mission Statement

The Lakeville Journal Company, Publishers of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News
Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.

John Coston
Editor
Susan Hassler
Publisher and CEO
James H. Clark
Chief Operating Officer
Libby Hall-Abeel
Advertising Manager
In Appreciation
Janet Manko
Publisher Emeritus
A. Whitney Ellsworth
1936-2011
Managing Partner
Robert H. Estabrook
1918-2011
Editor and
Publisher Emeritus

EDITORIAL STAFF: Patrick L. Sullivan, managing editor; Riley Klein, digital news producer; Alexander Wilburn, Compass A&E editor.
ADVERTISING SALES: Mary Wilbur, display sales; Lyndee Stalter, classified advertising.
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Sandra L. Lang, controller; Cornelia Haymann Snyder, financial assistant; Michelle Eisenman, legal and billing coordinator.
COMPOSING DEPARTMENT: Caitlin Hanlon, graphic designer; Olivia Montoya, graphic designer.
DRIVERS: Brian Murphy; Geoffrey Olans; Adam Williams.
CORRESPONDENTS: Debra Aleksinas, Leila Hawken, Matthew Kreta.

The Lakeville Journal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Subscription Rates - One Year: \$82.00 in Litchfield County, \$98.00 outside county
Known Office of Publication: Lakeville, CT 06039-1688. Periodical Postage Rate Paid at Lakeville, CT 06039. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Lakeville Journal Company, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039-1688.

Continued next page

PCU is wrong approach at Sharon Hospital

I believe Nuvance is providing misinformation about its plans to close the intensive care unit (ICU) and replace it with a progressive care unit (PCU). A PCU, by definition, is an intermediate care unit between intensive care and regular hospital care. Critically ill patients are not admitted to an intermediate care unit; they go to where they need to be CLOSELY and CONTINUOUSLY monitored as in an ICU.

This is the way it has been since the day at Sharon Hospital for decades with

the endorsement of The Joint Commission and the highest "five star" rating by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Nuvance's policy regarding the PCU has evolved. The initial Transformation Plan (TP) announced in September 2021 said there would be no ventilator patients in the proposed PCU except for short term, hemodynamically stable patients.

In its testimony before state regulators on February 15, Nuvance said Sharon Hospital does not intend to reduce the level of clinical

An interview with our extraordinary 39th president

It was a thrill for me to chat for a while with ex-president Jimmy Carter in Atlanta in 1989, in the service of writing a children's book eventually entitled "The President Builds a House," about the work of Habitat For Humanity, and for which he had agreed to write the introduction.

Carter was leading the volunteer crew that would build 20 houses in a week in an Atlanta neighborhood. An editor for Simon & Schuster had asked me and photographer Margaret Miller to do the book and to donate part of our royalties to the charity.

This work site was no photo-op for the Carters. Then 64, the former president was scrambling around on roofs

and inside half-made structures, his hammer frequently in use; his wife Rosalynn was almost as active, helpful and collegial in many ways. His son Chip was also there, pitching in.

These were gentler times. The Carters were being guarded by a lone Secret Service agent, who had been with them in the White House and had chosen to be on their permanent detail. I spoke with the agent briefly; it was clear that he adored both Carters and felt well-treated by them. Chip, too, was most admiring of his parents' charitable activities.

I had previously chatted with President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office, along with presidential spokesman

Larry Speakes, with whom I was to write a book; and had spoken in an EOB office with then-vice-president George H. W. Bush on a prior documentary project involving Nigeria. In my presence, Reagan, who was just coming back from an illness, and Speakes engaged in a sort of Gallagher and Shean comedy routine, feeding each other cues about the need for a line-item presidential veto for the federal budget. Bush had been quite knowledgeable and thoughtful about Nigeria, which he had visited in official capacities. Both

Reagan and Bush had been impressive in their own ways, but neither was as impressive as Carter, who in our chat was articulate, authoritative, thoughtful and responsive to my questioning.

I had begun being aware of Carter when he was governor of Georgia. I was then commuting to Atlanta monthly to film a documentary there on an unusual school and the involvement of an NGO called Project Propinquity; people with Propinquity were interacting regularly with the governor, and a few of them would later join his administration. All had quite favorable views of him and of his devotion to the public good and Christian ideals, which they shared.

I thought that Carter had been a reasonably good pres-

ident who had had to fight severe headwinds and tailwinds, which had eventually resulted in his loss of the presidency after one term.

In 1989, my first query to Carter was why he had become so involved with Habitat.

"Jesus was a carpenter," he began, and continued on in that vein, stressing Habitat's "Biblical" mandates to house the poor and to lend money without interest. We had a fine chat. His theme was that while we often feel as individuals that we can't do much to solve such big problems as poverty and lack of good housing, we can, through volunteering to work with organizations such as Habitat.

By 1989, Carter was already also involved in supervising elections around the world, as well as in putting together the Carter Center; and so near the end of our chat, I asked him if he knew what Woodrow Wilson had told reporters about his fu-

ture plans upon leaving the White House after the 1921 inauguration of his successor. Carter indicated that he did not. Having written a book about Wilson (Edith and Woodrow), I did, and had the pleasure of telling Carter. Wilson had said that he was "going to teach ex-presidents how to behave."

I opined to Carter that he was doing just that, and in a far more effective way than Wilson had, and that his doing so was a great help to the world as well as constituting a tutorial for future presidents.

As for the introduction to our book, Carter asked me to write up my notes from our interview in the form of such an introduction and send it to him for approval. I did.

He didn't change a word.

Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written more than two dozen books and many television documentaries.

'Jesus was a carpenter,' he began, and continued on in that vein, stressing Habitat's 'Biblical' mandates to house the poor and to lend money without interest. We had a fine chat.

Where did everyone go? And what do I do with this stuff?

It is a common refrain by group participants that after a few weeks and months friends have disappeared. Hurt and puzzlement is written all over their faces. "What happened? No one calls me now. They were all around at first, and then, poof! I don't understand."

We often talk about this emotional impasse. The group is a safe and understanding place to express anything and everything because participants are all on the same journey, though in different vehicles and going at different speeds.

We are a death-averse and grief-averse society and no one knows how to deal with great loss until it happens to him/her. In this framework, the disappearance of friends is understandable. How can you know about something before you experience it? Someone will say with humility that they did not understand what a friend or relative was going through years earlier before they, too, lost someone dear.

So there we have it. Friends and family probably do not feel comfortable with their feelings and avoid you, the griever. It hurts. We realize that we need to let people know what we want and do not want, though that seems unfair. Why does the beleaguered sorrower have to help other people know what to say?

It is possible to brainstorm what to say to others who ask how you are, or who call to

much, or never call. Other people do want to help, but, even when they have had their own loss, they do not know how to help you. They will appreciate hearing what you need and do not need.

Something to ponder: While good friends and neighbors may want very much to relieve your pain, they can do so only, even with a tip from you, within

the limit of their emotional ability. One person's raw pain can feel like fire to someone who is not able or ready to feel their own pain.

Contacting people who seem to have dropped off the face of the earth can feel risky but dividends are large.

Some approaches:

- Hi. I am calling because I haven't heard from you and I know you love me and probably don't know what to say. Is that right?

- There is no way you would know this, but you know what I would like? To go out to lunch once a month with you. And talk about (loved one).

- It is fine to talk about (loved one). In fact, I love reminiscing.

All This Stuff!

Then there's the stuff. Where did it all come from? Everything reminds you of

your lost loved one. People have different schedules for dealing with the departed's possessions, clothing, knickknacks, etc.

Some cannot open that closet or that box for weeks and months. Some people turn down every photo in the house while others put more around. Every object is replete with meaning, overflowing with memories and significance. Can we stand

it? We speak in the group about personal victories. One woman was able to open that drawer last week (applause). A man went to a fave restaurant by himself (applause). A sister called that brother who has been estranged (applause). A bereaved mother got out of bed by 9 a.m. every day last week (major applause). An adult took a few (not all) of her mother's dresses to a charity.

Sometimes people wear items of clothing that belonged to the loved one. The smells and textures of the clothing are poignant sensations that both hurt and comfort.

"No, I haven't touched her bureau. The comb, brush, and perfume are exactly as she liked them." "I haven't been able to sleep in our bed for a year. I sleep on the roll-out bed downstairs."

Essentially, there is an

organic quality to this. Keep things that matter; donate the rest.

You can take a photo before giving away a special

item. To everything there is a season, including holding on to physical stuff until the loved one's presence is integrated.

Eileen Epperson leads both virtual and in-person grief support groups. Reach out to her at elethegriefjourney@gmail.com

Contacting people who seem to have dropped off the face of earth can feel risky but dividends are large.

THE GRIEF JOURNEY

EILEEN EPPERSON



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PCU is wrong approach at Sharon Hospital

Continued from previous page

care available to critical care inpatients. Talk about moving the goal posts! The latest contention is absurd. By definition, PCU rarely have intubated patients on ventilators. Most hospitals restrict ventilators to ICUs where the skill and training of the ICU nurses is essential to handling the technicalities of respirator management. Respirator management is one of the most difficult duties an ICU requires and Sharon Hospital has been doing this very well.

It's irresponsible, in my opinion, to claim that medi-

cal-surgical nurses at Sharon Hospital could safely manage an intubated patient on a ventilator. Nuvance would quickly realize this and be forced to transfer these critically ill patients. Presently, the PCUs in New Milford, Vassar, Fairview, Berkshire Medical Center, and Baystate Medical Center do not accommodate intubated patients.

Nuvance's latest testimony also alleges that patients on vasopressors — powerful medications that elevate blood pressure — treating septic shock could be cared for in a PCU here. In order to say that the level of care

would be the same in the PCU as the ICU, Nuvance testified that the "PCU will have the same capacity of care for critically ill patients who require a ventilator to breathe or who require . . . vasoactive medications. However, physicians treating patients who are in a prolonged state of instability . . . may opt to transfer such patients..."

Nuvance is being reckless with patient safety. Its officials are changing their narrative to achieve the goal of shifting our ICU patients into an unsafe PCU or transferring them away. These unstable patients should be in our ICU by any accept-

able standard. Presently, our nurses and doctors have the skills needed to treat these patients.

In fact, Vassar's PCUs do not care for patients requiring strong vasopressors. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration, 92% of hospitals of Sharon Hospital's size in the Northeast have ICUs. Only eight hospitals in Connecticut have PCUs as step down units and all these hospitals have ICUs.

Our community needs and deserves a real intensive care unit — an ICU.

Dr. David Kurish

Sharon

The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. each Monday. You may email letters to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.

Realtor® at Large

With all the changes that are happening to the NW corner, it may be good to have on hand resources that remind us of when we had more time to appreciate all the beauty of nature that is surrounding us. To that end, here are three books that should serve you well: "The Changing Landscape: Salisbury Connecticut" by Christopher Rand, "A Sierra Club Naturalist's Guide to Southern New England" by Neil Jorgensen and of course Hal Borland's "This Hill, This Valley", a Memoir of his time living up on Weatogue Rd by the Housatonic River. All beautiful and informative reads!



JOHN HARNEY
Associate Broker with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty
Office: 19 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068
Email: jharney@wpsir.com
Cell: 860-921-7910
Instagram: @johnharneyjr

ADVERTISEMENT

More letters previous page.

Sports

Housatonic girls drop Berkshire League tourney opener

By Riley Klein

WOODBURY — After a rocky start to the season, the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Mountaineers girls basketball team found their stride and earned themselves a spot in the postseason. The Mountaineers entered the Berkshire League quarterfinal seeded sixth and were matched against the third seed Nonnewaug Chiefs.

On Friday, Feb. 17, with the season on the line, the Mountaineers entered Woodbury wearing black. After losing to Nonnewaug earlier in the week, the Mountaineers were fired

up from the jump. They contested every loose ball, crashed the boards, and forced jump-balls whenever possible. Sophomore guard Mia Dodge was a pickpocket on the court as she repeatedly swiped the rock from the Chiefs in transition.

Despite their defensive effort, HVRHS met a fierce opponent in Nonnewaug. The Chiefs maintained their composure and knocked down big buckets from the outside. Their size and discipline helped Nonnewaug climb to a 13-6 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Chiefs caught fire in the second and opened the period on a 13-0 scoring

run. Nonnewaug's shooters were lights-out from beyond the arc as they nailed six three-pointers in the first half and entered halftime with a 32-12 lead.

HVRHS kept the pressure on with a ferocious defensive performance in the second half. The Mountaineers also looked to create opportunities for sophomore guard Tessa Dekker, who had a huge game against the Chiefs when they met earlier in the week. This time, however, Nonnewaug stuck to Dekker like glue and locked her down with double coverage throughout the contest.

The game became increasingly scrappy with the Mountaineers logging seven fouls in the third quarter. A couple hard hits from Nonnewaug went uncalled, including



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

HVRHS guard Mia Dodge welcomed the size mismatch and left it all on the court against Nonnewaug.

a blow to the face of Kylie Leonard that drew blood and caused a medical stoppage.

The Mountaineers left it all on the court but were unable to catch the Chiefs.

Nonnewaug won with a 53-26 final score and advanced to the Berkshire League semifinals. The Chiefs will face top seed Northwestern in the next round, who finished the regular season with a record of 19-1.

HVRHS was led in scoring by junior forward Haley Leonard with 10 points. Nonnewaug's leading scorer was senior guard Mallory Tomkalski, who finished with 18 points.

After the game, Mountaineer Coach Jake Plitt reflected on his team's season. "It was a really good season, but sometimes you run into a better team," Plitt noted that every player in his lineup will be back next year. "The girls worked really hard, and they'll keep working hard in the off-season."



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

After a big game against Nonnewaug earlier in the week, Mountaineer guard Tessa Dekker was met with double coverage throughout Housatonic's quarterfinal game in Woodbury on Feb. 17.

Region One middle school hoopsters conclude season

The Region One middle school basketball teams have wrapped up their 2022-23 seasons.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The boys finished the season undefeated at 5-0, and the girls posted a 5-4 record. The boys team was coached by Bobby Chatfield and Jeff Beck; the girls by Kiera Bisenius and Emily Egan. Players came from the towns of Cornwall, Canaan, Falls Village, Sharon and Salisbury.

To Place an Ad Call 860-435-9873 or visit www.tricornernews.com/classifieds

Classifieds

LINE AD DEADLINE

Monday at 12 p.m. except holiday weeks when a special deadline is published in advance

RATES

\$12 for the first 15 words or less. 40¢ for each additional word. Call us for our special 4-time rate. All line ads must be prepaid. Discover, Mastercard, Visa, and American Express accepted.

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News • Compass • www.tricornernews.com

HELP WANTED

DAVE KOWALSKI LLC PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING: Looking to hire a full time Licensed P-2 Plumber and/or plumber's apprentice with at least 2 years experience. Minimal service work required. Competitive wages with employee health insurance, paid holidays and vacation time. Call to schedule an interview with Dave Kowalski @ 860-671-1662.

HOTCHKISS LIBRARY OF SHARON SEEKS HEAD OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Must have experience with children, preferably in libraries. Full job description available at www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/come-work-with-us. Send cover letter and resume to: ghachmeister@hotchkisslibrary.org.

ISABELLA FREEDMAN JEWISH RETREAT CENTER: is a year-round 120-person retreat facility that is located in Falls Village, CT. New employees are eligible for a signing bonus of \$1,000. At the time of hire, the new employee will receive \$250. After 45 days, provided they have no active disciplinary issues, the new employee will receive the remaining \$750. Want to work at a beautiful, peaceful location, with great people? This is the place to be! We are currently seeking a full time Cook and part time Hospitality Specialist to work within our housekeeping team. For more details please visit our website at <https://hazon.org/about/jobs-internships/> and email a copy of your resume to jobs@hazon.org.

SEEKING A FULL TIME CHEF: To join our Noble Horizons Team. Competitive wages, Health Insurance, 403B and Pension Plan available. Please contact 860-435-9851 ex. 146 and speak with Jessica our Director of Dining Services.

Email your classified ad to classified@lakevillejournal.com.

HELP WANTED

REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISORY FIRM SEEKS CLIENT SERVICES ASSOCIATE: The CSA's role is in support of investment advisors and their clients. Superior communication skills, exceptional administrative and interpersonal skills, and strong technical skills are required. The candidate must be well organized and highly detail oriented. Experience with personal investing is not required, but eagerness to learn is essential. Duties include document processing, maintaining accounts, responding to client inquiries, and supporting staff. Candidates must hold an associate degree at a minimum. Experience with Microsoft Office is required. Position offers highly competitive compensation and benefits. Possible work-at-home days offered in time. Please apply at: <https://americaninvestment.com/about/join-our-team/>.

SERVICES OFFERED

NEED YOUR HOME CLEANED?: Diana and Juliet have been servicing the Northwest Corner since 1998. We offer guaranteed satisfaction and have great references. Please call 860 605-0528.

SERVICES OFFERED

CARPENTER/BUILDER DAVID VALYOU: Renovations & Repairs of Old Homes, Barns. Serving tri-state area for 20+ years. davidvalyou@yahoo.com call or text 917-538-1617.

HECTOR PACAY SERVICE: House Remodeling, Landscaping, Lawn mowing, Garden mulch, Painting, Gutters, Pruning, Stump Grinding, Chipping, Tree work, Brush removal, Fence, Patio, Carpenter/decks, Masonry. Spring and Fall Cleanup. Commercial & Residential. Fully insured. 845-636-3212.

LAMP REPAIR AND REWIRING: Pick up and delivery available. Serving the Northwest Corner. 413-717-2494.

FLEA MARKETS

VINTAGE COMIC BOOKS BOUGHT & SOLD: Booth B1 Thurs-Sun. Indoor Flea Market. 99 RR St. North Canaan. Hotchkissart@gmail.com

TriCornerNews.com
The Best Regional News Site

When you need to know what's happening in your area, we're there.

Real Estate

REAL ESTATE

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: Equal Housing Opportunity. All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1966 revised March 12, 1989 which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap or familial status or national origin or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. All residential property advertised in the State of Connecticut General Statutes 46a-64c which prohibit the making, printing or publishing or causing to be made, printed or published any notice, statement or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, physical or mental disability or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

WASSAIC 2ND FLOOR, 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT: Carpeting, dryer with washer hookup. 5 minutes Metro North. 2 car parking. Includes storage shed. 2 months security. No dogs. 1600 plus utilities. Available immediately. 845-463-2656 or 845-337-7143.

HOUSES FOR RENT

MILLERTON 3 BEDROOM 1 BATHROOM HOUSE: on a quiet street. A quick walk to the rail trail, shopping or dining. Large backyard with an in ground pool, deck and a screened in porch. Ready on May 1. \$2000 a month. If interested, call 845-518-0705.

Remember

The Lakeville Journal Company offers free online subscriptions to our website, tricornernews.com, for active duty military personnel from the Tri-state region. For more information or to set up a subscription, contact Sandra Lang at circulation@lakevillejournal.com or 860-435-9873, ext. 301.

Robinson Leech Real Estate

Distinctive Country Properties

A TRULY UNIQUE RIVERFRONT OFFERING: NEEDS WORK BUT UNIQUE.

UNIQUE CORNWALL RIVER PROPERTY



37 ACRES-1500' along the Housatonic River. Originally a 1720's farmhouse set along a Railroad with twice a day train passage, it has been enlarged to its current state as a 3 bedroom, 4000'+- SQFT residence, with fireplaces, a plant room, studio charm. The park-like land is set between the river, and CT State Forest, and has a boat launch, 2 hillside streams, some barn-like outbuildings, and garden areas. Restorative work needed. Offered 'as is' at \$875,000.

A LIMITED TERM RENTAL

AVAILABLE WHILE PROPERTY IS ON THE MARKET. Partially furnished, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. SUBJECT TO A 60 DAY NOTICE TO VACATE. Great for a temporary needs; from now forward. Call Robin for additional details.

Selling properties in CT, Mass, and New York, since 1955
318 Main Street • Lakeville, Connecticut • 860-435-9891
www.robinleechrealestate.com



Local Reporter

The Millerton News is seeking a part-time news reporter to cover Harlem Valley towns and school districts.

Are you interested in your local news scene? Here is a chance to report on community news, business news, the environment, government, police and all the issues that affect the lives of Millerton News readers.

Writing skills and basic knowledge of how New York government functions are a must.

Email Resume and Writing Samples to Editor John Coston, editor@millertonnews.com.

The MILLERTON NEWS
860-435-9873 ext. 608 • PO Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546

Station Place Apartments

Housing for families, elderly and disabled

Applications now being accepted for this HUD/CHFA financed housing development.

If you are interested in filling out an application, call or stop by the Rental Office, Monday through Friday 8AM - 4PM

107 Whitford Court, P.O. Box 655
North Canaan, CT 06018
(860) 824-7979
TDD (800) 545-1833 Ext. 141



Must be income eligible



DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS
ELYSE HARNEY REAL ESTATE
CONNECTICUT • NEW YORK • MASSACHUSETTS
HARNEYRE.COM



HANDSOME RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL OPEN LOT
1,656 sq.ft. • 1.08 Acres • 3 BRs • 2 FBs

SHARON, CT. Enter the light-bathed living room with Parquet wood floors, a large bowed window, a fireplace, and a door to the office. The primary suite has sliding doors to the porch which overlooks the large cleared backyard. The lower level, where the laundry area resides, is dry and meticulously maintained and has room for a workspace. The roof is only 7 years old and the septic is oversized. Located only minutes from Millerton, Sharon, Lakeville & Salisbury villages and very convenient to the Wassaic Train to NYC.
Web# EH5086 Bill Melnick \$365,000

SALISBURY, CT 860-435-2200 HARNEYRE.COM FALLS VILLAGE, CT 860-824-0027

To Have Your Service Listed and reach 30,000 Potential Customers Call 860-435-9873

Specialist Directory

DEADLINE
Friday at 4 p.m. for the following
Thursday's publication date.

Full color available.
Call your advertising
representative today!

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News • Compass • www.tricornernews.com

Auto Repair

NORTH EAST MUFFLER INC.
Custom Bending Up to 3 Inches
Tires • Brakes • Mufflers • New York State Inspections
Open Monday - Friday 8 to 5; Saturday 8 to 1
Route 22, Millerton, NY
John Heck (518) 789-3669 Cindy Heck

Landscaping

VADNEY'S
LANDSCAPING
CANAAN, CT
(860)248-9442
Lawn Mowing • Gardening • Brush Hogging
Excavation • Tree Work • Land Clearing • Driveways
Free Estimates • Fully Insured E-mail: DylanVadney@yahoo.com

Storage

GLOBAL SELF STORAGE
Security Is Our First Priority™ ALL CLIMATE CONTROLLED
■ All Climate-Controlled Units
■ Climate-Controlled Wine Storage
■ 24-Hour Video Recording
■ 24/7 Keypad Access
■ 24/7 Rental & Payment Kiosk
■ Professional On-Site Manager
845-677-2700
millbrook@globalselfstorage.us
3814 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545

Tree Service

Christopher Toomey 860-824-4956
Licensed Arborist Telephone & Fax
TOOMEY TREE CARE
25 Years Exp. Free Estimates
6 Barracks Road Canaan, CT 06018
CT Arborist Lic. #S-4207
Pruning-Bracing-Clearing
Ornamental & Hedge Trimming
Removals-Vistas
Tree Fertilization

Blinds

BUDGET BLINDS
Style and service for every budget™
JOHN & JUNE KINSKY
BUDGET BLINDS OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY
860.619.2811
jjkinsky@budgetblinds.com
budgetblinds.com/litchfieldcounty
HIC#0648748
FREE In-Home Consultation
Shades, Blinds, Shutters, Home Automation and more
www.budgetblinds.com
An Independently Owned and Operated Franchise
WINTER SAVINGS!
5 or more shades: **30%**
*Excludes Lutron & Hunter Douglas
Good until 2/28/23

Lightning Rods

Lightning Protection!
ASSOCIATED LIGHTNING
Rod Company, Inc
Free Estimates / Inspections!
845-373-8309 / 518-789-4603
www.alrci.com info@alrci.com

Tree Service

Applewood Tree Care
Tree Care • Tick Spraying
Jason Bresson applewoodtree@yahoo.com
860-733-2020 License # 62658 B2580

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
JOHN'S TREE SERVICE
Tree removal • Chipping • View Cutting • Land Clearing • Logging • Firewood
860-824-8149
PO Box 414 East Canaan, CT 06024
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Floor Refinishing

THE FLOOR SPECIALIST
"When You Want The Best"
Old/new resurfaced to perfection.
Frank Monda
thefloorspecialist@verizon.net | 860-671-0468

Moving

KARL ON WHEELS
Let us move your stuff
Prompt, Safe Delivery • Fully Insured
(860)499-0406
karlonwheels.com

PEROTTI TREE SURGEONS LLC
Shade Tree Preservation • Home Orchard Care
Landscape Renovation • Hazard Tree Removal
Tick Control • Organic Options
Native Arborist since 1997
Jeff Perotti • 860-824-5051
perottitreesurgeons.com
CT Pest Registration #B-2341
CT Lic. Arborist #54607 MA Cert. Arborist #2136

TV Service

Dave's TV
Stop in to see our selection of
NEW Sony 4K TV sets. ALL ON SALE!!
• TV Sales
• Service Installation
• Outside HD
• Antenna Installation
• WiFi Enhancements
REPAIRS on all: TVs, Stereos, Vintage Electronics
We've Moved!
Our new address is
279 Smithfield Rd., Millerton, NY 12546
Call for appointment 518-789-3881

Grounds Maintenance

SHARON LAWN & LANDSCAPE
Winter Months Are Perfect For:
Land Clearing • Brush Clearing
Vista Clearing • Tree Takedowns
Commercial Snowplowing,
Sanding & Salting
of Parking Lots
• EXCAVATORS • BACKHOES •
• BULLDOZER • CHIPPER •
• DUMP TRUCKS •
• GROUNDS MAINTENANCE •
• LANDSCAPING •
INQUIRE ABOUT OUR OFF-SEASON DISCOUNTS
LICENSED / INSURED
Commercial/Residential Credit Cards Accepted
(860) 672-5260
Sharonlawnandlandscape@yahoo.com

Overhead Doors

Madsen Overhead Doors offers numerous door options to fit any budget! Residential, commercial & industrial doors, electric operators, radio controls, sales & service.
Celebrating over **65** Years
MADSEN OVERHEAD DOORS
Fast, friendly service since 1954
(518) 392 3883
673 Route 203, Spencertown, NY
www.MadsenOverheadDoors.com

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

Painting

Hussey Painting
Decorating & Wallpapering
Interior & Exterior
Residential, Commercial & Industrial
State Licensed Home Improvement Contractors
Insured & EPA Certified
Now accepting most major credit cards
Family Owned and operated Since 1978
Emmet Hussey www.husseypainting.com
860.435.8149 emmethussey@gmail.com

your news your community your life!

Not sure who to turn to when you need a service?
Every week we bring you this directory of Specialists in print and online at www.tricornernews.com. From Automobiles to Windows, the Specialist you need is at your fingertips.
We'll keep you connected.
And, when you find the Specialist you're looking for, let them know you found them in your independent, locally owned, community newspapers.

The Lakeville Journal
The MILLERTON NEWS
TriCornerNews.com
We've made it even easier to Stay Informed.
Visit www.tricornernews.com to purchase a print or online subscription. Or call 800-339-9873 ext. 303

TriCornerNews.com
The Best Regional News Site
When you need to know what's happening in your area, we're there.

Remember
The Lakeville Journal Company offers free online subscriptions to our website, tricornernews.com, for active duty military personnel from the Tri-state region. For more information or to set up a subscription, contact Sandra Lang at circulation@lakevillejournal.com or 860-435-9873, ext. 301.
With thanks to those who serve.

Support Local Journalism In Your Community
Please donate to The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News at LakevilleJournalFoundation.org/donate or by mail
PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039