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COVID-19

Northwest **Corner COVID** cases climb

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — Citing concerns about rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the Northwest Corner, school and health care administrators said they are taking proactive measures to monitor the recent uptick, which they expect will climb in coming weeks following family gatherings during spring break and the Easter and Passover holidays.

"Litchfield County is the only county in Connecticut coming in at a high transmission rate of the virus right now. We're hearing about a lot of it in the community," said Bill Pond, administrator of Noble Horizons in Salisbury. "The challenge is the community coming in. Visitation is in full swing."

In an April 20 interview, Dr. Mark Hirko, president of Sharon Hospital, reported that Litchfield

Cornwall

Salisbury

Sharon

Kent

Falls Village

North Canaan

"We think that we're probably undercounting by two-thirds the number of positive cases out there [due to the prevalence of home testing]." Dr. Mark Hirko, President of Sharon Hospital

County has experienced a "47 percent increase in positive cases within the past two weeks," which he said is cause for concern.

Currently, Salisbury and Kent are the only two Northwest Corner communities listed in the red, or "high alert" zone on the Connecticut Department of Public Health's color-coded map, which is updated every two weeks. As of April 14, one COVID-19 case was reported

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Boosted

53.8%

70%

47.8%

34.4%

47.9%

34.4%

Series

Complete

84.7%

100%

88.3%

59.2%

96.3%

69.4%



Participants at the Earth Day rally in Salisbury were entertained by a musical group featuring Charlie Kiel on an unusual instrument, the trombonium, second from right in photo.

Calls to action on Earth Day

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — There was music. There were dogs. There was general relief at being out and about on a pleasant spring day.

But the Earth Day rally on the town Green Saturday, April 23, quickly became serious.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Eileen Fielding, director at the Sharon Audubon Center, were the featured speakers.

The number fluctuated, but about 40 people turned out.

Al Ginouves, chair of the Salisbury Democratic Town Committee, acted as master of ceremonies. He

began by mentioning a "chilling report" from the United Nations about climate change.

Ginouves said individual actions are necessary to combat climate change, and gave examples: Recycling, using a clothesline instead

See EARTH DAY, Page A8

Speaker addresses racial wealth gap

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Thomas Shapiro believes there are options "already on the policy table" for addressing racial disparities in personal wealth.

The author of "Toxic Inequality: The Overdue Reckoning on Race and Wealth," is the Salisbury Forum's speaker on Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

live, as opposed to online, Salisbury Forum event since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a phone interview Friday, April 22, Shapiro said there are solutions to ending the personal wealth gap between Black and white Americans.

Items such as cancellation of student loan debt, "baby bonds" or some form of savings accounts for children, and eliminating barriers to first-time home ownership are Shapiro's talk marks the first currently under discussion in pol-

icy and government circles.

Shapiro was particularly focused on home ownership. He said the gap between home ownership rates between whites and Blacks has increased steadily since the mid-1980s.

Shapiro said he will provide background at the start of the talk, and then get into the nuts and bolts of what can be done.

"We actually know how to do this," he said. "It's a question of will and power."

Town halls grapple with masking rules, remote meetings

VACCINATION RATES BY TOWN

Initial

94%

100%

100%

65.6%

76.5%

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Town Population Vaccination

1,362

1,053

2,777

3,251

3,606

2,689

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Confused about whether or not to wear a face covering while visiting municipal offices? Unsure about whether a board, budget or commission meeting will be held in person or virtual?

The answer lies within each municipality, whose leaders are responsible for making those decisions based on the town's risk level for COVID-19, according to



an informal survey of town clerks.

For example, anyone visiting Town Hall in Sharon is required to wear a mask. Not so at town halls in Falls Village, North Canaan, Salisbury or Kent, where face coverings are optional. And while masking is also an individual's choice at Cornwall Town Hall, the public is required to maintain 6-foot social

In Salisbury, First Selectman Curtis Rand reported that board and commission meetings have been mostly remote, which are a popular option among both board

See TOWN RULES, Page A8

A herald of spring

The 'Peent' call of the woodcock

heralder of the spring season in Northwest Connecticut—the unmistakable "Peent!" call of the male American Woodcock (Scolopax minor)— can be heard in the right habitats

at dusk. Fields, bogs, and forest clearings facilitate the dramatic performance of the species' display for females, including a

SHEFFER fantastic aerial display that is most effectively observed in the open. But while males may be visible and audible

on their singing grounds during the springtime, the species overall faces challenges in Connecticut finding suitable habitat during its various life stages.

After mating, the female woodcock seeks

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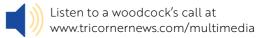
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BETHANY



Adult American Woodcock



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Three-day forecast Friday......Sun, high 54°/low 33° SaturdayCloudy, 56°/35° SundayCloudy, 62°/36°

5:30 p.m. under the pavilion

across from McDonald's; in

Sharon at noon on the town

Green; and in Salisbury at 6

p.m. at the war memorials

next to Town Hall (inclement

weather location is Salisbury

Congregational Church).

house May 15

SHARON — Silver Lake

Camp and Retreat Center

in Sharon will hold an open

house Sunday, May 15, from

1 to 5 p.m. Registration is

open for the summer pro-

gram online at www.silver-

Camp open

National Day of Prayer events

This year marks the 71st celebration of the National Day of Prayer.

Northwest Corner communities will celebrate with prayer gatherings on Thursday, May 5.

The gatherings are in Cornwall at 8 a.m. at the flagpole on the Green; in Falls Village at noon on the town Green; in North Canaan at

Party voting deadline set

SALISBURY — Monday, May 9, is the last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in state, district and municipal office primaries in Connecticut.

Primary elections are Tuesday, Aug. 9. Connecticut has a closed primary system and all wishing to vote in a primary election need to be affiliated with a party.

In addition, 17-year-olds who turn 18 by Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 8) can vote if registered with a party.

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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Swerved to avoid deer

On April 17 at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall a 2012 Subaru Impreza driven by Matthew Louis Polito, 34, of Brookfield, lost control after a deer ran into the roadway. The Subaru swerved and traveled off the road and struck a rock. Polito was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the proper lane.

Unknown vehicle in accident

On April 17 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Troop B investigated a report of a one-vehicle accident on Main Street in Salisbury. Upon arrival, Troop B reportedly found 25 feet of bent metal guardrail and tire marks on the road leading to the damage. The vehicle responsible for the damage evaded the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

Collision at intersection

On April 23 at approxi-

mately 9:45 a.m. at the intersection of Routes 7 and 126 in Falls Village a 2013 Honda Civic driven by Lidia Maria Piwowarczyk, 37, of Torrington, failed to stop at the four-way intersection and was struck by a 2016 Western Star truck driven by Michael Stacey Fagan, 57, of Hendersonville, N.C. Piwowarczyk was transported to Sharon Hospital. She was issued an infraction for failing to come to a complete stop, resulting in a motor vehicle accident.

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.

Send Family & Friends announcements to to editor@ lakevillejournal.com

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sharon Center honors

SHARON — Sharon Center School announced its list of honors for the second trimester of the 2021-22 academic school year.

Fifth grade **Highest honors** Keely Malone **High honors**

Tallulah Truby **Honors** Silas Murnane Sixth grade

High honors Chase Smith, Mira Norbet, Jayden Milton, Celestia Galvin Seventh grade **High honors** David Nam, Finian Malone, Griffin Ducey Eighth grade **High honors** Leonardo Cajilima,

Samantha Caranci, Lilian MacMillan, Jack Smith, Alyssa Stahovec-Duntz

Kindergarten registration

Children born in 2017 can now register for kindergarten. For Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, contact the office at 860-824-7791.

Sharon Center School registration is Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29. To make an appointment call 860-364-5153.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Annual Town Meeting —Town of Salisbury

electors and others entitled to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, are hereby warned that the Annual Budget meeting of said Town will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To act upon the budget and any supplements thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, which budget has been

prepared a n d recommended by the Board of Finance; said budget is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office immediately.

2. To act upon the following items, which are customarily considered at the Annual Budget meeting for approval:

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

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

budget; c. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any funds allocated to the Town of Salisbury by the Connecticut Departmentof Transportation for repairs and maintenance of roads

and bridges during the

fiscal year beginning July 1,2022,andextendingtoJune 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance; and

d. To authorize the Board of Finance to transfer funds from surplus to cover shortages in various line items in the 2021-2022 budget.

3. To consider and act upon a transfer of up to \$250,000 from General Fund Surplus into Debt Reduction.

4. To consider and act upon a transfer of up to \$200,000 from General Fund Surplus into the Town Bridge Fund.

5. To consider and act upon a proposal to purchase an approximately 0.1-acre parcel on Library Street from Aidan

Cassidy and Charles Teti for a purchase price of

The Board of Selectmen will post a notice on the Town's website (https:// www.salisburyct.us/) not less than forty-eight

(48) hours prior to the Town Meeting providing instructions for the public on how to attend and provide comment or

otherwise participate in the meeting.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 19th day of April, 2022.

Curtis G. Rand, First Selectman Christian E. Williams, Selectman Donald K. Mayland, Selectman 04-28-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 18, 2022:

Site Plan Application #2022-0171 by owners Cary & Edmund Ullman to reconstruct two nonconforming accessory structures in accordance with section 504.2 of the zoning regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 43 as Lot 31 and is located at 206 Millerton Road.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Courtinaccordancewiththe provisions of Connecticut General Statutes ß8-8.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 04-28-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Canaan will conduct a public hearing by the Town Board of Selectmen on May 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm via zoom at 1-929-205-6099 or https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/87449 832350?pwd=SklrZE1GM mdHZ09zVTQzUkhQQX FLdz09

Meeting ID: 874 4983 2350 Passcode: 558947

to discuss the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit makesallprograms available citizen input.

Housing Modernization with priority to State Sponsored Housing Portfolio (SSHP);

\$1,000,000 for Infrastructure associated with the development of Affordable Housing.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderateincome persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's new Application for funding for the year 2022.

The Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Canaan anticipates applying for a grant amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000 under the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Planning, Engineering and Construction eligible activity.

The Town of Canaan promotes fair housing and to low- and moderatecolor, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/ mental disability, or sexual orientation.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Canaan, Selectmen at 108 Main St., Falls Village, CT 06031, or you may telephone the First Selectman at 860-824-0707x23. In addition, information may be obtained, by appointment, at the above address Monday - Wednesday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am - Noon.

All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Michelle Hanson, ADA Coordinator at 860-671-0585 at least five days prior to the hearing.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JANIS E. DOWNEY, Late of Canaan (22-00113)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree

dated April 12, 2022, ordered that all claims must be Maximum award limits: income households presented to the fiduciary at \$2,000,000 for Public regardless of race, creed, the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such

> claim. The fiduciary is: Jennifer Dussault c/o GEORGE WARREN WHITAKER, DAY PITNEY LLP, 605 THIRD AVENUE,

> 31ST FLOOR, NEW YORK,

NY 10158

Beth L. McGuire, Chief Clerk 04-28-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF TERESA B. MANKO, Late of Lakeville (22-00146)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 14, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Joyce L. Manko c/o DONNA D VINCENTI, LAW OFFICES OF DONNA

D VINCENTI, ATTY LLC, 12 PORTER STREET, POBOX 1399, LAKEVILLE, CT 06039

> Megan M Foley, Clerk 04-28-22

Our Towns



Earth Day panel praises commitment

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Earth Day 2022 was marked by a panel of speakers on Friday, April 22, each with their individual perspective on what can be done to find alternative non-polluting, non-depleting, renewable energy resources.

Conceived and coordinated by resident Susan Claw and sponsored by the Cornwall Library, the panel included historian, author and activist Jeremy Brecher, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway who has served in that office since 1991, and solar energy expert James Laporta. All three are Cornwall residents.

Among the Northwest Corner towns, Cornwall

distinguishes itself as the Greenest Town in the State, earning the title not only for the treasure of its natural beauty, but also because most who choose to live here are fully committed to the environment and its protection.

According to the World Health Organization, used as a lead-in by Brecher, 99% of the world's population is inhaling unhealthy air. When he has flown over Connecticut to observe smog levels, he saw significant smog over urban areas but somewhat clearer air over the Northwest Corner towns.

"We, too, are affected by smog and air pollution, though," Brecher cautioned, also pointing to instances of more severe weather patterns

affecting Cornwall.

The introduction and spread of invasive plants, Brecher said, is due to changing climate.

Simply put, Brecher said, the major cause of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels.

"If we don't start in a year or two to reach the goals of the Paris Accord, those goals will be impossible to reach. There is zero time to get started," Brecher said. The Paris agreement calls for zero emissions by the year 2050.

Before he was a farmer, Ridgway said that he was a writer who authored a single book in 1981 titled "Renewable Energy in Northwest Connecticut," with illustrations by local artist Marc

"The issues are just as relevant today," Ridgway said.

"We have moved in a direction," Ridgway said of the 40-year interval. He said that the war in Ukraine comes down to energy, a huge political price to be paid for not being energy independent.

"Think about our Earth. It's more than environmental survival, it is the very survival of democracy."

Turning his attention to Cornwall, Ridgway pointed to the advent of virtual events that result in reduced pollution because people no longer need to drive to meetings, settling down to work from home. Bikeways and bike shops are enjoying brisk business in Cornwall, he added.

"People in Cornwall like to dig in the dirt," Ridgway noted, and they subscribe to simple frugality, the annual rummage sale and the goings-on at the transfer station, now under renovation. Composting is getting to be common among residents,

reducing the tonnage that needs to be trucked out.

"Better to bury your corn cobs and watermelon rinds than pay to ship them out of state," Ridgway said.

Thanks to the installation of solar panels, the town hall is now off the grid, Ridgway noted

Solar energy expert James Laporta, of Litchfield Hills Solar, noted that since 1950, energy demand has spiked upward, but today only 3% of the energy is from solar technology.

"Too many people are using way too much power," Laporta said. "The Earth does not have a seat at the table where big decisions are being made."

Laporta estimated that he had done hundreds of solar installations throughout Litchfield County, and perhaps up to 40 of them in Cornwall.

To view the Earth Day video, go to the library's website, www.cornwalllibrary.org.

On track: New look coming for caboose

Members of the Housatonic FFA chapter began preparation work on the caboose near Jacobs Garage in Falls Village on Wednesday, April 20. The caboose will be repainted later this spring.

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AS IT RAN ON APRIL 2, 1970

Over the years, we've shared favorite recipes. Because food is community. Bertha Fowlkes, above, one of our Country Cooks, was a beloved member of the community and passed just last year at the age of 98. She was married to William Fowlkes, not Ray Fowlkes, as was incorrectly printed in this space last week. Our apologies for the error. We hope Ray, William and Bertha are all somewhere discussing the latest error in The Lakeville Journal. We are sorry and miss you all. - Janet Manko, Publisher

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History points the way

Visitors to West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge will notice a new addition to the information kiosks: A display showcasing a concise history of the area thanks to the Cornwall Economic **Development Commission's collaboration with** the Cornwall Historical Society. Included are scan codes to access information about walking tours, sites to explore and the town's website.







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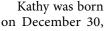
Our Towns

OBITUARIES

Kathy Ann (Marin) Lyon

CORNWALL — Kathy Ann (Marin) Lyon, age 69,

of Cornwall, loving wife and educator, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Friday, April 15, 2022. She was the beloved wife of William H.



1952 in Norwalk, a daughter of the late James and Frances (Platek) Marin. She was a graduate of Norwalk High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Connecticut and received her master's degrees in nursing, education and special education. Kathy worked as a registered nurse until the 1990's and after she got her master's degree in special education, she taught at several schools with her last full-time position being with Torrington Public Schools. After she retired, she tutored and did substitute teaching in Torrington, Cornwall and Falls Village. Teaching was her passion. She and her husband, William, also enjoyed volunteering for the CT Special Olympics and hiking.



Kathy enjoyed music. She

was an active member of the United Church of Christ in Cornwall.

Besides her husband of Cornwall, Kathy leaves her step daughters, Bobbi Lyon and her husband, Steve Twitchell of Bethel, and Bethany Lyon of Trumbull.

bration of Kathy's Life will be held on a date and time to be announced. Brookside Memorial/The Albini Family Funeral Home, 200 Benson Rd., Middlebury, Ct., has been entrusted with her arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: My Friend Abby at myfriendabby.org.

For more information or to send an on-line condolence, please go to www.

Michael Joseph Pierce

Joseph Pierce, 71, of 15 Jewell St., died Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family after a battle with cancer. He was the husband of MaryAnn (Taylor) Packard. Michael was born in Pittsfield on September 4, 1950, son of the late Walter and MaryAnn (Sibbio) Pierce.

Michael worked as an independent contractor in the landscape and gardening industry. Prior to that he had owned and operated Rachel's Restaurant in Pittsfield and was the head of operations at Camp Eisner in Great Bar-

Michael loved sports. He as an avid golfer and Dallas Cowboy fan. He especially enjoyed following the UCONN Women's Basketball team and coaching youth basketball. Michael coached at the Cornwall Consolidated School for 10 years. He coached his three boys, and shared coaching duties with his son Damien and daughter Amelia.

Michael also found time to volunteer for 15 years as the Community Health and Wellness Clinic in Torrington. He served as vice president and as a member of the clinic's board of directors. However, there was nothing that made Michael more proud then spending time with his four grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Michael is survived by his children: Jonathan Pierce and Jason Pierce, both of Pittsfield; Rachel Pierce Fisher of Colorado; Damien Davis and his partner Katy of West Cornwall; Aaron Packard of North Providence, R.I., and Amelia Packard of Cornwall. He is

For more obituaries, see page A5

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning. Notice of such error must be given to us after the first run of the advertisement.

was the guitarist and sing-

er for The Homegrown Band and was a member of the West Hartford Women's Choral. She was active in local politics and was also a member of the Humanists Association of Connecticut. She

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CORNWALL — Michael Cornwall and Jasmine Bright of West Cornwall.

May 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the United Church of Christ in Cornwall, Congregational, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the World Central Kitchen, 200 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001. Its website also accepts donations. Go to www.wck.org. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St.,

also survived by his grandchildren: Alex and Max Pierce of Pittsfield, Logan Hern of

A Celebration of Michael's life will be held on Saturday,

Kent budget proposal cut; May 6 hearing set By Leila Hawken

KENT — After reviewing reductions made to the selectmen's town budget proposal for 2022-23, the Board of Finance voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget package at its meeting on Wednesday, April 20.

The decision clears the way for a public hearing on the budgets for the town and the Board of Education on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Responding to the finance board's call for cuts, the selectmen reduced proposed expenditures by a total of \$351,922, to a new projected

8.54% increase in spending. The new total expenditures stand at \$4,473,675.

The Board of Education budget totals \$7,241,770 and carries an increase of \$45,214 (1.74%).

Both budgets together, and adding in capital project expenses, total \$13,676,257, an increase of \$344,203 (2.58%).

Finance board Chair Nancy O'Dea Wyrick said that her intent is to maintain a level mill rate for the coming year. The annual town meeting to vote on the proposed budget will occur on Friday, May 20, beginning at 7 p.m.

Sharon budget hearing planned for April 29

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Board of Selectmen set the date for a public hearing on the budgets for Friday, April 29, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The annual town meeting is Friday, May 13, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

At the regular meeting of the selectmen on Tuesday, April 12, the selectmen reported on progress with the Town Hall parking lot expansion project.

First Selectman Brent Colley said he had researched details of electric vehicle charging stations and lighting, both expected to be part of the project. Also included are plans to improve the drainage and expand the parking lot. He said that the plan will be shared with the public when it is ready. Comments will be welcome.

The more powerful and faster charging stations will not be part of the plan, however, Colley reported, Rath-

Cornwall gets mobile medical

CORNWALL — Starting Wednesday, May 4, and continuing on Wednesdays, the Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington will provide primary health care in a mobile unit at the Union in West Cornwall.

A mobile medical unit will be on site from 9 a.m. to noon. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Go to www.chwctorr.org or call 860-489-0931.

"After 30 years of no healthcare in Cornwall, we are very excited to welcome the Community Health and Wellness team to our town," said Selectwoman Janet Carlson.

White Gallery art donation showcased at Noble Horizons

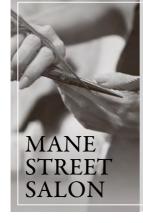
SALISBURY — An exhibit of donated art opens with a reception Friday, May 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Noble Horizons.

The exhibit is of works donated by Susan and Tino Galluzzo, former owners of the White Gallery in Lakeville.

The Galluzzos' White Gallery exhibited local, regional, national and international artists and supported many area nonprofits through creative community collaborations. Tino Galluzzo chaired the Northwest CT

Arts Council for six years, helping the new nonprofit build a strong and connected arts and culture community in the region. He also spent seven years as the chair of the Silvermine Guild Arts Center Board of Directors, home to the renowned Silvermine School of Art, Guild of Artists, five galleries and several other services.

The exhibit will be open weekends through July 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information go to www.noblehorizons.org.



We are delighted to introduce an amazing stylist to the Mane Street Salon team, Maria Scutieri.

Maria is a lover of all aspects of the hair profession and has a wealth of knowledge with 24 years of experience. We are so excited she is with us to share her talent and we will be taking appointments at 518-789-3484.

Maria is looking forward to her new adventure and showing you her craft.

7 Century Blvd, Millerton, NY

er, the plan will include the slower-speed model. The fast-speed stations require 800-900 volts, Colley explained, and that power level

The project is funded through a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant (\$125,000) awarded by the state, paired with \$60,000 from town funds.

is too much for the town.

Spending plans scheduled for public hearing on April 28

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Finance sent the proposed 2022-23 spending plans from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to public hearing at the finance board's regular meeting Monday, April 11.

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m. at the **Emergency Services Cen-**

The municipal spending plan has a bottom line of \$2,117,769, an increase of \$83,827 (4.12%).

The Board of Education spending plan for the Lee H. Kellogg School has a total of \$2,123,993, an increase of \$87,270 (4.26%).

The finance board asked that clarification on the salary and in-service/ staff development lines be provided at the hearing.

At the April 11 Board of Selectmen's meeting, the selectmen authorized First Selectman Henry Todd to reapply for a state Small Cities grant of approximately \$1 million on behalf of the Falls Village Housing Trust, with the provision that any costs associated with the application be the responsibility of the trust.

(There is a public hearing on the grant Monday, May 2, 7 p.m. online. For log-in information see the town website.)

The selectmen approved Jusztina Paksai of Elyse Harney Real Estate to represent the town on the sale of the former firehouse at 35 Railroad St. Todd said a value report from Harney Real Estate estimated the value of the property at \$220,000 to \$250,000 and noted the lack of a septic system and unclear title.

Free blood pressure check offered

SALISBURY — Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County is offering free blood pressure clinics throughout Litchfield County.

Clinics are offered in Salisbury at the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association every second Wednesday of

the month, 11 a.m. to noon. Clinics also are offered in Falls Village at the Falls Village Senior Center every first Thursday of the month, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information go to www.vnhlc.org or call 860-379-8561.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. North American people 6. Chinese surname

10. Fit in at the last minute 14. "Very" in musical

terminology

15. Underwater displays 17. Crosby's bandmates

19. Belong to he

20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)

21. Sequences of

alternating turns

22. Genus of grasses

24. Petty quarrel

26. Made level 29. Ruler of Iran

31. Historical region of Syria

32. Food suitable for babies

34. Something to lend 35. Zone of oceanic

trenches 37. Philippine island

38. Domesticated animal

39. Plant of the lily family

40. Bluish green

41. Tomei, actress

43. Without (French) 45. Lilly and Manning are

46. Apply pressure to

47. Divide in half 49. Bad deed

50. Don't know when yet

53. Hollywood's greatest honor

57. Aiming to exhort

58. Faked 59. A way to pierce 60. Midway between

northeast and east 61. Points

CLUES DOWN

1. Chop up 2. __ Spumante (Italian wine)

3. Egyptian goddess 4. Split pulses

5. Afflict

6. Type of area rug 7. Tide

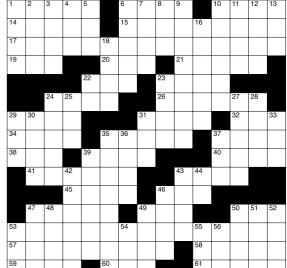
8. Affirmative

9. Sudden change 10. One picked

12. Stiff bristles

11. Debauched man

13. Famous arena



16. Established rules and methods

18. Injection

22. Father 23. Protein-rich liquids

24. He delivers gifts 25. Advanced degree 27. Fencing swords

28. Chinese mountain range 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

30. Precursor to hemoglobin

31. Much __ about nothing 33. Compound fabric (abbr.) 35. A way to act slowly on

36. Ottoman military commanders

37. Popular kids' network 39. Hard compound

42. Sympathize with 43. Northeast college

44. Blood group

46. Frosted 47. Turn away 48. Benefit

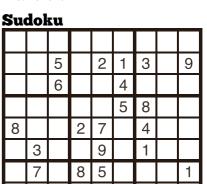
49. Dry or withered 50. Bangladeshi monetary

51. Reproduced 52. Contributes 53. Thrust horse power

(abbr.) 54. Wear 55. Promotes retention of

water (abbr.) 56. Very small

April 21 Solution



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Edward J. Shaughnessy

MILLBROOK — Edward J. Shaughnessy, Ph.D.,

longtime resident of the Village of Millbrook, died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday morning, April 2, 2022, in his favorite home library room, surrounded by family and after a 10-month battle

with cancer and other complications. He was 87.

Edward was the younger of two children born to Edward J. Shaughnessy Sr., and Jane Walsh Shaughnessy in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Dec. 2, 1934.

He is most remembered for his broad smile, irrepressible wit, compulsive word play, instant recall of historical facts, and handyman extraordinaire. Ever evident was his love for family and friends, but most especially for "the gift of the grands."

Edward graduated from St. Augustine High School in Brooklyn and received his B.A. with honors from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He continued his graduate education at Fordham University in European History, receiving a Master of Arts and was later awarded a Master's degree in Theology studies from Manhattan College.

He spent his early career during the late 1950s to early 1960s teaching in Harlem and later in Kenya, East Africa, helping to establish a health dispensary for the local Kikuyu tribe and college classes for future Nyeri elementary school teachers. In the process he became fluent in Swahili and Kikuyu languages, a skill he retained and used as recently as his summer 2021 hospital stay in Vermont.

His facility with languages was also evident during a Fulbright fellowship to Norway and experiences with various U.N. consulting assignments in Italy and the Netherlands and diverse travels over the

After receiving his Ph.D. from the New School for Social Research in NYC, in 1973, Edward began his university teaching career, specializing in sociology of law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, where he served as Chairman of the Department and was awarded the Bramshill Faculty Exchange to England. He also maintained a joint appointment to the Graduate Center of CUNY where he is professor emeritus.

For many years, he lectured in the graduate public administration program at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. During that time, he founded Education and Justice Services, his consulting company servicing law and education entities. He was active in his scholarly disciplines both as a writer and speaker, concentrating on criminal justice reform.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Volunteer" among family and friends, Edward served his community over time as board member and officer: 1st Lieutenant of the

Millbrook Fire Department Rescue the Church Alliance **Building Commit**tee; President of the **Dutchess County** Historical Society; Acting Village Justice for the Village of Millbrook, among

many other public service commitments and commit-

Ed's genealogical research interests led him to join the Sons of Union Veterans upon discovering two great-grandparents who served as Marines for the Union in the Civil War. He became an active member and officer of the international O'Shaughnessy Society when he traced his family's immigration from Gort, Ireland, in 1834 to Brooklyn, NY. He persevered researching into obscure archives to authenticate his Quaker built 18c home in the Village of Millbrook.

Edward enjoyed writing and illustrating story books for his grandchildren, designing, cutting and soldering stained glass chess sets, and fixing old clocks. His repertoire of old songs and show tunes delighted many and he sang for over a decade in Millbrook's St. Joseph's Church choir.

He had a number of surreptitious local appearances as Santa and a few acting parts in June Kaufman's theatre productions at the Thorne Building in Millbrook. For three sequential years, he won first place in the triathlon events for those aged over 60 at John Jay College, CUNY.

Edward is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Ann Keelan, of Millbrook; his beloved children, Celia Jane Shaughnessy (Jeremiah Wille) of Grafton, Wisconsin, and John Edward Shaughnessy (Autumn Cruger) of Millbrook; the gift of four grandchildren, Julia, Madeline and Claire Shaughnessy- Wille, all of Grafton, Wisconsin, and Logan Patrick Shaughnessy, of Millbrook.He leaves his nephew Daniel Walsh (Larissa), niece Dorothy Walsh Gay (Bruce), in-laws Donald and Verrall Keelan and Kevin and Elizabeth Keelan; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, colleagues and faithful friends. His parents and older sister, Genevieve Shaughnessy Walsh, predeceased him as did his brother-in-law Thomas

The Shaughnessy Family extends a special thank you to Hudson Valley Hospice for their care and compassion extended to Edward and his family on his return from his Vermont hospital stay to his Millbrook home in late August 2021. Friends will be received Thursday, April 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave. in Millbrook, and then proceed to St. Joseph's RC Church where at 1 p.m. a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in the St Joseph's Parish Cemetery, Millbrook.

KENT — Peter D. Bull of Squad; Chairman of Kent, Connecticut, and New

York City, beloved husband, cherished son, adored brother, treasured friend, passed away on April 26, 2021, with his wife Jeanne at his side.

Peter was born on March 14, 1964, the youngest of four children. He grew up in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. and attended Briarcliff High School, where he excelled academically, was an avid tennis player, and served as co-captain of the baseball team. After high school, Peter attended Fordham University, where he majored in Political Science, graduating summa cum laude, and being inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Peter then went on to study law, graduating cum laude from Fordham University School of Law.

Peter began his career at a boutique commercial litigation firm and later founded his own firm, Bull & Lifshitz, where he practiced law for 15 years, trying primarily securities class action cases in federal and state courts across the country. Peter had great successes and was well respected and well liked. He brought a thoughtful, measured approach to the practice of law, and consistently demonstrated great character and integrity. This was not surprising — these qualities ran deep in Peter and pervaded everything he did, not just his professional pursuits.

Peter was a thinker. He loved the exchange of ideas and would effortlessly engage in any topic, to the delight of those around him. The depth and breadth of Peter's knowledge was truly extraordinary. He had a particular fondness for discussions about politics, history, philosophy, and music. He was immensely modest, a remarkable listener, and was genuinely interested in the lives and thoughts of his friends and family, whom he dearly loved. Peter was also a doer, becoming, for example, an accomplished horseback rider in his forties and taking up piano playing during that time as well.

One of Peter's most endearing traits was his clever and dry wit. Even those who knew Peter best could not always discern if he was serious or joking. The only way to tell for sure was by detecting the twinkle in his eyes. Throughout a lengthy, difficult illness, Peter maintained his sense of humor — as well as the twinkle — to the surprise and admiration of his doctors. He

In Loving Memory of

J.C. & Gloryann Webb

Peter D. Bull

The true meaning in Peter's life came from the love of his life, Jeanne Curtis. Their love story began when they met early in their law careers. They

were married in

July 1996, living

in New York City,

was an inspiration to all.

and spending most weekends in Kent. Peter and Jeanne shared passions for travel, food, the arts (particularly theater, music, and literature), horseback riding, animal rescue work, and spending time with family and friends. Over the years, Peter cultivated these interests with vigor and no more so than when Jeanne entered

his life. Peter and Jeanne's thirst for travel led to them to take journeys throughout the United States, Central America, South America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, always hiring docents so that they could take deep dives into subjects of interest. They made friends and spent time with a broad spectrum of people they met along the way. Peter savored the conversations they had with their new friends and was always eager for more.

In 2013, Peter and Jeanne decided to step back from their professional pursuits to follow their dream of extended travel, with the opportunity to become a part of the fabric of the communities they visited. They spent chunks of time in a variety of locales; their favorite spots were Barcelona, Krakow, Berlin, Stockholm, and Dingle (Ireland). Throughout their travels and particularly in Dingle, Peter and Jeanne explored their new surroundings on horseback. For Peter, there was little better than feeling the wind as he galloped along the beaches of the Dingle peninsula.

Peter was devoted to his dogs Norma, Jax, and Hank; they were never far from him and even as his illness progressed, his eyes would light up with joy when hearing what they had been doing during the few moments of the day when they were not at his side. Peter's kindness and compassion were demonstrated in abundance not only with his own rescue dogs, but with all the rescue animals he rallied around. Even during his illness, Peter continued actively helping

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and Celebration of Life

Saturday, April 30th 2022

1:00 P.M.

The Smithfield Presbyterian Church

656 Smithfield Valley Road

Amenia, New York

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Service will also be virtual via Zoon

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other animals in need.

of personhood: intellect, humor, courage, integrity, kindness, and goodness to the core. He was that and much, much more.

Peter epitomized the best

In addition to Jeanne, Peter is survived by his mother Ann Bull, his siblings Robert,

Catherine, and Stephen Bull; his mother-in-law, Barbara Curtis; his sisters- and brothers-in-law Lawrence and Brenda Curtis, Mark and Karen Curtis, Stephen and Angela Curtis, Mary and Michael Stein, Paul and Celia Curtis, Julie Curtis and Bruce Petryshin, and Denise and Michael McDermott; his nieces and nephews Heather and Carlos Amaya, Caitlin Bull, Kyle Bull, Lauren and Jeremy Stimson, Morgan

Curtis, Andrew Curtis, Heather Curtis, Eric Curtis, Justin Curtis, Kerianne and Christopher Brewer; Kimberly Stein, Mollie Stein, Diana Curtis, Kelly Curtis, Sarah Curtis, Christopher and Hillary Petryshin, Timothy Petryshin, Ryan and Alana McDermott, Paige McDermott, and Tyler Mc-Dermott; grandnieces and nephews Hannah Amaya, Lucas Petryshin, and Eimile Petryshin. He is also survived by many cousins, particularly the Costa, Shea, Bull, Vesich, and Schultz families. He was predeceased by his father, Robert B. Bull, and his father-in-law, Ernest

F. Curtis, Jr. A private celebration of life was held for Peter. Family and friends came together and shared stories of Peter while enjoying great food, music, and many laughs, just as Peter wanted.



OBITUARIES

Worship Services

Week of May 1, 2022

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

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

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

St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II)

In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290

North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC

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

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

The Sharon United **Methodist Church**

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

Promised Land Baptist Church

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

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

A Friendly Church with 860-824-0194 The Smithfield

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

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Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart

The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall

Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone

Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546

Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon

9 South Main, Sharon CT unday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker www.christchurchsharon.org

St. Thomas **Episcopal Church** 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com Community of Radical Hospitality Trinity Episcopal Church

484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax

trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 **Unitarian Fellowship**

of NW CT

Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. "A Vision of Faith Suited for Our Age For information, contact Io Loi at jokiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome

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

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS **PARISH**

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Immaculate Conception Church
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am
Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary
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Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) **Mission Opportunities** Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall

Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community

Sharon Congregational 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

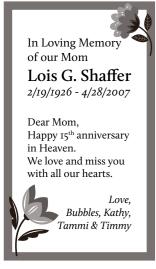
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Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340

allsaintsofamerica.us **Canaan United** Methodist Church

2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com We hope you will join us!

For more obituaries, see page A4





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Property Transfers

The following property transfers were reported at area town halls in 2021.

Cornwall

July 1, 432 Cream Hill Road, from Victoria Jadow and Neil and Anne Estern and Neil Estern Irrevocable Trust and Anne G. Estern Irrevocable Trust to Paul and April Stewart Klausner for \$1,100,000

July 12, 51 Cream Hill Road from Donald Ogonowski and Deborah Leak to Markus Kraebber and Virginia Kindred for \$22,500; and 14 Mansonville Road from David Farrell to Albert Loverro for \$95,000

July 22, 250 Kent Road from Blaine Matthews Jr. to Sandra Filipucci for \$400,000

July 27, 16 Soltis Lane from Alison Mosimann to Cody Gillotti and Brittany Mosimann for \$300,000

July 28, 197 Kent Road from Courtney White and Carlos Moreno to Cory Campon for \$515,000

Aug. 2, 182 Kent Road from Joseph Marchetti to Steven Pollack and David McGovern for \$50,000; and 170 Kent Road from Joseph Marchetti to Steven Pollack and David McGovern for \$1,250,000; and 63 Cemetery Road from Catherine Pfeiffenberger to Tyler and Kerry Ohazo for \$620,000

Aug. 10, 186 Dibble Hill Road from Ira Barkoff and Judith Sloat-Barkoff to Brooke Hamilton Garnett and Martin Chalk for \$980,000

Aug. 16, Town Street from Arthur Dutton et al to Shinrin-Yoku West Cornwall LLC for \$260,000

Aug. 26, 4 Hickory Lane from Russell and Cornelia Fortier to Henry Quezada-Rivas for \$325,000

Sept. 1, 131 Kent Road from Cornwall Bridge Gallery LLC to Lauren Brinkers and Stephan Sagmiller for \$385,000

Sept. 9, 152 Dibble Hill Road from John Kapteina Jr. to Eama Andrews for \$400,000

Oct. 4, 39 Great Hollow Road from Spencer Powers to Robert Nethery for \$361,000

Oct. 21, 119 Kent Road from Council Edward Est. to Kevin James and Monika

Oct. 27, 113 Pritchard Road from Donna Joy Silbert to Joanne Karen Windas for \$116,770

Tremarzo for \$247,730

Nov. 1, 7 Rumsey Circle from Harriet Ford Hubbard to Kurt Edward Gilman and Paul James Phillips for \$1,250,000

Nov. 22, 332 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Asad Kazim and Adrijana Savic to Kara Brothers-Phillips and John-Marcus Phillips III for \$1,180,000; and 193 Town St. from Gregory and Ulla Sephton to Erik and Elana Mass for \$1,380,000

Dec. 6, 38 Pierce Lane from Susan Goodrich to Laszlo and Margaret Tekler for \$1,444,800

Dec. 9, Pierce Lane from Katharine Foote Lingamfelter et al to Margaret Ann Tekler for \$175,000

Dec. 9, 127 Kent Road from Lucy Galliher-Sidey to Alis Atwell for \$215,000

Dec. 29, 176 Kent Road from Joseph Marchetti to Aaron Pequignot and Ingrid Nordskog for \$150,000

cog for \$150,00 Falls Village

June 2, 36 Kellogg Road, from Christopher Wood and Dana Cardillo to Dexter Morgan, \$350,000; and 197 Route 7 South, from John Wandell and Linda Erwin to Martha Ann Keller, \$193,000.

June 17, 151 Undermountain Road, from M&L Properties LLC to Alexis Hetherington, \$1,250,000.

June 30, 41 Stein Lane, from Wade A. and Rebecca Curtis to Jeffrey Messer, \$340,000.

July 1, 33 Prospect St., from Margaret Matheson and Hazel McGuire to Brent and Carol Jenkins, \$225,000.

July 21, 161 Belden St., from Housatonic Properties LLC to Stephanie Checo Janis, \$758,204.

July 29, 231 Route 63, from Neil Weicher to Joseph J. and Herminia Power, \$421,000.

Aug. 12, land on Canaan Mountain Road, from Derek Ford to Sharon Farm LLC, \$299,000.

Aug. 25, 30 Route 63 from Raymond Ovitt Jr. and Bonnie G. Ovitt to Bridgeview Management LLC, \$25,000.

Aug. 25, 28 Route 63 from Raymond Ovitt Jr. and Bonnie G. Ovitt to Bridgeview Management LLC, \$25,000.

Sept. 2, 107 Route 126, from Sievert McCabe to Shawna McNamara, \$410,000.

Sept. 13, 50 River Road, from Claire and Morgan Coolbeth to Nicole R. Pizzoni Special Needs Trust, \$165,000.

Oct. 4, 105 Main St., from Michael W. Klemens LLC to William Betts, \$325,000; and 15 Miner St., from Margaret Matheson and Hazel McGuire to Hazel McGuire, \$44,000.

Oct. 4, 82 Sand Road, from FV Rentals LLC to Century Aggregates Inc., \$120,000.

Oct. 20, land at 0 Route 63 from Hollenbeck Club Inc. to Hollenbeck Beck Club Inc., \$25,000.

Oct. 28, 143 Belden St., from Lewelyn Bouteneff to Joseph Wright and Lisa Warner, \$410,000.

Kent

July 1, Main Street from Quarter Mile Company LLC to 45 Main Street LLC for \$160,000; and Main Street North from Patricia Gallagher to Leslie Spence for \$165,000; and Duggan Road from Audra and Michael Petrone Jr. to William Langton and Paulette Meslay for \$427,500

July 6, Fuller Road from 60 Beach Drive Associates LLC to David Kent Freeman for \$297,000

July 7, Tamshell Drive from Housatonic Valley Construction Company to Gary and Karen Valentine Verna for \$645,000

July 14, Kent Cornwall Road #6 from Ruth Burt to Diane Casel for \$305,000

July 20, Segar Mountain Road from Raymond and Christine Franks to Ralph Luna and Ralph Luna Rev. Trust for \$675,000

July 21, Elizabeth Street from Maria Simanca and Christina Simanca-Proctor to Christopher Martin for \$362,000

July 27, Elizabeth Street from Leona Bell to Patricia Cox for \$155,000

Aug. 2, Bulls Bridge Road from Anna Derham and Thomas Farrell to Anthony

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Iovino for \$335,000

Aug. 9, Kent Road from Thomas Fazio and Francis Obrien to Roger Douglas Gellenbeck for \$761,500; and Lafontan Road from Jamie Lintner and Kendra Billings to Guido and Ana Rivera for \$485,000

Aug. 11, Stonewall Lane from Wayne Conrad Giles to Maura Santangelo and Laurence Schenk for \$1,375,000

Aug. 12, Lee Circle from Daniel and Patricia Kuhary to Lorin Miller for \$450,000

Aug. 30, Lane Street from Estate of Mary Williams to David Radulski Trust and Mary Williams Irrevocable Trust for \$290,000

Sept. 3, Kenmont Road, from Lapping Water Cottage LLC to Jill Scholsohn and Daniel Greenbaum for \$335,000

Sept. 13, Main Street North Unit 5B from Rocco and Candida Valeri to Makoto and Jinyi Sekikawa for \$172,500; and Main Street North Unit 3-1 from Rhoda Cook to Patricia Lee and Kathleen Leo Straiton for \$250,000

Sept. 14, Main Street North from Estate of John Simons to Steven Kassouf et al for \$260,000

Sept. 21, Cobble Lane from Estate of Sylvia Morris to Joshua Novak and Corena Chase for \$1,567,000; and Main Street North from Celtic Properties LLC to MAINSTKENT LLC for \$210,000

Sept. 23, Kenmont Road from Pamela Davis to Heather Hannan for \$737,500

Oct. 4, Kent Hollow Road from Estate of Charlotte Fleet to Timothy Meeker for \$276,000; and Main Street North from Grateful Homes LLC to Kent 81 LLC for \$786,400; and Main Street North from Kent Victorian LLC to 81 Victorian Kent LLC for \$91,000; and Main Street North from Kent Victorian LLC to 81 Victorian Kent LLC for \$81,000; and Main Street North from Kent Victorian LLC to 81 Victorian Kent LLC for \$202,101; and Stone Fences Lane from Braden Gillum and Leiron Sorenson to Alison Yaffie and David Cautin for \$630,000

Oct. 5, Bulls Bridge Road from Jane Klein to John Charles Danilovich Trust et al for \$141,004.32; and Bulls Bridge Road from Tracey and Robert Giampietro Jr. to Katherine Leonberger and Marc Khouzami for \$1,250,000; and Pheasant Run Road from Doris Jeannette Istvan to Alexander Istvan for \$500,000; and Kent Hollow Road from Arthur and Howard Kallstrom to Basec Contracting LLC for \$750,000

Oct. 12, Kent Hollow Road from Walter and Donald Hall to Matthew Singer and Alyssa Gerber for \$425,000

Oct. 19, Kent Hollow Road from Cooper Botway to Equity Ventures Group LLC for \$359,889

Oct. 20, Kent Road from Mark and Susan Gilbertson to Michael Scott Polley for \$135,000

Oct. 26, Richards Road from Lloyd Goodwin Westerman et al to Nicholas and Michelle Cohen for \$475,000

Oct. 29, Kent Cornwall Road from Jerry and Michelle Decker to Helen Marie Harris for \$299,000

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July 1, 1 Westmount Road from Barbara Gatski to Andrew Jenter and Tracy Flynn for \$825,000

July 6, 353 Twin Lakes Road from Peter and Jan Spiegel to David Fox, Christopher Stone and Douglas Fox for \$365,000

July 7, 4 Meadow St. from Lakeville LLC to Matthew and Larissa Vreeland for \$275,000

July 8, 24 Farnam Road from Bertha Fowlkes to Peggy Rice Trust for \$65,000

July 16, 67 Bostwick St. from Evan Cooper to Claudia Lobenthal and Matthew Kotek for \$700,000

July 22, 35 Upland Meadow Road from Judith Keefe and Ronald Frost to Andrew Diaz-Matos for \$945,000

July 22, 120 and 126 Lime Rock Road from Robert Bristow Jr. and Pilar Proffitt to BCD Management LLC for \$3,030,120

July 23, 137 Interlaken Road from Daniel Tucker and Nanci Prado to Avery and Thaddeus Newcomb for \$1,750,000; and Wells Hill Road from Susan Vreeland to Mary Baylor Robertson Revocable Trust for \$500,000

July 26, 462-464 Lime Rock Road from Martha Miller to Mallory Lime Rock LLC for \$1,100,000

July 27, 9 Lakeview Avenue from Kenneth and Kimberly Hansen to John and Mary McKinley for \$735,000; and 32 Taconic Road from Joshua and Li-

ana Doyle to Debra Keates and James Swenson Jr. for \$1,325,000 July 29, 87 Canaan Road

July 29, 87 Canaan Road Unit 2D from William and Jan Maria Localio and Patricia Sechrist to Germaine Floyd for \$265,000

July 30, 4 Valley Road from Beth Simon and Beth Greenberg to Cameron Marshall for \$1,425,000

Aug. 5, 56 Sharon Road from Michael Clulow and Amy Rasner to Jason Brooks and Anne Rebecca Powers for \$1,225,000; and Sugar Hill Road from Gary Gemino and Roger Levesque to SMS Realty LLC for \$220,000

Aug. 10, 48 Porter St. from First One Realty Limited to Steven and Karen Rubin for \$5,000,000; and Millerton Road from Richard Horton and Ellen Palmer-Horton to Taylor Farm Bolton LLC for \$80,000; and 93 Wells Hill Road from Darren and Ellen Berger to Edward and Evonne LLC for \$2,100,000

Aug. 13, 53 Falls Mountain Road from Thomas Callahan and Luis Felipe Arroyo to David Fields and Caroline Salas-Humara for \$2,295,000; and 261 Housatonic River Road from Caroline Salas-Humara and David Fields II to Thomas Callahan and Luis Felipe Arroyo for \$495,000

Aug. 30, 89 Belgo Road from Mingjie Yi and Xiaohua He to David Smyton and Michael Hansen for \$1,125,000; and 35 Porter St. from Lakeport Holdings LLC to Endre Molnar and Jusztina Paksai for \$485,000 Sharon

May 28, 9 Great Elm Drive from Margery Hetzel to Caroline C. Herrick and Theodore D. Sands for

\$555,000 June 2, West Woods Road #2 from Atlantic Residential Properties, LLC to Steven M. Ledbetter and Kathryn Zdan

for \$210,000

June 3, 6 Dug Road from
James L. and Cammiel W.
Hussey to David and Krista
Scenna for \$1,185,000; and
8 White Hollow Road from
Estate of Frank Wendover to

Valerie M. Martinez-Wag-

ner and Langdon A. Wagner, Jr. for \$322,500

June 4, 160 White Hollow Road from Kathleen M. Metz to Nancy M. Yoo and Marc C. Jensen for \$828,000

June 16, 62 Upper Main St. from Malcolm M. and Louise F. Brown to Christopher Todd Page for \$817,600

June 21, 229 Amenia Union Road from Stephanie J. Chase to Allison M. Chase for \$135,000; and 170 and 180 Amenia Union Road from Ultima II, LLC to Jeffrey A. and Julia W. Kivitz for \$825,000

June 23, 69 King Hill Road from DIAC, LLC to Kerry Anne Rooney for \$215,000

July 1, property on East Street from Upper Meadow LLC to Gregory Ostling and Angela Tu for \$590,000; and 79 West Woods Road #2 from Matthew and Michelle Mihaly to Christopher and Karren Garrity for \$327,750; and 174 Low Road from Miriam Jones to Phillip and Jason Bresson for \$285,000; and 30 King Hill Road from Adolf Hiller to Gregory Todd for \$740,000

July 2, 115 Jackson Road from the estate of Robert Peters to John Silberman for \$1,710,000

July 6, 59 Northrup Road from John Truex to Michael Kuslansky for \$895,000; and vacant parcels on Lambert Road from Miro Land LLC to Lambert Road LLC for \$2,400,000

July 13, 31 Barberry Hills Road from Tim and Lucy Fielding to 31 Barberry Hill LLC for \$660,000

July 19, 4 West Woods Road #1 from Wesley Sparks to Dennis Margulies for \$312,361

July 26, property on Barberry Hills Road from Richard and Anne Bell to 31 Barberry Hill LLC for \$100,000

July 27, 39 Jackson Road from Mark Morrison to Blake and Helen Morrison for \$280,000; and 83 Gay St. from Elizabeth Shapiro to Aja Davis and Julien Deltufo for \$155,000

July 29, 5 Weber Road from William Kelsey Jr. to William Davidson for \$345,000





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EARTH DAY

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of an electric dryer, making homes energy efficient, driving electric cars.

He said people should make these changes, "even if it's going to cost you more."

'Now's the time," he continued. "We've had the chance to wait for the next, best technology."

He said that the time for measures such as fracking, natural gas and clean coal "is long gone."

Ginouves said that individual actions won't be sufficient. "We really have to lean into our state, local, and federal governments to step up."

Horn said the General Assembly is in the final two weeks of its 2022 session, and there is a lot of activity in Hartford, including lobbying.

"Don't underestimate the power of lobbyists to stop this," she said, referring to a list of bills on environmental subjects.

'The status quo is in the hallways."

Horn said public pressure makes a difference as legislation is considered.

She mentioned HB 5327, "An Act Concerning Energy Storage Systems and Electric Distribution Reliability," which passed the state House last week by a vote of 141-0.

And HB 5039 seeks to apply California emissions standards to medium and heavy duty vehicles. "It's a choice between the status



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) told the Earth Day rally in Salisbury that public pressure is needed to help pass environmental

legislation.

quo and the California standard," she said, adding that Connecticut already uses the latter standard for light-duty vehicles.

She also provided a list of pending bills in the state Senate, including SB 4, which expands the state's Clean Air Act to include rebates for electric bicycles and requires carbon emissions mitigation efforts, such as installing electric vehicle charging stations, by local and regional organizations.

SB 10 concerns a commitment by the state to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2040, and SB 214 makes it easier for manufacturers of electric vehicles to sell their products in Connecticut by allowing direct sales to consumers (rather than through dealerships).

Fielding said the National Audubon Society got its start in 1905 with people taking individual actions, such as not buying a hat decorated with the feathers of an endangered bird.

"Now National Audubon has a hemisphere-wide impact," she said. "We're not just a great nature center."

Fielding said bird populations are declining because of loss of habitat, a shortage of insects and the absence of native plants.

She said people can do simple things to help, such as buying shade-grown coffee, or changing the kind of lighting used after dark, or by installing picture windows that don't fool birds into flying into them.

"Millions of birds die because of individual deci-

into our state, local, and federal governments to step up."

Al Ginouves, Chair Salisbury Democratic Town Committee

"We really have to lean

sions," she said. "And when you help birds, you help people."

Before the speakers started around 11:30 a.m., the slowly gathering crowd was entertained by a musical group featuring Charlie Kiel on a rare instrument, the trombonium.

A dachshund wandered by the musicians, looking

There were many handmade signs:

"If you don't care for our world, where will you live?"

"Fossil fuel. Plastic industry. Chemical companies. What are you willing to sacrifice?"

There was an international presence at the rally. Husain Ahmed, 18, is an exchange student from Pakistan. He is attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School as a junior. His sign read, "There is no Planet B."

Ahmed is staying with Jenny Law (whose own sign read, "Turn off outside lights").

After the speeches, people milled around in the pleasant spring weather, and waved at passing motorists, who honked back.

Notebook

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Michelle Sisk and daughter Emma Sisk listened to the call of the Woodcock and searched for its caller at Sharon Audubon's sugarbush fields off Route 4.

early emergent hardwood forests that provide dense cover for her and her brood; young stands of beech, birch,

of predation during travel. Once her brood matures and disperses, adult birds move to more mature forest stands that have a clearer understory and moderately open canopy. Without the obstructed view of excess vegetation, they're better able to detect predators such as fox, coyote, bobcat, and raccoon.

maple, and oak species that

preferably abut singing

grounds. This protects the

female by reducing her risk

The woodcock's eyes are unusually placed toward the top of their heads, giving them a 360-degree view, which increases alertness while probing the soil for earthworms. A dense canopy reduces the birds' risk of being seen by Cooper's and Red-shouldered Hawks flying above.

As Connecticut's forests have aged at a similar pace in a post-industrial age, the resulting mature forests are only useful to woodcock at one stage in their short lives. Missing are the young forest stands that females rely on to provide cover during a time of exceptional vulnerability. Females make no more than a scrape on the forest floor for their nest, spending 20-22 days incubating 1-5 eggs and heavily relying on their extraordinary camouflage to conceal them.

Because this habitat is unavailable or distant from male singing grounds, Connecticut has experienced declining populations of woodcock during the past

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half century, according to research published by The Woodcock Management

Woodcock is one of Connecticut's "birder's dozen", meaning it's one of twelve species prioritized for conservation through Audubon Connecticut. With approximately 73% of Connecticut's forests privately owned, landowners have an opportunity to manage parts of their forest for woodcock to make a comeback.

Audubon Connecticut's Forest for Birds habitat assessment program allows landowners in eastern Connecticut to receive habitat enhancement recommendations from both a licensed forester and a Sharon Audubon staff member.

A 2019 Audubon report, Survival by Degrees, compiled 140 million observations to create models for 604 North American bird species. The report found that two-thirds of those species are at risk of extinction due to rising temperatures. For the woodcock, rising temperatures could likely increase both the frequency and intensity of forest fires that disrupt nesting and destroy valuable habitat. Additionally, heavy rainfall and flooding could destroy nests and prevent females from feeding their chicks.

For more information on managing land for woodcock and to learn about how to advocate for protection of this remarkable bird visit ctaudubon.org.

Bethany Sheffer is Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist at the Sharon Audubon Center.

COVID CASES

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in Salisbury on week one, and seven cases on week two; In Kent, four positive cases were reported on week one, and seven cases the following week.

Hirko said while the state positivity rate, which topped 8% on April 22, is worrisome, he believes that the actual number of infections is much higher due to the prevalence of home testing. "We think that we're probably undercounting by two-thirds the number of positive cases out there."

Lax vax rate concerning

Another indicator Hirko attributes to this most recent bump in community infection is the county's lax vaccination rate.

"Everybody thinks that a large number of people are fully vaccinated, but in Litchfield County, only 73 percent are fully vaccinated. And this is why you are seeing all the variants and all the pop-ups" of positive cases, he said.

Sharon Hospital is also experiencing a rise in COVID-19 patient admissions, following a statewide

TOWN RULES

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members and the public. As

a result, he said, meeting

rooms at Town Hall are being

outfitted with new technol-

ogy to accommodate hybrid

"People want to remain

Kent recently required all

town boards and commis-

sions to record their meet-

ings and make them available

on its website in the event

someone is unable to attend.

Meetings there are either via

meetings strictly via Zoom,

others are hybrid. Weather

permitting, meetings are

sometimes held outdoors to

allow for safe social distanc-

ing, or at nearby St. Peter's

Church, according to the

either in person or virtual at

the discretion of the individ-

ual boards or commissions,

Sharon's meetings are held

Cornwall holds some

options in the future.

virtual," he said.

Zoom or hybrid.

town clerk.

trend. "We are running a couple of patients per day that are admitted with COVID," Hirko said. "We have one or two in here now, and the **Emergency Department is** seeing a slight bump up in the number of people coming in with respiratory symptoms and wanting to get tested."

In response, the hospital has proactively mandated that all patient-facing employees wear N95 masks and eye protection, as was required at the height of the pandemic. The hospital president also reported that absences among staff throughout the Nuvance system has spiked from an average of 30 or 35, to 66.

"We just came out of a meeting. The number has doubled," he said.

Nursing homes take proactive approach

Noble Horizons, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, canceled a gala volunteer recognition party it had planned for April 28. While the decision was difficult, said Pond, the rising

so attendees are advised to

check the meeting agendas

for information on how to

ing the hybrid route for most

commission meetings but

plans to hold budget hear-

ings and town meetings in

Falls Village has been go-

participate.

state positivity rate made it necessary. In North Canaan, Kev-

in O'Connell, CEO of Geer Village, said he and his team have also been "a little cautious in the last few weeks" as a result of an uptick in infections among employees and the community. Currently, he said, two staff members are sick with the virus, and several weeks ago a resident tested positive for COVID-19.

"The good news is that most of these cases are mild and result in brief illness but given how people who are frail react to this, we have to be very cautious. The current [state] infection rate is over 7.3 percent," he said on April 20, "and the question will be, as it has in the past each time we have a surge, will the hospital admission rate and death rate actually climb? Those numbers usually lag behind the infection rate by a couple of weeks."

Masking is mandatory among staff, and the public is urged to wear face coverings when visiting, said O'Connell. "We do get some pushback. Some people don't believe in it, but it's important to be aware that we are not out of the woods yet" with the pandemic, he said. "We will try all options so that people can see their loved ones."

Tracking COVID-19 trends for Region One

Although the Region One School District dropped mask requirements in accordance

with state guidance earlier this year, Superintendent Lisa Carter said she closely monitors and tracks emerging COVID-19 trends and patterns and stays in close communication with parents.

A few weeks ago she noticed a "microburst" of the coronavirus at the North Canaan school. "I worked with the principal and school nurse, and called the Torrington Area Health District," the superintendent recalled. "If you have enough cases you want to let parents know and we all agreed" that was the proper course of action, said Carter.

Once the district-wide mask mandate was dropped, she said, it would be difficult to bring back, barring a severe rise in COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations.

"We watch Litchfield County, and as more cases crop up, I keep my eye on the schools and let the parents know what's happening. It is spring break now," she said on April 20, "so I will be sending a note out to all families to remind them that if their children are sick, they should take a test" before returning to school.

"Our parents and students have been very responsible, very careful," Carter said. "With the exception of a couple of anomalies, we've had only a handful of positive cases in school in three years. That really is a tribute to this community."

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NATURE: DEE SALOMON

Taking Back the Landscape From Thorny Invaders

arberrians at the Gate!" declared Fred Balling as a group of 30 fellow Cornwallians, some gloved and armed with bypass loppers, met in front of a residential property to learn about the methods to identify and remove Berberis Thunbergii, or invasive barberry.

Organized by the Garden Club in Cornwall, Conn., with the support of the Cornwall Conservation Trust and the Cornwall Conservation Commission, the talk and demonstration were led by two Garden Club members: Heidi Cunnick and myself, Dee Salomon.

"Our Garden Club events usually center around what to put into the ground," I said as I introduced the event. "But today we are going to talk about what to take out of the ground."

We tried to impart a sense of urgency around barberry removal in the talk that preceded the hands-on demon-

Barberry not only prevents people from accessing the woods due to its needle-sharp thorns — but those thorns also act as a protective dwelling for mice from pred-

As mice proliferate so do Lyme-carrying ticks. Barberry elimination reduces tick populations by as much as

Heidi provided anothr statistic that appeared to make an impression amongst the attendees: Researchers have found 82% fewer native tree recruitments (the establishment of seedling trees) in barberry-infested forests.

Given the demise of native





PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

tree species such as chestnut and elm, as well as current risks to beech, hemlock and ash, we could end up with fields of barberry where there was once a forest.

And with that, Heidi identified barberry, along with bittersweet vine, burning bush and Japanese honeysuckle as stealthy invaders of a front yard garden. The group then walked into the woods, inspired to tackle the barberry on the site.

WEAPONS FOR OUR WAR ON INVASIVES

Heidi brought a heat flame tool (Weed Dragon Propane Torch, approved by the Garden Club of America for home use), a weed-whacker with a brush cutter attachment (Rvobi) and a weed wrench. The latter was demonstrated on a burning bush, as the multistemmed barberry is not well-suited for the wrench.

Of all the tools, the most practical and least costly is a simple pair of long-handled clippers or bypass loppers. There were enough loppers, and enough barberry, for many to participate by cutting the stems of the barberry about 2 inches above the soil.

WHY GLYPHOSATE

WORKS

The bright yellow color of the barberry stem interior is a hallmark of its identity and made the next step of the process — the careful application of a dab of glysophate herbicide — easier to demonstrate. Tinted blue, the yellow tips turned a bright blue-green

after the application of the herbicide.

Heidi stressed the importance of understanding the risks and proper use of glyphosate. She had information sheets to hand out along with a few of the applicators, called "buckthorn blasters" that were ordered from NA-ISMA, the North American Invasive Species Management Association.

"Dee and I have been talking for over a year about how to motivate people to take responsibility for eradicating invasives on their property," Heidi said. "People often don't realize the extent of devastation that a handful of invading plants can cause.

"The invasives that harbor ticks have health implications for ourselves and can drive down property values. We want people to access their land and enjoy the beauty that comes from being stewards of their woodlands."

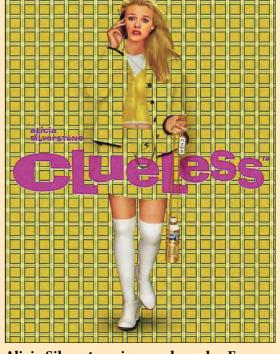
For information on identification and eradication of local invasives, go to the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group https://cipwg.uconn.edu.

AUDITION FOR 'INVASION!' AT ANCRAM OPERA HOUSE

Ancram Opera House in Ancram, N.Y., is accepting head shots and resumes from actors for casting consideration for its August 2022 production of "INVASION!" by Jonas Hassen Khemiri, translated by Rachel Wilson-Broyles. Professional performers (union and non-union) and non-professional community members are invited to submit audition materials to casting@ancramoperahouse.org. Auditions will take place on or around May 16.

"INVASION!" is a satirical comedy centered on a name: Abulkasem. What is introduced as an amorphous word of many meanings spirals and shape-shifts into a kaleidoscopic range of identities. Abulkasem is an uncle visiting from Lebanon, a renowned theater director, an asylum-seeking apple picker, the world's most dangerous terrorist. In a whirlwind of interconnected vignettes, we search for the answer. Who is Abulkasem?

For additional audition information and submission guidelines, go to www.ancramoperahouse.org/auditions.



Alicia Silverstone is a modern-day Emma in Amy Heckerling's "Clueless," which will be the featured film of the Boondocks Film Society on Thursday, May 19.

GET 'CLUELESS' WITH THE BOONDOCKS FILM SOCIETY

Today it would probably be called "fan fiction" but back in 1995 when "Clueless" was released, it was just considered a hilariously funny modern film version of Jane Austen's novel about a meddling matchmaker with a heart of gold, whose name was Emma.

"Clueless" is a wonderfully fluffy film that has become a cult favorite, thereby qualifying it to be a Boondocks Film Society feature.

It will be screened at the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, N.Y., on Thursday, May 19.

As always with Boondocks events, there will be a pre-screening party at 6:30 p.m. with music, food and craft cocktails. The screening begins at dusk.

Live music will be performed by Brasskill, described as a

"raucous party band" that will play film-inspired tunes.

For those who haven't seen it yet, "Clueless" brings Jane Austen's sharp observations about women, friends and dating into the Valley in Southern California in the 1990s. Spoiled socialite Cher seems clueless as she meddles in the lives of her friends; but it turns out (surprise) that she's actually got a big heart and maybe even a high IQ.

It was directed by that savant of teen life, Amy Heckerling, who also brought us the iconic teen film "Fast Times at Ridgemont High."

Tickets are \$20 per person (there is not a per-car rate). Go to https://boondocksfilmsociety. org/ for information.

> — Cynthia Hochswender

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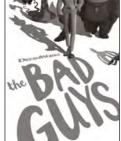
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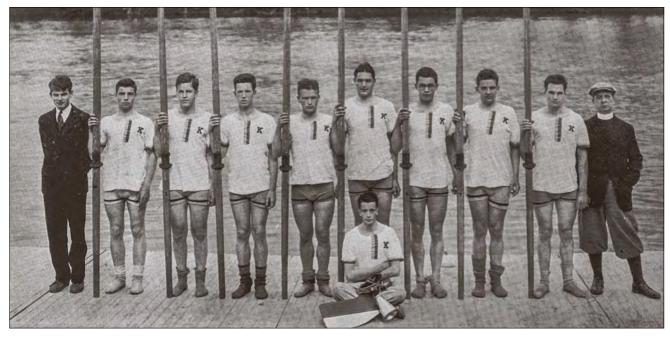
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Peter Davis Mallory's history of the Kent School championship rowing team includes portraits of every team, including many that are charming trips back in time, such as this one from 1928.

SPORTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Lovely Way To Spend A Day on the Water

hen you stand on the sidelines of a prep school sporting event, it's fun and beautiful and traditional in a way that's not that different from reading an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story or watching an old film or television show.

Prep school sports are different from, say, Big 10 sports or even large high school football games. For one thing, the settings are intimate and almost always lovely. The parents and athletes and even the coaches seem timeless. Spectators dress neatly. They bring their well-behaved lovely dogs. It's all picturesque.

And in fact the sports action is often very good. In the Tri-state region there are a half dozen independent boarding schools, some of which have championship teams in ice hockey, basketball, baseball, golf, wrestling, swimming and diving, track and field and cross-country, tennis and soccer.

The regional high school in Falls Village also has some outstanding athletes and athletics (golf, girls basketball, tennis and cross-country in particular are worth watching).

Most matches in these sports are held outdoors and therefore, even with COVID restrictions in place, the public can come watch. The schools post their schedules on their websites.

Many of the most exciting sports are in autumn and winter. But in spring there is rowing. The Salisbury School in Salisbury, Conn., and the Kent School in Kent, Conn., have long and distinguished histories in this ultra-prep sport.

A DAY OUT ON THE WATER

With rowing, you don't get the fun of standing on the sidelines of a grassy field in autumn, wearing a toggle coat and cashmere sweater.

Instead, you get to

spend a beautiful spring day standing on the shore of a lake or river watching the young athletes power their small boats gracefully along the surface.

Anyone who's read and loved the nonfiction bestseller "The Boys in the Boat" understands that rowing has a long and glorious history in the U.S. and England.

For those who read that book and are thirsty for more knowledge, or for those who are just learning about rowing, a new book written by a Kent School alumnus (and rower) lays out the history and high points of the school's century-long commitment to rowing.

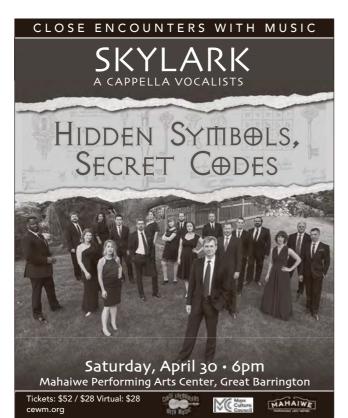
The book is called "Kent School Boat Club: The First 100 Years" and was published this spring by Peter Davis Mallory, Class of 1963.

It is also a history of the school and its founder and headmaster, the Rev. Frederick Sill, who had been a coxswain on the Columbia rowing team in his youth. Students at Kent began to badger the headmaster to start a rowing program; it seemed logical, as the school is right on the Housatonic River, which is at its most powerful in spring.

Some rowing shells and equipment were found and off they went. The school is now co-educational and there is a strong women's team as well; and the school's deluxe boathouse sits proudly on the riverbank, with a six-person indoor rowing tank and displays showing the blazers and trophies worn and won



"Kent School Boat Club" has photos from the club's earliest days in the 1900s up to today.



TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits.

All entries can be found in our full calendar at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.

kentmemoriallibrary.org
An Exploration of
Color by Kathleen
L'Hommedieu and Her
Students, through April
29.

MASS MoCA, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www.massmoca.org Taking Collective Action to Build Community and Fight Racism w/ Daniel Park & Deen Rawlins Harris, May 4, 6 to 9 p.m.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of

Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www. hotchkisslibrary.org Poetry Reading Day, April

Amenia Free Library, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, N.Y. www. amenialibrary.org Monthly Book Club, May 4, 6 p.m.

DANCE

Fisher Center at Bard,

Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. fishercenter.bard.edu
Faculty Dance Concert,
April 28 to 30.

KIDS

NorthEast-Millerton

Library, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. www. nemillertonlibrary.org Civics and Me for Tweens and Teens, May 1, 4 p.m. (online).

MISC.

Berkshire Botanical

Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org **Get Growing: School Gardens and Children's Gardens, April 30, 11 a.m.** to 2 p.m.

MOVIES

themoviehouse.net

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.

NT Live: The Book of Dust - La Belle Sauvage, April 28, 7 p.m.; The Duke, opens May 6. Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, opens May 6.

MUSIC

Close Encounters With

Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org SKYLARK A Cappella Vocalists: Hidden Symbols, Secret Codes, April 30, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

The Egremont Barn, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com Richard Lloyd, April 28, 8 to 11 p.m.; The Mallett Brothers and Saints and Liars, April 29, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Jackson Whalan, April 30, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

THEATER

The Center for Performing Arts at

Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. www. centerforperformingarts.org Shakespeare in Love, April 22 to May 8.





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EDITORIAL

Another sign of a new era

ou will see in the pages of this newspaper, or online, a listing of events from The Lakeville Journal unlike any you have seen before. That is because this company is now owned by The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a nonprofit organization. And we now have a very active and committed Foundation board, which has developed a series of fundraising events to support local news and to celebrate the 125th anniversary of The Lakeville Journal.

Back in August of 1897, when this newspaper first published, it would have been unimaginable to those, like Publisher Col Card and Editor Irving J. Keyes, who began it that not only would it still be around in 125 years serving the Northwest Corner and the surrounding towns, but that it would be both in print and have an active website accessible to readers from all over the country and the world.

And how could they have known that local news would have become at such high risk of disappearing? In their time, the newspaper included national as well as local news, in that access to the wider world was not quite as available as it is today. To say the least.

This newspaper was then serving a thriving farming and industrial community. If you read Norma Bosworth's weekly column, Turning Back the Pages, and read the "100 years ago" section, you will have a good idea of the kind of news covered by The Lakeville Journal then.

While the communities have changed in the 125 years of this news organization's existence, the needs of those who live here have been more consistent than one might first think. Employment, housing, good schools, a helping hand from one's neighbor when it's needed, are all just as key to rural life now as they

The needs of part-time and full-time residents are also more aligned now than might seem obvious at first glance. Access to good medical care, good food and a wide range of services, from cleaning and yard work to auto mechanics and repairs of all kinds, are basic needs in common.

The Lakeville Journal is very glad to still be here, to be able to serve our communities in the northwest Connecticut hills. And as noted in this space before, we are only here because of the ongoing support of our readers, who contributed to keep us going before we were nonprofit, and are continuing to do that now that we are. If you missed the Donor Listing that printed in the paper this month, please do go back on the website and take a look to see who has helped

We have so much gratitude for the support from our readers and for the hard work of our board of directors who are running the events listed this week to commemorate the anniversary of local news in this region. Please take a look at the list of possibilities and plan to take part in the events that look interesting to

They celebrate the history and lives of all those who reside in the communities covered by The Lakeville Journal. Whether new to the area, or a longtime or lifelong resident, these events should enrich your knowledge of the Northwest Corner. That is our goal every week: to tell you something you didn't know before about your town or a neighboring one.

Thank you for reading the Journal, and for supporting local journalism.

Thanks for the care

I'd like to express my heartiest thanks to Helen Killmer, proprietor of the Studio41 gym in Sharon; her sons, Harley and Hunter; the courteous and effficient personnel of the Sharon emergency ambulance service; and the excellent staff of the

Emergency Room at Sharon

Hospital; all for their prompt and professional handling of my recent fainting episode.

Fortunately nothing was more than transient, and after a thorough examination I was discharged and on my way within several hours. **Keith Johnson**

Another view

To Mr. Godburn: Bemused whenever political discourse is reduced to Right vs. Left, Fox vs. New York Times, Team Trump vs. Team Biden. Doesn't account for conservative liberals, liberal conservatives and other contradictions to assumed allegiance. Ultimately, preserving Global Environment trumps other issues.

Fixating on gas prices, border crossings, scandalous laptops, etc., is taking an eye off the ball. Perpetuating divisive rhetoric and keeping score of tiresome grievances turns a blind eye toward finding common ground for All.

E Pluribus Unum!

Jonathan Doster

Sharon More letters next page.



Don't mow the violets

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — April 1922

SALISBURY — Howard Curtis is the owner of a new Chevrolet touring car, purchased of Clayton Benjamin, Canaan. He has also built a garage for his new car.

SALISBURY — A fire in the roof of the kitchen at W.P. Everts' house created some excitement this morning. Prompt application of a small extinguisher and a few buckets of water soon put out the blaze.

LAKEVILLE — Madison Silvernale has been off duty at Roberts' store for a few days owing to a fall down the cellar stairs at his home early Saturday morning. He had arisen about four o'clock and in the darkness mistook the cellar door for the bath room, and fell the complete

length of the stairs. A padded ironing board which stood at the foot of the stairs prevented him from striking against the foundation wall and doubtless prevented him from sustaining serious injuries although he was painfully bruised about the head and shoulders

50 years ago — April 1972 Penn Central Transportation trustees now plan to abandon altogether more than 60 miles of Harlem Valley and Berkshire Division railroad track in Connecticut and New York State. A company spokesman confirmed Tuesday that what remains of freight service between New Milford and Falls Village and between Millerton and Ghent, N.Y. has been tagged for extinction.

 Can the private citizen, lacking great personal wealth or power of position, exert any influence in Hartford? Can he or she get the General Assembly to enact needed legislation? Evon Kochey of Lakeville says the answer is yes, "absolutely, absolutely." She should know. The General Assembly this month passed the Inland Wetlands bill, a milestone in conservation legislation, and Mrs. Kochey was in the thick of the long, tough battle that finally brought that result.

25 years ago — April 1997 Housatonic Valley Regional High School musicians earned additional awards during their April vacation trip to California, bringing home six trophies, four medals and two plaques. "It would have been great if they had won one trophy," HVRHS Principal Kathleen Burkhart told the Region 1 Board of Education Monday. "But this is out of this world!"

- Next week marks the debut of Compass, a new and improved - version of the familiar Taconic Week, these newspapers' weekly guide to entertainment, the arts and life in the Tri-State

Dylan Hickey, 5, of Lakeville, was awarded fishing gear prizes for winning the ages 6 and under category on the opening day of fishing season Saturday at Factory Pond. He won under the categories of first fish caught, largest fish (12.5 inches), first to catch the five-fish limit and total weight of limit catch (2 pounds, 9 ounces).

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We must address climate change now

We wonder why Vladimir Putin would willfully create the suffering and devastation we are seeing every day. What could possibly motivate such heartless and unreasonable action? Is he sane? And yet, the same question can be asked of us, citizens of the most powerful and prosperous nation in the world, for we have elected, supported, and praised leaders, who for the past 50 years, have knowingly endorsed policies and enacted legislation that have created a situation. I am talking about climate change, which is causing and will continue to cause more global havoc than what is currently taking place not only in Ukraine, but throughout the world.

"They Knew," a new book by James Gustave Speth, lays out in great detail what he calls, "the greatest dereliction of civic responsibility in the

history of the Republic." As far back as the 1960s, computer modeling and data on the growing concentration of carbon in the atmoIt was clear that carbon concentrations were increasing. It was clear that this was due to human activity. The consequences looked dire, but solutions were available. President Nixon proclaimed in his 1970 State of the Union message that climate change was of particular concern to young Americans "because they more than we will reap the grim consequences of our failure to act on programs which are needed now if we are to prevent disaster later."

That was 1970. It is now 2022, those "young Americans" are now old Americans, and we can blame ourselves for an enormous "dereliction of civic responsibility." Every administration from Carter through Trump and now Biden's has been unable or unwilling to enact legislation that addresses this problem to any significant degree. In fact, every single administration since the '70s has actively promoted a fossil fuel-based energy system and the United States has the distinction of being the sphere allowed scientists—greatest single contributor to verify such changes and to world-wide greenhouse project probable outcomes. gases. We talk about electric

cars and rooftop solar panels as if we were well on the way to dealing with an immense catastrophe coming at us at warp speed. Meanwhile the demand for coal, oil, and natural gas throughout the world has never been higher. No one knows if the feed-

back loops already intensifying global climate changes can now be halted or mitigated. We already know we are in for floods, fires, droughts and migration on a scale never experienced. But can we wake up to the fact that if we are going to address climate change at the scale which is now required, we all, but especially we whose entire economy and lifestyle is based on consumption, must change, quickly and radically, the profligate and careless way we live.

As individuals are we willing to reduce our carbon footprint substantially? Are we willing to pay more taxes? If the answers are no, then we should accept our responsibility for a miserable and bleak global future.

Lyn Mattoon

Disagrees with letter writer

Many of the statements Kathy Herald-Marlowe made in her recent letter about Sweden and immigration are not right. A quick look at Google would inform her, or anyone interested, of the truth.

It is true that Sweden opened its door wide to immigrants in 2015. It is also true that they quickly closed that door when it became obvious that many of those immigrants, who had immigrated legally, by the way, did not have the same view of their responsibilities as the government, representing Swedish society, did. I won't belabor an itemization of those ways, the information is easily available online.

However, in November of 2021 a policy statement was issued by the leader of the opposition party there. Young immigrants, she said, must go to high school and beyond, if possible; if they are receiving state aid they must learn to speak Swedish, and they must work a certain number of hours; both men and women must adhere to these policies and, in the case of women, no weight is to be given to the opinions of the men in their lives as to what their roles and responsibilities should be. This last was reflective of the fact that a large percentage of Sweden's two million immigrants are

The interesting thing about all this is that it illustrates an official attitude about immigration: immigrants are welcome if their intention is, and their actions show, that conforming to the society they have joined is important. It is not that society's responsibility to adjust itself to the newcomers, to the extent that they pose a burden on the indigenous population.

I agree that all nations' social programs and responsibilities are endangered by low birth rates. I'm not at all convinced that the solution, in our case, lies in a policy which encourages millions of illegal immigrants to enter our country. This policy

seems already to be giving rise to a hardening of attitude in the far, far right. Is this a good idea? A quick Google at the conditions in Germany in the 1930s that led to the rise of national socialism might be instructive, and a warning. Pamela Osborne

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Viewpoint

The Good Book of Biology

The story of molecular biology of the cell, told clearly for all

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any years ago, never mind how many, a biology student from Manila wrote to me about earning a PhD at Columbia University. At the time, I was head of the PhD program in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Every year we recruited a number of graduate students who would spend the next five years taking courses, doing thesis research, teaching, and learning the craft of science.

An application from the Philippines was a long shot but we had enough funding to take a few foreign students. The application is arduous, containing the standard questions anyone applying to college knows about. We also look for something unusual and our applicant (now a successful part of American science) had two such items in his resume. First, he had built a working replica of the first microscope made by Antonie van Leeuwenhoek in the late 17th century, and second, his essay told us there were only three copies of "Molecular Biology of the Cell" in the Philippines (probably an underestimate), and he owned two of them, which he had read. So, we invited him to New York where he did his thesis in my lab.



I confess I have buried the lede, which is the story of "Molecular Biology of the Cell." By 1979, scientists could sequence DNA, find and manipulate specific genes, and had discovered that the cells of higher organisms had molecular innovations that bacterial cells lacked. Immunology advanced, cell biology, and other fields developed. These advances deserved a clearly written book for students, and frankly, for their teachers, who knew specific fields like bacterial genetics, but were vague on other areas of biology where we knew molecular biology was going to lead us. If today science can make mRNA vaccines and produce therapeutic proteins to control inflammation, among

other astonishing practical discoveries, THE BODY which are due in part to the fact that our RICHARD KESSIN students and their mentors studied from

The first edition came out in 1983 from Garland Publishing, a firm with an interest in scientific textbooks. Garland was owned by Elizabeth (Libby) and Gavin Borden of New York and Norfolk, Conn. The first edition was planned in Norfolk. The idea for a new book came from Jim Watson, the Nobel Prize winning Director of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories on Long Island, whose previous books, the Molecular Biology of the Gene and The Double Helix covered an earlier period. Jim Watson and Gavin Borden knew each other and because, according to Libby, Jim thought Gavin was fun, Garland became the publisher.



Recruiting six excellent scientists to cover all aspects of cell and molecular biology was difficult. They had other things to do; all ran labs and taking summers to write a book was hard for them and their families, who were not allowed at writing sessions. The 1983 edition defined the style and the process

of writing and editing. The diagrams and photographs were created and frequently revised as the text changed. The story of this period has been captured in a manuscript by Heather Ann Burton titled, A Window on Collaboration: The Story of Molecular Biology of the Cell. It has not been published, but it

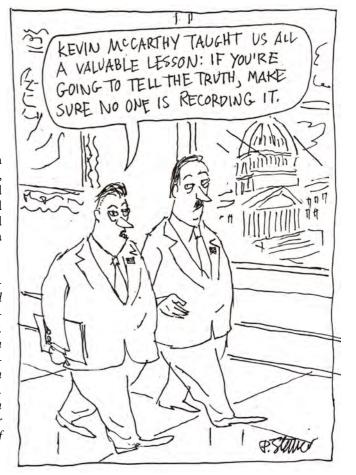
is a trove of information about the authors and publishers, their personalities, tensions, and capacity for coop-

"Molecular Biology of the eration. The spirit of collaboration comes through.

Libby says that the first edition was difficult because they were creating from a blank slate. Garland had invested quite a lot of money but neither Libby nor Gavin knew how many copies they would sell. She thought a hundred or so in the first few weeks. In the event, they sold tens of thousands in the first six months. The seventh edition, much advanced in science and publishing formats, will appear on July 1, 2022. Most of the original authors, American and British, remain. Bruce Alberts, a legendary scientist and passionate supporter of science education is now the lead author.

What made it so good? Clarity. Simple declarative sentences, excellent headings, and colored diagrams backed by images make it a joy. The book was beautifully designed. This was a relief from earlier texts, some of which I had fought through as an undergraduate or graduate student. The hardbound copy (even the 4th edition) was described by Libby as too heavy to pick up, but too interesting to put down, which is true. One of my colleagues, preparing for a lecture, held a hard copy to his chest, did crunches, and then looked up muscle contraction. It's a versatile book.

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Will Putin's war finish off the myth-rich Black Sea?

he Black Sea, which recently received in its depths the Russian battleship Moskva, on its way to join the battle against the Ukrainians, was anciently the setting of another Black Sea voyage that did not end well. This was the voyage of the Argo, celebrated in the third century BC epic Argonautica, composed by Apollonius Rhodius. The epic relates the launching of the 50-oar ship, the Argo, manned by 55 Greek heroes and led by Jason, half-brother of the king of Iolous, on the west coast of Italy.

The king hoped that, by sending Jason on a long and dangerous voyage to bring back the golden fleece of a ram from a distant Black Sea kingdom, he would never return — which may remind readers of King Claudius' plot to get rid of Hamlet. The Argo was a magical ship, which, equipped with a prow that, prefiguring modern technology, could both speak and guide the ship on its long

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journey from the west coast of Greece through the Bosphorus into the Black then Jon Swan Sea, north to the kingdom of Colchis, now

the Republic of Georgia. There, with the assistance of the king's witchy daughter, Medea, who falls in love with him, Jason steals the golden fleece and sails for home, with Medea. What happened upon

the return of the Argo is the subject of Euripides' Medea. Composed and performed a century before Apollonius wrote the Argonautic, it describes Medea's rage when Jason deserts the woman whose help has been invaluable in obtaining the golden fleece and, who, once safely home, spurns or ditches his foreign wife and marries the daughter of King Creon of vengeful, Medea murders her two sons by Jason as well as Creon and his daughter, to whom Medea has given a gold diadem which, when donned, releases "a fearful stream of all-devouring fire," killing the young bride. Medea leaves the scene of her crimes in a cart drawn by dragons.

What has happened to the Black Sea* in our time is another tragic story, as reported by the August 5, 2019, press release from DFWatch**, an online newspaper based in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, and published by Georgian NGO Journalists for the Future. The headline reads: "The Black Sea contains toxic concentrations of several pollutants, a new study has found," the study being a reference to the Joint Black Sea

> Survey, which the Government of Ukraine was carrying out in accordance with the EU-Ukraine Association

Agreement study. Presented in Odessa on July 29, 2019, it found that insecticides, pesticides, biocides, pharmaceuticals, flame retardants, and industrial pollutants were among the major pollutants. The report further states: "124 chemicals dangerous for the sea ecosystem and human health were identified in the study. 83% of the marine litter found in the Black Sea is plastic."

As if that wasn't enough bad news, the report notes: "The cancerous substance benzo(a)pyrene, commonly found in soot, is present in the Black Sea in levels exceeding its toxicity threshold." One can only expect that Putin's "special operation" in Ukraine will further pollute a sea ringed by Ukraine to the north, Russia and Georgia to the east, Turkey to the south, and Bulgaria and Romania to the west — and finish off whatever aquatic life is left in the Black Sea.

*Black Sea: Google offers a list of possible explanations for why the sea is called

** The initials stand for Democracy & Freedom Watch, www.dfwatch.net.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's make the world a brighter, friendlier place

With homebound folks glued to the news of the Ukrainian concerns informing more of the world that "Europe could be next", I ask, "Are we planning to help one another here in the U.S. in each state to be safe from abuse and danger of all kinds?" This Passover, Easter and spring season is one that many consider a time of community and restoration.

A newborn person (not necessary to dub only a babe or blank slate, which can diminish the overriding aspect of their spiritual and emotional authenticity, something more online forums such as Humanity's Team are appreciating with insights from science and spiritual theories that we are much more than meets the eye yet also may be coaxed or forced to be chipped not only for GPS or using a prosthetic but connected with the internet.)

Having time, permission and forums to ponder things over a longer period of time is something I have aspired to do on my public outreach efforts online and in forums over many decades. Many say "one person can't do much to save the world," yet many such people joining together is what has carried humanity out of darker times and into a greater consideration of what is possible for the one and the many.

Promoting hope and meaningful ways to stay connected was key during the pandemic and is currently the lifeblood of the spirit of those seeking sanity and resolution to what Russia and the likes has pursued to the dismay of many who hope "someone else can figure that out."

I hope to network with others on my public Facebook page and more who want to help create Caregiving Response Teams in the U.S., in every state and town, to prevent the kinds of problems that land many capable people in the streets or steeped in conflict whether due to confusion, care needs or counseling of many kinds (life isn't as easy to live as it used to be when the rules and cost of living were not so high.)

Thanks to all pitching in to make the world a brighter, friendlier place at a more humane pace. Sri Chinmoy who founded NYC Meditation is an ongoing inspiration to many, another "just one" who made an incredible contribution humanity can benefit from in these challenges times.Let's each step into our Winning Team Spirit Game every season of the year and of our lives!

Catherine Palmer Paton

Give your lawnmower a vacation in May

The bees are in trouble. Their dire situation is an unfortunate combination of many environmental factors including insecticides, colony collapse and short sited farming practices. One third of our food supply is dependent on bees.

"Do not mow in May" started in the United Kingdom and is now happily spreading in this country. It is simple and effective: Do not mow your lawn in May. Let the dandelions and wild violets flourish. Let the bees dance among the flowers, and collect pollen.

This simple practice increases bee diversity as well as the number of bees. We can also save on gas, and decrease emissions from our lawn mowers. We can do a very important something for the pollinators and for our food supply by doing nothing.

So, talk it up among your neighbors, and let your lawnmower have a vacation in May.

Jill Esterson

Peter Fitting

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The Alamo - Mariupol

The fight for life is all they know They raise their hands to take a stand Holding out long as they can In face of death defenders saith We'll hold our ground 'til our last breath

We wonder how we can help now To stop that madman in Moscow Send cash, send arms, to help and harm To fight invasion, keep displaced warm Stop war drums, pray peace may come Again to my friends shattered home.

Salisbury

More letters previous page.

Realtor® at Large

With the arrival of spring, pools are being opened which is wonderful for people, not so great for animals and amphibians. While people can easily get out of a pool, everything else cannot and end up drowning. There are some easy solutions available so that everyone wins, here are a few options: Critter Skimmer replaces your existing skimmer cap and allows for an escape hatch, their web site is: https://critterskimmer.com/. Another wonderful option is the Frog Log which provides an escape ladder from the pool, their web site is https://froglog.us/. Finally, for larger animals and family pets, there is the Skamper-Ramp, found at https:// www.skamper-ramp-store.com/.These products will ensure that everyone, including our wildlife, will have a safe spring and summer



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Sharon Classic Road Race returns with new course

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Now marking its 37th year as a Sharon tradition, enthusiasm is running high for the Sharon Classic Road Race, coming up on Saturday, May 7, rain or shine. Proceeds for the major annual fundraiser will benefit Sharon Day Care, celebrating 37 years of serving the Sharon community.

Stacy Hudson, vice president of the Day Care board and coordinator for the event, said as of Thursday, April 21, 101 runners had registered with more coming in every day. Pre-registration remains open until May 5. People may also register on race day.

"The past few years have shown us more than ever the importance of being able to provide quality daycare to working families in our area. Our wait list has grown tremendously in the past two years showing the needs of our community," Hudson hosting it in a new location and running a new course this year." Rather than starting at

the Sharon Green, this year for the first time the race's starting location at 10:15 a.m. will be at Veterans' Field, following a 5-mile course through Sharon Valley and along Mudge Pond Road and then back to Veterans' Field.

As in past years, there will be a Kids' Fun Run that will

said. "We are so excited to be start at 9:30 a.m. and go for is an annual project that and EMT volunteers. about a mile.

> Then there is also a Not-Quite-a-Mile version for those who prefer a more conservative approach.

> Participants can even elect a virtual option where they chart their own 5-mile route, agreeing to start at the official start time of 10:15 a.m., and reporting the time they complete the race. Fast Track Timing will collect and post all race times.

Hudson said that the race

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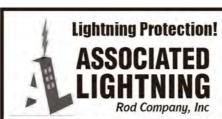
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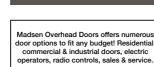
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