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Starting up old No. 5 at the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association in Kent last weekend.

Sarum Village expansion to receive \$1.5M

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — The construction of 10 new affordable housing rental units at the Sarum Village III Project on Cobble Road is one step, and \$1.5 million, closer to breaking ground this summer.

The state of Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) plans to request, on or about May 20, the release of federal HOME funding for the project from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In making the May 5 announcement, DOH noted that federal funding "not to exceed" \$1.5 million is earmarked toward the total project cost of the project, estimated at approximately \$3,621,200. The housing is also funded through the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program.

Hermia M. Delaire, DOH Certifying Officer, noted that the agency has determined that the project "will have no significant impact on the human environment," and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Thrilled by the news

Salisbury housing advocates hailed the announcement this week as a long-awaited and much-needed shot in the arm toward increasing the town's stock of affordable housing.

"This is great news. We've had the shovel ready for two years," said Peter Halle, who heads the Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc. (SHC), a nonprofit organization which owns and manages 39 affordable housing units in town, including the Sarum Village complex at 34 Cobble Road.

"We have all the approvals from the town. This is the least controversial thing we could ever do," he said of the project. "The only

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Spring: A time to huff and puff

By Lans Christensen

KENT — A perfect spring weekend was in place for the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association's (CAMA) 17th annual Power-Up exposition.

COVID-19 canceled last year's event, so both visitors and exhibitors were delighted to be back on CAMA grounds and enjoying the impressive collection of antique machines on April 30 and May 1.

The Power-Up is on a smaller scale than the fall festival, and is largely to showcase CA-MA's own collection, though vendors — both members and non members -are welcome to display their multi-varied antiques.

'Varied" hardly describes the extent of unique machines and tools. The heart of the show is always the huffing and puffing of engine; Steam, diesel, one-lungers, hit-and-miss engines, many operating a wide variety of machinery (butter

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DEEP oversight funding stalls tree bill's passage

By John Coston

SHARON — The bill proposed by state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) to put new oversight on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) cutting of hazardous trees in state parks has stalled under the influence of end-of-session wrangling known as Senate Bill No. 117, has had broad support. In March, it was approved 31 to 0 with one abstention in the Environment Committee. In April, the Senate approved it 32 to 3 with one non-

But the bill, which was not provided with a budget, was amended

Built-in inequality

Shapiro dissects nation's wealth gap

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Brandeis University professor Thomas Shapiro spelled out the wealth gap between racial groups in the United States and offered solutions at a Salisbury Forum talk at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Friday, April 29.

It was the first live Forum event in two years.

Shapiro, author of "Toxic Inequality: How America's Wealth Gap Destroys Mobility, Deepens the Racial Divide, and Threatens Our Future and The Hidden Cost



of Being African American" and professor of law and social policy at Brandeis, started by saying that inequality "has always been a part of the American experiment and part of the American character."

And in the last 30 to 40 years, the U.S. has experienced "a very qualitatively different kind of inequality."

This is "symbolized by a historic high in income inequality intersecting with historic highs in wealth inequality, intersecting with a racial reckoning, intersecting with stalled economic mobility."

Shapiro said that between the end of World War II to about 1978, net productivity and hourly compensation tracked very closely.

But from 1978 to 2018, net pro-

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by the Senate requiring that its in Hartford. See DEEP FUNDING, Page A6 Up to this point, the bill,

By Dee Salomon

FALLS VILLAGE — Seated in the rustic concert hall atop Music Mountain it was immediately evident that the audience of third graders from Region One schools had an essential musical skill: an understanding of rhythm.

Oskar Espina-Ruiz, artistic director of the Music Mountain Summer Festival, clapped intricate patterns that the students repeated.

On Thursday, April 28, four music students from Bard College Conservatory in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., played for the group of about 100 students, discussed their instruments, the music they played and answered a variety of questions from the curious audience.

Liri Ronen, a musician from Israel, showed students how sound is made on the French horn using both his lips and fingers.

"Sound is vibration," said a student, correctly answering Liri's question to the audience, "What is sound?" After Liri played a transcription of Bach's Prelude from



PHOTO BY OSKAR ESPINA-RUIZ

Violinist Klara Zaykova, from the Czech Republic, answered questions from enthusiastic Region One students at a concert on Thursday, April 28, at Music Mountain given by Bard College Conservatory students.

Cello Suite No. 2 he asked what the music sounded like to them. One student said it made him think of Hercules.

The next musician played the bassoon — first, the familiar Pink Panther theme and then a piece by Mozart. Before playing, Anna Penn

with Mozart, and at least a few of the students were — offering information about Mozart's birthplace (Vienna, Austria) and his childhood accomplishment of writing his first symphony at age 8.

The concert hall was clearly in

asked if the audience was familiar See MUSIC MOUNTAIN, Page A6

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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.

Driving and texting

On April 24 at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Route 4 in Sharon, a 2015 Buick Encore driven by Edward Olsen, 70, of Cornwall lost control and swerved off the roadway, swiping a metal beam guardrail. Olsen had been distracted by a mobile device. He was found at fault and issued an infraction for operating an unregistered vehicle and issued a verbal warning for failing to maintain the proper lane and operating a motor vehicle while using a handheld mobile device.

BBQ break-in

Troop B is currently investigating a break-in at When Pigs Fly Southern BBQ restaurant in Sharon. The incident occurred on the night of April 25 between 7 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. the next morning. Anyone with information related to the break-in is asked to contact Troop B.

Youth in severe accident

On April 27 Alexzander Thomas Kovacs, 17, turned himself in on an active warrant and was charged with operating a motor vehicle under suspension, traveling unreasonably fast and failure to drive in the proper lane. The charges stem from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on a snow-covered Main Street in Salisbury on March 9 at 1:45 p.m. The accident resulted in Kovacs being transported to Sharon Hospital, and later to Hartford Children's Hospital for severe head injury. He is scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 11.

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.

Sharon Hospital's future plans set for Falls Village talk, May 12

FALLS VILLAGE — Sharon Hospital will host an in-person roundtable discussion from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, at the Falls Village Fire Department.

Community members are encouraged to join the open forum to ask questions and provide feedback on the facility's service reduction

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the Volunteer Fire Department, 188 Route 7, Falls Village, and limited to no more than 20 people, in compliance with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Advance registration is required. To register, email SharonHospital@Nuvance-Health.org or call 845-249-8294 with your name and phone number (TTY/Acces-



news reporting is a "big deal"

to him and he really wants

both sides of any story told.

He noted he has to earn his

credentials by working for

the community, keeping the

fundamentals of community

journalism front and center.

reflect the lives of its read-

ers," he said.

"The newspaper should

He also said The Lakev-

ille Journal is here to stay.

"The community saved the

paper," Coston said. "It's very

important this community

has its own newspaper." At a

time when 100 newspapers

a year are shutting down

across the country, he said,

the continued existence of

The Lakeville Journal should

him at johnc@lakevillejour-

To contact Coston, email

not be taken for granted.

nal.com.

Lakeville Journal Editor John Coston kept the attention of a crowd at Noble Horizons on Saturday, April 30.

New editor of LJ steps out at Noble Horizons

By Janet Manko

SALISBURY — About 50 people gathered in the community room at Noble Horizons to celebrate its 50th anniversary by hearing Lakeville Journal Editor John Coston speak on Saturday, April 30.

Coston, who has been at The Journal for about a month, spoke about the long history of The Lakeville Journal, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

"The Lakeville Journal stands tall in the annals of community journalism," he said. "I stand on the shoulders of those who came before."

He described his own life trajectory as well, going from college at Columbia University in New York, to a small daily newspaper in Watertown, N.Y., to the Hartford Courant, to the Miami Herald, and then back to New York City to spend 30 years at The Wall Street Journal. "It was a big circle back to New York when I joined The Wall Street Journal," he said.

After a retirement that turned into semi-retirement at the WSJ, Coston moved to his wife's family home in East Canaan and became a working farmer, with sheep, chickens and donkeys. When he decided to try community journalism at The Lakeville Journal, he felt it completed another circle in his life.

Coston said neutrality in

Cornwall hosting panel on affordable housing, May 7

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Library will host a conversation between longtime affordable housing advocate Maggie Cooley and urban planning and policy professor Ingrid Gould Ellen on Saturday, May 7, at 5 p.m. on Zoom.

Bill McClane, a documentary filmmaker, will pose questions during the talk. Time will be alloted for audience questions.

Maggie Cooley is an attorney in West Cornwall. She has held positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission and heads up The Cornwall Affordable

Ingrid Gould Ellen is the Paulette Goddard Professor of Urban Policy and Planning at the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Faculty Director at the NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy.

To register online go to www.cornwalllibrary.org/

Osnos untangles American anger

LENOX, Mass. — New Yorker staff writer Evan Osnos will explore current divides through the lens of three American communities on Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at Shakespeare & Company's Tina Packer Playhouse. The in-person event is free and open to the public, but registration is required at Osnos.Eventbrite.com.

Correction

Alert readers (and Highland sport fans) Geoff and Daphne Drury of North Canaan wrote to remind us that traditional Scottish competition at the Highland Games involves the heaving of cabers, not capers.

The event is presented by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Authors Guild Foundation, The Berkshire Eagle and Berkshire

In his latest book, "Wildland: The Making of America's Fury," Osnos reports on ordinary Americans in a time of pandemic, political turmoil and the pursuit of racial justice.

Osnos will be joined in discussion by Renée Loth, an opinion columnist and former editorial page editor at The Boston Globe.

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Our Towns

Students create blueprint for region's cultural renaissance at Troutbeck

By Kaitlin Lyle

AMENIA — Honored to

be stewards of the region's



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

a study of area rates of pay.

"We are far below everybody,"

he said, adding that he had

thought that this was a year

when the town could have

made a single step toward

pay equity. He called for the

town to make a concerted

effort to get all employees to

whole town," said North

Canaan Elementary School

that the town has a smaller

grand list than other towns.

(The grand list is a listing of

all taxable property within a

town and is the basis for ar-

tax dollar to pay for educa-

selectmen to cut their budget,

and the employees bear the

brunt of the punishment," he

way department employee

for 24 years, said that in most

area towns, the starting hour-

ly wage for a new employee

is \$4 higher than his present

Michael Simmons, a high-

We spend 76% of every

"It always goes back to the

riving at the mill rate.)

tion," he added.

said.

Principal Alicia Roy.

"It's a problem for the

Whiting acknowledged

a fair wage.

Hello Tree!

Fifth grader Katelyn Holst-Grubbe read her poem, "Hello, Tree!" at the 32nd annual Arbor Day celebration at North Canaan Elementary School on Friday, April 29. Five other fifth graders read poems during the ceremony attended by first and fifth graders, which marked the planting of an American hophornbeam tree across from the school in what the school calls its arboretum. Katelyn was also a winner of the Connecticut Arbor Day Poster Competition for 2022.

Town employee pay equity draws concern at budget hearing

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The proposed town budget for 2022-23 drew considerable public comment during a special meeting of the Board of Finance on Wednesday, April 27, when discussion focused on recent cuts that reduced wage increases for town employees.

Hearing the public comments — without authority to make changes at this point in the budget process — the Board of Finance voted unanimously to send both the selectmen's and the education budgets to a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In response to a Board of Finance request, the selectmen had reduced their budget from an overall increase of 9.66% to an increase of 6.27% over current levels. Their revised total expenditures now stand at \$3,024,543, an increase of \$179,039 over the current year.

Reviewing the reductions, Selectman Craig Whiting said that many of the cutbacks were found in small amounts throughout the budget, although hourly wage earners would receive a 6% increase, which is less than originally proposed.

During public comment, one resident indicated that town employees earn less than other area town employees earn for comparable positions.

Whiting agreed, saying that he had undertaken

Salisbury artisans May 7

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Artisans Group will have its Spring Market on the lawn of The White Hart in Salisbury on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The market will feature more than 20 artisans selling unique, handmade wares. Jewelry, textiles, pottery, photography, skin-care products and more will be available from new and returning vendors. The first hour of the event will be masked.

hidden histories, area students presented their historical research into the early narratives of the Civil Rights Movement, the Harlem Renaissance, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and their connections to Troutbeck and the local region as part of the Troutbeck Symposium.

Over the past few months, the symposium's participating students have collaborated in group research, creative workshops and other means to shed a light on these stories. Among the nine participating schools, the Troutbeck Symposium welcomed art exhibitions, documentaries, conversations and displays from the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (CSD); Millbrook CSD; Pine Plains CSD; The Wassaic Project; Salisbury School; Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS); Indian Mountain School and The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville; Marvelwood School in Kent.; and Sharon Center School.

Student exhibitions were on display from Wednesday, April 27, through Sunday, May 1. The Troutbeck Symposium was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29. Along with the student pre-

Lifeguard training course

SALISBURY — Salisbury Recreation is offering a lifeguard training and lifeguard refresher class. Participants must be at least 15 years old. Classes will be held from May 31 to June 14. Full class details including time, cost location and how to register are at www.salisburyct. us. Contact Lisa McAuliffe with any questions at 860 435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

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. sentations, the symposium welcomed reflections from visiting speakers and special guests, including author Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Silas Munro of Polymode Studio, artist Nona Faustine, Communications Director Mike Morand from Yale University's Beinecke Library of Rare Books & Manuscripts and Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway.

Exchanging greetings with the symposium's students, area residents, educators and representatives circulated Troutbeck's ballroom and gallery to admire the exhibitions on display. Offering extensive research through innovative displays, the students demonstrated their grasp of the connections they uncovered throughout their investigations. Guests absorbed profiles of Black icons, activists and athletes; considered the Spingarn family's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement; and admired student artwork inspired by the words of Black

artists and activists.

Seating themselves in the ballroom, guests were welcomed to the symposium by a pair of Salisbury School students, who thanked all the symposium's staff and students for their participation; the sponsors for making the symposium possible; and the panelists for sharing their reflections.

Salisbury School students screened two of their videos for the public's viewing, one of which focused on the Troutbeck Trail. By learning about the 1933 NAACP conference in Amenia and the region's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, students explained via video



Hasan Kwame Jeffries spoke on his work and the work produced by the Troutbeck Symposium's students.

that they hoped to educate the public, bridge the gap between these "hardly known histories" and shed a light on the cultural renaissance surrounding the Troutbeck area.

Among Friday's featured speakers, Jeffries offered guests a few thoughts on what the students were doing and why their work is important.

An associate professor of history at The Ohio State University, he said he's been taking his students to James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County, Va., over the past couple of years. Toward the end of their tour, he said his students learn the room where the Bill of Rights was conceived sits on bricks made by children enslaved by one of the Founding Fathers.

Rather than deal with the truth, Jeffries said people try to either rationalize or deny this reality to avoid its impli-

cations. Borrowing a friend's thoughts that "we hate history, we love nostalgia," he explained people would rather hear about Martin Luther King Jr. than the Black Panther Party.

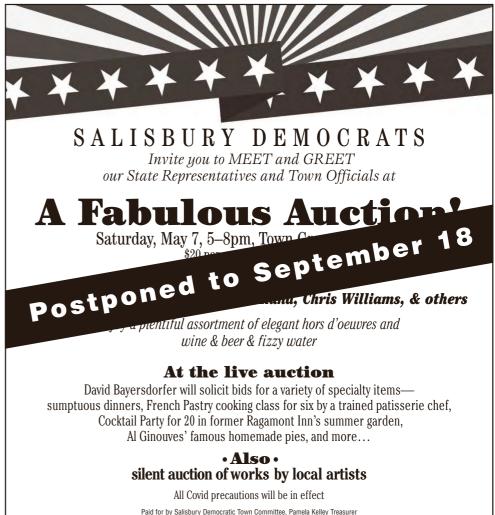
"This is a place of resistance," Jeffries said about Troutbeck. "It belongs on that continuum of African American resistance and we have to talk about that."

Through their work, Jeffries said the symposium's students have done two invaluable things: They've made clear what the obstacles are and they've provided context for understanding.

"They're providing us with a blueprint for moving forward in the future," he said. "We have to support that, and not too quietly either. There's no statue of limitations on this kind of work — this is enduring ... and this is how we get better as a society."



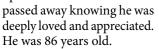




Thomas Bond Molholm

MILLERTON — Thomas Bond Molholm, longtime

resident of Millerton, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday evening, April 25, 2022, in the house he and his wife Karen Jacobson built. Tom was visited by many family members in the time leading up to his death and



Tom was born on July 11, 1935, in Cambridge, Mass., to Margaret Robertson Molholm and Hans Molholm. He was the youngest of five siblings. As a child Tom attended Shady Hill School, where he made life-long friendships. He received a scholarship to attend Phillips Exeter Academy, from which he graduated in 1953, and he attended Harvard College, from which he received his B.A. in literature and history in 1957.

After graduation, Tom was an English teacher, a shop teacher, and later owned his own cabinet shop. He lived in many different places, from London to Mojacar, Spain, but in the 1960s settled down in a loft in Tribeca, New York City.

Tom was married three times and had three daughters: Sophie, with Nina Hagen, Amber, with Sarah Rogers Montgomery, and Claire, with his wife Karen Jacobson. He and Karen were married in 1985. He is survived by his three daughters, his ex-wife Nina, his wife Karen, his two grandsons, Aidan and Rafe Abdulali, and his brother Tench Robertson.

Tom had a voracious appetite for life. He made friends everywhere he went and saw every interaction

as a chance to connect. He loved New York City deeply,

> taking every opportunity to see obscure films, attend the opera, or go to the public library. Tom was incredibly generous and was known for baking hundreds of fruitcakes for friends and neighbors ev-

ery year, writing beautiful and thoughtful letters and postcards, and checking in regularly on those he loved. He was an avid reader, always eager to wrestle with ideas and discuss history. He was a Friend of Bill, a mentor to many and took his sobriety seriously. Tom was always happy to support those around him. and he showed his love with food and deep conversation, and by always being a thoughtful listener and counselor. He brought light and joy to so many people while also being unafraid to debate or challenge others around him. He lived life to the fullest, often regaling listeners with stories such as when he climbed to the top of the Brooklyn Bridge or picked up a date in Poughkeepsie by riding on the top of a Metro North train. He will be missed and remembered by everyone who knew him.

There are no calling hours. A private service will take place in Millerton at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Arrangements have been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Recognizing survivors of cancer

LAKEVILLE — To commemorate National Cancer Survivors Day, Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County is hosting a Cancer Survivor Celebration on Wednesday, June 1, at the Grove in Lakeville from 5 to 7 p.m.

They will recognize cancer survivors in the community and join hundreds of other communities worldwide to cele

brate life as part of the annual National Cancer Survivors Day. The free celebration will include refreshments, a keynote speaker, live music and a raffle.

Virtual baking program with Jessie Sheehan, May 17

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon will present Jessie Sheehan in a virtual baking demonstration program on Tuesday, May 17.

The 7 p.m. program will feature a discussion of the popular TikTok influencer's 100 easy recipes for sweets and treats. Sheehan's fuss-free approach, energy and kitchen-savvy advice are all on display in the book "Snackable Bakes."

Publisher's Weekly gave the book a starred review saying, "This excellent guide would satisfy just about any sugar craving."

This program is free but registration is required at www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/snackable.

Falls Village library plant sale

FALLS VILLAGE — The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host its annual outdoor Homegrown Plant Sale on the weekend of May 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Falls Village's own growers, gardeners and CSAs will provide a wide variety of plants, vegetables, annuals and perennials.

For more information, or to donate plants and pots, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary. org. The library is located at 63 Main St.

For those who want to donate plants for sale, drop-off is Friday, May 20, from to 2

Perennials, annuals, houseplants, decorative pots, and garden accessories are welcome. Donors are asked to label each plant.

coffee. She was a member of the first graduating class at Northwestern Regional #7. On April 9, 1960, she married Douglas Crunden at the Congregational Church in Norfolk. Together they raised three children: Ted. Howard, and Liz. Cynthia spent many years working for the Town of Norfolk. She was predeceased by her parents, Howard C. and H.

Pearl (Schuyler) Caul; her

husband, Douglas H. Crun-

den; and her son Ted W.

Crunden. Cynthia is sur-

vived by her son Howard P. Crunden of Norfolk and his wife Dorothy; her daughter, Liz A (Crunden) McClure of Norfolk. Born on September Fair Haven, Vt., and her hus-

Cynthia Pearl (Caul) Crunden

NORFOLK — Cynthia

Pearl (Caul) Crunden passed

away unexpectedly in her

home on April 27, 2022, in

30, 1941, in Winst-

ed. Cynthia spent

most of her life liv-

ing in the Ice Box of

Connecticut, Nor-

folk. Cynthia was a

sweet, kind woman,

who always had a

smile on her face

and a kind word

to offer. She was

a proud Rainbow

Girl. Cynthia loved reading,

crocheting blankets for her

grandchildren and great

grandchildren, doing cross-

word puzzles, and drinking

band Paul; grandchildren: Caroline Teves (husband, Kyle), Sara Marcus (husband Zach), Tyler McClure, and Gray McClure. She also had five great grandchildren: Mila, Jameson, and Jackson Marcus; and Theodore and

Charles Teves. She was very close with her sister, Barbara Whitford of Canaan, along with many brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces and

Calling hours will be held at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., Canaan, on Thursday, May 12th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 13th at the Norfolk Congregational Church, in the Batelle Chapel at 2 p.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Norfolk Ambulance, Norfolk Fire Dept, or the Norfolk Congregational Church.

Robert Joseph Rockefeller

KENT — Robert Joseph Rockefeller, 75, a thirty-two year resident of Kent, most recently of Lagrangeville, N.Y., died unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Bob retired as a supervisor from Wassaic Development Center following a 30-year career with New York State. Following his retirement he worked with the Education Connection as a special education assistant at New Milford High School for 12

Born June 1, 1946, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Harold R. and Gladys R. (Odell) Rockefeller. Following his high school years he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1968. In 1979 he met Richard Neil Sinclair, and they remained together for nearly 44 years. Mr. Sinclair survives in Lagrangeville.

Bob attended college throughout the years at **Dutchess Community and** received an LPN degree, he also continued to further his education in child psychology while working at Wassaic, where he was instrumental in helping to establish specialized units for disabled children. He also worked one on one in the after-school sports program at New Milford High. He will be dearly missed by all.

In addition to Mr. Sinclair, Bob is survived by his loving sister, Caroline Burke of Millerton; his niece, Donna Burke of Canton; two nephews, Gary Burke of Canton and Daniel Burke of Millerton; a great niece, Athena Burke and two great nephews, Ethan and Joshua Burke and many friends and colleagues.

Calling hours will held on Tuesday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.mm at the funeral home. Rev. Zora F. Cheatham will officiate. **Burial with Standard Military** Honors will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Legion Post 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, N.Y. 12546 or Special Olympics of New York. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

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the affiliated Cemetery Association

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Caleen 'Peaches' Speed

LAKEVILLE — Caleen ful years together. Peaches

Lakeville, gained her angels wings suddenly on April 23, 2022, at her home. She was the devoted mother of Ashley Speed and the loving partner of John Gallagher.

Peaches was born on July 22, 1958, in Sharon,

the daughter of the late Floyd Sr. and Helen Speed. Peaches was well known for her bubbly personality and her unconditional love for those in her life. She worked at The Hotchkiss School in housekeeping for many years until her early retirement. She met her partner, John Gallagher, while working at The Hotchkiss School and the couple shared 17 bliss-

"Peaches" Speed, 63, of loved spending time with

friends and family, reading books recommended by her daughter, arts and crafts, game shows, and animals. Peaches had many pets that she cared for deeply.

Peaches is survived by a daughter, Ashley Speed and

fiancé Mark Dautrich, longtime partner, John Gallagher, four brothers, John, Floyd Jr., Gene, and Gary, sister-in-law Diane Speed, and niece Krista Fitzgerald.

Calling hours will be held at Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon, on Friday May 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ashley kindly asks that everyone wear something orange in remembrance of Peaches.



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SARUM VILLAGE

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people who might have some objection are those who live [in the complex] next door and have to endure the construction."

Currently, the Sarum Village complex comprises 24 rental units built over two phases. In 1987, the first 16 units were constructed, and in 2017, Sarum Village II added eight units. Once complete, the 10-unit Sarum Village III project will bring total rentals at the site to 34.

"It maxes out what we can have there," said Halle. He estimated that once the federal funding is received, the project could break ground this summer and welcome occupants in about a year.

'Long-awaited funding'

Jennifer Kronholm Clark, chair of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission, credited the Salisbury Housing Committee for its "great work" in getting the project's third phase off the ground. "I'm thrilled to hear that this long-awaited funding is finally on its way. The Sarum III project will bring Salisbury desperately needed affordable rentals in a lovely residential neighborhood."

According to an Affordable Housing Inventory list compiled by the Northwestern Connecticut Regional Housing Council and updated in February, Salisbury currently has 40 affordable housing units, 39 of which are owned by Salisbury Housing Committee.

They include Sarum Village (16 units); Sarum Village II (eight units); Faith House at 30 Fowler St. (nine units) and Lakeview Apartments at 32 Millerton Road (six units). In addition, the Town of Salisbury owns one rental unit at

25 Academy St. "Obviously, anytime any of these projects gets funding it's good news," said Jocelyn Ayer, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity (LCCHO) and a volunteer board member of the Salisbury Housing Committee.

A 'dent' in the larger goal

Salisbury's 2018 Affordable Housing Plan, said Ayer, set a goal of adding 75 new units over the next 10-year period to the town's housing stock. "This will make a little dent in meeting that goal."

Ayer said LCCHO has a "whole pipeline" of developed housing that it hopes to get constructed over the next four years in Litchfield County, amounting to more than 150 units that would be affordable to households at 80 percent of the area median income or less.

"What we need are resources like what the Connecticut Department of Housing is making available for Sarum Village III," said Aver. "It means we will be able to get some households off that long waiting list." Some people, she said, have been waiting up to five years to secure an affordable rental. "At

some point, they just move somewhere else."

Pointing to Sarum Village's success over the last several decades, Halle said it is important to remind residents that there was fierce opposition when its first phase was unveiled back in the 1980s. "Not a lot of people remember that, and that's one of the arguments we make now with Holley Place," a controversial, 12-unit affordable housing project that has been discussed in town for the past four years and is currently tied up in litigation.

There was much greater opposition to Sarum Village when it was proposed and designed than there is today with Holley Place, Halle explained. "We like to give that example to people. Once it was built, there wasn't a blot on the landscape at all."

40 households on waiting lists

Even with the good news about federal funding for the third phase of Sarum Village, said Halle, there are about 40 households on waiting lists just for Sarum Village and Faith House. Halle said this underscores the need for the community to support other projects currently in the pipeline.

"Ten more units at Sarum Village does not diminish our affordable housing needs at Holley Place or Pope, or any other property. We need them

money added in is calculat-

ed according to the family's

the money can be used for

a limited number of things,

such as education or business

currently in the New Jersey

state Legislature, Shapiro said.

pansion of the federal child

tax credit reduced childhood

poverty by 40%, but the provi-

tells us we know how to de-

housing and tax policy at the

federal level, Shapiro replied

that the outlook was not fa-

vorable, with "a lot of stalled

level, there is great progress."

"But at the local and state

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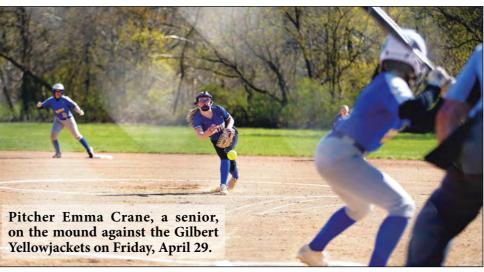
A version of this idea is

Shapiro said the recent ex-

development.

Once the recipient is 18,

SPORTS



Housy beats Gilbert 15-7

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School softball team has started to gain traction in the final month of the season, earning a second consecutive win with a decisive 15-7 victory at home over The Gilbert School on Friday, April 29.

Before the Gilbert game, the Mountaineers struggled, losing their first four games against Berkshire League opponents. The first win of the season came on Thursday, April 28, when they played Dover (N.Y.) High School, winning on the road 20-to-5.

'We did a little more offensively than I expected, which was great to see," said Head Coach Peter Foley. "The offense outflow was great" with eight batters combining for 23 hits.

The HVRHS offense came alive against the Yellowjackets from the start of the game. After giving up two runs in the first inning, the Mountaineers got two consecutive singles from senior Tori Dodge and sophomore Grace Riva.

The Mountaineers got on the scoreboard with back-toback RBIs from junior Kaitlyn Cunningham and sophomore Riley Marshall, and then burst out in front with a triple from senior Mariana Bonnett with the bases loaded. After the first inning, the Mountaineers led 5-to-2.

To add to their offense, Foley has introduced a pitching machine into practice, which he said has led to major progress at the plate. Against Gilbert, the Mountaineers had their fewest strikeouts of the season with only four.

In the third inning, the Mountaineers pulled away. Dodge rocketed an insidethe-park home run that brought in a runner. A few doubles and RBIs later, Housatonic had a 10-2 lead with four innings left.

"Working with the girls is awesome. They are really responsive to direction," said Foley, who is coaching the Housatonic softball team for the first time. "I've seen their development from day one. I've seen them get a lot better. I've seen their focus get a lot better."

While the season only has a month left to go, the Mountaineers have nine more games to push for a postseason run. Their next game, a road matchup against Thomaston High School, was slated for Monday, May 2.

SHAPIRO

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ductivity soared while hourly wages did not.

He defined "household wealth" as "everything of value, that can be sold" in a household, minus debt.

Shapiro said median wealth in the U.S. for whites is \$185,000, compared to \$36,000 for Hispanics and \$24,000 for African-Ameri-

For every dollar of wealth held by whites, Blacks have between 12 and 13 cents, he

He cited a study that reinterviewed families from 1984 to 2011. In 1984, the gap between white and Africa-American wealth was \$84,000. In 2011, it was \$258,000 (adjusted for infla-

The biggest factor in household wealth, he continued, is home equity.

And U.S. policy has made it difficult for African-Americans to buy homes. Shapiro said the New Deal's Federal Housing Act started by reversing the status quo, which was a person buying a home had to come up with about 90% of the price in cash, and borrow the remainder with a short-term (five-year) loan.

After the FHA, 5% to 10% down payments and the remainder borrowed over a longer period (30 years) became the norm.

Shapiro said after WWII home ownership increased dramatically and posed a problem: How could the federal government guarantee the loans to banks?

The answer was the federal government defined risk as good, moderate or bad.

And the high-risk category included those with low incomes and who lived in African-American or mixed areas. Shapiro said the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow "was now cemented in the system of American policy."

He offered some solutions.

"Baby bonds" begin with every newborn child starting off with a bond for \$1,500. More funds are added until the child is 18, and while everybody starts off with the same amount, the additional

DEEP FUNDING

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provisions be funded within available appropriations.

"DEEP has been saying that it's impossible to do so," said state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) on Sunday, May 1.

Among its provisions, the proposed legislation calls for DEEP to consult with an arborist before taking trees that it deems to be hazardous to the public. It also calls for DEEP to replace trees that have been cut.

The bill was proposed by Miner, following DEEP's removal of trees in Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon over the winter, leading to public outrage because of the extent of the cutting.

With some softening of its provisions, the bill was passed out of the Senate but now is sitting on the House calendar. It was uncertain if it would be called for a vote by the House before the end of the legislative session on Wednesday, May 4.

"At this point it's an active conversation," Horn said on May 1.

A fiscal analysis by the state indicated that SB 117 could result in significant costs to DEEP depending on the number of trees identified for removal or pruning.

The Office of Fiscal Analysis estimated that DEEP may need to hire seven maintainers, at a cost of \$432,156 in fiscal year 2023 and \$417,755 in fiscal year 2024, including fringe benefits, to replant trees, depending on the actual number required based on

an arborist's determination. The office further said

that it could cost DEEP over \$1 million annually for the cost of purchasing replacement trees, depending on the actual number required. The removal last winter of about 100 oak and pine trees

in the scenic, riverside park that is a popular recreation destination drew immediate protests. Many residents were armed to question the state's decision-making based on their own expert credentials as arborists, tree wardens, horticulturalists and wildlife experts.

On Monday, May 2, the agency issued the following statement: "DEEP does not support SB 117. The Department has committed to adopt a policy that will provide for greater transparency and arborist consultation for the management of hazard

DEEP said the approach in SB 117 would compromise DEEP's ability to manage trees in time-sensitive situations, such as forest fires and after major storms.

"It comes with no additional funding and would therefore divert resources from critical park operations and services," the statement further said.

Last week, Miner said that

DEEP workers at Housatonic Meadows had encroached upon a vernal pool when they were blowing wood chips across the forest floor. The chips only bled to the water's edge. Vernal pools, considered a type of wetland, are seasonal caches of water that can provide habitat for plants and animals.

"Some of this is self-inflicted," Miner said, referring to the loss of public confidence in DEEP as a result of its extensive cutting at Housatonic Meadows.

"I don't get a sense that in their [DEEP] dealing with the public that they're bending at all," he said.

Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA), a group of citizens formed to change DEEP's practices on designating hazardous trees and ensure that there is a suitable remediation plan, has worked with DEEP to propose a plan of replanting along with other restoration work.

DEEP said it has been working with a volunteer group that includes representatives from Audubon CT, HMPA, Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Association, Housatonic River Commission, Housatonic River Outfitters and the Housatonic Valley Association.

MUSIC MOUNTAIN

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the process of preparation for a full season of music that begins June 5 with the renowned Rolston quartet. The Twilight Jazz concerts begin June 25 with the Bill Charlap Trio.

"We love reaching children with classical music, especially at this age," Espina-Ruiz said. "They are open-minded, musically inclined and curious. Some are already playing an instrument and others are interested in starting."

The last two performances of the afternoon were on instruments more familiar to the students: violin and piano. Klara Zaykova, from the Czech Republic, was asked by a student how hard the violin is to learn. She responded that while hard at the beginning each year it gets easier and easier — if you stick with it.

To wind up the show, pianist Francis Huang explained the difference between the original piano, which makes music mechanically by a hammer that taps the strings, and the electric one he was playing, which is a synthetic sound. Huang played a beautiful rendition of Bartók's melodic Romanian Folk Dances and the sound, synthetic as it was, danced around the room and seemed to enchant the audience. Kellen Lockton, aged 9, commented that it was like "happy daydreams, upbeat and pretty. It was music that you would wish you would really want to make."

In closing, Espina-Ruiz thanked Bard College Conservatory, Alicia Simonetti-Shpur from the Region One schools and the Arts Fund for Region One for continuing this concert tradition that has occurred at least 15 of the 93 years of Music Mountain's history.

Dee Salomon is vice president of the Music Mountain Board of Directors.





COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Work by Hermine Ford Premieres at Furnace Art on Paper Archive

f you need more than an espresso shot to jump start your sense of motivation, take some inspiration from Hermine Ford. The 83-year-old artist is ready to unveil a show of bold new abstract paintings created in the last year. Now entering her seventh decade as a working artist, Ford is a New York City native who is still charging forward and charting new artistic exploration in her TriBeCa studio. Last seen at the New York Studio School in 2019, a new series of work that Ford painted during the pandemic will be unveiled at Furnace Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, May 7.

"Hermine Ford:
Normally Invisible" will
be the debut show of
Furnace Art on Paper
Archive's 2022 season,
marking the gallery's
return after finishing its
first year.



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN KUCKA

Abstract artist Hermine Ford, seen in her studio in New York City's TriBeCa neighborhood, will debut new work at Furnace Art on Paper Archive.

Launched by downtown New York City painter and curator Kathleen Kucka in 2021, the thoroughly modern gallery on Falls Village's Main Street was conceived as Kucka made the small Litchfield County town her fulltime residence.

Located next to the new Falls Village Café and across the street from famed designer Bunny Williams' 100 Main decor shop, Furnace has been a key piece to the recent commercial revival of downtown Falls Village. With its fresh, minimalist space Furnace has shown large-scale abstract work from contemporary painters

like Stephen Maine, Bettina Blohm and Marilla Palmer.

Kucka described the work Hermine Ford will be showing as "the best of her career" as well as an "exciting opportunity to bring this level of art and history to Falls Village."

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GARDENS:CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Plant Sales Begin As Garden Season Approaches

id to late May is generally considered the safest time to plant vegetables and more delicate flowers outdoors in the Tristate region. In anticipation of the beginning of summer gardens, several organizations are holding their annual plant sales. The libraries are a good source for plants divided out of successful home gardens; they also usually offer "starts" of edibles such as tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

and cucumbers.
Freund's Farm
Market in East
Canaan, Conn., is
offering hanging
baskets at the Douglas Library of North
Canaan, Conn., sale
on Saturday, May
21, from 10 a.m. to
1 p.m.; and Sweet
Haven Farm in North
Canaan has donated
flower arrangements
for the sale.

Anyone who is dividing their perennials is invited to bring them in containers for the sale. Call the library at 860-824-7863 for information or send an email to douglaslibary@comcast.net.

The D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will hold its annual sale on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plants will include tomatoes, vegetables, annuals and perennials, and houseplants including geraniums from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in pots and hanging baskets. Proceeds benefit the library and the high school. For more information, or to donate plants and pots, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org. Drop-off for donations is Friday, May 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. Perennials, annuals, houseplants, decorative pots and garden accessories are welcome. Early dropoffs may be placed by the library's back door near the faucet. Label all plants with

Weatogue Farm in Salisbury, Conn., will begin its annual sale of vegetables, flowers and herbs on Friday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily into

the first week of June. Call Elvia with questions at 860-435-0345. The farm is at 78 Weatogue Road in Salisbury, near the border with North

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EVA CHEN IN CORNWALL ON MAY 7

Eva Chen is a first-generation Chinese-American who grew up in New York City. Since 2020, the New York Times best-selling author and her family have been settled in Litchfield County, Conn. Chen released her eighth children's book, "I Am Golden," earlier this year.

On Saturday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m., Chen will sit down with young patrons and their caregivers at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., to read her latest work. The reading

will be followed by an audience-led Q&A, light refreshments and a crafting project.

This event is co-sponsored with the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn.

Attendance is limited; register by calling Sam Saliter at 860-364-5041, emailing ssaliter@hotchkisslibrary.org or at https://hotchkisslibraryof-sharon.org/event/golden/#rsvp-now. Chen has had a long career in media and is currently the head of fashion partnerships at Instagram.



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Canaan, Conn. In Stockbridge, Mass., the Berkshire **Botanical Garden's** annual Plants-and-**Answers Plant Sale** is scheduled for Mother's Day weekend, May 6 and 7, with regionally appropriate plants hand-picked by the Garden's horticulturists.

The sale is open to the public Friday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 8, from 9 to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

And the Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale, which draws gardeners from all across the U.S. and supports Women's Support Services in Salisbury, Conn., will be held this year at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury on Saturday, May 14. The next day (Sunday, May 15) is garden tour day, with a mix of public and private gardens open to visitors. For more information, go to www.tradesecretsct.com.





Robert Andrew Parker's work is wide-ranging and diverse — and always quietly quirky, like the artist himself.

CELEBRATING NEARLY A CENTURY OF ART BY ROBERT ANDREW PARKER

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host a special exhibition of the art of Robert Andrew Parker of Cornwall, Conn., in honor of his 95th birthday.

A birthday reception will be held on Satur-

day, May 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. for the retrospective showing of Parker's paintings, drawings, etchings and books. The work will be on display through July 2.

For more information,

call the library at 860-**LAUREN AMBROSE BRINGS**

'MARIE ANTOINETTE' TO LIFE

Following the success of last month's reading of Kate Hamill's reimagined "The Scarlet Letter," there will be a reading of David Adjmi's comic interpretation of the life of "Marie Antoinette."

The staged reading at the Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will be on Saturday, May 14, and will star Tony- and Emmy-nominated actress Lauren Ambrose in the title role.

The evening is di-

rected by Sharon Playhouse Associate Artistic Director Michael Kevin Baldwin, who said, "Marie Antoinette' is both outrageously funny and devastatingly poignant. Adjmi uses the tale of the ill-fated French monarch to explore our modern day culture of building up celebrities and then tearing them down."

The staged reading will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Go to www. sharonplayhouse.org.

824-7424 or go to www. huntlibrary.org/art-wall, where the full exhibition can be seen beginning May 8.

The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village, Conn. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to lp.m.



Robert Andrew Parker, a beloved artist from Cornwall, Conn., celebrates his 95th birthday with an art opening on May 14.

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Ford's decade-spanning career has seen her geometrical designs move through different phases; her latest work — intricate patterns of swirling squares, like tiny mosaic tiles — seems to pull from the artist's extensive time in Rome. The series of paintings in "Normally Invisible" draw to mind excavated pieces from antiquity, but with brilliant jewel tones in circular patterns. Are they ancient sundials or studies of the moon's changing face?

Art runs in the blood of Hermine Ford and

her family. She shares her TriBeCa loft with her husband, fellow New York City native and contemporary painter Robert Moskowitz, whose abstract etchings of human figures in black and white have been showcased at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Her father was the late Polish-born painter Jack Tworkov, a figurehead of the Abstract Expressionist movement and former chairman of Yale University's art department. His rough, kinetic work that layered vibrant color on

color was highly influential and made him a peer of other avant-garde men in the midcentury "New York School" of painting, including Mark Rothko and Willem de Kooning.

"Hermine Ford: Normally Invisible" will open at Furnace Art on Paper Archive at 107 Main St. in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, May 7, with a free reception from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, go to www. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com or follow @ furnace_artonpaper on Instagram.

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FICTION: KAITLIN LYLE

The Talented Patricia Highsmith and Why Her Stories Work on Film

ypring feels like an ideal time to get tangled up in a mystery, as the snow melts away to uncover what was buried in the fall

There's something seductive about cozying up with a spellbinding tale that requires the reader's rapt attention as the characters become entangled in a web of lies.

Often the best of these tales are adapted into films; it's often disappointing to see details lost in translation in the leap from print to picture.

One notable exception is the work of author Patricia Highsmith, famous for the psychological thrillers she wrote mainly in the 1940s and

I've yet to be disappointed by any of the big screen versions of her tales.

'DEEP WATER'

A new one, "Deep Water," was released on Hulu this past March. Watching the tales she crafted unfold on the screen, viewers will likely find Highsmith's brand of suspense magnified and her characters rendered more empathetic. Dangerous games are played where the quickest hand wins, and characters are forced to consider how much they'll compromise to have the stars align in their favor.

'THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY'

Directed by Anthony Minghella, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" from 1999 is, I believe, an underrated masterpiece from start to finish. Like countless stories of suspense, "Ripley" opens on a voiceover narrating the titular

Not all print-tofilm adaptations can preserve the hair-rising chills of a great thriller novel, but three adaptations of work by Patricia Highsmith maintain their creepy splendor, even on celluloid, including Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train," at right.

character's remorse for his mistakes. For Tom Ripley, it starts with a borrowed jacket.

The affluent Greenleafs spot Tom wearing a Princeton jacket during a concert and presume that he knows their son Dickie, a recent Princeton graduate. Rather than admit the truth, Tom plays along. The opening credits are still rolling when Mr. Greenleaf persuades Tom to go find Dickie in Italy and persuade him to come home.

After meticulous preparations for the journey (including listening to Dickie's favorite music), Tom arrives in the fictional town of Mongibello, where Dickie's been living an American playboy's life in Europe. An intense friendship sparks as Tom is invited into Dickie's dazzling world of connections, wealth and freedom.

Yet while Ripley declares them "brothers," it's not long before Dickie grows weary of Tom's constant presence and makes it clear it's time to move on. One ghastly moment of rage, and Tom finds a new use for his ability to impersonate "practically anybody" as he assumes Dickie's identity.

The film features an all-star cast that exemplifies Highsmith's story under the care of an accomplished director. From the breathtaking view of Italy as it might have looked in the 1950s to the soundtrack that magnifies the story's twists and turns, this film is a favorite at my house. With every viewing, I'm tempted to

offers a solution that might benefit them both.

Having fantasized methods for committing the perfect murder, Bruno suggests the idea of strangers exchanging murders — in their case, Bruno would kill Guy's unfaithful ex-wife while Guy would kill Bruno's overbearing father. Guy evaluates Bruno's idea with amusement before disembarking the train, not knowing Bruno's mistakenly taken his listening as agreement.

Visiting Guy at his girlfriend's home, Bruno reveals he's carried out his end of their exchange, much to Guy's horror. Insisting they planned the exchange on the train, Bruno implies it's Guy's turn to follow through, lest he risk the possibility of being arrested for murder.

Like many of Hitchcock's films, "Strangers on a Train" kept my eyes locked on the screen and, in anticipation of the darkness ahead, distrustful of any lighthearted moments.

The suspense of tracking Bruno's whereabouts is enough to send a shiver down a viewer's spine, and Hitchcock knows how to play with our unease.



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while knowing I'd lose

count halfway through

'STRANGERS

ON A TRAIN'

While "Ripley" focus-

es on mistaken iden-

tities, "Strangers on a

Adapted from

Train" (1951) is centered

on mistaken intentions.

Highsmith's 1950 novel

tor Alfred Hitchcock's

highly acclaimed film

opens with tennis star

Guy Haines riding the

his divorce. He strikes

train, intent on finalizing

up a conversation with a

stranger, Bruno Anthony,

who's taken an interest

in Guy's situation and

of the same name, direc-

the film.

CALENDAR

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ART

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Archive, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnaceartonpaperarchive.com Hermine Ford, Normally Invisible, May 7 to June 12.

BOOKS

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www. noblehorizons.org Book club: The Hotchkiss School's Keith Moon on "The New Tsar: The Rise and Reign of Vladimir Putin", Wednesdays

to May 11, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

KIDS

Kent Barns, Kent, Conn. www. kentbarnsct.com Scribble Art for All Ages

Under the Big Maple Tree, May 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MOVIES

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

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MUSIC

Torrington Symphony Orchestra,

Torrington, Conn. www. torringtonsymphony.org Broadway Hits and Classics, May 7.

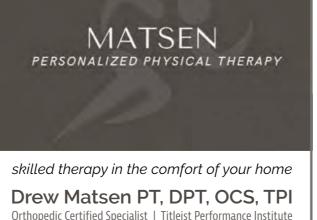
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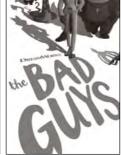
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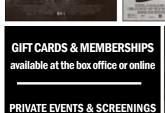
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EDITORIAL

Trying to hold in-person events

A challenge as **COVID** wanes

There are so many parts of our lives that have been changed by COVID-19 and its variants over the past two years. Feel as if you've read that sentence here and elsewhere before? Yes, no doubt you have. But repetition doesn't make it any less true. And looking at the repercussions of the pandemic carefully can only help us all cope with them better,

One of the most difficult, outside of the direct health implications, has been the inability to gather in person. Whether in school or at work, or in cultural venues, this has made our inner selves suffer as much as our physical selves. That's why it was especially meaningful to see that our regional treasure, The Salisbury Forum, was hosting its first in-person event in two years last Friday, April 29.

For anyone unfamiliar with the organization, here is the description from their website of their mission: The Salisbury Forum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to seek positive change in the world by hosting speaker forums that foster deeper understanding of issues that affect our lives globally and locally.

The speaker they hosted Friday night could hardly have been more significant to the issues faced in American society today: Thomas Shapiro, a professor of law and social policy at Brandeis University, spoke on "Toxic Inequality: The Overdue Reckoning of Race and Wealth." Shapiro is also the author of "Toxic Inequality: How America's Wealth Gap Destroys Mobility, Deepens the Racial Divide, and Threatens Our Future" and "The Hidden Cost of Being African American."

See Managing Editor Patrick Sullivan's story this week on the content of Shapiro's talk, to get a sense of the details and data he put across to help us all understand what systemic racism over many generations has done to the financial lives of Black families. Shapiro detailed not only the data showing the inequities that have made it next to impossible for many African Americans to increase their earnings and ability to own homes. Shapiro was clear that home ownership is a major factor on not just net worth for the current generation, but for those who follow.

It was still a challenge to bring a large crowd out in person for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School venue in Falls Village for this event. If you were interested but decided against going to an in-person event yet, you should not only read Sullivan's story on the talk, but also go to the Salisbury Forum website at www.salisburyforum.org and click on videos. Then, watch a good quality video of Shapiro's talk. An excellent benefit of these talks is the chance to find out about the books written by the speaker and others on the topic. So, also look at the link to Oblong Books on the Forum website, where you can find the relevant books by Shapiro.

Keep an eye on the upcoming programs from The Salisbury Forum; no matter where you live in the Tristate region, these programs are worth the drive.

The next one is on June 1 at 7 p.m. again at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, with the speaker Marie Yovanovitch, speaking on "Lessons from the Edge." Yovanovitch, by the way, grew up in Kent.

She is a career American diplomat, according to the Forum website, the former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, and the author of "Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir." After being ousted from her post she became a central figure in the congressional inquiry leading to the impeachment of Donald Trump.

Let's hope the recent uptick in COVID cases in the area slow down, and we can be more open to gathering in person once again. It will help our mental and emotional health, and therefore help our physical outlook as well.

Such an honor, a surprise to the honoree

I was unexpectedly honored by the Hunt Library community on the afternoon of Saturday, April 30, during a volunteer appreciation gathering.

Erica Joncyk, the director of the Hunt, said some sweet and funny things showing how well she knows me and then presented me with an intricately complicated sculpture by the inestimable Ani Jenkins, a Falls Village artist and a recent new member of our town.

It's a 33-inch tower of small wooden books and shapes. Every piece moves. I don't know its title, but I think I'll call it, "Everything he accomplished." I was choked up near tears and will feel that whenever I look at it and daydream.

Art, for me, contains the memories I store in it. This piece holds the heart and love of all the staff and volunteers of the David M. Hunt Library. Thank you. We're all in this together and I love you all.



Waiting for a playmate at Salisbury Central

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial equality in Region One

I have lived in North Canaan nearly my entire life. Until I served on the board of finance and board of selectman I did not know or pay attention to how the Region One budget is divided amongst the towns. Over the last two years we have seen increases of \$400,000 and \$730,000. I have been pushing for a separation of costs at the high school. We could divide the education costs based on student population then divide the hard costs like the front office and building and grounds equally with all towns.

We will still fight for that possibility but my true feelings have changed. My wife and I have no children and own a home in East Canaan. Why should we pay three times as much for a school than someone that lives in one of our neighboring towns in the same situation? Isn't the high school there for everyone in the region to use? Isn't the argument of the current administration in Washington that the rich should "pay their fair share"? How is it that the town with the highest mill rate and lowest average annual household income pays 39% of a high school split by six towns?

People ask "what about industry in North Canaan," but the fact of the matter is in terms of grand list we rank fifth at 8.69% of the total list (2020 numbers). To put that into perspective, the total grand list for our six towns is \$3.6 billion, North Canaan is at \$320 million and we are due to pay 38.9% of the high school budget. Another point, we spend over 76% of our entire \$13 million on education; the closest percentage is Falls Village at 63% of their total budget spent on education. This hinders our ability to do anything but the bare essentials of a town.

Most of our town employees/elected officials are among the lowest paid for their positions in the Northwest Corner and I am willing to bet the entire state. This is not an equitable way to divide the costs.

In closing, we should all come together as a region and find a better way. If we based the formula on grand list and every person paid the same percentage of their property taxes to a school tax, then the Democratic cries for the rich to pay their fair share would become a reality. Isn't that what we all want, an equitable system for all of us? It would also be easier to predict a budget for every town. This isn't a plea to make other towns pay more, it is a plea to have every taxpayer in the region pay the same percentage of their taxes to support a school that is there for everyone to use.

These opinions are mine as a resident and do not represent the North Canaan Board of Selectmen.

Craig Whiting North Canaan

CANAAN — With a hall full of well-wishers and the

moving candlelight ceremony of the Court of Honor, Canaan's Troop 22 heralded this week its first Eagle Scout in 37 years. Scott Zinke was presented with his Eagle badge by his parents, Bruce and Petey Zinke, Tuesday

TURNING BACK

100 years ago — May 1922

LIME ROCK — A party from Waterbury has rented

LIME ROCK — Quite a

SALISBURY — Herbert Beebe has purchased the William Dunn place at Lin-

Gratis — Beginning Monday May 8th, we will distrib-

ute, free, from our village

office, one thousand gladioli

bulbs. These bulbs are ready

for planting and will bloom

this year. We offer not more

than one dozen to any one

The Salisbury Village Im-

provement Society expects to begin construction on a

new market this fall, Execu-

tive Director Jeffrey P. Walker

of Farnam Road, Lakeville,

retired on April 28 from his

job at the Connecticut state

maintenance garage in Win-

sted. He had been employed

by the state as a mechanic for

a combined total of nearly 70

years of service will be hon-

ored at a testimonial dinner

on June 2 at the White Hart

Inn, Salisbury. The guests of

honor will be Miss Dorothy

Sault, who has spent most of

her 38-year teaching career

in Kent, and Miss Constance

Tracy, who has taught for 30

25 years ago — May 1997

Two Kent teachers with

- Walter P. Palmer Sr.

disclosed Tuesday.

family. Bell and Wagner. 50 years ago — May 1972

fire has been raging on the mountain for the past few

THE PAGES

Rocky Dell Hotel.

Norma Bosworth

evening. CANAAN — In his few weeks short of 90 years spent on this earth, Fred Hall has seen a lot, much of it through his camera lens. The photographs he has taken over the course of his 63 years in Canaan serve to document the town's history, a subject that is as much a passion for Mr. Hall as is photography. On Friday an exhibit will open at the Douglas Library showcasing his photographs of Canaan and his own life over the decades.

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

Lessons in civility are relevant now

COVID-19 cases are rising; simultaneously, mask mandates are falling as a result of a questionable court decision. We take comfort that vaccination and boosters are effective in most cases to prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19, but we know that some people who are vaccinated still get COVID-19, can be asymptomatic, may suffer from "long" COVID, and can still transmit COVID-19 to the vaccinated and boosted. We witness the extraordinary efforts of organizers of some congregate events (e.g., college reunions and gala Washington dinners, etc.) to require proof of both vaccination and recent or same-day testing. We also witness the confusion (frankly failure) of some organizers of other congregate events (churches, garden clubs, camera clubs, book clubs, etc.) to deal constructively with the chaos.

The tools for fighting COVID-19 are clear — vaccination, masks, social distancing, testing and isolation. But, there is no generally accepted approach, nor any organization to suggest guidelines that will be followed. While a local church has no policy on vaccination and masks, a local school requires all visitors to be vaccinated and masks inside all school buildings. What is one to do?

The Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior of George Washington from the 18th

century suggest a helpful approach: "If you cough, sneeze, sigh, or yawn, do it not loud but privately; and speak not in your yawning, but put your handkerchief or hand before your face and turn aside." (Rule No. 5)

If George Washington were president today, he might not endorse mask requirements; but he would no doubt approve concern and respect for each other as we continue to battle COVID-19.

A COVID-19 Protocol of Civility and Decent Behavior might suggest:

1. Every action done in company, ought to be with some sign of respect, to those that are present. (Rule No. 1 from Washington's Rules of Civility).

2. Get vaccinated and boosted as soon as possible to protect yourself and others.

3. Test for COVID-19 shortly before attending a congregate event.

4. If the test is positive, call your doctor, isolate, and do not attend a congregate

5. If the test is negative, it is OK to attend a congregate event without wearing a mask if you are vaccinated and boosted and have no symptoms.

6. If you do not test before a congregate event, it is OK to attend only if you are vaccinated and boosted, wear a mask at the event, and have no symptoms.

7. Maintain social distanc-

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support or oppose candidates for public office.

ing of at least 6 feet.

8. Wear a mask to protect both yourself and others.

9. Appreciate that those who wear masks do so to protect both themselves and

10. Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience. (Rule No. 110 from Washington's Rules of Civil-

It is up to event planners to organize their activities in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards of civility and decent behav-

G. A. Mudge Sharon

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Viewpoint

The aging of America's office holders: solution needed

eing an "elder statesman" used to be something of a distinction but in today's political world, there doesn't seem to be any other kind. Though there are more elders than statesmen.

Fortunately, the men and women who actually practice diplomacy are relatively young but our elected political leaders — the senators, representatives and also our past two presidents — are showing their ages in various ways, not always to their advantage.

It makes one wonder why people should be running for president at that advanced age. Let's explore, starting at

President Biden will be 80 in November; if he runs again in 2024 and wins, he'll be 86 in 2028 when his second term ends.

Donald Trump, the leading Republican contender, is 76; if he runs again and wins, he'll be 80 when his term ends. The four years between them make no difference.

There is no way to tell

which of these two old men will retain his greatest accumulation of marbles after the 2024 election.

True, your physical or mental health can fail at any time in your life but the later years are, of course, the most vulnerable. And while failing health can be treated over the course of months or even years, it isn't very convenient for the individual — or the nation — when one is president.

The 28th president of the United States was Woodrow 1912 to 1916 and Wilson, his second wife, Edith Wilson, and his doctor, Cary Grayson, for part of his second term, 1916-20.

IF You Ask

DICK AHLES

The wife and doctor secretly handled most ME presidential matters after Wilson suffered a dis-

abling stroke midway in that second term and Mrs. Wilson was derided as "the first female president" at a time when women couldn't even vote for the office. Steps have been taken to prevent much of this from happening again.

This topic was prompted by two recent news stories about people holding important positions in government and the private sector.

First, there was a troubling story about the mental state of a senator, the influential California Democrat Diane Feinstein. "Four U.S. senators, including three Democrats, as well as three former Feinstein staffers ... told the (San Francisco) Chronicle in recent interviews that her memory is rapidly deteriorating," wrote Deputy Editorial Page Editor Ruth Marcus in the Washington Post.

"Colleagues worry Dianne Feinstein is now mentally unfit to serve, citing recent interactions," the headline read.

Feinstein and her staff denied everything but after an erratic performance at Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court hearings, Democratic Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer persuaded her to

step down as ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. She's up for reelection in 2024.

Then there was a happier

story from the private sector, announcing the retirement Dean Baquet, the executive editor of The

New York Times, who just turned 66, and the appointment of the paper's highly regarded managing editor Joe Khan, 57, to succeed him. The announcement noted

in passing that 65 is an age that has traditionally meant retirement for top editorial posts at the Times. Those with lesser responsibilities might be permitted to work longer, but at 65, the most responsible posts should be refreshed with younger blood. That's the policy of many institutions with a responsibility to the public and/or their shareholders but presidents and members of Congress — and justices of the Supreme Court — go on.

Feinstein is not the only octogenarian in a high Senate or House post. She'll be 88 in June; Republican leader Chuck Grassley will be 88 in September. James Inhofe, Oklahoma Republican, is 86, so is Vermont Democrat Pat Leahy. The retiring Richard Shelby (R-ALA) is 87 and majority leader Mitch Mc-Connell is 80. Bernie Sanders, who wants to join the old man presidency, is also 80.

Senators 75 and over are too numerous to mention but it should be noted they

include Richard Blumenthal, whom you may know. He's up for reelection in Novem-

And we can't ignore the House because there's Speaker Nancy Pelosi, 83, and fellow Californian Maxine Waters, 84, along with Democratic leaders Jim Clyburn, 82, Steny Hoyer, 83, and New Haven's own Rosa DeLauro,

So what are we to do about this troublesome phenomenon?

Supporters of term limits — and there are many — would be quick to speak up with their solution but I'm not so sure. Term limits would interfere with the basic right to vote and prevent the nation from obtaining the services of some valuable public servants. Revolving doors in the House, and especially the Senate, would transfer a lot of power to the permanent, unelected staff.

But what about age limits? After all, we already have minimum age limits for the presidency, the Congress and the courts.

It could happen but the way things work, some aged office holder will have to do something really dreadful

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SIR, YOU ONCE CALLED HIM A MORON, AND NOW HE'S ENDORSED YOU. ANY COMMENT?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Medicaid unwinding put off in NY and CT

In March 2020, Congress "I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another." — Thomas Jefferson passed President Biden's Most of my life I have agreed with Jefferson about humans doing good — I believed this to be America's creed. Head-

lines/cable news footage have always vociferously celebrated ordinary good Samaritans, rescuers in disasters, lend-a-hand groups; in my own life I've witnessed, received, and organized for good. However, over the past five years, pleasure in doing good for another is under siege — a foul wind blasts a tsunami of insistence on gleefully doing others harm.

Hurrying to do good

A second American McCarthyism is rising — 70 years after the first — each version toxically dangerous for this country. In the 1950s, Sen. Joe McCarthy staged a communist purge, a conspiracy destroying hundreds of lives with lies, libel and lunacy. In January 2021, U.S. Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) spoke in condemnation of a criminal insurrection in private and in public then backpedaled to deny, distract and demean those engaged in righting the wrong. Is Kevin McCarthy selling his soul to be House Speaker? Yes, Ben Franklin, 'tis still true: "He who lies with dogs, gets up with fleas."

According to a recent NPR/IPOS poll, 17% of Americans believe the core Q'Anon falsehood: "A group of Satan-worshiping elites who run a child sex ring are trying to control our politics and media." At Judge Brown Jackson's SCOTUS confirmation hearing, the Judge was skewered as lax on pedophilia crimes by a fistfull of Republican Senators. Subsequently, Marjorie Taylor Green accused three Republican senators expected to support Brown Jackson's confirmation as pro-pedophilia.

For Taylor Greene it is hard for even her to recall all of her lies, libels and lunacy. Her response to the heinous Ukraine war is rants on European countries decimated in World War II by Hitler's Nazi regime as "NATO Nazis." Recently Greene was joined in pedophile lynchings in Michigan by Republican State Senator Lana Theis. The targeted Michigan Sen. Mallory McMorrow, a Democrat, resisted Theis's character assassination in a stunning in-chamber response ending, "I know hate will only win if people like me stand by and let it happen. We will not let hate win."

Last week Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was mourned. Albright, in her eulogy, was described as "Hurrying to do good": She led an end to the Balkan genocide, pressed for Rwandan reconciliation, internationally championed women's rights, mentored, taught at Georgetown, was a prominent author and an admired mother. A "do gooder" was Albright. She chided those unwilling to do good for others — she pinned her hopes on people stepping up, taking action.

So in the hurry of our lives, I submit that hurrying to do good ought once again dwarf hurrying to do harm. Political parties ought once again set positive agendas to achieve rather than slates of hate. In a nation so pompous about its religious zeal, righteous folk ought once again adhere to one of the Ten Commandments continuously trampled:

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Exodus 20:16

Kathy Herald-Marlowe

coronavirus bill prohibiting state Medicaid agencies from dis-enrolling beneficiaries

until a month after the end of the public health emergen-The relief bill rightly re-

quired Medicaid departments to discontinue Medicaid re-determinations of eligibility, allowing Medicaid enrollees relief from paying for COVID vaccines, testing and treatment. The PHE has driven Medicaid enrollment to a record 85 million, an increase of 19%. New York and Connecticut have extended the PHE April 15 deadline to June 2022, with a 90-day

lion of New York City's 8.8 million citizens!) — 22% of Connecticut's legal residents are enrolled in Medicaid or Husky (children's health care under Medicaid) and 33% of New York's legal residents are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. These are our poorest

To nurses everywhere

Forty years ago, President Ronald Reagan declared May 6 National Recognition Day for Nurses, which was later expanded to National Nurses Week (May 6-12) to give communities, businesses, individuals, and organizations an opportunity to honor and thank nurses for the many ways they impact our lives.

The pandemic has only heightened our gratitude for the vital role nurses play throughout our lives. Whether teaching a mother how to swaddle her newborn, drying the tears of a child after a tumble on the school playground, providing comfort around a difficult surgery or simply offering a reassuring hand, we turn to nurses at every stage of our lives.

In February 2022, the Gallup Poll reported that for the 20th consecutive year, Americans voted nurses the most trusted professionals in the country. While citing their honesty and high ethical standards, the sacrifices made by nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic have only magnified our widespread respect and appreciation.

Noble Horizons salutes nurses everywhere for their singular dedication, boundless compassion, and exceptional skills, offered selflessly when others are in need. We are particularly grateful to our own nurses whose relentless devotion, whether for short term rehab care or longer stays, has kept members of the Noble community safe, even during the most trying days of the pandemic.

In nurses we seek and receive comfort; we trust in their kindness, warmth, and expertise. Whether offering encouraging words of support or highly skilled care, nurses steward the well-being of their patients with equal doses of professionalism and empathy.

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Caroline Burchfield Director of Community Relations, Noble Horizons Salisbury

citizens and our most vulnerable Americans: children, the disabled, the aged and pregnant women.

That one in four Americans need Medicaid should One in four Americans is be a wake-up call. It shows rolled in Medicaid (4 mil- how many Americans are without health care insurance even with the expansions of the ACA. And it bears considering mental health care services as well as physical health care.

> Let's look at our nation's health care provision and its poverty policy — still based upon President Johnson's 1965 Medicare and Medicaid programs. Medicaid as well as its special programs for children and pregnant women are entirely means-tested with state-based groupings and eligibility. There is no one size fits all (as there is with Medicare).

"Generosity" in some states is matched by mean-spiritedness or just silliness in others. Based on the annual national standard of Federal Poverty Rate (FPR), states are allowed to set a ceiling for Medicaid eligibility above or below that

In 2021, the New York and Connecticut Medicaid eligibility rate for a single adult is about 138% of the FPR of \$12,880 (@\$18,000). In Alabama, eligibility is 8% of the FPR or anyone earning more than \$1,030 per year! In Texas, single adults without children don't qualify. Texas parents are only eligible if their annual income is approximately 17% of the FPR, or \$3,626 for a family of three. ("Ceilings" are clearly "floors").

The Urban Institute estimates that states will process 77 million eligibility applications for Medicaid once the PHE officially ends. This is going to be severely difficult for individual and family enrollees.

Nancy F. Mckenzie Retired Professor, CUNY School of Public Health

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Our Towns

Sharon selectmen discuss Hilltop Road traffic and River Road parking problem

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Speeding cars and parking in the wrong place were discussed by the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26.

On Hilltop Road, speeding is the issue, while the problem on River Road is parking in the wrong places.

For Hilltop Road, the selectmen have decided that a professional traffic engineer is necessary to study the issue and provide a report.

"We want to make sure that the process is correct," First Selectman Brent Colley said. "When we get into the process, we need expertise in presenting the issue to the public," he explained.

According to Colley, the traffic engineer would visit the site, document the traffic, propose signs and assemble statistics from other towns with similar situations. The engineer would also share information about the effects of

The selected traffic engineer is Kermit Hua of KWH Enterprises in Meriden. His estimated fee will be \$7,000 for 50 hours of work.

Discussion focused on whether the selectmen can find the funds within the existing highway budget or whether they would need to approach the Board of Finance for funding. A decision was postponed until the next meeting when the

speed bumps on roads like funding question will have been resolved.

The issue of improper parking on River Road at Dawn Hill was discussed.

'We need to do it right," Colley observed.

regulate that."

He added, however, that

Selectman Casey Flanagan expressed concern about rocks placed by a homeowner on town property in violation of a town ordinance. He urged that the town act promptly to remove the

"This has gone on for way

"It's not that difficult to lay out where the town lines are," Selectman Dale Jones said, indicating that the town's land lies within 25 feet either way of River Road's center line. "The parking we can control lies within that area, but if it is outside of our right-of-way, then we cannot

the town can erect signs indicating where not to park.

too long," Flanagan said.

Mid-day Music and

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, will present its monthly Mid-day Music and Meditation on Friday, May 6 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at 30 Main St.

Meditation

The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and attendance will be restricted to one-half capacity.

CORNWALL — Budget proposals from the boards of selectmen and

By Leila Hawken

Sparse attendance at

town budget reviews

education were reviewed at a public hearing convened by the Board of Finance at Cornwall Consolidated School on Friday, April 22. The public hearing is

one of the final steps for consideration of the proposed town budget for FY23 at the annual town budget meeting scheduled for Friday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

Attendance for the public hearing both in person and on Zoom was sparse with minimal public comment.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reviewed highlights of the selectmen's town budget and the Capital Projects Budget and CCS Principal Mary Kay Ravenola did the same for the Board of Education budget.

The proposed selectmen's budget for 2022-23 shows a total of \$3,018,898, an increase of \$98,912 (3.39%) over the current

The overall proposed budget, including the selectmen's budget and the education budget, is estimated to total \$7,467,890, an increase of \$175,937 (2.41%) over the current year.

Responding to a question about how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is documented in the budget, Board of Finance Chairman Joseph Pryor replied that the ARPA funds are tracked outside of the operating budget, although \$45,000 of that fund is entered as a revenue with a corresponding expense found in the civil preparedness line. A detailed accounting of ARPA funding can be obtained from the town's finance office.

Insurance hike drives spending plan revision in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At a Board of Finance public hearing Thursday, April 28, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education presented spending plans that will have to be revised upward.

Board of Education Chair Pat Mechare said that while the board had budgeted for an 8% increase in health insurance costs, the actual increase is 10.5%.

For the Lee H. Kellogg School (LHK) spending plan, that meant adding about \$23,000 to the bottom line.

First Selectman Henry Todd said after the meeting that the increase will add about \$3,700 to the selectmen's budget.

The finance board also heard from Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) Chair Fred Laser, who asked the board to consider adding an extra \$15,000 to the commission's request for funding.

Laser said major changes in state law in areas such as accessory apartments and commercial cannabis operations will require research and expertise — and extra funds for consultants.

In response to a question from finance board member Steve Dean, Laser noted that the commission's budget has remained stable for years.

But he said he thinks P&Z will require increased funding in the foreseeable future as new state laws and mandates take effect, and as the commission updates its zoning regulations and prepares for a state-mandated Town Plan of Conservation and Development update.

Mechare provided the revised totals for education spending.

The Region One assessment remains unchanged at \$1,497,256, an increase of \$14,421 (.97%). With the additional health insurance cost, the LHK spending plan total is \$2,144,285, an increase of \$107,561 (5.28%).

Total education spending is \$3,641,541, an increase of \$121,982 (3.47%).

The selectmen's spending proposal does not include the extra \$3,700 in health insurance. It has a bottom line of \$2,117,769, an increase of \$83,827 (4.12%).

There was one question from the audience of 22, about providing a revenue balance.

Finance board Chair Dick Heinz noted that the town has about \$900,000 in the general fund, and that the board will likely use about \$200,000 of it for the two spending plans.

He also said that he did not see any need for an increase in the mill rate.

The next step is the finance board's regular meeting Monday, May 9, when it will consider and vote on the spending plans to present at town meeting.

Drone photos depict Sharon

SHARON — The Sharon Historical Society & Museum will open the next exhibit in Gallery SHS, Drone!, a selection of aerial photographs of Sharon and the surrounding area by Brian Wilcox and Graham Klemm.

The exhibit will be held at the museum's Gallery SHS from May 7 to June 24. The public is invited to attend the artists' opening reception on Saturday, May 7, from 5 to 7p.m.

Wilcox, a professional photographer, is well-known for his popular social media featuring aerial views. Klemm came to drone photography as a business tool to assist in his work as a real estate broker.

Gallery SHS is located at 18 Main St. in Sharon.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 5, 2022 State of Connecticut, Department of Housing

(DOH) 505 Hudson Street Hartford, CT 06106 Hermia M. Delaire, DOH Certifying Officer, (860) 270-8149

FOR REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 20, 2022 the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing (DOH) will submit a request to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal HOME funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Sarum Village III Project located at 34 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. HOME funding not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 is requested for the purpose of the new construction of ten (10) rental housing units. Total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) estimated around \$3,621,200.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The State of Connecticut, Department of Housing has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact StatementundertheNational Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. Mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Hermia M. Delaire, Program Manager, DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106 or by email to Hermia. Delaire@ct.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Michael Santoro, Director, Office of Policy, Research and Housing Support, DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106. All comments received by May 16, 2022 will be considered by DOH prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

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CERTIFICATION DOH certifies to HUD that Hermia M. Delaire in her capacity as Program Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the DOH to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO

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costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of HOME funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Michael Santoro, Director, Office of Policy, Research and Housing Support, DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Potential objectors should contact DOH to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Santoro, Director Office of Policy, Research and Housing Support State of Connecticut Department of Housing 05-05-22

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT WARNING

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Budget Meeting of the said District will be held at the North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following

1. To approve the District budget proposed for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by the Executive Committee of the District; and

2. To transact any other business proper to come before such meeting.

Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 6th day of May, 2022.

Anthony J. Nania Warden 05-05-22

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A power of perception 4. Slotted hinged metal plate
- 8. Popular crop
- 10. Siamese fighting fish
- 11. Larval crabs
- 12. South American mammal
- 13. Occur as a result of
- 15. Slavic language
- 16. An electric
- underground railway 17. Transporting
- 18. A direction
- 21. Opposite of start 22. Mock
- 23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
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- 25. A Queens ballplayer
- 26. Southern Thailand indigenous person
- 27. Famed actress
- 34. Thin strips
- 35. Bluish greens 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Came down
- 39. Indian religious god 40. "Bewitched" actress Moorehead
- 41. Leak through slowly 42. Buzzing insects
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN 1. Skin condition 2. Earlier

- 3. Right away 4. Vomiting
- 5. Go to
- 6. "The Police" frontman
- 7. Bullfighting

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- maneuver 9. Pacific island 10. A system of algebraic
- 12. A room used for the activities of a group

- 14. The longest division of geological time
- 15. Car mechanics group 17. A barrel of liquid
- (abbr.)
- 19. Bound to do 20. Explosive
- 23. Ridicules
- 24. Adult male
- 25. Military personnel 26. French and Belgian
- river 27. Found in the sea 28. A share lost in default
- (abbr.) 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. City on the Rhine 31. Animal disease

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33. Get away

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Notice of Approval by the **Salisbury Inland Wetlands Agent**

In accordance with the Connecticul General Statutes 22a-42a © 2, an approval has been granted to Marc Fasteau and Anne Fredericks, owners of property at 19 Morgan Lane, Salisbury, on their application 2022-IW-054A to plant fruit trees in the Upland review area. The agent has found that such activity "would result in no

Greater than a minimal impact on any wetlands or watercourse". The approval is subject to both special and standard conditions.

WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING/TOWN OF SHARON MAY 13, 2022

In-Person Masks and social distancing are required

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Town Meeting concerning the budget and other items of said Town, will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM for the following

1. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, regarding the following, as approved by the Board of

a. To adopt the annual budget of the Town of Sharon. Copies are available at Town Hall and on the Website

2. To see what action the Town will take for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, regarding the following as approved by the Board of Finance:

a. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of TOWN AID ROAD funds for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of our Town roads and bridges;

b. To authorize expenditures of up to \$9,600.00 from the Sharon Cemetery Fund;

c. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any state, federal or other funds or grants for educational purposes;

d. To authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 in interest from the Virginia Brown Fund for Nature's Classroom;

e. To authorize the acceptance and expenditure of any funds or grants for general municipal purposes;

f. To authorize the expenditures of up to \$5,000.00 from the 67 Main Street Account for general maintenance of that

3. To see what action the Town will take to adopt the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as approved by the Board of Finance. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on the Website.

Dated at Sharon, Connecticut this 12th of April 2022.

> Selectmen of the Town of Sharon

Brent M. Colley Dale C. Jones Casey T. Flanagan 05-05-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on April 25, 2022:

Approved - Application 2022-IW-055 by the American School for the Deaf for the construction of stormwater quality measures including vegetative buffer plantings in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 64 as lot 8 and is known as 410 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury.

Approved Subject to Conditions - Application 2022-IW-056 by Kent Greenhouse and Gardens for the construction of a new parking area and accessway for the front of the house, invasive plant removal, driveway cross pipe repairs/replacements, and native plantings. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 23 as lot 10 and is known as 19 Hemlock Lane, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Michael Kiernan and Marielle Chaves.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Courtinaccordancewiththe provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a)

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