

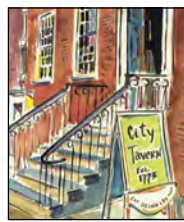


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Council of Governments

State aid to towns remains stable

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — Mike Muszynski of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities said that the state's towns will see pretty much the same amount of aid from the state government after the 2022 legislative session.

Muszynski and Betsy Gara of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns spoke to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) on Thursday, May 12.

Muszynski said the revisions to the state budget during the session "holds everyone harmless for this year."

He said state aid in its various forms will remain mostly intact, and noted that the state made a \$3.5 billion payment against its pension liability.

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Falls Village

Finance board keeps school budget cut

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Finance stuck with their decision to cut \$20,000 from the Board of Education's proposed spending plan after a special meeting Monday, May 16.

The May 16 meeting came after an unusually contentious Board of Finance meeting Monday, May 9, during which First Selectman Henry Todd and finance chair Dick Heinz sparred repeatedly over whether or not the Board of Finance needs to approve expenditures from the town's share of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Heinz insisted the finance board has that obligation and authority; Todd said they did not.

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Homemade signs were everywhere Saturday, May 14, in Salisbury at a rally protesting the possible overturning of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Abortion rights rally draws 200

Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A robust and vocal crowd of at least 200 people came to the Green in Salisbury Saturday morning, May 14, to decry the apparent demise of the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationally.

The rally came together quickly, organizer Barbara Maltby said, standing with fellow organizer Sophia deBoer.

Maltby said it is important "to protect

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Biodiversity crisis grows deeper

Connecticut is 60% forested, the 12th most forested state in the country, but it's becoming a forest of largely mature trees. And that's a problem because it contributes to a biodiversity crisis.

Without young forests, you start to lose important species, such as the Eastern bluebird, songbirds like the Chestnut-sided warbler, the native New England cottontail, plus the American woodcock.

"We're becoming a forest that is pretty much mature trees," said Jeffrey Ward, chief scientist at the forestry and horticulture department at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven.

"It's like a gated community in Florida. We don't have that vitality. We don't have young trees. Without them, we don't have the biodiversity."

Ward discussed biodiversity Saturday, May 14, at a forest-health lecture sponsored by Great Mountain Forest at the Shelter on Golf Drive in Norfolk, noting that in the last 50 years Connecticut has lost 90 percent of its young forests and close to 75 percent of medium-age forests.

The New England cottontail rabbit needs young forest because it's the only place where it can compete with the Eastern cottontail, which is not native to New England. In 2006, the New England cottontail was considered for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act because of loss of habitat.

Ward addressed various pressures that contribute to a biodiversity crisis, ranging from climate change to the rise in the number of invasive insects to forest fragmentation that accompanies suburban development to the impact of excessive deer browsing that leads to the spread of invasive plant species.

Citing projections that show

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wetter winter and spring seasons, and little change in precipitation for the summer and fall seasons, Ward expects to possibly see more anthracnose, or leaf blight in the forest. With longer summers, he said there could be more infestations of the bronze birch borer that feeds on birch trees.

Last year, spongy moths, formerly called gypsy moths before the Entomological Society of America changed the name that contained an ethnic slur, defoliated large tracts of forest in Sharon.

"There's a chance you're going to see a significant defoliation from spongy moth again here this year,"

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PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Spongy moths, formerly called gypsy moths, defoliated large tracts in Sharon last year and they're back.

Spongy moths return in droves

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — Northern towns in Litchfield County are facing a heavy infestation of spongy moth caterpillars this spring along with significant potential defoliation of hardwood trees.

Spongy moth populations rose substantially in 2021 particularly in the Sharon-Cornwall area. This year, thanks to a strong feeding and breeding season, there are millions and millions of them. The insect formerly was called the gypsy moth before a name change this year recognizing it contained an ethnic slur.

Last year in mid-July, the healthy egg masses were deposited as part of a traditionally widespread infestation throughout the region.

"The hatch is the biggest I have ever experienced. Only a week old and they are already stripping leaves off the white oaks."

Bruce Bennett, Kent Tree Warden

Experts advised residents to take any small-scale measures open to a homeowner (scraping into soapy water), although the strategies would be inadequate to the magnitude of the problem. Best to hire a tree expert for the garden's trees but accept defeat on anything on a larger scale.

"The potential is worse for this year simply due to massive growth in population from last year," said Jeffrey Perotti, Tree Warden for the town of Sharon and a state-licensed arborist.

Speaking from experience in

studying infestation over the years, Perotti said, "It is likely that the pest could be more prolific this year, and also just as likely that rainy weather could reduce its numbers through natural control."

Bruce Bennett of Cornwall has noticed the same population rise this year. He also serves as Tree Warden for the town of Kent.

"The hatch is the biggest I have ever experienced. Only a week old and they are already stripping leaves off the white oaks, their fa-

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Fishing derby lures young anglers

By John Coston

NORTH CANAAN — The Northwest Connecticut Rod and Gun Club drew 52 young anglers to its annual Junior Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 15, at the club's pond.

The water's edge was lined with patient young trophy seekers hoping to win a new bicycle or other prizes for the biggest fish caught in three age groups.

Some of the participants sat casually in pint-sized folding chairs, waiting for the fish to bite while sipping a drink. Others stood at the water's edge, eyes fixed on the line disappearing into the pond's waters. Parents circled behind, taking it all in on a warm spring day.

The derby is open to the public and this year, according to Holly Hunt, the chair of the derby, drew participants from as far away as Hamden.

Peyton Montijo, age 6, was fishing with worms. As the noon deadline approached to end the competition, he

had landed four bluegills. His sister, Maria, age 4, wasn't as lucky, her mother, Valerie, said. The family had driven up from Litchfield.

The club stocked the pond the day before the event with trout. But there were large-mouth bass and catfish to be taken — some reaching up to 20 inches.

Hunt remembers when her parents first brought her to the Junior Derby as a child.

"Now I'm running it," she said, adding that the hope is that the club will continue to foster a growing membership year over year with the children of its members.

Caden Hermenau, age 11, of Winsted reeled in a 16-inch largemouth bass before the derby was closing and he hoped it would remain the biggest fish of the day. Caden also bagged a 13-inch perch and an 11-inch largemouth.

Justin Jadovich, age 15, landed an impressive catfish as his parents, Jeffrey and Tammy, watched. It will be Justin's last year participating in the Junior Derby. He was



PHOTO BY STEVE BARBER

Travis Barber, age 12, was a winner with this 17-inch largemouth bass caught at the Northwest Rod and Gun Club's annual Junior Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 15, in North Canaan.

keeping the fish and planned to have a meal of it.

Winners were: Olivia Wortman, 5, 8" bluegill; Wyatt Morel, 5, 14.5" bass;

Meadow Reeve, 7, 12.5" bass; Dayton Hindle, 7, 11.5" bass; Adriana Gomez, 11, 8.5" bluegill; Travis Barber, 12, 17" largemouth.

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 Saturday.....Cloudy, 89°/61°
 Sunday.....Cloudy, 77°/55°

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.

DUI and car fire

On May 9 Paul Joseph Maher, 29, of Torrington, turned himself in on an active arrest warrant and was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and failure to drive in the proper lane. The warrant stemmed from an incident on Oct. 8, 2021, at approximately 9:30 p.m. when Troop B arrived on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall to find a vehicle turned on its side and engulfed in flames. Maher had got himself out of the car and reportedly told Troop B that his four children were still in the burning car. Maher was transported to Sharon Hospital by Cornwall Ambulance, and later to Hartford Hospital for critical injuries from the accident. The car fire was put out with the police report stating there was no obvious evidence of any bodily remains in the vehicle. Troop B made contact with the mother of Maher's children who told police that all four children were with her. A toxicology report indicated that Maher had a blood alcohol content of 0.22% upon his admission to the hospital. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 23.

Hospitalized after domestic disturbance

On May 9 at approximately 8:45 a.m. Troop B received a call from an adult male patient, 56, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital who stated he had been pushed down the stairs at his residence on Hadsell Street in North Canaan by Heidi Lattrell, 50, of North Canaan. Following an investigation Lattrell was charged with disorderly conduct, assault in the second degree and reckless endangerment in the first degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 10.

Possession

On May 11 at approximately 7:15 a.m. Troop B

responded to a report of a vehicle that had run off the road on Main Street in North Canaan. Following an investigation, Michal Joseph Krzysztyn, 37, of East Hartford, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failure to drive in the proper lane, failure to keep narcotics in their proper container and six counts of possession of a controlled substance. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 26.

Disorderly conduct

On May 13 at approximately 3 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence on Millerton Road in Salisbury. Following an investigation, Danielle O'Brien, 37, of Salisbury was charged with disorderly conduct and scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 16.

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 editor@lakevillejournal.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 10, 2022:

Application #2022-0175 for a Variance to the setback requirements due to a hardship related to Section 304.1 and 300.2 Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 14, Lot 38 and is known as 138 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. The owner of the property is Peter L. Reid.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.5/11/2022.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
05-19-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 10, 2022:

Application #2022-0170 for a Variance to the setback requirements due to a hardship related to Section 304.1 Zoning Regulations and a Variance for a vertical addition to a building due to a hardship related to Section 503.2 Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 23, Lot 11 and is known as 50 Hammertown Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. The owners of the property are Alexander and Danielle Mindlin.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.5/11/2022.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
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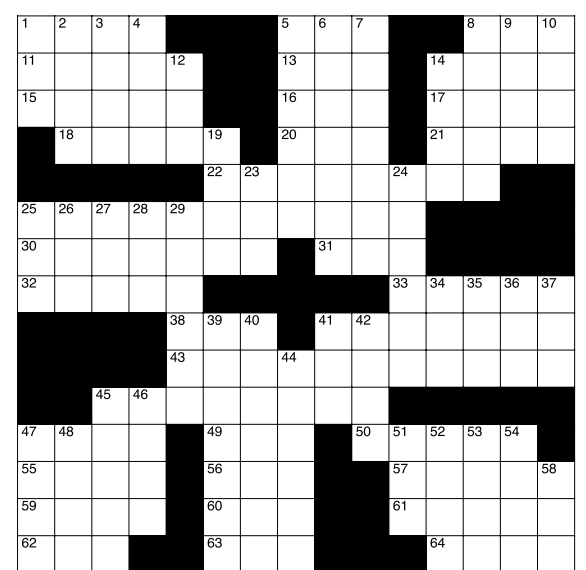
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1. Scream loudly
5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
8. The bill in a restaurant
11. Oblong pulpits
13. Adult female chicken
14. Abnormal breathing
15. Financial obligations
16. Belonging to a thing
17. Winged
18. Peoples
20. College hoops tournament
21. An informal body of friends
22. Region of the world
25. In an early way
30. Connected by kinship
31. Type of tree
32. Official order
33. Foundation for an idea
38. Small, faint constellation
41. Book lovers
43. Vegetable
45. Cabbage variety
47. A way to heal
49. Illuminated
50. Dish that features a stick
55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
56. Solid water
57. Soldier's gear
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60. Former measure of length
61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
62. Doctors' group
63. Actress Susan
64. Appropriate

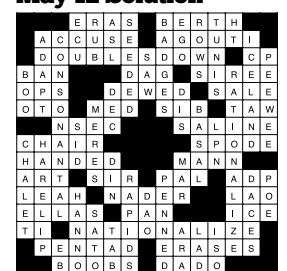
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2. Hebrew unit of measure
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Black eye
6. One who stopped working
7. Teach a value
8. Rhythmic patterns
9. "MASH" actor Alda
10. "Friday Night Lights" director

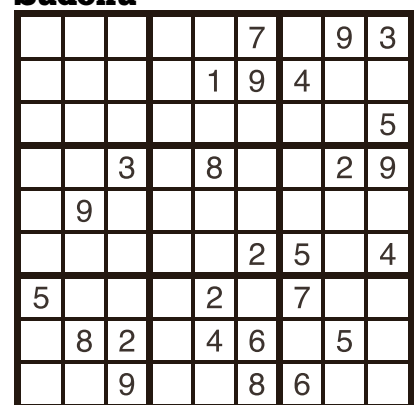


12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Indian musical pattern
19. Fulfill a desire
23. Water soaked soil
24. Brass instrument
25. Before
26. Popular color
27. Peyton's little brother
28. Partner to cheese
29. Put onto
34. "Much__ about nothing"
35. A way to mend
36. Anger
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Mobilized
40. Resembles an earlobe
41. Cut of meat
42. Nigerian people
44. Recently
45. Square stone building at Mecca
46. Adhere to orders
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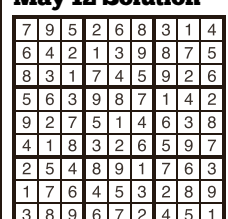
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Our Towns

Mixed reactions at housing hearing

By Debra A. Aleksinas

FALLS VILLAGE — Proponents of an affordable housing project in town are taking a second stab at obtaining \$1 million in funding through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that would be earmarked for infrastructure work at River Road Homes, a proposed 16-unit affordable rental housing development.

An hour-long public hearing on the CDBG infrastructure proposal took place via Zoom on Monday, May 2, and drew close to 50 participants. The forum included introductions by First Selectman Henry Todd, an overview of the Falls Village Housing Trust, Inc. by Tracy Atwood, summary of the grant process by David Berto, CDBG Grant Consultant, and an overview of River Road Homes by trust member Eric Carlson.

In addition, Miguel Rivera, director of Housing and Community Development at the Connecticut Department of Housing, answered questions.

"I will say that you are a model community for resident participation," Rivera told those in attendance. "I have never gotten so many calls about a community in the state in all my years on this job. You have a good, active voice in this project, and I am excited about that."

'Not the time and place' for debate

In opening the public hearing, Todd explained that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the community about a CDBG project proposal that the Falls Village Housing Trust is applying for to do infrastructure work at River Road Homes. "This is not the time and place to

debate River Road Homes," he noted.

Berto said the grants are designed around three goals: to promote and enhance fair housing and fair housing choice; to expand and preserve decent and affordable housing; and to promote and enhance suitable living environments. "These goals align with this project," he said.

The consultant also noted that, in total, approximately \$12 million is available through the grant to small towns throughout Connecticut, and that the amount being requested for Falls Village is approximately \$1 million.

"The grantee is the Town of Canaan. They will apply for the funds, receive the funds and then pass them on to the Falls Village Housing Trust as a sub-recipient," said Berto, who noted that his role, as consultant, is to aid the town throughout the application and distribution process.

Atwood, representing the Housing Trust, made it clear that CDBG funding is awarded to the municipality on behalf of a nonprofit, which means that "the town oversees the administration of the funds. This ensures that all funds are spent as needed."

Mix of support, concern from public

Resident Daly Reville raised concerns about potential financial liability to the town. "I would like to make the comment that this project has never been approved by the legislative body of the Town of Canaan" and that any funds that are committed to the River Road Homes project, she said, is akin to "putting the cart before the horse."

The liability issue to the town and taxpayers was

also raised by Denise Cohn, who asked for specifics on the total cost of the project. Berto said, "We do not have the total cost because we are applying for the funds for infrastructure," and the full price tag will follow once that phase is underway. He further noted that a contingency fund will be set aside to cushion any cost changes.

Kathy Clark suggested that the construction project be undertaken in smaller, multiple phases. "I have a really hard time thinking that we have a project of this size, to which we are committing \$1.3 million, and you have no idea what the rest of the cost will be" to bring it to occupancy.

Responding to questions about taxpayer liability, "We will ask for a bond to protect us," said Todd. "If we get more kids in this town, sure it would have an effect on Region One, but it will also be a benefit to this town because no town can survive if it doesn't have children in it."

Resident Colter Rule questioned the scope and location of the affordable housing project. "I think this project is too big." He noted that four Habitat for Humanity houses already exist at Lime Rock Station.

Rivera, the state's director of housing and community development, said the infrastructure application failed last year because, "We did not have the support from the state to fund a lot of projects we would have liked to," and that the amount of funding awarded was only around \$8.5 million, significantly lower than previous years.

'We are really at a crisis point'

Support for the River Road Homes funding, and for affordable housing, was

also voiced at the public hearing.

Kevin O'Connell, CEO of Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan, said he has been attending affordable housing hearings and meetings around the Northwest Corner to speak to the needs of local employers. At one point, pre-pandemic, Geer Village employed close to 325 employees. Today, he said, that number is around 250.

"I could probably hire 30 RNs and LPNs right now at Geer alone," said O'Connell. The Geer CEO also cited similar worker shortages at Sharon Hospital and other health-care agencies in the area. "I am talking about RNs making \$80,000 to \$90,000. They are not low-paid jobs we are trying to fill. If people could get their roots settled, it could turn into home ownership. It has become almost impossible to attract people to drive out to this neck of the woods; we really are at a crisis point. We need affordable housing, it really is that critical."

Olivia Wadsworth, 22, said she is currently employed at Hamilton Books in town, and "intends to stay there a long time. I would love to take advantage of affordable housing and move out of my parents' house, because I can't afford a home right now."

Carla Galaise, a member of the Falls Village Housing Trust, said she was born and raised in town, but currently lives in Torrington because of a lack of affordable housing options in Falls Village.

"The town is suffering by not being able to support young families like me. I really think our town is missing out. I am a huge supporter of this project, and I think everything in town revolves around affordable housing."

Essential workers and Black history at Academy building

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — There is still time to see two interesting and timely exhibits from the Salisbury Association Historical Society at the Academy building on Main Street in Salisbury.

One is a series of photographs of Salisbury's essential workers, with and without masks, by Leo Nadeau.

The other is a collection of student research into the stories of the Civil Rights Movement, the Harlem Renaissance, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and their connections to the Tristate area (see story by Kaitlin Lyle in the May 5 edition of The Lakeville Journal).

A reporter dropped in at the Academy building on Saturday, May 14. Lou Bucceri was holding the fort, as usual.

He said that Nadeau pitched the idea of documenting the town's essential workers, the people who kept coming to work during the lockdowns and confusion of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bucceri said he liked the idea, and the project was underway.

Bucceri drew attention to a short video made by Sharon Center School students about the Great Migration of African Americans from the Jim Crow South to the industrialized North in the 1920s and 1930s. The video, created by the students, teacher Lilly Barnett and filmmaker Ben Willis, shows student art work with a voiceover of a poem, "One-Way Ticket," by Harlem Renaissance figure Langston Hughes.

Both exhibits are on display through the end of May.

Flashing beacons for Salisbury crosswalks

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Kill Road.

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand announced Monday morning, May 16, that the long-awaited flashing beacons for crosswalks in Salisbury are being installed.

The solar-powered beacons, similar to those in Lakeville, will be at the two crosswalks on Main Street (Route 44) and where the Rail Trail crosses Salmon

Rand said he was surprised to get a call Friday, May 13, informing him that the contractor, NY-Conn Corporation, was ready to go, and surprised again to see NY-Conn employees on site Monday morning (on Friday NY-Conn indicated they'd start later in the week).

Rand said the work will take two to three weeks to complete.

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OBITUARIES

Michael 'Mike' Allison

SALISBURY — Michael "Mike" Allison, 78, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022, at his residence. Jackson Funeral Service is assisting the Allison family.

Bettie Louise Snyder

SHARON — Bettie Louise Snyder died at Sharon Hospital on May 12, 2022.



The only child of Louise (Walker) Snyder and Herbert Parker Snyder, Bettie was born in rural western Pennsylvania on August 21, 1931. During her life, she preferred small town living, so naturally fell in love with Connecticut's Northwest Corner at first sight.

She moved to Sharon in 1959 to become office manager at Magnamusic Distributors, and then in 1961 joined the staff of The Sharon Clinic. In 1974, she became the first program director at Noble Horizons for several years, and next served as assistant to the president of an international financial planning company, Hamilton Gregg & Company, at the home office in Falls Village.

Always interested in the arts, Bettie worked for 15 years at various radio stations in Connecticut and New York as producer, on air personality, and reviewer of plays and concerts. She was the first Arts & Entertainment Editor when WKZE opened in Sharon, then continued writing art reviews for Hudson Valley newspapers for many years.

Her love of theatre began in Pennsylvania, and took hold when she joined The Oblong Valley Players, finding camaraderie with the Northwest Corner's talent. She also wrote and performed monologues throughout the Northeast, and toured with several theatre companies, including the Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theatre of West Cornwall.

Clowns fascinated Bettie. She studied with a Ringling Brothers professional, and began this remarkable part of her life visiting hospital patients on a weekly basis, and performing at fairs and parties for all ages. The warden of an upstate New York prison saw a video of her work and invited her to teach values clarification to inmates. Using the power of humor as the foundation, she found these classes amazing and humbling.

In 1989, the possible collapse of the Sharon Creative Arts Foundation was an unacceptable option to many area theatre buffs. Bettie was voted President of SCAF.

She hired local theatre companies to produce a season that wound up in the black, allowing The Sharon Playhouse to keep open its doors. She invited a group from Pine Plains High School to perform The Music Man to end the season. That group became Tri Arts.

During the summer residency of The Berkshire String Quartet, Bettie served on the Music Mountain Board of Directors for eleven years.

Referring to herself as a saloon player, she loved the role of "fly on the wall," and

Donald Kemp Ross

LAKEVILLE — Donald Kemp Ross, 78, of Lakeville, died on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Noble Horizons after several weeks in hospitals to diagnose a rare form of lymphoma.



He was an active member of the Salisbury community since 2012, when he and his wife Helen Klein Ross bought and restored an old governor's mansion on Millerton Road. He has served locally as vice-president of Lake Wononscopomuc Association, president of the Salisbury Forum and president of the Salisbury Association, as well as on national boards including as board chair of Greenpeace USA.

Donald was born in the Bronx on June 29, 1943, and spent most of his life working to make the world a better place. After graduating from Fordham Preparatory School and Fordham College (where he brought football back to campus), he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years teaching in Nigeria. After graduating from NYU Law School in 1970, he went to Washington, D.C., to work for Ralph Nader, becoming one of the original "Nader's Raiders." In 1971, he traveled to the United Kingdom for Public Citizen on a campaign to expose the dangers of Thalidomide. He spent years traveling this country creating Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs), student-run organizations of activists advocating for the public interest. He came back to his home state to run NYPIRG and built it into New York's largest citizen group.

In May 1979, in only three weeks, he organized a No Nukes March on Washington that drew 100,000 people from all over the country. Four months later, he coordinated the No Nukes Rally in New York, one of the largest political gatherings in the 1970s, drawing 250,000 protesters.

In 1984, he formed a lobbying firm in Albany with Arthur Malkin, a former student organizer for NYPIRG. Today, Malkin & Ross is one of the most respected firms

in New York, advocating for clients in social services, education, consumer rights, civil justice, criminal justice, health care, energy, and the environment.

From 1985 to 1999, he directed the Rockefeller Family Fund, making grants in areas including government accountability, economic justice for women and environmental protection.

With Arthur Malkin, he co-founded M & R Strategic Services in 1991, a campaign firm in Washington, D.C., which is today a national leader in mobilizing millions to fight for issues including marriage equality, reproductive rights, immigration and housing. From 2009 to 2013, he led the MacArthur Foundation's National Campaign to Reform Juvenile Justice, which helped enact more than 200 reform laws in the U.S., changing practices, and transforming the perception of youth in contact with juvenile justice systems.

For over thirty years, he managed the Tortuga Foundation that supported projects in areas he cared most about, including protecting open spaces and fragile lands of Alaska.

He has co-authored several books on consumer activism with Ralph Nader.

In addition to Helen, his wife of 37 years, Donald leaves two daughters, Katherine and Margaret Ross, a son, Mike Ross, from his previous marriage to Susan Deller Ross, and longtime friends he considered family. He was predeceased by a sister, Mary Ellen Ross.

A memorial will be held outdoors at his beloved home Hollywood on Sunday, May 22 at 11 a.m. Parking at the Town Grove. A tribute service will be held later in New York City. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salisbury Association, New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) or to Hands in Outreach empowering girls in Nepal where he led several treks.

In Appreciation:

Donald Ross

It is with great sadness that the Board of the Salisbury Forum notes the death of former Board President, Donald Ross. His wide circle of friends included many of the Forum's board members. His wisdom, networks, and passion for "good causes"

enhanced our programming and expanded our audience. Donald was a kind and decent man, an incredible leader, and a gifted philanthropist. He will be missed by all who knew him.

The Board of the Salisbury Forum

For more obituaries, see page A5-6

In appreciation:

Donald Ross

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association was honored to have Donald serve as our president from 2019-2021. He cared deeply about our community and supported our Association's mission with his leadership, his generosity, and his personal commitment. He was very involved with our Land Trust which helps conserve our natural resources; Donald and Helen established an easement on their land to protect the beautiful view of Lake Wononscopomuc from Route 44. He enjoyed history and supported our Historical Society which helps preserve our community's heritage; Donald and Helen restored their historic home, Hollywood, with great care and authenticity. He was committed to our Community Events programs, as well as the importance and survival of our local newspaper,


The Lakeville Journal.

On a personal note—I served with Donald on both the Salisbury Association and Salisbury Forum boards. We enjoyed brainstorming ideas with each other and seeing many implemented. He was easy to work with and knew how to effectively network with so many people. He was intelligent, dedicated, and involved with social issues throughout his life, faithfully joining demonstrators every Saturday morn on the Village Green. Above all, Donald was a gentleman—soft spoken, kind, and dedicated to his beloved wife, Helen and their two daughters.

The Salisbury Association and our community have lost one of our best.

Jeanette Weber
President, Salisbury Association

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Worship Services

Week of May 22, 2022

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<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</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>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 or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<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 Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
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<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: mrgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>	

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Fenwick W. Roddy

NORTH CANAAN – Fenwick W. Roddy, 84, of 37 Old Turnpike Road North, passed away peacefully in his sleep due to ongoing health struggles. He was the husband of Annette L. (Kutteles) Roddy. Fenwick was born May 4, 1938, in Franklin, Vermont. He was the son of the late Harry and Frances (Playful) Roddy.

Fenwick worked for most of his life as a logger. He was employed by Gingras Lumber in Ashley Falls for many years before retiring and continuing to work part-time. The highlight of his day was to get up and go to work, he loved to stay busy. In his spare time Fenwick was an avid hunter, you could catch him on the farm or tackling a project with his tractor. He also raised and worked Belgian Draft Horses and loved telling his life stories.

In addition to his wife, Fenwick is survived by his step-daughter Denyce Lowell and her husband Russell of East Canaan; his brother Larry Roddy of Florida; and his sister Virginia Kilmer of

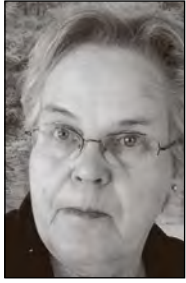
Canaan. He is also survived by his six grandchildren: Meghan Bain and her husband Ben; Krystan Ellis and her husband Josh; Robert Lowell and his wife Minh, Machayla Karcheski and her husband Scott; Chad and Chase Lowell and four great grandchildren. Fenwick was predeceased by his step-daughter Regina Schreiber.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday May 21, 2022, at 10:00 am in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church 4 Main St. Canaan, Connecticut 06018. Burial will follow after the Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery Canaan.

Calling hours will be held on Friday May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. North Canaan. Please call the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home for the time of the Mass on Saturday. (860) 824-7350. Memorial donations may be sent to The Little Guild, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, Connecticut 06796.

Margaret Susan 'Susie' Rundall

KENT — Margaret Susan "Susie" Rundall, 72, a lifelong resident of Kent, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. Susie was a real estate agent at Fazzone and Harrison Realty in Sherman. She also worked at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School as a teacher's aide.



was also the treasurer of the Town of Kent Republican Committee. Susie loved to attend all her granddaughter's hockey games.

In addition to her loving husband, Susie is survived by a son, James Rundall and his wife, Jessie, of Kent; a granddaughter, Melanie Rundall and a sister-in-law, Frances "Fran" Lesniak Goodsell of Kent. Besides her parents, Susie was predeceased by a son, William Rundall and a brother, William Goodsell.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Troop 11, C/O Randy O'Rourke, P.O. Box 84, Kent, Connecticut 06757. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com

Talks on death

FALLS VILLAGE — Lynn Martorell Gumbert will host six weekly open discussions about death and dying at the Hunt Library in Falls Village.

Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. beginning June 2 and continuing on June 9, 16, 23, 30, and July 7.

Come with questions, leave with comfort and a better understanding of our finite lives. To register, please call the library at 860-824-7424. For more information go to www.nedalliance.org

OBITUARIES

Harry William 'Bill' Flint

LAKEVILLE — Harry William "Bill" Flint, 83, died March 27, 2022. A graveside service and burial will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Pastor William Mayhew



will officiate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, New York. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Elisabeth Morton Chiera

SALISBURY — Elisabeth Morton Chiera, 89, daughter of the Rev. Henry J. Chiera, Rector of St. John's Church, and Olive McMillen Chiera, died on October 8, 2020.

Lisa was born at Sharon Hospital on September 23, 1931. She loved Salisbury and her home for the first 18 years of her life was the Rectory of St. John's Church, a Victorian-style Tudor house that was once located on Main Street at Salmon Kill Road. She attended a girl's boarding school located at Searles Castle on Great Barrington's Main Street and then went to Emma Willard college preparatory school for girls in Troy, New York.

In 1952, she went to St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. It was the first year that women were allowed to enroll at that men's institution. At St. John's students studied the hundred "Great Books", a rigorous curriculum based on discussion of works of Western philosophical, religious, historical, mathematical, scientific and literary thought. She graduated with honors in 1956. She was an avid collector of American folk music, recorded elderly musicians in the Appalachian mountains and produced a recording of their music for Folkways Records.

Lisa moved to Chambridge, Massachusetts to attend Boston College where she studied accounting. Early mornings she would skate at an ice rink just prior to the Boston Bruins morning practice. They made her an

honorary member of their team. Moving to New York metropolitan area, she spent over forty years as an accountant at various Wall Street accounting and research firms.

Lisa often visited and lived in Salisbury in the intervening years between college and her death in 2020. She loved the outdoors and spent summer vacations joining volunteer trail crews working along the Taconic Mountain range. As a member of Orienteering USA, she competed at local orienteering meets where her topo map reading, calculating and athletic skills came into play. She regularly hiked to Mt. Riga and other local trails in Salisbury well into her 80's.

Lisa never married. She is survived by her loving brother, Edward Chiera of Bolinas, California, her nephew, Samuel Hamilton Chiera of New York City, her four nieces, Laura and Annik Chiera from the San Francisco Bay Area, Jennifer Chiera Fleming of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Stephanie Chiera of Great Barrington and other nearby friends and relatives.

Delayed by the Covid pandemic, a graveside burial service for Elisabeth Chiera will be held at Salisbury Cemetery on Wednesday, May 24 at 2 p.m. The Reverend Paul Christopherson of St. John's Church will be officiating. Her brother, Edward, welcomes Lisa's friends and acquaintances to attend the service and requests that they contact him at edchiera@gmail.com for directions. Memorial contributions may be made to Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, Connecticut 06068.

William Bradford Smith

KENT — William Bradford Smith of 16 Swifts Lane, Kent, passed away at home on Thursday, May 5, 2022, with his wife, Karin, and loyal dog, Little Bear, by his side.



Brad was a fine art photographer and painter, whose work was exhibited throughout Connecticut and beyond.

Among other shows, he exhibited in the Yale Student Group Show at Cornell University; the New Haven Green Art Festival; a one-man show at Stony Brook Library; and a group exhibit at the Company Store in Kent, with David Armstrong and Eric Sloane. Many of his works are found in private collections. Of his work, Brad said: "Joseph Campbell suggests that spirituality begins with a sense of awe. I try to capture the awe in my surroundings, to express the power of the ordinary in my images."

Brad celebrated 49 years of sobriety last November. He was a friend and sponsor to many people, giving simple advice of "Good Orderly Direction" for a life of sobriety. "Chop wood and carry water" was his motto for living "One Day at a Time."

He had a quiet way of observing life and the nature that was a common subject of his artistry. His sense of humor could surface unexpectedly in conversation. His laugh, his slightly wry smile, his twinkling eyes were other qualities treasured by his friends.

Brad was born on September 17, 1934, in Torrington, the son of Channing S. Smith and Eliza Woolsey Walker. He grew up in the studio of his father, who was a painter, teacher, printmaker, and

stage designer. Brad lived most of his life in Kent. He was a graduate of the South Kent School and received his BFA from the Yale School of Art. There he studied with Josef Albers, Rico LeBrun, and the photographer Herbert Matter and was awarded a teaching fellowship working

in classes with Neil Welliver. In 2006 Brad and his wife, Karin, established the Northern Exposure Photographic Gallery, where together with a small group of dedicated photographers they sought to create an environment to promote and exhibit photographic art. It was located first in downtown Kent and later in West Cornwall. He was also a member of the Housatonic Camera Club.

Brad is survived by his wife, Karin C. Smith of Kent; a son, Alexander, of Torrington; a stepdaughter, Jacqueline E. White, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and a sister, Susannah (Zanna) Smith, of Seattle, Washington. He also leaves cousins George and Timothy Woolsey, Abbie Rowley, and Jane Wales and several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his parents and a brother, Benjamin Smith, of Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Brad spent the last week of his life in hospice care provided by the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association. The cause of his death was end stage kidney failure.

A celebration of his life is planned for a later time. Donations in his memory may be made to RVNA Hospice (RVNAhealth.org) or to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department of which he was a long-time member.

For more obituaries, see pages A4 & A6

Senior fraud seminar, June 1

NORTH CANAAN — Salisbury Bank and the Senior Medicare Patrol at the Western Connecticut Area on Agency are offering a joint informative talk on all types of financial and health-care frauds occurring in our communities, on Wednesday, June 1, at 3 p.m. at the Douglas Library, 108 Main St, North Canaan; RSVP to Norma DeMay, Library Director, at 860-824-7863.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald 'Ronny, Ronnie or Ron' Osofsky

PINE PLAINS — Ronald "Ronny, Ronnie or Ron" Osofsky passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, overlooking the alfalfa fields from the home where he and his wife Kathleen raised their family. Born January 27, 1941, with a love for the farm and a desire to spend all of



became Ronnybrook Farm Dairy.

In 1991, at 50 years old, he helped launch a whole new business and began on-farm processing and direct retailing to customers through farmers' markets and retail stores throughout the tri state area. It started small, with a focus on milk in

glass bottles for the local area, but quickly grew into a major brand in the New York City market. Ronny always listened to customers, which is how their label expanded to include a full line of cultured products, like yogurt, flavored butter and ice cream. Ultimately, his brother Rick and his children Kate and Peter returned to the dairy. The family and many long time employees have grown the business to new heights. There were personal challenges, including a year in the hospital leading to a heart transplant; health challenges for his wife, Cathy and a global pandemic, but the one constant was the help and support of his tight-knit family, lifelong friends and long-standing Ronnybrook employees that Ronny considered family. A true testament to Ronny's character and likeability are the friends and family that showed up to visit, bring treats and help him for decades. A special "thank you" to care-giver and friend, Lisa Zayas.

While Ronny loved his role as husband, father,

farmer, brother, boss, cousin and friend, his favorite role was "Papa" to granddaughters' Grace and Tatum and grandsons, Jack and Ronan. He loved that his son Daniel became a key part of the Ronnybrook team and he enjoyed talking cows and farming with anyone who would listen, especially his grandchildren.

Ronny is survived by wife, Cathy; children Jonathan Osofsky, Carey (Brian) Alberg, Daniel (Jennifer) Osofsky; four grandchildren, Grace Alberg, Tatum, Jack and Ronan Osofsky; brothers Rick (Jean) Osofsky, Sid (Cindy) Osofsky; sister Freda (Osofsky) Sanderson; sister-in-laws Ann (Curtis) Simmons, Natalie (Zipp) Guernsey, and Joan Osofsky, along with many beloved nieces, nephews and their growing families

Ronny's accomplishments were great, but none greater than being able to enjoy them from the fertile soil of his childhood, with his wife, their children and their families, and his faithful adopted dog Oliver by his side with his roots firmly attached to this area. Perhaps, the greatest gift he leaves us is the daily reminder of how much he adored each of us.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Ronald Osofsky Scholarship Fund, c/o Carey Alberg, 229 Fordham Road, Valatie, New York 12184. Or better yet, honor Ronny by telling a story, eating some Ronnybrook ice cream, calling a friend/family member, or simply wave to a stranger like he did many times in his life. To share a favorite memory of Ron, or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

For more obituaries, see pages A4-5

Geoffrey (Geof) A. Talcott

PINE PLAINS — Geoffrey (Geof) A. Talcott passed away on May 11, 2022, at his home in Pine Plains, New York. Geof was born in Oceanside, New York on February 24, 1950. He was a person who lived life to the fullest. He spent as much time with the people who were most important to him, and did the things he loved the most for as long as he could.



Geof was preceded in death by his parents, Jean and Allen Talcott, and his beloved son, Alec Geoffrey Talcott. Geof is survived by his dear friend Dotti Talcott, cherished companion to the end. He leaves behind his son Dominic Pirrone, daughter Kimberly-Ann Pirrone, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, several nieces and nephews, and his brother, James and wife Chae Talcott, all of whom were much-loved.

Geof had lifelong friends who thought of him as a brother, and others who considered him a friend after meeting him only once. He was mentor and "Uncle Geof" to many young people throughout his life.

Geof was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He served in Vietnam as an aircraft mechanic. After his service, he had a long career in banking, where he was admired by colleagues and respected by clients. He retired from Salisbury Bank & Trust in Dover Plains, New York.

Geof's passion for the outdoors led him to become an avid sportsman. By his own description, Geof ful-

ly embraced every activity that drew his interest. He learned all he could, mastered the skills he needed, and shared his enthusiasm with friends and family. He tied his own flies, often creating his own patterns, imitating what was hatching on the stream he was fishing. He gathered

an impressive collection of rifles, and then moved on to build them himself. He traveled to Canada and through the western United States to hunt and fish. At home, he was a member and treasurer of the Millerton Gun Club.

Later in life he found a new interest in and love for motorcycles. To no one's surprise, Geof had two Triumphs, not just one. He took great pleasure in going on long rides with his cousins, with his friends, and of course, alone, to the beautiful places he held dear. He was more comfortable in his motorcycle jacket than in his best suit and tie. Geof Talcott was deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

Visitation time for family and friends will be held Thursday May 19, 2022 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Peck and Peck Funeral Home, 7749 S. Main Street, Pine Plains, New York 12567. Interment will take place privately in the Stanford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers Geof would request that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. For directions or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

Approved budgets go to town meeting

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — After public comments at a budget hearing on Wednesday, May 11, the Board of Finance unanimously agreed to move the proposed 2022-23 town and school budgets to a vote at a town meeting.

The Board of Selectmen will set the date for the town meeting.

Sharon lowers mill rate

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Following the annual town meeting held on Friday, May 13, the Board of Finance met to set the town's mill rate for 2022-23, deciding on a slightly lower rate.

The new mill rate was set at 14.4, a reduction of 0.1 from the current rate of 14.5.

The meeting lasted seven minutes.

The town meeting only took eight minutes, with

During the public hearing, Board of Finance chairman Nancy O'Connor reviewed both of the town's budgets for the 26 residents who attended in person.

The Board of Education budget, detailing expenditures anticipated for the program at the North Canaan Elementary School, totals \$4,451,634, an increase over the current year of \$39,458 (0.89%), O'Connor said.

about 25 residents in attendance. Barbara Prindle was elected to serve as moderator.

Proposed budgets submitted by the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen were adopted by unanimous vote without discussion.

Finance board members gave consideration in setting the mill rate to economic stresses brought on by the current inflationary economy. In their view, inflation will continue.

OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Rika Laser, who is designing and overseeing a crosswalk installation for the Falls Village Equity Project, held an accordion bookmaking workshop Friday, May 13.

Art crosswalk design in progress

By Matthew Kreta

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Equity Project is collaborating with artist and Falls Village resident Rika Laser and has received a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut Office of the Arts.

The grant will cover three interconnected community activities: The Falls Village Workbook, an Introduction to Accordion Bookmaking classes, and a public art installation in the form of an art crosswalk on Beebe Hill Road at Main Street by the library.

"This project, consisting of the paired crosswalk and workbook activities, reflects the hopes and needs of our community, and will create opportunities for meaningful shared experience, dialogue, and healing," Laser said in an interview.

The first step of the project, the Falls Village Workbook illustrated and printed by Laser, is already available at the David. M. Hunt library and Town Hall. The work-

book is intended to gather community generated ideas to inform the design and planning efforts for the art crosswalk.

"So far in our workbook responses, community members have expressed interest in a variety of possible themes relating to Falls Village including the railroad tracks, the Housatonic River, plants native to the area, and more," Laser said.

The Falls Village Equity Project will accept submissions through June for the purpose of compiling the responses in another book Laser plans to create in July. The art crosswalk is scheduled to be created Saturday, June 18 (although this may change due to repaving plans on Beebe Hill Road).

The next bookmaking class is Friday, May 27, 3 p.m. at the library. These workshops are free and open to the public. Go to www.fallsvillageartcrosswalk.org or huntlibrary.org for more information.

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Sports



Senior Austin Bayer, the Housatonic Mountaineers' catcher, tried to make contact while at the plate against the Mount Everett Eagles on Wednesday, May 11.



PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Senior Brayton Wood, a left-handed pitcher, held the Mount Everett Eagles to just one run throughout the first two innings of the 7-5 loss on Wednesday, May 11.

Homestand gets off to rocky start for HVRHS

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — Sitting comfortably at home the rest of the season, the Housatonic Valley Regional High School baseball team is still fighting for a postseason berth, yet struggled against Mount Everett High School, losing 7-5 on Wednesday, May 11.

Coming into the out-of-conference match-up against Mount Everett (Mass.), the Mountaineers were in the midst of a nine-game homestand that started on Monday, May 2. However, despite playing at home for the last half of the season, the Mountaineers had gone 1-2 over their first three games of the home stretch.

Throughout the first two innings, both teams battled it out with their defense. The Mountaineer's fielding stopped any would-be hits and the Eagles' work on the mound kept their opponents off the bases. The Eagles got on the scoreboard with an RBI double in the second inning that brought in one

run.

At the plate, the Mountaineers struggled to make contact with the ball, striking out five times before reaching the fourth inning. In the same amount of time, senior Brayton Wood, the

starting pitcher for the Mountaineers, only struck out two batters, allowing the deficit to grow to 4-0 before the fifth inning.

The Mountaineers started to gain traction in the fifth, where they forced the Eagles

off the plate in five pitches — one strikeout and two catches off pop-flies — and then eventually scored with a home run from senior Joey Brennan.

With the score now 4-1, the Mountaineers tried to

muster more momentum throughout the rest of the game, but could not overcome the Eagle's large lead, losing 7-5.

On Friday, May 13 after the game against the Eagles, the Mountaineers were shut

out 13-0 against Northwestern. They played two games on back-to-back days against Wamogo Regional High School on Monday, May 16 and against Nonnewaug High School on Tuesday, May 17.

Crazy weather, crazier anglers, and time to think big

SOMEWHERE IN NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT — "Bleak."

That assessment of the weather came from photographer Sarah Blodgett, who was shivering in her booth at the Salisbury Artisans sale on an extremely chilly and windy Saturday morning, May 7.

For those of us who rejoice at the prospect of tippy-toeing up the little blue lines — those streams containing wild brook trout that must not be publicly identified, lest the many-headed descend on them — this alleged spring has been bleak indeed.

A couple weeks back there was a day that was almost hot. I worked up a sweat and

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

spent a couple of happy hours annoying native brook trout.

Then the skies darkened, and a lovely Arctic breeze blew up.

Then it hailed a bit, just to rub it in.

Last week I thought winter had finally cheated it. Again, a clement day, warm enough to break a sweat.

I spent another two hours in which the only real problem was finding a fly the brookies wouldn't hit.

Perversely, that fly turned

out to be the Hendrickson, in any configuration. That was the bug that was (allegedly) hatching.

And this is why we call it "fishing," not "catching."

Many of you (by which I mean "two of you") have asked how I approach the little blue lines.

"On my hands and knees" is my stock answer.

But the question is about equipment.

Conventional wisdom holds that a short, light fly rod is the way to go, and I certainly do a lot of that. My current favorite is the absurdly inexpensive Cabelas CGR fiberglass 6 1/2 foot 4 weight, with a double tapered line.

I use a store-bought 7 1/2 foot leader tapered to 4X. I immediately chop the leader a couple of feet and tie on a large, buoyant dry fly.

Attached to the bend of the hook, with a clinch knot, is a piece of fluorocarbon tippet between a foot and two feet in length.

And at the end of that is usually a weighted nymph.

If this sounds like fishing with a bobber, that's because it is.

But it still has more to do with feel than vision. If I wait until the dry fly/bobber stops abruptly, or is tugged underwater, then it's almost always too late.

The way to think of the dry fly/bobber is as a drift in-

dicator, not a strike indicator.

In other words, by watching the dry, I have a fairly good idea where the nymph is. And because I shortened the leader up, I can maintain a tight line throughout the drift.

This also means that I mistake a stick for a fish. I then yank the rod up and the two flies sail over my head and into a tree.

This is par for the course and should not be taken as an opportunity to dust off the cuss word collection.

Since I wrote this piece we have skipped spring and gone straight into summer. There are about a bazillion stocked trout in the Housatonic, and I strongly suggest having at it.

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STATE AID

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He said the move was welcome but only represents about 12% of the total.

He also said the state will fund HVAC improvements for schools to the tune of \$150 million, with half coming from bond issuance and half from federal pandemic relief funds.

Gara noted the Legislature extended the 25 cents per gallon state gasoline tax through Nov. 30, and expanded tax credits for children and for poorer state residents.

Muszynski said the new 32-member opioid advisory committee, in charge of deciding what to do with the state's share of the \$26 billion settlement with three manufacturers of opioid drugs, will have 16 members and a co-chair from municipalities.

The NHCOC members welcomed two new staff members: Kathryn Faraci, Senior Regional Planner, and Emily Hultquist, Assistant Director.

ABORTION RALLY

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women's autonomy," and to fight against "the clock going back 50 years."

"Let's spend a little time raging and then move to what we came to do," she added.

Maltby described the five Supreme Court justices thought likely to vote in favor of overturning Roe as "religious fundamentalists" and suggested that people read Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale" (or watch the television adaptation) to see what might happen in a post-Roe world.

Maltby also wondered if Republicans who publicly oppose abortion do so out of conviction or for political advantage.

"Fortunately we don't have to worry so much in Connecticut" if Roe is indeed overturned and the states create their own abortion regulations.

DeBoer contrasted the positions of pro-life politicians with their positions on gun control (or lack thereof), singling out Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, both Republicans.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) noted that the right to privacy on which the Roe decision was based was established by the 1965 Griswold v. Connecticut decision involving contraception.

The primary player in Griswold, Horn noted, was North Canaan attorney Catherine Roraback.

Horn said the Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) "codified" Roe back in 1990, when many people thought it was unnecessary

MOTHS

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vorite meal. The webs are everywhere," Bennett said. He expressed hope that the recent wet weather will encourage the virus and fungal disease that should bring a collapse in the numbers.

As a cautionary note, Bennett said that he has discovered that he is allergic to what is likely to be a defense toxin emitted by the caterpillars. While mowing his lawn, his exposed arms were covered in numerous welts caused by the tiny worms, he said.

Offering advice on dealing with the issue now, Jodi Cahiliane of Ward's Nursery in Great Barrington said that homeowners often use a tree wrap treated with tanglefoot gum to impede the daily ritual when larvae climb the tree's trunk. Another solution is a bio-rational pesticide

BIODIVERSITY

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Ward said, because they're back in force.

The spongy moth was at the top of Ward's list of 18 insects that pose risk to trees in the forest, and he said there are likely more examples on the way.

The Eastern hemlock is under attack by the Hemlock woolly adelgid, an East Asian insect that is killing the hemlocks.

"With a couple of warm winters," Ward said, "you could lose a lot of hemlocks."

The Emerald ash borer has decimated nearly all of the ash in the state, he said.

Ward listed the Asian long-horned beetle (ALB) as a future threat to maple, poplar and willow trees. He said efforts to eradicate the beetle in New York City, Chicago and Toronto have been effective, and that work is still underway in Worcester, Mass.

U.S. government efforts to control ALB in those cities



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Excessive browsing by white-tailed deer leads to the spread of invasive like Barberry and Burning bush.

resulted in dramatic changes.

"They come in and cut down every tree susceptible to ALB. Imagine losing all the maples along your street," he said. "This would make the chestnut blight look like nothing."

He labeled the American chestnut, the butternut, the elm, the American flowering dogwood, eastern hemlock, and American beech as functionally extinct.

"You can still find them but they are no longer part of the functioning ecosystem," Ward said.

"The American chestnut was 10 to 25% of the trees in Connecticut before the blight. In the 1930s there would be one butternut in pretty much every acre. They're gone," he said.

Thirty years ago, the flowering dogwood was one of the most common understory trees in the state. No longer, he said. What's more, the tree is a food source for 117 species of butterflies and moths.

"A brood of five Black-capped chickadees needs 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars per year," Ward said.

On the need for a younger forest, Ward pointed out that without harvesting trees the forest can't produce a new generation that needs sun-

light to grow. That includes red and white oak, paper and gray birch, yellow poplar, cherry, Atlantic white cedar and the pines, the sumacs and the aspens, among others.

Before the last few decades, Ward said, almost all housing development in Connecticut happened on abandoned farmland. Now, people are moving out into the woods, carving out chunks of one-acre lots in the forest.

"As you start cutting woods into little bits and pieces, species that need forest interior conditions aren't going to have them. It isn't just the footprint of the house and lawn. You have to go out 200 feet beyond that perimeter to gauge the impact," he said.

A 15-acre development might amount to something like 200 acres, he said. The result is that when people move out into the woods, we don't have the big blocks of forest anymore, like the 200-acre, 2,000-acre or 5,000-acre tracts.

Deer love suburban areas where there are nearby woods. Deer can rest in forest during the day and move into managed landscapes during



Jeffrey Ward, a chief scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, talked about today's biodiversity crisis on Saturday, May 14, at Great Mountain Forest.

dawn and dusk to browse on highly nutritious food in the form of lawns fertilized with nitrogen, bordered with flowers like the succulent Coleus. Homeowners also love to plant Barberry and Burning bush, two invasives. Barberry plants also harbor ticks: There are approximately 120 ticks per acre in a Barberry infested forest, compared to 10 per acre in one without the invasive.

If a homeowner plants an invasive species around the house, there's a good chance that deer will carry its seed away to be further spread across the landscape.

Too many deer will decimate the shrub layer in the forest, with a negative impact on shrub-nesting birds. Ward cited studies that show high deer populations correlated with low bird density. Deer also graze on herbaceous wildflowers, affecting the native pollinators, and they eat the seeds before they have a chance to develop.

In one study done at CAES of 566 samples of deer pellets, scientists found 11,512 individual germinants, and 70% of the seedlings were not native to the United States.

"We found Wineberry, Japanese honeysuckle and autumn olive. We had petunias coming out of deer pellets. We had green peppers coming out of deer pellets," Ward said.

In another study of the extent of deer browsing, CAES scientists examined a 6-inch sugar maple, one of countless others like it found on the forest floor. They were curious about its age. After slicing it up and running their tests, they learned that the little stem of a tree was 17 years old. It had been chewed down year after year, waiting for its moment in the sun to grow.

John Coston, editor of The Lakeville Journal, is a member of Board of Trustees of Great Mountain Forest.

BUDGET

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The finance board did approve the proposed spending plan from the selectmen, with the addition of \$15,000 for the Planning and Zoning Commission, for a total of \$2,121,474.

But the board reduced the Board of Education's proposal of \$3,641,541 by \$20,000 on a motion from Dan Silverman, who cited the school board's failure to respond to a question weeks earlier.

On May 16, Silverman again said he never got a substantive response to his question of what a \$20,000 cut would mean for the proposed spending plan.

Board of Education chair Pat Mechare, who was in the audience, said that the school board's attorney advised her that responding to questions about cuts would mean the finance board was taking an operational role that is the responsibility of the school board.

The finance board members disagreed, taking the position that their responsibility is to make sure town funds are spent properly and they cannot do that if they can't get answers to their questions.

Several members said that if the school board needs the \$20,000, they can ask the finance board for an additional appropriation (and explain why) at a later date.

Like the May 9 meeting, the special meeting got heated, with Mechare trying to respond and Heinz asking her to be quiet.

The town meeting on the pending plans is May 26, 7 p.m. at the Emergency Services Center.

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IMAGES FROM "GEORGIE COMES TO THE RESCUE"

A dollhouse designed and refurbished by Inge Heckel is the centerpiece of a new children's tale, and will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Little Guild animal shelter.

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Because What Is a Home Without Beloved Pets

Anyone who has ever played with a dollhouse or watched someone else play with one knows that the structure itself is just a vehicle for the creation of elaborate fantasies and fictions.

Inge Heckel knows this particularly well, and knows how that translates into actual homes. Ideally, a home is more than just a construction of sticks and carpeting. It should be a place that generates stories and dramas.

Heckel was for a dozen years the president of the New York School of Interior Design. She retired in 2009 and is now president and trustee emerita.

In her new life, she and her husband, Jeff Hamlin, can spend more time at their home in Salisbury, Conn., which is known to many in the region as The Daffodil House because of the vast field of the spring flowers outside their home.

Hamlin was production manager for Lincoln Center Theater for almost 30 years, until his retirement in 2013.

And as is the case

with all creative people, in retirement the couple is finding new ways to use their talents and to amuse themselves.

Their latest project is a children's storybook that features a large, yellow New England style dollhouse that becomes home to a large cast of canine characters, who are invited into the house by a girl named Georgie.

The book is called, "Georgie Comes to the Rescue," which is an evocative title for anyone who loves early to mid

20th century children's literature.

While the story is fiction, the dollhouse is real, and it will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall, Conn., between May 19 and Memorial Day weekend.

The house is three stories high and has eight rooms. Its exterior yellow is yellow, as befits a home designed by a couple who live surrounded by a sea of daffodils.

OLÉ! LATIN-THEMED GALA FOR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH MUSIC

The annual gala for Close Encounters With Music on Sunday, June 12, at 4 p.m. promises to be "a kaleidoscope of sizzling Latin American and Spanish folklore and rhythm — with original choreography by the magnificent Cuban dancer Irene Rodriguez punctuating and adorning some of the music," according to the organization's artistic director, Yehuda Hanani.

Works performed will include Manuel de Falla's Fire Dance and Suite

Populaire Espagnole, Ernesto Lecuona's (he was the Gershwin of the Latin American world) Andaluca and Malagueña, Pablo de Sarasate's Zapateado and Carmen Fantasie, Granados' Los Requeibros from Goyescas, and Astor Piazzolla's Oblivion piano trio. Cuban composer Jorge Martin's Recuerda, a soulful and gripping work, will receive its first Berkshire performance. There will also be an authentic flamenco dance and guitar interlude.



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A show of work by artist Don Gummer of Salisbury, Conn., at the Five Points Arts Center will include "Mondrian," a 2014 work in painted aluminum and stained glass.

AN OUTDOOR EXHIBITION OF GUMMER SCULPTURE

Don Gummer will have an exhibition of his sculptures at the Five Points Arts Center in Torrington, Conn., with an opening reception on Saturday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. The artist will lead a tour of the work, and will sign copies of the new eponymous book, "Don Gummer," which features a selection of work from throughout his career.

A 10-minute video on Gummer's work will play throughout the event in the Five Points Arts Center's Wilson Sheehan

Auditorium. Light refreshments will be provided.

The art center is on the former University of Connecticut campus at 855 University Drive in Torrington.

Gummer is an American sculptor, and a resident of Salisbury, Conn., known for his large abstract contemporary outdoor sculptures made of aluminum, stainless steel and stained glass that often appear to defy gravity. He has seven individual sculptures placed throughout the Five Points sculpture fields, each with its own story.



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Want to learn more about the many famous Van Dorens of the world? I will point you to the words of another famous Cornwall resident, James Thurber: "You could look it up."

Adam Van Doren is a new generation of the well-known clan. An associate fellow at Yale University, where he teaches art, he is also the creator of graceful, friendly watercolors of architectural sites, some of which he has published in small but lovely books.

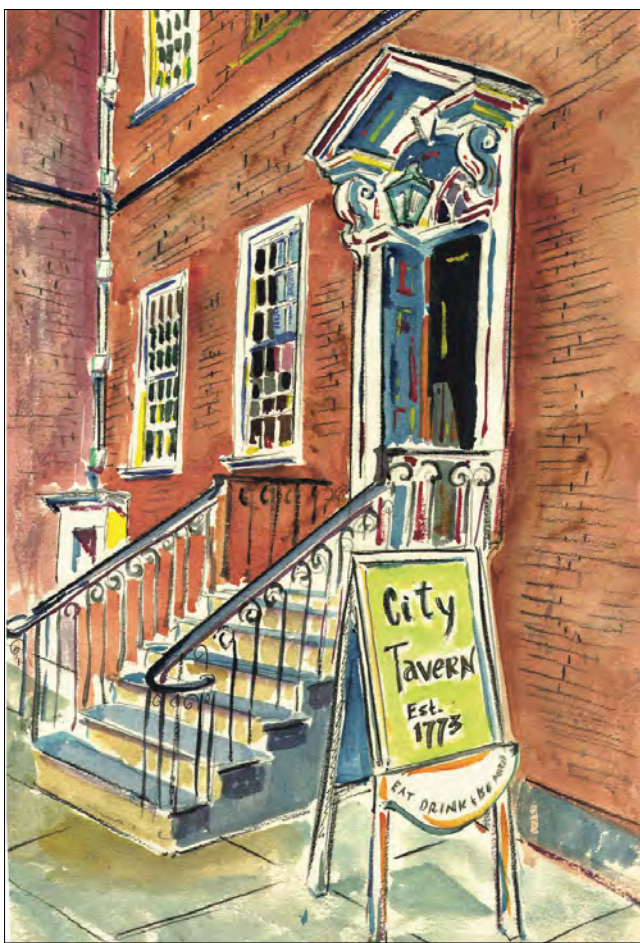
His newest collection is called "In the Founders Footsteps: Landmarks of the American Revolution."

Doing a sort of reverse Appalachian Trail thru-hike, Van Doren traveled from Maine to

Georgia (not, however, on foot on the iconic East Coast hiking trail). He chose 39 watercolors from that trip for his new book; a house or building is usually the centerpiece of the drawing, but there are also people (sometimes historical figures) and leaves and signs and menus that make the paintings feel more like snapshots.

Along with the watercolors are chatty descriptions of why each site was chosen, the part it played in American history and what it's like to visit today. Sometimes Van Doren brings his children, who clamber around on monuments and statues. Sometimes he meets up with a friend who shares special knowledge.

I'm disappointed to report that he did not sit down for a meal from the Colonial-era menu at Fraunces' Tavern in New York; and I'm disappointed to say that there are no Litchfield County landmarks. But perhaps Van Doren is saving those for a future time when he comes "home" to Cornwall and



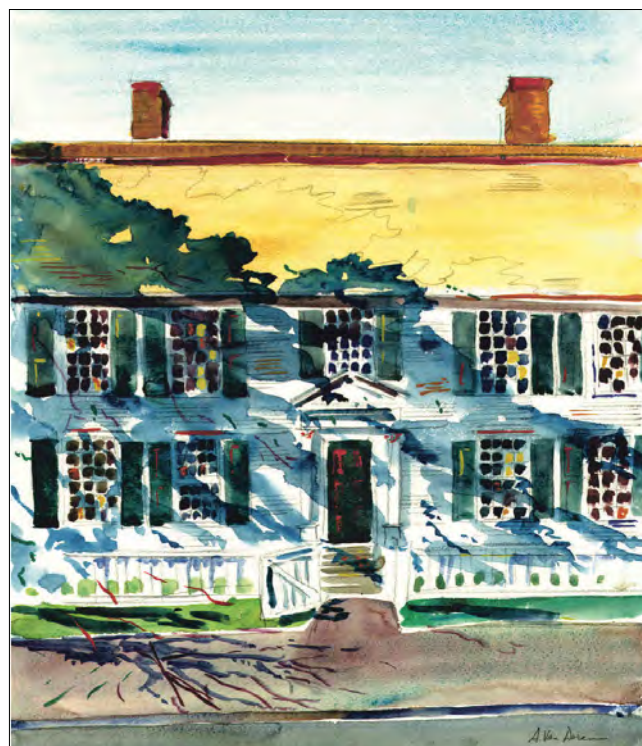
IMAGES FROM "IN THE FOUNDERS FOOTSTEPS"

can paint our local landmarks at his leisure.

For those of us who've been around this part of Connecticut for a while, and who love history, I will pay Van Doren a high compliment in saying that his work is very much like the work of the beloved illustrator Edward Fales, if Fales

had worked in watercolor and not just pen and ink.

"In the Founders Footsteps: Landmarks of the American Revolution" is published by Godine, costs \$38 and can be found at Amazon and can be ordered from local booksellers.



ARTIST CALL FOR TRINITY GALLERY SHOW

The eighth annual Trinity Gallery Juried Show in Lime Rock, Conn., will open with a reception on Friday, July 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Artists are invited now to bring work for consideration for the show. The drop-off date will be Sunday, June 26, noon to 2 p.m. The jurors this year are Stephanie Haboush Plunkett, deputy director and chief curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.; and Lynn Kearcher, an author and artists assistant in Sharon, Conn.

There will be three cash prizes

and up to five honorable mentions. There will be unframed, non-juried bin pieces for sale and a non-juried Small Works Show with pieces priced at \$100 or less.

The prospectus for the show has not yet been printed or published; contact Chair Mary Anne Carley with questions and with any ideas for additions that could benefit the success of the show: 860-977-0997 or macarley36@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to volunteer as an artist help is also invited to contact Mary Anne.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found in our full calendar at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

Berkshire Botanical Garden. 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org Focusing on DSLR Photography in the Garden, May 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Re Institute. 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, N.Y. www.thereinstitute.com Pattern and Time: Geoffrey Young, Carol Diehl, Moira Kelly, Mark Olshansky, Tara Foley, Stephen Westfall, May 7 to June 25

BOOKS

Merritt Bookstore. 57 Front St., Millbrook N.Y. www.merrittbooks.com Sara Mercer x Merritt Book Club: Sea of Tranquility by Emily St John Mandel, May 23, 7:15 p.m. (online).

Oblong Books & Music. 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com Peter Matthiessen Wheelwright, The Door-Man @ Morton Memorial Library, May 19, 6 p.m.

DANCE

PS21 Chatham. 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org World Premiere: The Legend of The Waitress and the Robber, by Concrete Temple Theater, Playfactory Mabangzen, and Yellowbomb (South Korea), May 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

KIDS

Berkshire Museum. 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshireremuseum.org Pop-Up Play Day, May 28, 10 a.m. to noon.

Kent Memorial Library. 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org DIY Sketchbooks; in Collaboration with Scribble Art, May 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net Now playing: The Bad Guys, The Duke, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, Downton Abbey: A New Era, Happening, Petite Maman

Gilson Cafe & Cinema. 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafecinema.com Father Stu, now playing.

MUSIC

Close Encounters With Music. Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org Reeds and Strings, May 29, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center. 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org Madeleine Peyroux: Careless Love Forever Tour, May 27, 8 p.m.

TALKS

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Millbrook, N.Y. www.caryinstitute.org Spring Bird Walk, May 28, 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The Salisbury Forum. Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org Marie Yovanovitch: "Lessons from the Edge," June 1, 7 p.m.

THEATER

Ancram Opera House. 1330 County Route 7, Ancram, N.Y. www.ancramoperahouse.org Summer Play Lab 2022, May 27 to 29, July 8 to 10, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.

Great Barrington Public Theater. Great Barrington, Mass. www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org Solo Fest: Grief, the Musical...a Comedy, June 3 to 12.

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EDITORIAL

A legacy of fighting for justice

The loss of Lakeville's Donald K. Ross this week has touched many lives in the Northwest Corner, including those who served with him on the boards of the Salisbury Association and the Salisbury Forum (see appreciations this week.) But none valued his support and dedication to shared ideals more than we at The Lakeville Journal.

In 2019, when we at The Journal were trying to find an alternative model for local journalism that could work in this region, Cynthia Hochswender and Janet Manko took on the project of interviewing community leaders and general readers to try to collect as many independent thoughts on the subject as possible. Many of those good people shared ideas for more coverage we could offer to better serve our readers, or thoughts on bringing in more revenue, but beyond that certainly didn't offer time to help implement any such initiatives.

But toward the end of those interviews, the time we shared with Helen Klein Ross and Donald K. Ross had a different tone. While we updated both on the dire situation the Journal was in, fighting for survival, Helen asked questions and offered thoughts while Donald listened ... and thought. At the end of that interview, he offered his ideas for solutions that would need to culminate in our applying for nonprofit status.

Then, he worked with us to enlarge our circle of support and to find alternative ways of cooperating with area nonprofits to the benefit of all: them, us, our readers and the community at large. We may have been ready to think outside the norm for community weekly newspapers, but Donald gave us concrete steps we could take to follow a different path, and he made it all seem so very possible. He worked with us for months on his own time, connecting us with Ralph Nader and his staff as well as local nonprofit leaders.

As it turned out, Donald was right. It was possible for this small community news source to achieve nonprofit status and find different and better ways of serving our communities. We could only at that time express deep gratitude to Donald for his enthusiasm and relentless focus on this goal. It seems likely he internalized such thinking during his time as a Nader Raider. Nader called this newspaper to inform us of Donald's death on May 14, saying he was "truly a great civic leader and organizer, unparalleled, and we are going to miss him terribly."

Below, see an excerpt from a column Nader wrote and shared with this newspaper last Thanksgiving, in which he gave credit to Donald for the work he did there, and paid tribute to many others who worked with them during that time. It describes the theories and methods for change that Donald shared with us so many years later.

Thanksgiving Thanks for the Early "Nader Raiders"

They didn't pontificate or boast. They just improved the health, safety, and economic conditions for the American people. The Washington Post called them Nader's Raiders — law, medical, graduate, undergraduate, and even high school students came to Washington between 1969 and 1973 to join with me in important drives for justice.

The first group came in 1969 to expose and reform the moribund Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that had turned its back on consumers. The Nader Report on the Federal Trade Commission, by Edward F. Cox, Robert C. Fellmeth, and John E. Schulz (Grove Press), prodded the Nixon Administration to invite the American Bar Association (ABA) to examine its findings. The ABA report agreed with them. The FTC was awakened from its slumber with new leadership.

Then came about a dozen law students for what turned out to be an orientation meeting in the summer of 1970 in a spare suite of offices across from the bustling Washington Post headquarters. They sat around me as I offered one subject of injustice after another for their choosing. Some who selected their work that summer and the following summer, stayed at it for 40 to 50 years!

... Institutions were also established by these young people around the country. The superb organizer Donald K. Ross helped organize student PIRGs [Public Interest Research Groups] nationwide and then went on to head The New York PIRG....

—Ralph Nader, November 2021

Donald Ross was one of those who continued the work of justice for the next decades, to the benefit of so many.

Deepest condolences to the Ross family in their loss of Donald. And gratitude to them for sharing him with The Lakeville Journal during that time of transition and upheaval.

More letters next page. Deadline for letters is 10 a.m. Monday.



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A brilliant day for Trade Secrets

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flawed plan at Sharon Hospital

I commend Nuvance Health for investing in Sharon Hospital as announced in a full-page advertisement in the May 5 issue of The Lakeville Journal. The ad listed the purchase of a new MRI scanner, 3-D mammography unit, and a telemedicine kiosk. Sharon Hospital needed a new MRI scanner. Among other uses, the MRI scanner is needed to promptly evaluate stroke symptoms in patients that should be transferred to a stroke center.

State of the art mammography necessitated a 3-D unit. It would be even better if the unit was used for stereotactic biopsies at Sharon Hospital as they had been done in the recent past, rather than making patients travel 45-60 minutes each way for an already emotionally stressful procedure.

Optimally, Nuvance should invest in a breast surgery program here if it truly wanted to serve our community. It takes more than bricks and mortar to make a hospital.

More importantly, we need more primary care doctors, not just nurse practitioners, as Nuvance touted in the ad. About 20 years ago, there were about a dozen primary care doctors and now there are five, plus three doctors at Sun River Health at the Federally Qualified Health Center (EQHC) facility in Amenia, N.Y. The 50,000 residents of the Sharon Hospital service area deserve more than a mobile van in the hospital parking lot one day weekly and a telemedicine kiosk as stated in the ad. They need a hospital that truly supports

ALL the doctors here.

Some of the money spent on the capital equipment could have been better used to maintain primary care service, maternity, a full service ICU and 24-7 surgical services. It could be used to institute a pain management program, a vein center, an alternative medicine center and other initiatives to expand services.

With a vigorous fundraising campaign, millions could be raised from our community. Unfortunately, Nuvance and the Sharon Hospital Board do not have a dialogue with the stakeholders in the community. The Nuvance "Transformation Plan" is fatally flawed.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Kurish, MD
Sharon

Inherent rights of citizenship

Whether or not the Supreme Court of the United States nullifies Roe v. Wade, as is suggested by the leaked decision/argument of Justice Alito, and throws the many difficult real world issues of women's right to abortion back into the cauldrons (excuse me) "laboratories" of democracy — state legislatures, a meaningful percentage of men as well as women will have their lives altered.

As a man who much earlier in life, because of personal circumstances, had to confront the issue of abortion directly, I find the political and ideological opponents of a woman's "right to choose" simple minded in their approach to such a complex human situation. For me, the complexity came from the intense intersection of caring for my partner's needs and wishes, biological instincts, societal pressures, financial situations, career goals, familial history and expectations as well as my religious and moral background. And I am a man.

Having grown up in a time when abortion was illegal, I heard the whispered

stories about where and how any well-connected woman of "means" would have to travel to get an abortion. I also heard the other stories of how dangerous it was to pursue having an abortion if you were from the other side of the economic divide.

In our system of government, no single ideology, religion or politics is allowed to usurp the fundamental rights of the population at large. We live in a pluralistic society. We do not live in a society where religion, any religion, necessarily dictates the laws we live by. The belief that a full human life begins at conception and is therefore sacrosanct is a link in a chain of logic based solely on religious considerations.

Religion informs society. Science also informs society. And although science and religion have a long history of controversies, yea antagonisms, that have spilled over into battles royal, we must not forget that the United States has its own long history, slow though it may have been, of fully vetting arguments about the "rights" inherent in personhood and

citizenship. These rights have necessarily accumulated and have expanded over time.

Science can inform with new empirical knowledge — religion and politics must accommodate this. Religion can inform by actively refining our awareness and commitment to the human condition — science and politics must understand this.

As it is now reported that many states have "on the books" laws that immediately outlaw abortion if Roe v. Wade is nullified, one wonders how the complexity of their citizens' lives and their trust in their citizens' personal judgment could possibly have figured into the decision making process for these cauldron stirrers (excuse me) legislative bodies.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — May 1922
SALISBURY — A very ornamental fence has been installed at D.J. Warner's new residence.

— Miss Mary Stanton is enjoying a few days' vacation from her duties at the post office.

LIME ROCK — Wm. Tellerday and Fay Chaffee motored to Poughkeepsie Sunday.

50 years ago — May 1972
A weed-killing machine designed by Fred Romeo was tried out in Lake Wononscopomuc last Friday near the Grove, by its inventor and Ted Davis.

— One of nordic skiing's highest honors was conferred upon Salisbury's Birger Torrissen, newly elected to the Ski Hall of Fame.

— Demolition work was the big event of the day last Saturday in Falls Village, with firemen teaming with contractor Dick Bunce to raze the 125-year-old Blake Apartments, once the first home of the National Iron Bank.

— Barbara S. Howland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Howland of Kent, has been named state president of the Connecticut Association of the Future Homemakers of America.

— J. Kenneth Athoe, a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club bowling team, won the award for the highest average of a Class C bowler in the North End League. His average was 172. His son, John Athoe, won a trophy for the high triple game in Class C at the close of the season last weekend.

25 years ago — May 1997
SALISBURY — A major fundraiser is underway to get enough money to create a safe, year-round outdoor skating facility for local Lakeville and Salisbury children.

HARTFORD — Bankruptcy Judge Robert Krechevsky granted Westport attorney Barbara Hankin permission last week to investigate actions of the management team from Sharon Hospital that had charge of Winsted Memorial Hospital in the two years before the hospital declared bankruptcy in 1996.

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Students so impressive

Student projects from the recent "Coloring Our Past: Troutbeck Symposium" are on display at the Salisbury Association's Academy Building on Main Street in Salisbury until June 4. Students from nine public and private schools, including Indian Mountain, Sharon Center, HVRHS and Salisbury School, researched local civil rights history and created exhibits and short documentaries that are exceptional.

Topics range from W.E.B. Du Bois to the history of Troutbeck, where early civil rights meetings were held; from pig iron and slavery to Black churches and authors. A short documentary narrated by Sharon students is very moving. It shows their illustrations of the famous poem "One-Way Ticket" by Langston Hughes.

Thanks to all the students and their history teachers who participated in this student-led collaboration. Your projects are very informative, creative, and impressive. We hope many in our community will stop in to see the exhibit ... and become more optimistic for our future!

Jeanette Weber, President
Salisbury Association

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Before Roe v. Wade, there was Griswold v. Conn.

In the summer of 1961, I wrote, "For a few days in October, Connecticut women will be able to receive birth control advice and devices in New Haven, where the Planned Parenthood League will open the state's first birth control center in more than 20 years." The league planned to test an ancient Connecticut birth control law that prohibited the use of contraception by everyone, including married couples.

It turned out to be a few days in November, 1961, the first to the 10th, before Planned Parenthood opened and the state closed down the new birth control center and arrested Dr. C. Lee Buxton, a Yale gynecologist who practiced there and Estelle Griswold, executive director of the state Planned Parenthood League.

Griswold would give her name to Griswold v. Connecticut, the U.S. Supreme

Court 1965 decision repealing the law by ruling that the Constitution did "protect the right to marital privacy" even though the words never appear in the document.

And Griswold thereby began, in a way, Roe v. Wade, the 1973, 7-2 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The Roe decision was grounded on that right to privacy discovered in Griswold eight years earlier when Judge William O. Douglas wrote that privacy was covered in the rights to life, liberty and property grounded in several constitutional amendments.

The two dissenters, Democrat Hugo Black and Republican Lewis Powell, didn't care much for the law but they couldn't find the right to privacy the others saw so clearly.

Stewart, in fact, said he found the law "uncommonly silly" but felt the Court had no choice in finding it con-

stitutional.

Connecticut's birth control law was known as a Comstock law in honor of a Puritanical postal inspector whose main duty was keeping what he considered dirty material out of the mail. He was very good at it.

By the middle of the 20th century, Comstock laws only remained in the old Puritan states of Massachusetts and Connecticut, supported strongly, but not exclusively, by the influential Catholic Church in those states. Members of other religious faiths were also split, but mainly opposed to the totally unenforceable law.

But even though the use of condoms and birth control devices was growing, lawmakers in the two states were

not eager to take a position on either side. They became even more reluctant to take a stand as some eminent Catholic laymen and clergy expressed their opposition to the law and called for its repeal.

Doctors, I pointed out in the series, had complained that birth control information was the only existing medical knowledge that Connecticut forbade them to use.

And I quoted Dr. Norman St. John-Stevan, a well-known British Catholic lawyer and writer who argued that Catholics campaigning for the maintenance of the unenforceable law "gain little for public morality. They do, however, increase the fear of Catholicism in the minds of non-Catholics."

Most of the five-part series was devoted to the plans being made by Buxton and Griswold to test the law by forcing the state to close the lawbreaking birth control center they were about to open in New Haven and testing the closing in the courts, up to, they hoped, the Supreme Court.

Griswold said Connecticut Planned Parenthood had sent 12,000 state women to New York and Rhode Island during the past four years to be fitted with contraceptive devices in circumvention of the 82-year-old state law. She told me that the 12,000 women who had literally smuggled illegal contraceptive devices into the state prove the demand and need for centers.

We know now that things worked out as planned for Griswold and Buxton. The closing of their center made it to the Supreme Court, which found for Griswold

and against Connecticut — and by extension, Massachusetts.

And my series of articles? I guess you'd have to say it wasn't well received. In fact, it wasn't received at all and the few quotes you read here are the first to be printed anywhere in the 61 years since they were written.

I had proposed the series to the Courant's state editor, my immediate superior, and he readily approved. But the finished product was killed by the managing editor, the Courant's top news executive, on the grounds it would offend some readers.

Those running the then-locally owned Courant were every bit as courageous as the state's lawmakers.

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IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES



A sweet revenge: Finding reality in books

After all this time, I still wonder why it took me such a long time to finally read two of the most significant and literary masterpieces in the English language that were eyeing me each time I visited our local public library. Perhaps I thought that compared to other monumental literary works these two books will never equal to my revered expectations.

These two books were Jack Kerouac's "On The Road" and Sylvia Plath's "The Bell Jar." And, as I read these two books within a week or so, I was simply awestruck by the sheer earthiness, gut level

and genuine illustration of a life without any gimmicks and artificial suspense or dramatizations.

"On The Road" was simply a story about bunch of

guys driving around the country, and yes, fully intoxicated and driving of course way above the speed limit, in

search for a meaning of life and "The Bell Jar" is a story about a young woman who has earned an internship at a fictional Ladies' Day mag-

azine, but she is not able to find her inner self in a world dazzled with supermodels, glamour and fashion.

Who knew that I was lucky enough to be able to

read these books just at a time when both "On The Road" and "The Bell Jar" are currently on the list of books being

considered to be banned from the shelves of school and public libraries. And I guess those right wing political organizations, led by so-called concerned parents, are trying to do everything possible to protect their children from the real world of sex, drugs and alcohol and of course any reference and discussion about soul searching, personal agonies or depression.

Amazingly, these same parents who seem almost in military mode in their quest to shield their children from the unavoidable controversies and challenges of our everyday life, have no problem with their children being glued to the TV or their iPads for hours, brimming with videos of innocent looking characters whose every cheer, giggle and chuckle provides the children with a fantasized and daydream-like image of a life that is totally disconnected with reality. And these are the children who when they become adults will never have the emotional strength and preparedness to face the challenges of a life that is much more than chuckles and giggles, and will be unable to offer answers to the social, economical and emotional disputes and complications they will face.

And speaking of reality,

the absurdity of banning math books as it is becoming the law of the State of Florida is where a literary fiction is actually being transformed into becoming a real life. Banning math books? And sure, we all agree that math is a subject that should not have any emotional connotations. Three lollipops plus 2 lollipops equals 5 lollipops. That's it. That's math. There should be no, absolutely none, emotional response to an image of a lollipop. But what happens if that image of a lollipop brings to a child's mind the memory of a visit to his or her first haircut and the barber with a foreign accent and who with a gentle smile gave the child his or her first lollipop that tasted so sweet and heavenly.

No. No. No. Stop right there. There should be absolutely no emotions. No associations and no nostalgia when it comes to teaching math according to the math book ban laws currently being proposed in Florida. However, any teacher who is filled with love and compassion will agree that those emotional associations toward an object like a lollipop might help the child to feel at ease and be less intimidated by the cut and dry nature of the subject of math!

Speaking of lollipops, I think I might have one or, using my math skills, 1 lollipop plus 1 lollipop, equals to 2 lollipops. And yes, I will have 2 lollipops to celebrate the fact that I managed to read 2 books that are currently on the list to be banned.

What a sweet revenge!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right to life, responsibility for life

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with progress ... institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times." - Thomas Jefferson Memorial

All indications are that the U.S. Supreme Court is aiming to overturn Roe v. Wade, a case that all the newly appointed justices under oath in their Senate Confirmation Hearings agreed was *stare decisis*, a legal doctrine that obligates courts to follow historical cases in ruling on a similar case. But should it be that Roe v. Wade is overturned in June 2022, then it isn't just an unborn child's mother who should be subject to right-to-life laws but also an unborn child's father.

Among numerous disagreements of pro-choice and right-to-life advocates, there is no dispute: a child is conceived by the act of a

man and a woman. If "Equal Justice for All" is to be, then right-to-life governing principles and statutes must include accountability for both parents — prenatal and after birth.

How would fatherhood as a condition be brought to equity with motherhood related to unborn children? There are easily legislated means if the privacy of sexual activity and resulting pregnancy is no longer a constitutional right, as privacy is eliminated as "in" the Constitution.

Two means for fathers of unborn children to be held accountable for the life they fertilized:

1) A national DNA database is created — easy with today's technological know-how. With a DNA database, determining an unborn's father is simple and valid. A father identified is subject to state or federal right-to-life laws stipulating his re-

sponsibility for his unborn child: prenatal and post birth financial stipulations to share medical, housing, care costs for the child within the mother as well as criminal responsibilities/penalties for rape, incest, or non-consent. Losses or reduction of the mother's income during the pregnancy is a shared financial responsibility.

2) Expand birth control — men can be the sex partner providing prevention with no impact on an egg, no potential life compromised. Seventy % of U.S. women of birthing age utilize numerous conception preventions methods. For men there are two contraceptives, the condom and vasectomy. Forty-five% of men utilize a condom and 5% of married men have had a vasectomy. A non-hormonal contraceptive pill for men is in active research and being tested in 2022.

For justice, men must own responsibility for their sexual activities — accountability must no longer be defined by narrow laws targeting only the female participant. Governors and state legislatures do not for other crimes eliminate accountability for one of a pair of law breakers — if a man and woman rob a bank both are criminals. The father of an unborn child ought to be held responsible for his actions, an active participant in the creation of life.

"You seem to consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions; a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy."

— Thomas Jefferson
Kathy Herald-Marlowe
Sharon

Relevant historical memories

When America came into World War II after Pearl Harbor in late 1941, President Roosevelt pledged to send armaments and food to Britain to help them in their struggle against Hitler's forces, which he did after much argument with the Republican "America Firsters" in Congress, who thought the U.S. should stay out of another war in Europe.

A few days ago, we heard that our government was discussing sending materials to Ukraine through a program called Lend Lease. This reminded me of breakfasts in my childhood during World War II in England.

I was 6 at the time, and my younger brother was 5. I was just beginning to read. So one day I picked up a dark brown glass bottle from the breakfast

table and tried to read the small label. "Lend Lease. What's Lend Lease, Mummy?" "Well, it means that the Americans are giving you that concentrated orange juice in that bottle." "Nice Americans," we said, and drank our juice and went off to school, well nourished with the Vitamin C that could not be obtained in Britain during the war.

More than 60 years later, when reading a book about Roald Dahl's activities in the BSC (British Security Coordination) in Washington during World War II, ("The Irregulars" by Jennet Conant) I came across the following information: "Dahl found that the euphoria of VE Day and VJ Day had given way to a mood of nervous distrust. Victory in Europe, so long anticipated, had come in May. The victory over Japan

in August was achieved with shocking finality by the atom bomb. America was already looking to the future and was tired of feeling Britain's hand at their back.... The (Truman) Administration was following an increasingly hard line, abruptly terminating Lend Lease the minute the European war was over, paring down the loans to Britain for reconstruction ... Ships bearing Lend Lease cargoes to Britain remained docked, and those already under way had to be recalled."

Are we going to allow Senator Rand Paul to repeat this ungenerous history on our behalf today?

— Gaile Binzen

Salisbury

More letters previous page.



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There are many small ponds in NWCT and there are lots of questions on how best to manage them. The CTDEEP has published an excellent guide on managing ponds entitled: A Guide to Nuisance Aquatic Vegetation Management. This guide details the aquatic plants that will clog up your pond and what are the best practices to deal effectively with them. The options range from sterile grass carp, to dredging, weed harvesting and finally chemical treatments. Interestingly enough, the aerator that is in many ponds will not affect these nuisance aquatic plants in any meaningful way. To review this Guide, please either go to the CTDEEP website, or I am happy to email a PDF copy.



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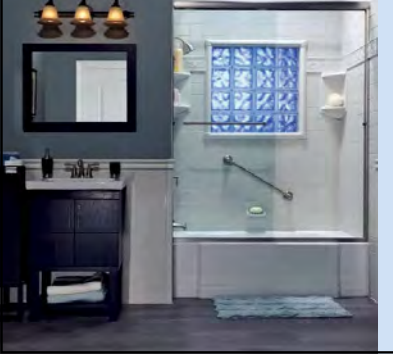
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