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# Schaghticoke recognition issue resurfaces

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Years of denial of petitions to the courts and subsequent failures in appellate cases have not ended the campaign for federal recognition on the part of the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe (SIT) and their claims to ancestral reservation land in the town of Kent.

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen, initially scheduled for Monday, April 4, was to have considered the town's response to a current petition seeking federal acknowledgement filed on behalf of the SIT by Kent resident Alan Russell. The petition is through the new Office of Federal Acknowledgement within the Bu-

reau of Indian Affairs at the federal Department of the Interior.

Attorney Jeff Sienkiewicz is assisting the town with drafting a response that is due by July 5. As of April 4, however, information was still being gathered and the April 4 meeting was cancelled. A new date has not been set.

The matter has been considered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for years and consistently denied, but recent changes appear to create some daylight in interpretation of the regulations, sufficient to encourage this latest petition.

As recently as 2005, Sien-kiewicz noted that the tribe had been denied recognition and their

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PHOTO BY ALEX CHOU

Students from The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville held a Polar Plunge at Lake Wononscopomuc Sunday, April 10. The students raised more than \$1,500 for the Jane Lloyd Fund, which provides cancer patients and their families with financial assistance.

# Housatonic Meadows tree cutting triggers bill to oversee DEEP's work

By John Coston

SHARON — Legislation that calls for a new level of oversight over the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) management of parks and campgrounds is moving ahead in the General Assembly, initiated by last winter's controversial tree-cutting at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

Sen. Craig Miner's (R-30) proposal, Senate Bill No. 117, has been voted favorably out of the Environment Committee and has bipartisan support, Miner said. It's not known how the bill might be amended on its way out of the Senate to the House, but Miner said, "It's highly unusual for an agency to have this kind of oversight."

Miner, who is the ranking member on the Environment Committee, said DEEP has pledged to meet with the committee to discuss the bill's language on April 15. Besides any outcome from that meeting, Miner also envisions that the bill could face

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more changes, but he said he expects that it will pass both chambers.

"We are keen to pass a bill," Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said at a March 15 virtual public hearing held by DEEP. "So that arborists get a chance to weigh in."

SB 117 calls for DEEP to consult with an arborist before removing a tree on the grounds that it presents a hazard. The removal last winter of about 100 oak and pine trees in the scenic, riverside park that is a popular recreational destination drew immediate protests from local residents. Many of them were primed to question the state's decision-making based on their own expert credentials as arborists, tree wardens, horticulturalists and wildlife experts.

Last fall, the park supervisor at Housatonic had marked trees as hazardous using guidelines established by the agency. According to DEEP

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Tree stumps remain along the bank of the Housatonic River adjacent to the picnic area at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

# \$16 million regional school budget goes to voters

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Board of Education voted to send a \$16 million budget for 2022-23 to voters after a public hearing on Thursday, April 7. The hearing and subsequent special meeting were held online.

The referendum vote on the budget proposal is Tuesday, May 3, with voting in person from noon

to 8 p.m. at the town halls in the six regional towns: Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury

and Sharon.
The public hearing lasted about 38 minutes. Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick presented the 2022-23 proposed spending plan, which has a bottom line of \$16,665,968, an increase of \$639,508 (3.99%) over 2021-22.

There were no comments or

questions from the public.

The budget for Housatonic Valley Regional High School is \$8,431,256, an increase of \$258,499 (3.16%).

The budget for Pupil Services (which includes special education) is \$6,682,642, an increase of \$274,691 (4.29%).

The budget for the Regional Schools Services Center is \$1,552,271, an increase of \$106,318 (7.35%).



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Bryan Jackowitz of Dickenson Brands lectures about witch hazel at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village on Saturday, April 9.

### Witch hazel harvesting at Great Mountain Forest

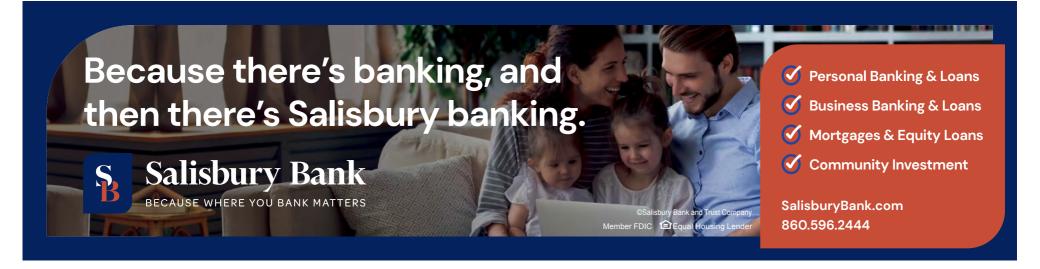
By John Coston

FALLS VILLAGE — Generations of Americans can recall their mothers pulling out a small bottle of Dickenson's Witch Hazel to swab a bee sting or a small cut. But what's in that yellow liquid? Does it really come from Great Mountain Forest?

American witch hazel is a hardy tree that likes rocky, welldrained soil under diffused sunlight. It also thrives in the New England climate, all conditions

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### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

# Apply for fine arts tuition aid by April 29

FALLS VILLAGE — Applications for the Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship (CVAS) are now available.

Graduating seniors at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) who are committed to pursuing a degree in fine art at a four-year college or university are encouraged to apply. The student must have attended HVRHS for two consecutive years upon graduation.

The CVAS provides substantial financial support to the awardee by contributing \$80,000 to the university of the student's choice. This award is dispersed over four years in an annual amount of \$20,000.

Applications can be obtained by speaking with your art teacher, film teacher or counselor. Materials will be reviewed by the scholarship committee, and candidates will be contacted later this spring.

Deadline for submittal of the application is April 29, 2022.

To apply online go to bit.

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their requests by April 30,

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### Apply for nonprofit funding

SHARON — Up to \$15,000 in grant funding is available to nonprofits serving northern Litchfield County and the Greater Harlem Valley. The Foundation for Community Health's Capacity Building Grant Program has been created to support the social sector serving the community.

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF** LAWRENCE N. **VALKENBURGH Late of West Cornwall** (22-00039)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick JudgeoftheCourt of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 22, 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: Susan Romeo c/o J Michael Sconyers Ackerly Brown LLP 782 Bantam Road P.O. Box 815 Bantam, CT 06750 Sharon, CT 06069

Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk 04-14-22

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DANIEL WRIGHT** Late of Sharon (22-00098)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judgeofthe Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated March 29, 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: Mary Ann Wright c/o Ellen C Marino Ellen C Marino 596 Main Street Winsted, CT 06098 Beth L. Mcguire Chief Clerk 04-14-22

### **Salisbury Land Trust** seeks comments

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association is applying for renewal of accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This accreditation program recognizes organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. SA was first accredited in 2017.

The Commission invites public input and accepts comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how the Salisbury Association complies with national quality standards for ethical and technical operation.

To learn more and to submit a comment, go to www. landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org.

Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on the Salisbury Association's application will be most useful by July 1, 2022.

### Kindergarten registration

Families with children born in 2017 should call their local school to register for kindergarten.

For the Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, contact the school office at 860-824-7791 to be placed on the list for registration.

Sharon Center School kindergarten registration is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29.

To make an appointment call Leanne LaFond at the school office at 860-364-5153.

Bring your child's birth certificate to confirm the date of birth, and a current record of childhood immunizations.

### Pine Car Derby, April 23

NORTH CANAAN -Pine Car Derby Day will be held Saturday, April 23, at the Douglas Library in North

Children of all ages are invited to participate between 1 and 3 p.m. in building and racing the cars. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations are encouraged.

The event is sponsored by the Cranford Club and put on by the Flying Cloud Institute.

For more information call the library at 860-824-7863 or go to www.douglaslibrarycanaan.org.

### **Driver course**

Senior Services will host an AARP Safe Drivers Course on Tuesday, May 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Lakeville Town Grove Senior Center.

The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. To enroll, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5191 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

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## Join us on Campus for these Community Events!

### Calling all Noble Horizons volunteers!

If you have volunteered at Noble over the last 50 years, please join us for a fabulous thank-you celebration! April 28, 5-7 pm.

### Enjoy an evening of fine art!

Join us at the opening of the new exhibit of works donated by White Gallery owners Tino and Susan Galluzzo May 6, 5-7 pm.

Scan QR Code to register or visit www.NobleHorizons.org/Events



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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.

### Rear-ended

On March 30 at approximately 8:15 a.m. on Warren Hill Road in Cornwall, a 2019 Honda CR-V driven by Bradley Amery, 52, of New Milford slowed while approaching a stop sign. While pulling forward to observe oncoming traffic, the Honda was struck from behind by a 2013 Subaru Crosstrek driven by Patrick Corrigan, 37, of Oxford. Corrigan was issued an infraction for following too close, resulting in a motor vehicle accident.

### Hit a pothole and then guardrail

On April 2 at approximately 9 a.m. on Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon a 2019 Ram 3500 driven by Alan Berube, 69, of Torrington and carrying an empty horse trailer lost control after driving over a pothole. A rear tire went flat and the horse trailer struck the wire rope guardrail on the side of the road. Berube was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the lane.

### Drove off the road

On April 3 at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Route 63 in Falls Village a 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 driven by Safavieh Hosseinali, 40, of Montreal, Canada, lost control and drove off the road, coming to a stop near a ditch. Hosseinali was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the lane.

### Rear-ended during a stop

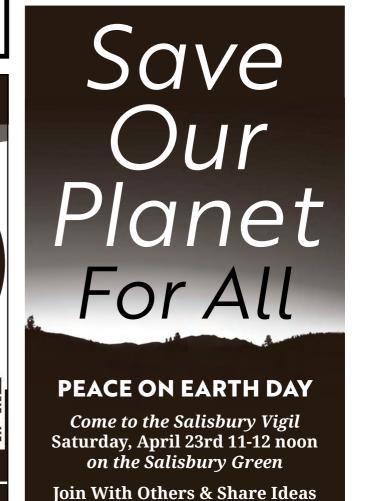
On April 7 at approximately 4:30 p.m. on North Elm Street in North Canaan a 2019 Jeep Compass driven by Christina Hengel, 35, of Great Barrington, paused to turn at a stop sign and was struck from the rear by a 2016 Toyota Tacoma driven by Scott Jack, 52, of Falls Village. Jack was found at fault and was issued an infraction for following too closely, resulting in a motor vehicle accident.

### Struck a utility pole

On April 8 at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Route 44 in Salisbury a 1997 Saab 900 SE Turbo driven by Nicholas Tripodi, 28, of Sharon slid off the wet roadway and collided with a utility pole and three other sign posts. No injuries were reported. Tripodi was issued a misdemeanor for traveling too fast for the conditions and failing to carry insurance. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on April 22.

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.





# Our Towns

Chilly, wet start to fishing season

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — There was no official opening day for trout fishing this year.

That's because the closed season for trout fishing was eliminated last year.

However, some traditions

Rylan Soule, age 8, of North Canaan, was the overall winner in the fishing derby in Lakeville April 9.

die hard, and Opening Day on Lake Wononscopomuc is one of them.

Town Grove Manager Stacey Dodge said when she rolled in at 4:45 a.m. on April 9, there was only one boat waiting for the gates to open at 5:30 a.m.

Another boat launched a

Weather might have had something to do with it. It was a bit above freezing and raining.

But the abandonment of an official Opening Day may also account for the sparse attendance.

The fishing derby for children was well-attended. When a reporter arrived at Factory Pond around 7 a.m., there were several groups of young anglers and parents busy on the banks.

Rylan Soule from North Canaan, age 8, already had a couple of impressive trout in hand. As she chatted with the reporter, her line twitched and the battle was on.

Back in the Grove office, where it was warm, old-timers gathered, had a cup of extremely robust coffee and talked about how much better everything was in the old days ...until 8 a.m., when the young anglers burst in for the announcement of winners and distribution of prizes.

The first to catch a fish were Becket Brammer and Cati Soule (6 years old and under); Rylan Soule (ages 7 and 8); Brandon Majett (ages 9 and 10); Sasaha Loucks and Libby Brammer (ages 11-12); Hunter Horton (ages 13-15).

The biggest fish were caught by Rylan Soule (3 pounds 3 ounces), Brandon Majett (2 pounds 8 ounces) and Sasaha Loucks (3 pounds 9 ounces).

The ponds were stocked by Harding Trout Hatchery. Two golden trout were put into the ponds and one was caught by the youngest angler in the derby, 3-year-old Becket Brammer.



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# Join us for Easter

Services in person and online

- Maudy Thursday, April 14, 7pm · Good Friday, April 15, 7pm
- Great Vigil Saturday, April 16, 7pm
- Easter Sunday, April 17, 8am & 10am
- Easter Egg Hunt following 10am service

Grace Episcopal Church, 3330 Franklin Ave., Millbrook, NY (845) 677-3064, GraceMillbrook.Org





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### **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Noon Liturgy

### **FESTIVE EASTER CELEBRATION**

April 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Rite II, Eucharist with music

Rev. Paul Christopherson presiding

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT TRINITY

Services will be both in-person and livestreamed. Masks optional.

### Good Friday

April 15

12 Noon: Way of the Cross

7:00 PM: Words from the Passion Guest preachers & music by Froberger, Byrd, Philips

### Easter Vigil

7:00 PM Traditional Vigil Mass April 16 With the New Fire, hymns and Exsultet Chant

### Easter Day!

April 17

8:00 AM Eucharist with hymns

10:30 AM Festive Eucharist

Featuring Trinity Choir & Crescendo; music by Wm. Byrd and Leonora d'Este. Easter egg hunt at 11:40

### 4:00 PM Misa de Pascua

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Maundy Thursday, April 14

Tenebrae 7 pm Worship

Good Friday, April 15

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6 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service Town Grove, Lakeville

9:45 am Bell Choir Prelude 10 am Easter Worship



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# Our Towns

# Cornwall budgets face public hearing on April 22

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Following discussion at a special meeting on Thursday, April 7, the Board of Finance voted unanimously to send the proposed town budgets totaling \$7,467,890 on to a public hearing scheduled for Friday, April 22. The hearing will be conducted in person and also on Zoom.

Based on feedback from the public hearing, the finance board will consider any adjustments before presenting the municipal and education budget proposals to the town meeting Friday, May 20, which will be conducted in person and on Zoom. Only those voters present in person will be able to vote.

The initial round of federal American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funding provided to the town, a total of \$200,000, with an equal amount expected to be received in June, has made it easier for small towns to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic's

To date, \$103,964 has been expended, leaving an additional \$47,873 to be distributed.

"I think the ARPA program worked well and strengthened our local businesses," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said. Disposition of the final portion of the first round of ARPA funding will be added to the May town meeting agenda.

Looking ahead to significant budget challenges expected in coming years, Ridgway urged that budget planning to meet those challenges should begin now.

As an example, he noted that next year, Cornwall will send 10 more students to Housatonic Valley Regional High School, up from this year's four students to a total of 14. The cost per pupil for each student currently stands at about \$34,000 per year.

"It is best to keep your powder dry this year," Ridgway said, suggesting a conservative approach to keeping the town's reserve funds strong.

Board of Finance Chairman Joe Pryor agreed that the anticipated bump-up should be taken into account this

Also on the horizon is planning for a West Cornwall wastewater project, now that a \$3 million federal grant has been announced. If the project is approved by voters, Ridgway said that planning might call for another \$3 million to be bonded. Such bonding would dovetail into the retirement of the bonding for the construction of Cornwall Consolidated School.

Pryor commented that there is more than \$2 million in unappropriated funds, familiarly known as the town's "rainy day fund," and that amount is projected to increase.

He noted that it is possible to use that fund to keep the town's mill rate steady. Each year, Pryor said, the portion allotted to keep the mill rate down never gets used and the rainy-day fund stays healthy.

Treasurer Richard Bramley reminded the board that the recent revaluation of taxable property meant that 30-40% of local property values increased, bringing those homeowners an increase in taxes already.

"We should be careful on behalf of those people," Bramley said.

"We are in a good position in a number of ways," Ridgway said, citing the work of the Board of Education in keeping its expenses low, and the benefit of an increase in the number of volunteers working as emergency personnel, where other towns are facing a need to hire.

"I see the next couple of years as challenging, but manageable," Ridgway said.

Pryor observed that the mill rate has been flat for four years. "We are in the range of what we have always done,"

# Public forum on cannabis options scheduled for May

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The Board of Selectman agreed at its Monday, April 4, meeting to schedule a public information forum in May on the growing potential interest in growing and selling cannabis.

The discussion followed a special workshop meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) held on March 28 that included a presentation by consultant Janell Mullen, who reviewed current state regulations regarding cannabis and answered questions about town options.

Based on information presented at the P&Z meeting, the selectmen thought that residents should hear the details and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Under the state's Adult Use Cannabis Act that went into effect on Jan. 1, a town of North Canaan's size could allow one retail shop and one indoor grower, although the town may impose a variety of restrictions, according to First Selectman Charles

The P&Z can regulate

on the issue in any way it considers appropriate. Possible options for the town's response include an outright ban or perhaps a moratorium of a reasonable and specified length, considered to be a pause on establishments opening in town. The pause is to be used by the town to work on implementing whatever the town's voters decide.

The May forum, with a date yet to be determined, will invite residents to express their opinions. The matter could eventually be decided at a referendum.

### Overeaters Anonymous meetings weekly

LIME ROCK — Compulsive eaters and those suffering from compulsive food behaviors are invited to a new weekly meeting of Overeaters Anonymous on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road/Route 112.

Overeaters Anonymous is not a diet club. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins. OA views compulsive eating as a physical, emotional, and spiritual disease that can be arrested but not cured. Members seek recovery on all three levels by following a Twelve Step program patterned after that of Alcoholics Anonymous. To find out more, go to www.oa.org or www.connecticutoa.org.

For local meeting information, call Rachel at 860-318-1687.



# Selectmen vote opposition to Sharon Hospital reductions

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — An intensifying movement to oppose planned service reductions at Sharon Hospital led the Board of Selectmen to unanimously vote to sign an official statement signifying its opposition to the cuts at a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said he was well-informed about the changes proposed by Nuvance Health for the rural hospital after attending several meetings about the planned cuts over the past six months. He also noted that the town of North East, N.Y., has passed a resolution and he hoped that other area towns might consider similar action.

The Cornwall statement forcefully supports the maintenance of full services at the hospital.

Having met with state officials and mindful of concern for the well-being of rural health care in the state,

### **Class of 1972** Sets Reunion

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Class of 1972 will hold its 50th reunion at the Torrington Country Club on July 16 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

RSVP by July 1 by contacting Sue Downey-Gawel at 235 Salisbury Road, North Canaan, CT 06018; or by phone at 860-824-0896.

The cost is \$60 per person, which covers a buffet dinner and music. There is a cash bar. Music is by JM Entertainment with FM Productions.

### **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.

Ridgway said that there may be some things the state can do, for example to allow for greater rates of reimbursement for births.

"This does not necessarily need to be adversarial," Ridgway said. The town's statement will be sent to the governor, as well as state and federal elected officials.

"It will be a process that will invite public input," Ridgway added. "We rely on Sharon Hospital for quality emergency medical services."

In other actions, the selectmen agreed to observe Flag Month by flying the Pride flag on the town Green. The Ukrainian flag will also be added to the town Green flagpole at least until Memorial Day to symbolize support for the Ukrainian people. Both votes were unanimous.

Putting the final administrative touches to creating U.S. Bike Route 7, extending from New York City to Montreal, the selectmen agreed to file for an encroachment permit to allow for the posting of 16 directional route signs on state roads, and one additional sign to be posted on River Road.

Resident Terry Burke thanked the selectmen for the town's cooperation along the way.

The meeting was held on Zoom, attracting 17 participants.

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- constellation
- 8. Indigo bush 10. Not excessive
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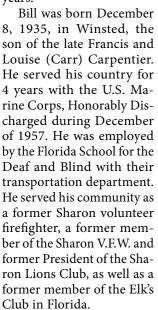


# **OBITUARIES**

### William A. Carpentier

Carpentier, 86, of Somers,

Conn., peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Theresa (O'Connor) Carpentier for 56 years.



In addition to his wife Theresa, he is survived by two daughters, Tina Hogan and her husband Bill of North Canaan, Kelly

SHARON —William A. Ouellette and her husband Stephen of Stafford Springs;

> one brother, Richard Carpentier of Coventry, one sister, Dora LaMere of Torrington, five grandchildren, Paige, Katherine, Nicholas and Nathan Ouellette, Abigail and Michael Hogan; three great

grandchildren, Gage, Lillian and Remington, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Carpentier.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Church, 4 North St., Norfolk.

Relatives and friends were asked to meet directly at Church. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery. There were no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc. (www.fidelco.org). Condolences may be sent to the Carpentier family by visiting www.cookfuneralhomect.com.

### Mary Judith Pellegrini

MILLERTON — Known by most people in Miller-

ton back in the 1970s and '80s as Judy Geisler, Mary Judith Pellegrini, 78, passed away on March 27, 2022, in Clermont, Fla., surrounded by her family.

Judy owned the former Sew What

Shop in Millerton, which was a seamstress shop on Main Street.

When she married Richard Pellegrini Sr. of Ashley Falls in 1988 they moved to Dania and then to Lake Placid, Fla.

There she worked for Beal's Department Stores as a Store Manager.

When Richard passed she moved to Clermont to be closer to her family.

Anyone who knew Judy will remember she always had a big smile on her face and was an exceptionally warm and caring person, always putting others' needs above her own. Judy was predeceased by her husband, Richard Pellegrini Sr.

> She is survived by her son, George Geisler of Copake; her daughter, Jennifer (Geisler) Lister of Clermont; her granddaughter, Kaitlyn Rigsby and her husband, Ko-

dee, of Gainesville, Fla.; her sisters, Marion DeWaters of Valhalla, N.Y., Cathy Scuito of Danbury, and Jeanne Thompson of Hopewell Junction, N.Y; and several nieces and

Judy was also predeceased by her parents, Hazel (Mc-Bride) and Albert Lane of Thornwood, N.Y.

No funeral services are scheduled. However, there was a Celebration of Life Gathering on Saturday, April 9, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Clock Tower Restaurant in

# **SPORTS**

# Nominate athletes to HVRHS Hall of Fame

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School athletic department and the Athletic Hall of Fame committee are now accepting applications or nominations for the Housatonic Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Athletic Hall of Fame, which was created in 1996, recognizes former athletes, coaches and community members who have made outstanding personal and athletic contributions to Housatonic Valley Regional High School. There is a total of 111 current members of the Housatonic Athletic Hall of Fame.

Athletic Hall of Fame candidates and selections will be announced in June. The induction into the Housatonic Athletic Hall of Fame will culminate with an awards ceremony and luncheon in November where the nominees and their families will be recognized.

All applications will be

due by May 2, 2022. Nomination forms will be available online at www.hvrhs.org on the athletics tab. Applications can be submitted via email at amacneil@hvrhs.org or regular mail. Please send regular mail applications to:

Housatonic Valley Regional High School, c/o Athletic Department, Attn: Athletic Hall of Fame, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031.

### John 'Jack' Hugo Kling

John "Jack" Hugo Kling, 91, graduated from Northwest-

formerly of West Cornwall, passed away on March 29, 2022, in Milford. He was married to Lucy Reyes Kling for 61 years until her passing in 2019.

He was born in New Haven, May 19, 1930, to the late John and Mary Kling of West Cornwall. He graduated from

Housatonic Valley Regional

High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years, reaching the rank of senior master sergeant. He met his wife while they were both working in Madrid, Spain, where they married in 1958. Together they had a daughter and two sons, Mary T. (Kling)

Wood of South Riding, Va.,

Michael J. Kling of Strat-

ford, and Richard A. Kling

of Baldwin, N.Y. In addition to Spain, he was stationed in the Marshall Islands, Idaho, Alaska, Arizona, California and the Philippines. He and his family settled in West Cornwall in

WEST CORNWALL — 1978 upon his retirement. He

ern Connecticut Community College in Winsted, with an associate's degree in accounting. He preferred the outdoors and worked for Frost & Calhoun Inc., now Frost Excavating, for many years. He enjoyed

kayaking, bicycling, skiing, sailing, beekeeping and many other outdoor activities.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Fred Kling of Goshen. He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Gary, Maryann and Maria, grandchildren Samuel and Julia Wood of South Riding, Va., Joseph and Zinnia Kling of Stratford, and Jack and Isabella Kling of Baldwin, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held April 23 at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan, followed by burial at the Cornwall Hollow Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www. alz.org.

### Herbert B. Schwager Jr.

Schwager Jr., 91, a longtime

resident of Wassaic, died on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Sharon Health Center Center in Sharon. Mr. Schwager was the Chief of Security at Wassaic Developmental Center in Wassaic.

Born on June 22, 1930, in the Bronx, he was the son of the late Herbert B. Schwager Sr. and Genevieve Alessi Schwager. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. On August 8, 1998, in Pawling, he married Jeanne Coddington Thornton, who survives at home.

Mr. Schwager was a 60year member and former Master of the Amenia and Shekomeko Lodges and a Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons. He was a life member and past treasurer of the Wassaic Fire Company in Wassaic. Mr. Schwager served as a member of the Town of Amenia Board of Assessment Review. He was a director of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association, the Pistol Association of New Hackensack, N.Y., and the National Rifle Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four stepsons, Charles Thornton and his wife, Marsha, of Myrtle

WASSAIC - Herbert B. Beach, S.C.; David Thornton and his wife, Janet, of

Mattituck, N.Y.; Scott Thornton and his wife, Rebecca, of Sharon, and Douglas Thornton and his wife, Julie, of Bryan, Texas; a brother, William Schwager and his wife, Kathy, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y.; and two sisters, Audrey

Fitzpatrick of Florida and Genevieve Stoldorff and her husband, John, of Nyack, N.Y. He is also survived by seven step-grandchildren, nine great-step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Vivian Dunlop; a stepson, Gary Thornton in 2018; and a brother, Harold Schwager.

Calling hours will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge officiating. Burial with military honors will be private at Amenia Island Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wassaic Fire Company, 27 Firehouse Rd., Wassaic, N.Y. 12592. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome. com.



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### Marietta (Gatti) Guidone

Marietta (Gatti) Guidone, passed away after a long courageous battle with dementia at the age of 73. Marietta was born May 24, 1948, in Great Barrington and spent many years living in and visiting the small town she loved, Canaan.

She received her Master of Education from Southern Connecticut State University and spent many years teaching at both Benjamin Franklin School and Lincoln Middle School, in Meriden. Teaching was her passion, which was evident by the number of times she was invited to the favorite teacher dinner for high school seniors each year. She was an amazing baker, chef, gardener, knitter, quilter, and whistler of tunes.

She was preceded by her

NORTH CANAAN — loving parents, Allyn and El-On Monday April 4, 2022, eanor Gatti. She is survived by

her loving partner of over thirty years, Edward Grickis. She is also survived by her eldest son, Noel Guidone, his daughter Alexandra Guidone, her youngest son, Keith Guidone and his wife Jamie and their foster children. She also leaves

behind her brother Dave Gatti and his wife Connie. Lastly, she is survived by her beautiful circle of lifelong friends Kathy Sassu, Joan Boucher, Noreen Bordeau and Rose Parkin and so many others.

A special thanks to her angel caretakers Sandra, Gina, Lisa, and Chrystal that gave her so many wonderful and happy years at home.

The family has requested remembrances to be made in the form of contributions to The Dementia Society of America.



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# **HVRHS** graduation set for June 16

By Matthew Kreta

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Board of Education met Monday, April 4, to discuss the proposed budget for 2022-23, hear from student representatives and hire a new pupil services teacher.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School Principal Ian Strever announced that high school graduation will be Thursday, June 16. It is scheduled to be held outside under a tent on the grass in front of the school.

Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick discussed his newest draft of the proposed budget for the coming year, which shows a 3.99% increase.

"The budget is pretty much a status quo budget," he said. The increase is due to several factors such as the hike in energy costs, but the increase has been reduced ning of spring semester sports from the 5% it was earlier

The budget proposal was the subject of a public hearing April 7, and was sent unchanged to a referendum vote May 3.

The biggest issue so far, Herrick said, is the impact the proposed budget is having on some towns, particularly North Canaan, which will see its assessment go up \$745,000 if the budget proposal is approved by voters on May 3.

"You can't help what your numbers are," Herrick said.

The board heard from student representative Melody Matsudaira, who gave a glowing review of the current state of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

"It's been really nice and energetic lately," Matsudaira said. Events like the Spring Formal as well as the beginhave led to a lot of positive energy among the students,

At the suggestion of the board, Matsudaira is going to work with students to see if a pep rally could be in the

"We haven't had a pep rally in a while so it'd be really nice," Matsudaira said.

The board approved the hiring of Melissa Colman as a special education teacher.

"Great candidate, great skill set, will be a great addition to Region One," Martha Schwaikert, director of Pupil Services, said.

In his report, Strever echoed Matsudaira's sentiment on the positive energy currently in the school, and gave a few examples of the student community that he found inspiring.

After praising the the-

ater production of "Into the Woods" the school recently performed, Strever mentioned how the students were so inspired they are now planning on putting on their own original production before the end of the year.

Strever reported he met with students "to share their experiences about diversity, inclusion and acceptance at Housatonic." He met with the group again April 5.

Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter reported that COVID-19 cases are generally low across the Region One schools with the exception of North Canaan.

"Community spread is a fact of life now," Carter said, adding that it is difficult to do contact tracing, and reinstating mandatory masking would be "a hard sell."

The meeting was held on

ecologist and environmental

educator in Cornwall, is a



### Housing commissioner visits

State Commissioner of Housing Seila Mosquera-Bruno visited several Northwest Corner affordable housing sites Friday, April 8, including the Lakeview Apartments in Lakeville.

### SCHAGHTICOKE

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land claims had been dismissed around 2012. Subsequently, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has adopted a new set of regulations, making it easier to achieve tribal recognition from the federal government.

Under existing regulations, a tribe would need to show that it was descended from an historical tribe and that it has lived ever since as a separate entity with documented leadership in place.

Recent changes to the regulations allow the existence of reservation land to serve as evidence of a political authority.

"There are a number of Schaghticoke entities claiming recognition," Sienkiewicz told the selectmen at a Tuesday, March 29, special meeting during which he reviewed the tribe's history and years of the local tribe's effort toward recognition.

Marriage records provide another avenue toward recognition, Sienkiewicz explained. If 50% of the marriages were between members of the tribe, that could be used as evidence of a political entity. New interpretations of the regulations have stipulated that each marriage can be counted as twice because two people are marrying.

The process calls for a preliminary review of the petition to determine whether today's Schaghticoke tribe is descended from an historic tribe supported

by a governing document and whether the current members have a genealogical thread connecting them to the original tribe.

The town needs to respond to the issues stemming from the original 2,000 acres of land that had been deeded by the colonists to the Native Americans. However, historical evidence indicates that the Schaghticoke people migrated there in the 1780s, and over the years, the land has been sold off in pieces, leaving about 400 acres. Courts have ruled in the past on that issue and appeals have been unsuccessful, Steinkowicz explained.

"Kent is involved indirectly in that portion," Steinkowicz said.

A 1978 law established that previously denied groups cannot re-apply, but there is now some precedent allowing for re-application in some cases, Sienkiewicz said. The town of Kent has asked that the ban be up-

Over the last 15 years, there have been two separate entities vying for federal recognition as the true represntatives of the Schaghicoke tribe. The current petition is from the SIT, which is run by Russell, who lives in Kent. The other group is the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, which has an office in Derby, Conn. The Tribal Nation chief is Richard Velky.

### TREE CUTTING

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hazardous using guidelines established by the agency. According to DEEP policy, there was no public notice or outreach, and a state contractor began cutting the trees in early November.

A few days later, as a result of public outcry, the work stopped. It resumed again in January despite a peaceful protest at the site.

"There's no way to unwind the damage," Miner said in an interview, "and my position still is that legislation is needed to protect against the same kind of activity from happening again."

In its current form, SB 117 imposes various controls on DEEP. For one, before removing or pruning five or more so-called hazardous trees per acre or removing a tree that is determined to be 75 years or older or a species of special concern or a threatened or endangered species, DEEP must consult with an arborist not employed by or under contract by the state.

The bill further would require a sign posted on trees slated for removal. Anyone who objects would have to file a petition, which would be followed by a public hearing. Eventually the DEEP commissioner would be required to provide notice of the commissioner's decision to anyone with an interest in the petition.

'This has costs associated with it," Horn said. "We need to put a price tag on it," she added, referring to a fiscal analysis underway in Hart-

The bill also deals with situations when a tree is determined to be an immediate public hazard by an arborist, requiring the arborist to consider the proximity of the tree to the public, the feasibility of pruning in lieu of removal and the age and history of the tree and to determine social or scenic value. The bill also calls for tree planting to replace removed trees.

"These trees were carelessly and, in most cases, erroneously targeted for removal by DEEP. This was a travesty," said Bruce Bennett, a Connecticut-licensed arborist and the tree warden for the town of Kent, who spoke at the March 15 public hearing.

Bennett's input at the hearing was made as a representative of Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA), a group of concerned citizens formed to change DEEP's practices when it comes to designating hazardous trees, and among other things to ensure that there is a suitable remediation plan.

DEEP announced in February its intention to develop a hazard tree mitigation policy and to seek public comment. At the March 15 hearing, DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes and Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumbull elaborated on that effort's goals to serve public safety, protect natural resources and provide more public notice and communication.

"How can we do better?" asked Eric Ott, director of engineering and field support services at DEEP, who also spoke at the hearing.

Up to now, DEEP has acted as the sole decision-maker when a tree is identified as a public hazard, and the decision to remove a tree typically is left to park managers, who lack credentials as arborists or tree wardens. DEEP also lacks a process to review such park manager decision-making.

The HMPA group also seeks remediation to the grounds and is working with DEEP to propose a plan of replanting along with other

restoration work. Katherine Freygang, an

member of HMPA and leads restoration planning for the group comprised of more than a dozen people, including DEEP representatives. It has met with DEEP on the Housatonic Meadows site to air concerns and discuss solutions. The scope of the restoration that HMPA envisions is comprehensive. It consid-

ers restoration of the riverbank, including planting of deep-rooted trees for stabilization, new plantings of native trees, shrubs and ground covers along with removal of invasive species. HMPA also is taking wildlife habitats, recreational amenities and educational outreach into consideration.

park provides educational value to the region, along with economic value and what she called its greatest commodity: recreation "Housatonic Meadows is such an environmental representation of our area,"

healthy."

Freygang commented that the

Freygang said. "We are committed to keeping it very

> Ann Bidou of Falls Village, who attended the lecture, said she uses witch hazel on mosquito bites, but doesn't know why the area around the bite would swell up as soon as she applied

witch hazel.

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Bryan Jackowitz explained that witch hazel first would hydrate the wound. causing it to swell, but then would shrink the pores, closing it up.

### WITCH HAZEL

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that exist in Great Mountain Forest in Norfolk and Falls Village. For years, foresters have been harvesting witch hazel trees on GMF's 6,000plus acres to produce the extract as a certified organic wild crop.

Bryan Jackowitz, president of Dickenson Brands, Inc. of East Hampton, Conn., and his brother, Kevin, creative director and vice president, spoke Saturday, April 9, at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village on the history of witch hazel. They described its role in the medicinal and cosmetic marketplace for the past 150 years. The talk was part of GMF's ongoing lecture series.

Native North Americans knew about witch hazel, and used it to treat tumors and inflammations. Bryan Jackowitz said that when the early English settlers exhausted their medicinal supplies they adopted the native American use of the plant's extract to treat colds, sore throats and as an eyewash.

The plant's name derives from Old English, Jackowitz said. "Wyche" means soft and pliable and "hazel" is a reference to the color of the bark, and also has Old English roots.

The species taken at GMF is the Hamamelis virginiana and is harvested over the winter when it is dormant and has lost its leaves. It also blooms in the winter, sprouting yellow flowers, and for that reason is sometimes called winterbloom. The cambium of its bark contains therapeutic and aromatic constituents that, when distilled, create the clear, fragrant, natural astringent.

The Dickenson brand dates to 1866, and today the company harvests witch hazel plants across 33,000 acres of state forests and private lands in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Massa-

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American Distilling Inc., of East Hampton, is family owned and produces witch hazel under the Dickenson brand and is the world's largest manufacturer of witch hazel and extract. Its extracts have been formulated into many cosmetic and overthe-counter pharmaceutical products.

Bryan Jackowitz said 90 percent of the world's witch hazel is harvested in Connecticut, with the work done by a handful of families who for generations have performed the back-breaking manual task of hiking through the forest to cut and haul the trees. The witch hazel tree typically grows to about 20 feet and regenerates every seven to 10 years.

Kevin Jackowitz documents all the tracts where the plant is harvested and ensures that it remains a certified organic wild crop.

"Every plant is certified as 100% organic," he said. The foresters who cut the trees are provided vegetable oil for their chain saws—instead of using standard bar oil—to preserve the purity of the product.



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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

**FILM: KAITLIN LYLE** 

# 'The Batman' Soars: A Tale Of Revenge and Renewal

Batman has always been mysterious to me, perhaps even as mysterious as he is to the residents of Gotham.

Maybe it's because I've been invested in Marvel superheroes since the age of 8, when I first saw Tobey Maguire as Spiderman, or because I only saw "The Dark Knight" for the first time this past January. Maybe there were just so many versions of Batman that I simply lost interest.

So when I was told that "The Batman" starring Robert Pattinson was "the most amazing Batman ever," I bought a ticket with an open mind. Three hours later, I left the theater speechless — and confident that Pattinson's Batman had indeed outshone those of his predecessors.

Directed by Matt
Reeves, the film opens
with a rendition of "Ave
Maria" that's haunted
me for days. Batman's
already been thick in
the vengeance game for
two years. Scarred by his
parents' murder when he
was a child, he has made
it his mission to protect
the residents of Gotham.

Along with some impressive technology and gear, fear is possibly the most potent tool on this Batman's belt. The illuminated bat signal in the night sky is not just a call for him, but also a warning to the city's



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"The Batman," with a cast of extraordinary villains and a tormented antihero, has converted new fans to this decades-old franchise.

cesspool of criminals.

But even as their fear of Batman sends criminals scurrying back to the shadows, a new and enigmatic figure emerges in the form of The Riddler (played by Paul Dano).

Unlike many comic book villains, The Riddler isn't out to destroy a city for fun and profit. He is furious at Gotham for its unfulfilled promises of renewal. His rage is palpable in the eyes that peer through his glasses, perched atop the Army weather mask that hides his face. Here is a masked man intent on unmasking the corruption on which Gotham profits.

Beyond the villain and the vigilante, a third figure, Catwoman, emerges from the shadows.

Zoe Kravitz' Selina Kyle/Catwoman has been damaged by a crook, and left to fend for herself. She teaches herself to be a cunning master of disguise at ease in all worlds, slipping into Gotham's underworld to gain intel just as easily as she infiltrates a politician's estate.

Gotham's body count builds. The Riddler's clues taunt Batman into uncovering the city's closeted skeletons. And as he digs deeper, Bruce Wayne is forced to confront not only Gotham's shameful acts, but also his own role in igniting The Riddler's reign of terror.

With shadow-ringed eyes and a hoarse voice, Pattinson does an exemplary job of bringing depth to DC Comics' revered antihero.

Dano creates a worthy opponent in his role as The Riddler. I was shaken

by his performance
— his research on the
Zodiac Killer for this
performance was effectively channeled.

Several other Batman villains show up in "The Batman." John Turturro is a soft-spoken wolf in sheep's clothing as Carmine Falcone. Colin Farrell was unrecognizable as Oswald Cobblepot, producing what I believe was one unparalleled Penguin.

As for supporting heroes, Jeffrey Wright's James Gordon was yin to Batman's yang.

Yet what really stood out in this rendition of "The Batman" was not just its compelling storyline, carefully curated cast or haunting score. What I recall most vividly is what I felt leaving the theater. In a time of citizens navigating a path away from darkness and violence, I left "The Batman" feeling something I'd never expected from a DC Comics movie: hopeful.

"The Batman" has been held over at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. Go to www.themoviehouse.net for information. It will eventually be available on HBO Max.



Tim Prentice and David Colbert have donated a kinetic work of art to the regional high school in Falls Village.

**ART: LYNN KEARCHER** 

# Something Is In the Air

ornwall-based artists Tim
Prentice
and David Colbert
have gifted a kinetic sculpture to Housatonic Valley Regional
High School in Falls
Village, Conn.

Recently installed in the Del Eads Reading Room in the library, adjacent to Two Walls Gallery, the work is suspended from the ceiling, and is comprised of 10 segments of wire and tubular aluminum, highly sensitive to moving air. The piece appears fragile, but dances to the wind's force with resilience that belies the elegance of the

sculpture.

"I am trying to
concentrate on the
movement, rather
than the object,"
Prentice said. "I
take it as an article
of faith that the air
around us moves in
ways that are organic, whimsical and
unpredictable."

The sculpture, which changes with every opening of a door or window, has captivated the imagination of the students, some of

ornwall-based whom go to sit and artists Tim gaze upward in a state of meditation.

The title of the piece is left in the hands of the students. Several Native American titles are being considered, among them Mishe Pohkok; "The Great Clear Sky."

The acquisition came about when art teacher Patricia Vanicky approached Prentice with the idea of donating a sculpture for the school's permanent collection. Vanicky's original thought was for a piece for one of the school's courtyards.

When Prentice visited the school, he was interested in the octagonal room with a domelike ceiling, which has several sources of ventilation. The combination of factors lead to Prentice donating a site-specific piece.

To learn more about Prentice's work, go to https://timprentice.com; to learn more about the work of David Colbert, go to www. davidcolbert.com.



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### PAINTINGS THAT HONOR LOST TREES

Oil paintings by Treasa Pattison entitled "Honoring Nature" are at the parish house of the United Church of Christ through May 22.

The exhibit can be viewed on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m. until noon, and by appointment with the artist, 860-218-0246.

The parish house is located directly behind the church at 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village.

# CALENDAR

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

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Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www. argazziart.com Kathy Moss: Paintings, on view through April 15.

MASS MoCA, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www.massmoca.org **Instagram Basics: Build** a Following, Increase Engagement, and **Understand Analytics**" w/ Francesca Olsen, April 14, 2 to 4 p.m.

### **BOOKS**

### **Hotchkiss Library of**

Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn., www. hotchkisslibrary.org American History Book Club, April 20, 10 to 11 a.m. (online).

### **Scoville Memorial Library**,

38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org Mark Scarbrough -Edith Wharton, April 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon (online).

### KIDS

#### **Berkshire Theatre Group** www.berkshiretheatregroup

KidsAct! Spring Break

2022: A Door, A Window, A Ladder, April 18 to 22. TeensAct! Spring Break 2022: A Door, A Window, A Ladder, April 18 to 22.

Send calendar items to calendar@lakevillejournal.com.

### MOVIES

Berkshire Museum, 39

South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass, www.berkshiremuseum. Documentary screening: Chasing Coral, April 23, 2 to 4 p.m.

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www. gilsoncafecinema.com The Lost City, now playing.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www themoviehouse.net Boondocks Film Society: Lemon, April 14, 6:30 p.m. Mothering Sunday, opens April 15.

### MUSIC

### The Clark Art Museum,

225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu MUSIC IN THE GALLERIES, April 16, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **■ THEATER**

Berkshire Museum, 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield. Mass. www.berkshiremuseum

**OLLI Course: Staging** and Choreography for Musical Theatre, Thursdays March 31 to April 21, 11 a.m. to 12:30

### CONCERT OF BELOVED **FLUTE, PIANO CLASSICS**

Acclaimed flutist Eugenia Zukerman will appear in concert on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. with husband-and-wife piano duo Ran Dank and Soyeon Kate Lee, performing works of Liszt, Mozart, Ravel and others.

Zukerman is a **Dutchess County, N.Y.,** resident and since 2014 has been director of Clarion Concerts, an organization that brings concerts and music education to the Tri-state region.





PHOTO COURTESY EUGENIA ZUKERMAN

Flutist Eugenia Zukerman will appear in concert May 1 in Great Barrington, Mass.

The concert May 1 will be held at St. James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets are \$25 or \$40.

To learn more about Clarion Concerts and to order tickets, go to www. clarionconcerts.org.

### STREAMING: ED FERMAN

# Should Have Won an Emmy But ...

EMMY" AND ACADEMY AWARD" WINNER

he Television Academy recently changed the title of my favorite watching category from Miniseries to Outstanding Limited Series. The key word is "limited." Too many series shows don't know when to stop. "Happy Days" jumped the shark in season five but continued for seven more, all downhill. Here are three fine Limited Series shows that were nominated for an Emmy but lost to an inferior program.

### **"MARE OF EASTTOWN**"

Did you know that the **International Olympic** Committee recognizes chess as a sport? And so "The Oueen's Gambit" deserves credit for joining "Friday Night Lights" as one of the few good TV shows about sports.

But it didn't deserve the 2021 Emmy. That should have gone to "Mare of Easttown," which is a crime thriller, a family drama, and most of all a character study starring Kate Winslet.

She plays Mare Sheehan, a detective in a depressed small town in Pennsylvania who is investigating the disappearance of a young girl and the murder of a young mother. There are many twists in the investigation, which leads to an unexpected and tragic conclusion.

Everything in this superb show works perfectly: the oppressive, violent setting, the writing, and the supporting cast, Jean Smart as Mare's mother and Evan Peters as a county detective who is called in to support

But it is Winslet's remarkable performance that powers the show. She has long been respected for choosing quality films over big commercial projects. Her character here as a small-town cop is com-



Kate Winslet, a former resident of Salisbury, Conn., stars in "Mare of Easttown," which our streaming correspondent feels was worthy of an Emmy Award.

plicated by divorce, the loss of a son to suicide, and a custody battle over her grandson. A brighter spot is an affair with a writer she meets in a bar. But the role is decidedly unglamorous and profoundly moving.

> View on HBO Max. "THE NIGHT OF"

The 2017 Emmy went to "Big Little Lies," a soapy megahit set in the opulent seaside town of Monterey, Calif., and elevated by Nicole Kidman's performance. It should have gone to "The Night Of," a tense and disturbing crime drama written by Richard Price and starring Riz Ahmed as a Pakistani-American cab driver accused of murdering a woman on the Upper West Side of

Manhattan. This dark story moves from Rikers Island to the courtroom, where Ahmed's lawyer is played by John Turturro, a scruffy loser with awful foot eczema. It could not be more different than "Big Little Lies," but it's a brilliant production

that gets you thinking

about the randomness of

criminal justice. Kidman

and Ahmed each won an

to "Empire Falls," a moving adaptation of

Times.

the wonderful Richard Russo novel about life in a small town in Maine. All you need to know about this show is the cast: Ed Harris, Helen Hunt, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Philip Seymour Hoffman,

**Emmy for Outstanding** 

View on HBO Max.

"EMPIRE FALLS"

What a pity that the

Academy did not give

PBS a cash gift rather

2005 Emmy for "The

than handing them the

Lost Prince," yet another

good fortune to miss this

which was called "a little

boring" by the New York

It should have gone

expensive screensaver,

costume drama about

the royals. I had the

Actress and Actor.

directed by Fred Schepisi. "Empire Falls" did win the Golden Globe award. It's only three and a half hours, and you will love every minute. Stream on HBO Max, Hulu, rent on

Amazon.

**NEW WORK BY THE** CREATOR OF COCOA

A show of work by painter Peter Cusack opens with a reception at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., on Saturday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. "A Painter Among Poets" remains on view until May 26.

Some Northwest Corner residents may already be familiar with a magazine called COCOA: The Journal of Cornwall Contemporary Art. What they may not be aware of is that it was started by Cusack, a painter, along with other artists, from Cornwall and elsewhere.

The title for this

exhibition is a play on the title of a book by Marjorie Perloff about poet and art critic Frank O'Hara, called "A Poet among Painters." With his inverted title "A Painter Among Poets," Cusack pays homage to the rich literary history that Cornwall has been home to, as well as the physical surroundings of words and books of the library.

Cusack resides in Cornwall and makes his paintings in a storefront studio in Torrington with his dog, Clover, by his side. More of his work can be seen at www. petercusack.com.

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# **EDITORIAL**

# A notable transition

t may seem as if we've been here before: welcoming a new Lakeville Journal editor, thanking another. And we have, but the last one was a short term kind of thing. This time it seems to have taken.

John Coston has been transitioning into the editor role for the past couple of weeks. He takes on part of the role from which our former Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender has moved on. Hochswender's title was executive editor, and her duties have now been split between our managing editor, Patrick Sullivan, and Coston. She will remain as Compass editor, for which we are all grateful.

Thanks to Hochswender for sticking with us as editor longer than she expected. Imagine giving a month's notice, but then that doesn't quite work out. Would you remain at your old position to keep the company afloat and functioning effectively? She did.

So only profound gratitude for that, and for all the work she has put in for more than 20 years to make The Lakeville Journal Company newspapers far better than they would have been. Her dedication, talent and skill cannot be overstated or more appreciated.

Thanks to Sullivan as well for keeping us all on the straight and narrow during this transition. His knowledge of our area — dare I say, institutional knowledge? and managing, writing and editing abilities have been defining for this moment in the life of this small community weekly newspaper.

Welcome to Coston, and thanks to him for taking the plunge into small-town journalism at this stage of his career. After having worked in multiple capacities at The Wall Street Journal over 30 years, practicing journalism in your hometown can be tougher than one might think. He has proven he is more than up to the challenge, and is looking forward to not only serving the Northwest Corner communities with the best publication possible, but also having some fun doing it. Those two things can happen at the same time.

And that is the goal of all of us at The Lakeville Journal: to do the best we can to keep all facets of our communities well informed of what is happening around them, while also enjoying the ride. In this new nonprofit iteration of our publications, and the new editing staff taking over with enthusiasm and inspiration, now is the time for our readers to connect with us all and let us know what you would like to see us do to keep you on top of things in the region. We welcome your input, as always.

Email us at johnc@lakevillejournal.com and patricks@lakevillejournal.com for Lakeville Journal news; Janet Manko at publisher@lakevillejournal.com for Lakeville Journal opinion and letters; and cynthiah@ lakevillejournal.com for Compass arts. And thank you for reading The Lakeville Journal, online or in print. Without our readers, there would be no reason for us to keep at this work we all value and are grateful to be able to continue here in the Northwest Corner.

## Disagrees with writer

I respectfully disagree with the opinion Mark Godburn expressed in The Lakeville Journal's March 24th issue. His statement that the "left" (Democrats) have done things as "bad or worse" than Trump's January 6th insurrection is appalling. The violence was horrific and the Capitol policemen attested to that. One of them had a heart attack and another lost his life.

Mr. Godburn characterized the Black Lives Matter movement as causing more death and destruction than the January 6th insurrection. Black Lives Matter is about the inequity and wretchedness of a race of people being degraded and discriminated against for no other reason than hate. Our government was never in peril of being overthrown by the BLM. The statement that the "left" tried to overthrow Trump with lies and misinformation is absurd.

Trump's corrupt and destabilizing use of government power and authority to maintain his ruthless grip is scurrilous. The many violations and scandals over the four years of his presidency have shown his complete disdain for the Constitution. His only concern was personal profit and omnipotent power.

There is one point Mr. Godburn made that I agree with. We should stop talking about Trump and his sycophants because in actuality Trump is a dictator at heart and there isn't any room for his sociopathic garbage. If there isn't anything about Trump's actions and rhetoric that makes it clear how staggering his offenses are; then does his praise of Putin and his corrupt killing spree of Ukrainians bother anyone?!

The comparison of the 2011 Wisconsin protest to the January 6th insurrection is ridiculous. On January 6th, we had a president instigating and goading a mob of people to storm the United States Capitol. They broke in, tore apart and defecated on the Capitol. They had Molotov cocktails and firearms with the absolute intent of using them. The Wisconsin protest had fewer than 20 arrests and none of these arrests were from weapons charges. The January 6th insurrection was a coup attempt and a national embarrassment.

Unfortunately, even with all the evidence of wrong-doing against Trump, he has yet to face any consequences. His message seems to be, "Crime does pay." I can only hope that Trump's unscrupulous influence over our country dissipates sooner rather than

**Gretchen Gordon** Sharon



Spring breaks through

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# ED not closing at Sharon Hospital

Recently, we have seen an increase in concerns from patients who think our Emergency Department is closing or reducing its hours. I am writing today as the Medical Director for the Emergency Department and the Chief of Staff for Sharon Hospital to clarify misinformation and reassure the community that our Emergency Department remains open and ready to care for you and your family.

The planned updates and changes to Sharon Hospital will not impact the hours provided in our Emergency Department. We remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year - and this will not change.

Since Sharon Hospital's founding in 1909, our Emergency Department has been here to help patients in our region with everything from broken bones to heart attacks and strokes. We remain committed to fulfilling the legacy that began more than 100 years ago, while staying up-to-date with the most modern and advanced standards of care to ensure we can continue providing highly skilled care right here in the community.

On behalf of the entire ED team, I would like to thank our patients and neighbors for your unwavering support, especially over the past two years. We feel incredibly lucky to have the privilege to care for such a wonderful community.

Ron M. Santos, DO, JD Medical Director, Department of Emergen-

cy Medicine Chief of Staff, Sharon Hospital

# European energy independence: Dream or reality

The recent events in Europe have shown once again how much 'The Old Continent' is vulnerable when it comes to energy. This dependence on imported energy (crude oil and gas) is a constant threat when it comes to European security and economic prosperity.

The EU is the world's largest importer of energy. Crude oil is by far the largest imported energy product (69.8% of total EU energy imports), ahead of natural gas (19.3%). Almost 25% of its crude oil and 40% of its natural gas import comes from Russia (through Ukraine), making the EU highly dependable on Russian energy. If the EU wants to achieve energy independence, a few steps need to be done. For now, let us focus on the most important ones.

Right now, the EU needs a diversity of energy supply. We are speaking about investing in nuclear power plants, solar and wind clean energy, and shifting to the US liquefied natural gas. The USA is the world's largest producer of liquefied natural gas (LNG). LNG is a form of natural gas that has been cooled and transported by ship. The only disadvantage is that this form of natural gas is often more expensive than the traditional gas transported by pipelines. The other thing is nuclear energy. France recently announced a massive build-up of its nuclear power potential which would make her less dependent on imports and even transform into a major European supplier of energy in the next decades.

The next thing on t is renewable energy. As we speak more than 20% of Europe's energy already comes from renewable (solar and wind). There is a target in the EU of 40% of energy coming from renewable sources by 2030. Producing clean energy in Europe and supplying LNG from the US makes Europe less vulnerable in international relations. At the same time, it is good with the climate goals.

Furthermore, the EU should focus on exploring and discovering new locations in the Mediterranean Sea and the Arctic Circle where according to some estimates from the US Geological Survey, the area north of the Arctic Circle is expected to store recoverable reserves of 90 billion barrels of oil, 1670 trillion cubic feet of

natural gas, and 44 billion barrels of natural gas liquids. Achieving energy inde-

pendence would not be easy. The Russian import cannot be replaced by any country at this moment. I believe that where there is a will, there is a way. This year in January, US (LNG) exports to Europe exceeded Russian pipeline deliveries for the first time.

Close collaboration with e USA, investing in renewable energy, and finding other suppliers and alternatives could be a game-changer for Europe. That way the EU can become less dependable on importing Russian energy and can be more decisive on the global stage in pursuit of peace and prosperity not just for Europe, but for the whole World.

M.A. in International Af-

Dalibor Anchevski

West Cornwall

### **TURNING BACK** THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — April 1922

SALISBURY — Joseph R. Sanford, for a number of years at the head of the picture and framing department at the A.H. Heaton & Co. store, will leave their employ at the end of this week. Mr. Sanford expects to devote his attention to the further development of patents he has in the rubber industry.

A fire in the ice house at Salisbury School on Monday afternoon for a time endangered the school farm house and barns near by. The fire was supposed to have started from a spark thrown off from a fire, which was being used by men butchering hogs, and the ice house was all ablaze when first discovered. The fire spread to the milk house which was also destroyed. The Lakeville hose company made a fast run with the chemical and did excellent work in protecting the nearby buildings. The roof of the farm house and that of the cow stable caught fire a couple of times but the chemical quickly subdued the blaze. The Canaan fire company also arrived later, but fortunately found little to do. The stock was removed from the barns, and one large bull gave considerable trouble and caused some excitement. He was finally roped and tied to a tree outside. The students of the school joined in fighting the blaze to good effect.

Louis Goderis is having his house reshingled.

Daylight Saving is again bothering some cities in New York State. New York City will probably adopt it, but some up-state cities have repealed it. The railroads running between New York City and Massachusetts will adopt the same plan on April 30th for running trains as last summer. Lakeville citizens will discuss the question at a meeting at Roberts Hall next Wednesday evening. Canaan is agitating for daylight saving. It is understood that Winsted and Great Barrington are to have daylight saving.

The trout fishing is reported as much better than the

The ice on the lake disappeared the early part of the

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# **How to end COVID**

The only way to end an outbreak or COVID surge is by providing accessible and frequent immunization strategies. Testing methodologies are tools for surveillance, and useful to identify the scope of the surge, but not for ending it.

All eligible students, parents, teachers, and caregivers need to be immunized and boosted according to CDC guidelines, only then do you have a chance to control the transmission of virus and end the outbreak.

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# Viewpoint

# Family history collides with current events in Ukraine

VIEW

ussia's invasion of Ukraine, which is not only ongoing but with every passing day is revealing further and worse atrocities by the invaders, is a torment for most Americans, who feel the unjustness of the invasion and the horrors that Ukrainians are going through. Few things have united Americans, these past few years, as much as the current disapproval of Vladimir Putin and his invasion of Russia's neighbor, and also a concurrent appreciation for the strength and courage of Ukrainians in resisting one of the world's mightiest armies.

The Ukrainian crisis reverberates with me especially, on several grounds.

The first is that my paternal grandparents were both born near Kyiv in the 1880s, and came of age there before fleeing to America, where they met and married in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1905 and produced five children. When today I see the televised and still photos of current-day Ukrainians, I find strong resemblances to my paternal cousins.

But there is more to that connection, for me. Oizer and Polya behaved in America as most immigrants of that era did, working hard to assimilate and evincing no nostalgia for the old country. For instance, in their Midwest home they refused to speak Russian in front of the children, only English, to make sure that it became the children's native tongue.

The second connection, for me, is that my grandfather, Oizer Shachtman, became a noted anti-Commuof when most other Americans did so. A fur-cutter by trade, he had risen to become international president of the

Fur-Workers in 1926 only to be THE LONG immediately immersed in a battle, Tom Shachtman tied to a long

strike, in which the union was taken over by Communists, led by a man named Ben Gold. A quarter-century later, Gold would admit to having been not only an American Communist but also a member of the international governing board of the Communist Party, headquartered in Moscow. The Fur-Workers strike of

1926 held the headlines for

many weeks, to the point that

Oizer became a named figure

Those stories did not say so, but I later learned that Oizer had clashed with the Communists before, as a teenager in Kyiv, when he was a member of the Bund, an international workers union that eventually fell afoul of Lenin's Bolsheviks.

Soon after the 1926 strike was over, Gold's band deposed Oizer as head of the union, and proceeded to make the Fur-Workers into one of the most left-leaning in the U.S., one that seemed very good to its workers but from which Gold and others, including gangster Lepke Buchalter — the head of Murder, Inc. — took a lot of

In 1927, as a result of Oizer's losing the power struggle, he became an avowed

nist, in the 1920s, way ahead anti-Communist, remaining so through the rest of his life. He had many clashes with his children on that score, well before Soviet massacres and

> exterminations became public knowledge; and he also clashed with anoth-Shachtman, Max

Shachtman, who in the 1930s became the leader of the Trotskyites. It was with bitter amusement that Oizer watched the brilliant Max move steadily from hard-core Communism to become the leader of the intellectual groups who in the 1950s became vociferously anti-Stalin and eventually, full anti-Communists.

As I grew up and became somewhat liberal in my understandings of the world, I never forgot my grandfather's insistence on the evils done by Communism.

My third story involves Edmund Pope, a retired Navy veteran who as a specialist in transfer of technologies between the former Soviet Union and the West was on his umpteenth visit to Moscow in the summer of 2000 when the new Russian leader, the former KGB man Vladimir Putin, had Ed arrested and put on trial as an American spy — a show trial, if there ever was one. Ed was convicted, but through the efforts of many Americans in the intelligence community, plus public pressure, was released on humanitarian grounds, as Ed had a rare cancer. I was introduced to Ed as he came home, and we quickly wrote a book together.

As Ed made very clear to me, Putin had not been after him, per se, but had put this Russian-loving American on trial as a way of unifying Russians against Americans and providing a path to even greater accumulations of power to resurrect the Stalin-era reach of the Soviet Union. As Ed emphasized to me last week in an email, it is not simply Putin's terrible invasion of Ukraine that is at stake in the current conflict, it is his attempt to use the subjugation of Ukraine as a path to restoring Russian power over all of Eastern Europe, in a way not seen since the last of the czars.

Tom Shachtman is the author of more than a dozen American and world histories and of documentaries seen on all the major networks. He lives in Salisbury.

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# In mourning for life

n old Ukrainian was being interviewed by cable and said his name, which apparently in **STATE** Russian is like John Doe. He said he was hungry. The cable people gave him food.

Sovereign LONNIE CARTER

I grew up in Chicago, with

Russians and Poles on one side and Poles and Ukrainians on the other. The Russian May Romashko would give us a pot of borscht every week. I can taste it now and love it to this day.

I used to cut the lawn of the old Ukrainian woman, her tiny plot of grass earning me 50 cents.

A block down from the Art Institute in downtown Chicago is Russian Teatime, run by Ukrainians. Borscht as well. Black bread from the Black Sea. Stolichnaya iced. Made in Finland. I have two.

The Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Dymitro Kolebo, who could not be more dapper, catch the pocket squares, said what Ukraine needs is very simple. "Weapons, weapons," weapons."

(How is it that every member of the Ukrainian Parliament, although heavily accented, speaks better idiomatic English than I do?)

The Russian spokesman, Tovarishch Peskov, acknowledged that the Russians had suffered significant losses, a strange admission, and will he get his head handed to him on a platter?, no, because he will blame the losses on the Ukrainians, and that Bucha was filled with staged atrocities. Didn't we see the bodies moving? No, we did not.

I've been in drama classes where I have been told to be a tree, but a dead person with my hands tied behind me and a bullet hole in the back of my head? Even the acting method known as The Method, invented by the Russian theater director, Konstantin Stanislavsky, as he travestied Chekhov's plays, staging them lugubriously, when Anton, the Gentle Doctor called them comedies, didn't go that far.

Pootie Poot's two daughters, there seems to be a third slithering around, have been sanctioned. They look like Slavic versions of the Kardashians.

And Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who tosses around the term "de-Nazify" when defending the Russian invasion, finds his wife and daughter sanctioned as well.

But what good will these sanctions do? All these kakocrats have so much foreign currency piled around the globe that I fear they will never run out of the filthiest of lucre.

And what about the gentle Russians? Where are they? I am certain they are somewhere. They are not putting bullets in the backs of innocent heads with their hands tied behind them, and when will they come to the fore?

(Da, Alexsei Novalny, Pootie's strongest foe, has just been given another nine years in the Siberian gulag.)

And Fyodor Dostoyevsky in "Crime and Punishment" with the young man Raskolnikov, which a Russian woman told me means "shattered glass", who kills an old woman just to see what it's like and then is haunted non-stop by his deed. Will these war-criminal soldiers be so haunted?

My colleagues Albert Innaurato and Christophe4 Durang wrote a brilliant farce "The Idiots Karamazov", for the Yale Rep, with the then unknown Meryl Streep playing the bowdlerizing translator Constance Garnett in her wheelchair, as the characters sang and danced, "O, we got to get to Moscow,

Do we? Mikhail Bulgakov's novel "The Master and Margarita" has the Master (the Devil) visiting God-less Moscow. Today, no visit is necessary.

And where is Doctor Chekhov, the gentlest of playwrights? One of his most famous characters, Masha, in "The Three Sisters," opens with — I am in mourning for my life.

The defiant Ukrainians and their fierce comic-now President Zelenskyy, know exactly what she means, but will not take NYET for an answer.

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### TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

Continued from previous page

50 years ago — April 1972 Only a couple of days before the start of the fishing season Saturday there still was no sure evidence that spring had arrived in Northwest Connecticut. Measurable snow has fallen on five days this month, with five inches last Thursday night and Friday morning April 7, and another inch this Tuesday. But cheer up! A storm dumped 12 inches of snow on April 7 last year, and there was another four inches of wet snow the morning of April 25.

New standards set by the Interstate Commerce Commission for abandonment of railroad freight service make it much easier for Penn Central to eliminate freight trains on the Upper Harlem Division from Dover to Chatham. Passenger service ended March 20.

The Harlem Valley Transportation Association claims that Penn Central's plans for reorganization to solve its financial problems include outright abandonment of 9,000 miles of freight track-

A bedroom fire at the Salisbury home of Orpha Robinson last Thursday apparently started when a down quilt slipped off a bed and fell against an electric heater. Mrs. Bernice Lovett, who works for Mrs. Robinson, discovered the fire and called the Lakeville Hose Company. Meanwhile, persons from the White Hart Inn rushed over with fire extinguishers. Firemen put out the fire quickly, but there in the bedroom.

of Lakeville, has been named to the dean's list at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He is the grandson of Mrs. Bertha Parmlee of Farnam Road.

George Miner of Lakeville, an employee of the Hartford Electric Light Co., was seriously injured last Wednesday while at work. Mr. Miner was aloft in a "bucket" when the lift device failed, causing the bucket and its passenger to plunge to earth. The accident happened about 1:30 p.m. at the intersection of routes 44 and 182, east of Norfolk. He is reported to have suffered broken ribs and possible lung damage, and to have lost some teeth.

Building Inspector William Conrad was appointed town fire marshal and demolition officer by First Selectman William Wilbur at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen Friday night. Mr. Conrad succeeds Thomas Carberry, who resigned for personal reasons.

An inspection team from the State Health Department awarded Geer Memorial Extended Care Facility in Canaan an "A-1" rating following a visit last week. This is the second consecutive year Geer has won such a desig-

Eleven murals by the late James Thurber are now being restored by a group of artists, most of them veterans

was extensive smoke damage of the old Army magazine Yank. The Thurber creations are mounted on the walls of Russell Humes, formerly Costello's Restaurant and Bar on Third Avenue in New York City. Mr. Thurber maintained a home in Cornwall for many years.

### 25 years ago — April 1997

A plan to change the face of Route 44 in Salisbury is still in the works, according to officials at the Connecticut Department of Transportation. First Selectman Robert Smithwick has scheduled a public meeting for April 15 at 1 p.m. in Town Hall. "The DOT really just wants the interested people to attend. There's a lot of opposition to the plan," he said. The proposed change would involve lowering the crest of the hill at the corner of Main Street and Lincoln City Road, which is also the location of Salisbury Central School. Lowering the hill would improve visibility and reduce the potential for accidents in the area which is a designated school zone.

Two girls from Salisbury have been announced as valedictorian and salutatorian for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Class of 1997. Robin Yerkes, 18, who is first in her class, is the valedictorian. She has been accepted to Columbia University in New York City and plans to concentrate her studies in math. Cynthia Matthews, 17, is second in her class, and the salutatorian. Ms. Matthews has been accepted to Yale, Columbia and Wellesley, and is waiting to hear from Brown University. She is also a photographer and wants to combine it in some way with whatever she does, she said.

To a developer it may be a vacant lot with valuable commercial potential, but to many residents the half-acre grassy expanse on the corner of routes 44 and 7 is an important part of Canaan's rural charm. Since the land was bought several years ago and immediately posted with a "will build to suit" sign, the Board of Selectmen has looked for ways to buy the land to prevent construction of the rumored convenience store, doughnut shop or fastfood place. Their concerns included the resultant traffic and its effect on the firehouse and ambulance garage that flank the property, as well as aesthetics.

WEST CORNWALL — The historic covered bridge that conveys Route 128 over the Housatonic River was closed to traffic for five hours Wednesday to repair damage caused by a recent motor vehicle accident. An International box truck driven by a New York City man knocked loose a bridge crossbeam and fascia boards March 18 when he attempted to drive the truck through the historic structure. Trucks that exceed the bridge's height limit have struck the bridge entrances on many occasions over the

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bird migration coming from their southern wintering grounds to their nesting areas here and further north. We are fortunate in that one of the flyways is the Housatonic River valley. A wonderful way to explore this spring migration is to follow the birds progress with the website Birdcast found at https://birdcast.info/. Another way to personally experience this magic is with the Sharon Audubon Center, located at 325 Cornwall Bridge Rd and their website is https://sharon.audubon.org/.



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# **Sports**

# Fly benches, books and tippet rings at fishermen's flea market

RIVERTON — Ever been to a fishermen's flea market? Me neither.

So I saddled up Saturday morning, April 2, and went over to Riverton, near the spot where the Still River joins the West Branch of the Farmington River, and had a look around.

It was hard to miss Harold MacMillan, erstwhile proprietor of the Housatonic River Outfitters fly shop, which is now closed.

MacMillan is still doing business as HRO, concentrating on guide services and collectibles, and doing it from his home.

In Riverton he was busy trying to move leftover store inventory. There was a lot

One young man asked for tippet rings. MacMillan said he had them. Somewhere.

He ducked down and LINES commenced rummaging.

He emerged holding a plastic bag. "You build rods?" he

"Yes," said the young

"Here, on the house," Mac-Millan said, tossing the young man the bag, which was filled with what appeared to be reel seat hardware.

"Thanks," said the young

"They've been hanging around the store since forever," MacMillan said as he searched in another bin for the tippet rings.

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ing his handmade fly-tying benches, handsome things made of maple and mahogany, for \$125.

He said he was relatively new to fly-fishing and tying, and decided to use his skills with creating architectural drafts on computers to design and build a fly bench that could be used on a TV tray while watching a ball game.

He was particularly proud of the vise clamp, which a friend makes for him.

Andrew Tomer of Hook-Jason Bouchard was sell- set Hoodlums was presiding over a table of T-shirts, ballcaps and sweatshirts.

He said he and two fishing buddies decided "instead of buying other people's apparel, we'll do our own."

That was in 2019, and it seems to be working.

John Liberati specializes in books on hunting and fishing. He said he has been a bookseller and collector since

He said he enjoys the hunt for rare and unusual books as much as the selling.

His wife took some convincing, however. Liberati said when he returned home from his first book auction with seven titles at a cost of \$260, his wife subjected him to a searching gaze and then advised him to get a new hobby.

The danger of events like this is, of course, spending money on things I don't need. To counter this peril, I deployed a strategy that was strongly suggested to me by then-Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender, after I came back from a tag sale in Kent, triumphantly bearing the sheet music to "Mairzy Dotes," among other trea-

Ye Editor said, sternly, that in future I was to leave my wallet in the car and bring no more than \$20 in cash to tag sales, flea markets and the like. When I pointed out that for a double sawbuck I could have had not just "Mairzy Dotes" but "Moon River," "The Surrey with the Fringe

On Top" and "A Bicycle Built for Two" (with enough left over for a hot dog), she gave me a piercing look — similar, I suspect, to that sported by Mrs. Liberati back in 1980.

Over the ensuing years, this strategy has proven effective. I ambled out of the flea market having spent precisely zero dollars and zero cents, and with an enjoyable 90 minutes' worth of conversation in the can.

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# **HVRHS** honors student athletes at Winter Sports Award Night

By Anne MacNeil

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School athletic department celebrated Winter Sports Awards Night on March 26.

The evening began in the auditorium with special presentations. Symbolic basketballs were presented to girls varsity basketball coach Steven Dodge for his 100th win; first year boys varsity basketball coach Kurt Johnson for his first Housatonic win; and to Sydney Segalla for becoming the 11th member of the Housatonic 1,000 Point club.

The Four Year Award was presented to three seniors who earned a varsity letter in one sport all four years: Sydney Segalla and Tori Dodge for girls basketball and Landon Good for ice hockey.

The following student athletes were named Berkshire League Scholar Athletes for the winter season: Emma Crane, Victoria Dodge, Josie Marks, Haley Leonard, Dana Saccardi, Mackenzie Ongley, Sydney Segalla, Mary LaFond, Grace Riva, Daniela Brennan, Tessa Dekker, Amelia Dodge, Ellanor Karcheski, Abigail White and Kylie Leonard (girls basketball); Noah Shippa, Austin Bayer, Joey Brennan, Aman Egan, Alexander Hedhili, James Wiggins, Carter Sneller, Logan Dean, Eli Bosio, Mason O'Niel, Ethan Fenn (boys basketball); Katya Nweeia, Mary Genevieve Ireland, Lola Moerschell, August Dekker, Zoe Gillette, Caitlin Sorrell, Shanea Togninalli, Margot Minton, Lily Najdek, Magdalena Sedlatschek (swimming); Manasseh Matsudaira, Melody Matsudaira, Katerin McEnroe, Gariela Titone (skiing); Landon Good, Cole Mollica and Zim McAuliffe (ice hockey).

The ceremony continued as teams broke into classrooms to award Varsity letters, JV certificates and team awards. Sydney Segalla and Victoria Dodge were named Most Valuable Players for girls basketball while Emma Crane was named Most Improved. Josie Marks was awarded the Sportsmanship Award. Tessa Dekker and Lou Haemmerle were awarded the Tyburski Award for Outstanding Freshmen. Anne Moran was named the JV team Most Improved and Kylie Leonard was awarded the Stevenson Award for Sportsmanship.

The boys basketball Most Valuable Player was awarded to Russell Sears and the Most Improved went to Xan Hedhili. The Varsity Sportsmanship award was awarded to Austin Bayer. Jesse Bonhotel was awarded the Tyburski Award. Jacob Marcus was awarded the JV Most Improved award and Noah Shippa received the Stevenson Award for Sportsman-

Cole Mollica was awarded the ice hockey Most Valuable award while Colin Goguen

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(from Wolcott Tech) was awarded the Most Improved award. The Sportsmanship Award went to Ryan Mercogliano from Torrington and the Rookie of the Year went to Sean Mercogliano from Torrington. The ice hockey team is a co-op team made up of five schools: Torrington, Wolcott Tech, Wamogo, Northwestern and Housatonic.

The swim team Top Swimmer Awards were awarded to Mia Bayer, Gus Dekker and Zoe Gillette. Zoe also received the Sportsmanship Award. Lola Moerschell was named the Tyburski Award winner. The Most Improved award was not given.

Gregory Meindl was named Most Valuable for the ski team while Melody Matsudaira was named the Most Improved. Manny Matsudaira was awarded the Varsity Sportsmanship award and Gabriela Titone was awarded the Stevenson Award for IV Sportsmanship. The Tyburski Award was given to Katerin McEnroe.

Anne MacNeil is the Region One Athletic Director.

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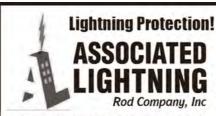
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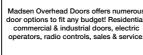
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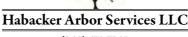
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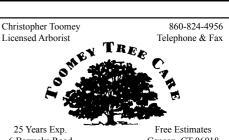
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