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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, Sienkiewicz noted that the tribe had been denied recognition and their

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## Taking the plunge

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

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, well-drained soil under diffused sunlight. It also thrives in the New England climate, all conditions

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### Three-day forecast

Friday ..... Cloudy high 63°/low 44°  
 Saturday ..... Rain, 62°/42°  
 Sunday ..... Cloudy, 48°/34°

## 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.

### 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.

To apply online go to [bit.ly/FCHRequestforProposals](http://bit.ly/FCHRequestforProposals).

Applicants can submit their requests by April 30, 2022.

Eligible organizations can request between \$5,000 and \$15,000 for needs related to: Meeting mission, operational infrastructure, scaling a program or initiative or stabilizing a program or initiative.

For more information call 860-364-5157 or contact [info@fchealth.org](mailto:info@fchealth.org)

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LAWRENCE N. VALKENBURGH

Late of West Cornwall (22-00039)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court 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:  
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 c/o J Michael Sconyers  
 Ackerly Brown LLP  
 782 Bantam Road  
 P.O. Box 815  
 Bantam, CT 06750  
 Sharon, CT 06069

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

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the 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:  
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 c/o Ellen C Marino  
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## 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](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org), or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto: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 Canaan.

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.douglaslibrary-canaan.org](http://www.douglaslibrary-canaan.org).

## Driver course

SALISBURY — Salisbury 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](mailto:lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us).

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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.

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](mailto:editor@lakevillejournal.com).

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# Our Towns

## Chilly, wet start to fishing season



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**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 bit later.

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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**April 15**  
12:00 PM Good Friday  
**April 17**  
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9:00 AM Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist

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

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

**Easter Day!**  
April 17 8:00 AM Eucharist with hymns  
10:30 AM Festive Eucharist  
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**Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday, April 14  
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7 pm Worship

Good Friday, April 15  
**Ecumenical Worship**  
7 pm Trinity Church, Lime Rock

Sunday, April 17  
**Easter Sunday**  
6 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service  
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9:45 am Bell Choir Prelude  
10 am Easter Worship

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## 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 effects.

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 year.

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," he added.

## 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 Perotti.

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 Alcohol-

ics Anonymous. To find out more, go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or [www.connecticutaa.org](http://www.connecticutaa.org).

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## 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 Nuance 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,

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.

## 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.

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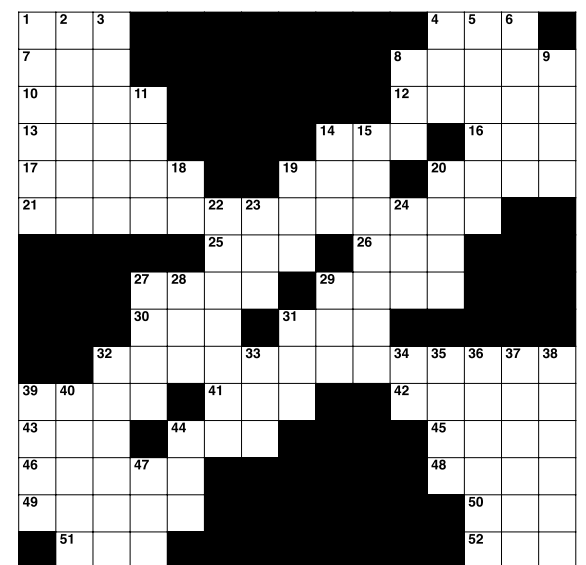
AS IT RAN ON JAN 2, 1997  
 Canaan Fire Company Chief Charlie Perotti and his daughters Shannon (left) and Marci displayed commendations from the General Assembly.

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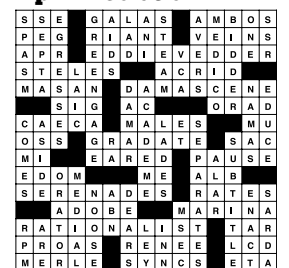
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4. An entertaining, eccentric person
7. Small, faint constellation
8. Indigo bush
10. Not excessive
12. African antelope
13. A way to fly a glider
14. Tough softly
16. In the course of
17. Early Mesoamerican people
19. A way to drop down
20. Mistake!
21. Housing developments
25. Baseball stat
26. No (Scottish)
27. Type of cuisine
29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
30. Marry
31. Buffer solution
32. Legendary rock band
39. Recording industry show
41. A way to consume
42. Lake in Botswana
43. Political action committee
44. Field force unit (abbr.)
45. Very eager
46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
48. Nocturnal insect
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50. Thus far
51. Famed NYC arena
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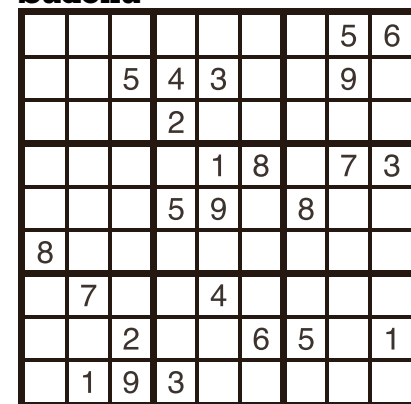
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11. The most worthless part
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22. Actor Cooper
23. Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
24. Clumsy person
27. Figures
28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
29. Old cloth
31. Explosive
32. Automobiles
33. 007's creator
34. The Volunteer State
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
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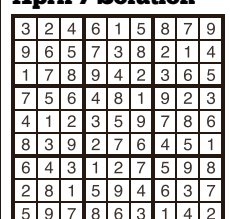
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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

FILM: KAITLIN LYLE

## ‘The Batman’ Soars: A Tale Of Revenge and Renewal

**B**atman 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



PHOTO COURTESY IMDB

**"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](http://www.themoviehouse.net) for information. It will eventually be available on HBO Max.



PHOTO BY HUSAIN AHMED

**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

**C**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

whom go to sit and 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 dome-like 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://timprence.com>; to learn more about the work of David Colbert, go to [www.davidcolbert.com](http://www.davidcolbert.com).



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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](http://www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar).

## ART

**Argazzi Art**, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. [www.argazziart.com](http://www.argazziart.com)  
Kathy Moss: Paintings, on view through April 15.

**MASS MoCA**, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. [www.massmoca.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)  
Mark Scarbrough – Edith Wharton, April 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon (online).

## KIDS

**Berkshire Theatre Group**, [www.berkshiretheatregroup.org](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org)  
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.

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## 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.

## MOVIES

**Berkshire Museum**, 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. [www.berkshiremuseum.org](http://www.berkshiremuseum.org)  
Documentary screening: Chasing Coral, April 23, 2 to 4 p.m.

**Gilson Cafe & Cinema**, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. [www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com](http://www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com)  
The Lost City, now playing.

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://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](http://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](http://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.org](http://www.berkshiremuseum.org)  
OLLI Course: Staging and Choreography for Musical Theatre, Thursdays March 31 to April 21, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## STREAMING: ED FERMAN

# Should Have Won an Emmy But ...

The Television Academy recently changed the title of my favorite watching category from Mini-series 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 Queen'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 Mare.

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-



IMAGE COURTESY IMDB

**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 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

Emmy for Outstanding Actress and Actor.

### View on HBO Max. "EMPIRE FALLS"

What a pity that the Academy did not give PBS a cash gift rather than handing them the 2005 Emmy for "The Lost Prince," yet another costume drama about the royals. I had the good fortune to miss this expensive screensaver, which was called "a little boring" by the New York Times.

It should have gone to "Empire Falls," a moving adaptation of 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, 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](http://www.petercusack.com).



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**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.

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