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Sarah Morrison found this photo of the Satre Hill ski jump from the 1940s in the Salisbury Association archives. The photo was taken by Ward Hutchinson of Sharon, who started the Housatonic Camera Club in the 1950s. The notation with the photo reads: "1940s. Jumper on the old tower. An updated tower was built in 1952 for the National Ski Jumping Championship."

Double dose of ski jump fun this year

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Ski jumping and cross-country skiing fans have two events to enjoy this year.

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association's (SWSA) Jumpfest weekend is Friday, Feb. 11, through Sunday, Feb.

The Junior Nationals Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined competition is Tuesday, Feb. 22, through Saturday, Feb. 26, at Satre Hill in Salisbury and at Mohawk Mountain ski area in Cornwall.

"Nordic Combined" is a combination of ski jumping and cross-country skiing. In the case of the Junior Na-

tionals, the athletes jump in the morning at Satre Hill, and move to Mohawk Mountain in the afternoon for the cross-country events. The athletes' performance in the jumping determines their seeding in the cross-country

The Jumpfest weekend begins on Friday night, Feb. 11, with target jumping and the popular Human Dogsled race.

Saturday, Feb. 12, is the Salisbury Invitational, where jumpers from the eastern division of USA Nordic Sport compete. (USA Nordic Sport is the governing body for ski jumping and Nordic Com-

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Women's Support Services moving to Lakeville in March

By Leila Hawken

SHARON—While remaining central and accessible within the towns they serve, the offices of Women's Support Services (WSS) will be moving from Sharon to Lakeville in early March, gaining much-needed space for an increase in staff numbers and volume of service needs.

An exact date for the move will be determined in the coming weeks, WSS Executive Director Betsey Mauro said during a phone interview on Thursday, Jan. 27. She noted that all phone and contact information will remain the same during the move, ensuring seamless access to all

The new location in early March will be 13A Porter St. in Lakeville. The present Sharon location at 136 Gay St. has housed the organization since 2002, Mauro said.

WSS had its beginnings at Sharon Hospital in 1981, moving to the railroad depot in Falls Village in 1992 before moving on to Sharon.

Renovations are underway at the Lakeville location, including a new HVAC system to ensure proper ventilation and air exchange. This work is considered to be the first phase, Mauro said.

A second phase of renovation anticipates creating a kitchen area, large and

small meeting rooms, a meeting room for use when it becomes safe to engage in face-to-face, masked meetings. A future fundraising campaign is expected to support that work.

When Mauro was named WSS executive director in January 2016, she recalled there were six staff people working in six offices. This year there are 10 staff people, in the same six offices.

"With COVID-19, we could not have people doubled up," Mauro said. The new building will allow each staff member to have designated private office space.

Currently, WSS is offering remote counseling as well as in-person help.

Of late, there has been a significant increase in WSS' education program in

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How you can help with the critically low supply of blood

By Cynthia Hochswender

Blood supplies are at their lowest level in more than a decade, and blood collection agencies are desperately working to get donations. There was even a report in USA Today last week that the Krispy Kreme doughnut chain is donating free pastries to blood donors. A blood bank in New Jersey is offering tickets to the Super Bowl.

Here in the Tristate region, mostly you'll just get a cookie and a juice after you make your donation but you'll also know you've helped friends and neighbors and perhaps even yourself or a loved

Blood drives in the region are

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Lakeville housing to remain 'affordable'

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) has purchased the Lakeview Apartments building at 32 Millerton Road (Route 44) in Lakeville. The Dec. 22, 2021, purchase was announced in a press release Wednesday, Jan. 26.

SHC Co-president Peter Halle said in a phone interview Thursday, Jan. 27, that the purchase was made possible with a \$70,000 grant from Salisbury Family Services (SFS) which covered the purchase price.

The previous owner, the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, has shut down operations. The organization bought the building from Peter Oliver in 2012.

Halle said the six apartment units will remain as affordable housing, with tenants paying no more than 30% of household income on rent.

The current tenants will remain if they wish, and the same management company will also stay. "Nothing changes for tenants," Halle said.

Halle said there are plans for some renovations, and to apply for state grants to cover those costs.

On Friday, Jan. 28, Kim Fiertz and Helen Scoville from SFS and Halle gathered at the building for a photo.

(Upon learning his identity, a resident took the opportunity to show Halle an

Fiertz and Scoville both said that af-

fordable housing is a long-standing concern for SFS, and when the chance came to purchase the building — and keep the six apartments in the town's stock of affordable housing — the SFS board was ready to act.

Sharon Center principal to retire after 26 years of service By Leila Hawken a full-time position at North Ca-

SHARON — After 16 years as Sharon Center School (SCS) principal, Karen Manning plans to retire from her duties at the close of the current school year.

Characteristically busy with the duties of a school administrator, Manning paused for a telephone conversation on Tuesday, Jan. 25. She took the opportunity to extol the excellence of her school, each student, and the SCS professional team.

Manning moved with her family to Sharon in 1996, beginning as a substitute teacher for Region One schools. Then, she accepted



naan Elementary School, where she served as a math and science teacher for seven years. In 2003 Manning became the

principal at the Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, where she remained for three years.

Manning began as principal of Sharon Center School on July 1, 2006. In all, she has served Region One schools for 26 years.

"I have enjoyed my journey within Region One in all my roles," she said. Contemplating her active involvement with students in coordination with their families, as well as faculty and staff, she said that all of those constituencies combine to put the students and their learning first as the topmost

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Karen Manning has announced that she will retire at the end of this school year from Sharon Center School.

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Three-day forecast	
Friday	Snow, high 36°/low 16°
	Cloudy, 21°/3°
Sunday	Cloudy, 28°/-6°

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.

Domestic

On Jan. 23 at approximately 7:30 p.m., Troop B responded to an emergency call regarding a physical altercation between a father and son at a residence on East Canaan Road in North Canaan. The father, Albert F. Gould, who had left the scene after receiving lacerations to the back of his head, was calling from the parking lot of Salisbury School in Salisbury. His son, Albert B. Gould, 43, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct and assault of an elderly victim. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court the following day.

DUI

On Jan. 26 at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Gay Street in Sharon, Ignacio Perez, 33, of Dover Plains, N.Y., failed a standardized field sobriety test administered after appearing to drive while intoxicated before parking at the Xtra Mart gas station. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and operating a motor vehicle without a license. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Feb. 9.

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 cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.



Books to broaden minds

The Canaan Northwest Lions Club donated money for the purchase of new Latinx and African-American themed picture books for the Douglas Library in North Canaan. Ten similarly themed books were donated to the North Canaan **Elementary School library.**

Donation will help Canaan Child Care Center staff and families

NORTH CANAAN — The Canaan Child Care Center received a \$2,000 grant from Peter Smith, a former Canaanite and retired educator, to benefit the center's families and staff. The grant will be used for scholarships for the families and bonuses for the staff in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the field of Early Childhood Education.

Donations can be mailed to Canaan Child Care Center, P.O. Box 811, North Canaan CT 06018.

Upcoming COVID vaccine clinic and testing sites

There will be a vaccine and booster clinic for area residents ages 12 and up at the Grove Senior Center, 42 Ethan Allen St., in Lakeville on Wednesday Feb. 9. All three vaccines and booster shots will be available.

No appointment is required. For further information, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

Free weekly drive-through testing is now being offered to all area residents at the Town of Kent Transfer Station, 46 Maple St. This is a PCR-type test and results are generally available within 24 to 48 hours.

No appointment is needed. Connecticut residency is not required; insurance is not required —but you must have an email address to get test results.

There is a priority lane for First Responders. Testing is offered Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. When lining up on Saturdays, keep in mind that the Transfer Station is operating until 3:30 p.m.; follow the traffic pattern to keep the entrance clear.

Forms should be filled out in advance; they can be found online at www.townofkentct.org/sites/g/files/ vyhlif3311/f/uploads/covidforms.pdf.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0158 by owners Daniel Suratt and Cameron Blanchard for a tennis court less than 50' from a wetland & outside of the buildable area at 105 Belgo Road, Lakeville, Map 10, Lot 5-1 per Sections 305.2 & 302.5 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct. us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct. us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 01-27-22 02-03-22

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of AppealsoftheTownofSalisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0157 by Vanessa M. Brazzale and Nick Brazzale for a Variance, 17 Railroad Street, Salisbury Map 54, Lot 58 per Section 213.4 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct. us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday, February 7, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies maybe reviewed,

by appointment, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals Stacie Weiner, Secretary 01-27-22 02-03-22

MARCH APPEALS BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS **TOWN OF SHARON**

All owners of realproperty in the Town of Sharon are hereby warned that the Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Sharon will meet at the Sharon Town Hall, by appointment, in March for the purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of real property. All persons claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the assessor of the Town of Sharon with regard to real property assessment on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are hereby warned to file their appeal application to the board of Assessment Appeals on or before February 18th, 2022. Applications postmarked February 18th and received after that date will be rejected. For applications please contact the Town Clerks office at 860-364-5224 or the Assessors Office at 860-364-0205

Sharon Connecticut Board of Assessment Appeals Chairman Thomas F. Casey, Sr.

02-03-22 NOTICE OF TOWN **MEETING TOWN OF SALISBURY FEBRUARY 9, 2022** 7:30 P.M.

VIA ZOOM

A Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings in the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers and to recognize the Town Report dedication.

2. To receive and act upon the audited financial report from the Chairman of the Board of Finance and Treasurer of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which is available for inspection.

3. To amend Ordinance #86 to remove the sentence "The Town Clerk shall be a resident of the Town."

4. To do any other business

proper to come before said meeting.

The Board of Selectmen will post a notice on the Town's website (https://www. salisburyct.us/) not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Town Meeting providing instructions for the public on how to attend and provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 26th day of January, 2022.

Curtis G. Rand First Selectman Christian E. Williams Selectman Donald K. Mayland, Selectman 02-03-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **ESTATE OF BRUCE P. FRANKEL** Late of New York (21-00570)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 11, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to

recover on such claim. The fiduciary is: Sherry Frankel c/o Louise F. Brown Ackerly Brown, LLP 5 Academy Street PO Box 568 Salisbury, CT 06068

Clerk 02-03-22 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RUTHMARY WILLAND**

Late of Salisbury

(21-00587)

Megan M. Foley

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 18, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to

The fiduciary is: Richard Pellegrino c/o Louise F. Brown. Ackerly Brown LLP 5 Academy Street P.O. Box 568 Salisbury, CT 06068 Beth L McGuire Chief Clerk

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recover on such claim.

Cooking class with Le Gamin

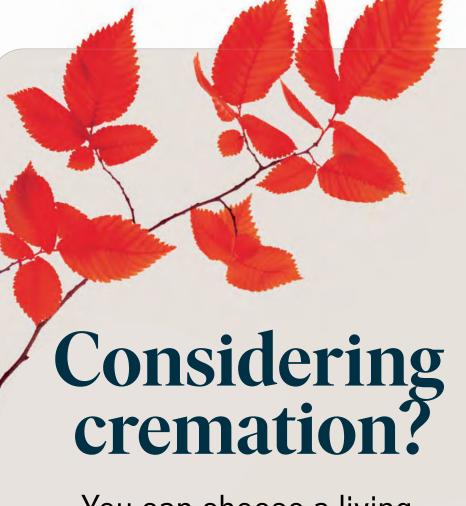
SHARON — Robert Arbor, chef and owner of Le Gamin in Sharon, will do a Zoom cooking class hosted by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.

On the menu is a chicken fricassee with oven-roasted potatoes.

This program is free, but registration is required at https://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/legamin/.

For more information, go to www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon. org, or call 860-364-5041.





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Our Towns

Sara Woloszyn is offering guidance on nutrition and diet at her new office in Salisbury, near the firehouse and **Compliance Solutions Strategies.**

Finding health through nutrition

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY— Sara Woloszyn, Certified Nutrition Specialist and Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist, now has an office, a website, and is open for business in her new outpatient nutrition practice, Rise Nutrition, on the second floor at 184 Main St. in Salisbury.

The Lakeville native offers integrative nutrition services to assist clients in developing balance within their individual sources of nourishment (i.e. food, relationships, career, sleep, movement, relaxation and spiritual practices) to achieve their unique vision for optimal health and well-being" (according to the website, www. risenuritionwithsara.com).

How does this work in practice?

In an interview at her office (which is on Route 44, near the firehouse and Compliance Solutions Strategies) on Friday, Jan. 14, Woloszyn explained the procedure, which starts with a 20-minute "discovery" phone conversation to determine if client and nutritionist are a good fit.

"It's important that potential clients understand my scope of practice and how I can help."

Next is an intake session that runs 90 minutes to two hours. Based on this Woloszyn will make some initial recommendations. She then devises a plan for going forward, with regular follow-up visits.

Woloszyn doesn't like to overwhelm clients with a complicated plan.

Instead, "We establish small habits that build on each other."

By the end of the treatment, the client will have a "toolbox" that addresses subjects such as personal nutrition, supplements if appropriate, sleep quality, and stress.

She gave some hypothetical examples. For instance, she might ask clients questions about their access to and personal relationship with food, using this information to help them find ways to add specific whole foods into their dietary

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"I'm more likely to add in rather than take out" of a client's diet, she said. "Placing restrictions on certain foods (except in the case of a true food allergy, sensitivity, or intolerance) just makes someone want a specific food more. No need to put certain foods on a pedestal. All foods can fit."

She emphasizes making small, manageable changes.

Above all, Woloszyn listens carefully to clients, and looks for what works best for the individual.

She took care to note that her approach is, in most circumstances, "weight-neutral."

"Weight and personal appearance are not necessarily a reflection of what's going on. It's about teaching people how to listen to their bodies."

Improving Sharon's internet and infrastructure By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Efficient access to technology for Town Hall offices and safe sidewalks in Sharon have been concerns for years, leading the Board of Selectmen to find a way forward on improvements at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

"If you live in a brick building, technology is challenging," Brent Colley said, explaining that the Town Hall building was built well before the internet came along.

For the past few weeks, the selectmen have been assessing needs relative to the existing technology and how to im-

prove performance to help town staff do their work and to fulfill the demands of modern communication.

Realizing that outside advice would help, the selectmen agreed to create an RFP (Request for Proposals), seeking expert help with operations and security. A volunteer committee will then collect and assess the proposals and work with the selectmen on the next steps.

"We need to be looking at this every couple of years," Colley said, recognizing that technology changes rapidly, creating a need for regular updates.

As for sidewalks, they were

last addressed 11 years ago, Colley said. Several grant applications were submitted, but no funding has materialized. Complicating the matter is the involvement of water and sewer lines that would likely need to be updated and moved. At present the lines run in and out of the sidewalk lines.

"If you walk it, you'll see where the sewer lines are," Colley said, noting also that some trees will stand in the way because over time their roots have intertwined with the lines. Colley plans to confer with sewer and water representatives in order to find any possible coordination with the state Department of Transportation when they repave Main Street in the coming months.

The solar project at Sharon Center School, proposed by CT Green Bank, has shown some progress, Colley reported. The town attorney has reviewed the documents and made comments and suggestions. The school is owned by the town and therefore involves the selectmen.

The Board of Education has endorsed the concept, as the panels would provide power to the school. As a next step, the project must be considered and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Cornwall comes together on goals for the decade to come

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL - Town officials presented a review of progress toward goals outlined in the town's 2020 Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) at a forum on Thursday, Jan. 27. Held on Zoom, the review drew 24 par-

Anna Timell, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), led things off. The POCD is a document that the state requires all towns to revise every 10 years. It forms the basis of the planning and zoning regulations. The POCD is sometimes referred to as the vision plan for what residents would like their town to be like in the coming decade.

The plan is approved by the members of the P&Z, who first seek approval by town residents of the plan.

Timell praised the work of the town's many volunteers who work to achieve the many goals within the POCD. Goals are grouped into four categories: Economic Development, Housing, Natural Resources and Community-Culture-Youth Resources.

Noting that housing is an

area of active interest, Timell noted that the POCD calls for 25 units of affordable housing to be created within a 10-year time frame.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway presented a review of housing availability, noting that the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to adopt Cornwall's Affordable Housing Plan at their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

"We have work to do," Ridgway said, indicating that the next step will be for the selectmen to appoint a housing subcommittee. He noted that there have been no affordable housing starts in the past year.

Cornwall's population is on the rise, Ridgway noted, up 10% since the U.S. Census in 2010. But he noted that the population increase brought no additional housing stock.

He also reported that the number of children has declined while the number of adults has risen.

Other areas being closely monitored by the selectmen are the proposed changes to Sharon Hospital services and the status of the state waste management program.

The West Cornwall waste-

water treatment project is expected to come to a vote in the spring, Ridgway said, once a decision on federal support for the project is communicated to the town.

Ridgway added that the town hopes to assemble an arts and culture committee in the coming months.

Other reports pointed to growth in economic development strategies, natural resource protection, protection of significant sites and preventing encroachment upon ridge lines.

Through the SustainableCT program the town enjoys Bronze status, as described by Katherine Freygang, although she said that it appears that the town can climb no further in the program.

She noted that Silver would be next, but the town would be unable to qualify because it relies on volunteerism to achieve goals. She said Silver status appears to be geared toward larger municipalities.

In the coming year, she plans to contact the program to urge them to accommodate and recognize the work and the achievements of smaller Closing the meeting, Timell

praised the energy and the work described by the volun-

"Cornwall is an amazing town," Timell said.

The 2020 POCD is posted on the town website, https:// cornwallct.org/.



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The NY Times bestselling author will share his views on the existential challenge of saving the planet – the human reluctance to

sacrifice immediate comfort for the sake of the future. Amy Sidran, The Hotchkiss School's Farm Education Coordinator, will interview the author.

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8. Surrenders

14. The white poplar

15. They become butterflies 19. Used to chop

21. Volcanic craters 22. Consumer price index

24. "True Blood" actress Paquin

26. Sank in

31. Giants

32. Most bald

33. Changes color

35. Undresses

39. Learned skill

46. Nowhere to be found

47. Part of surgery (abbr.)

50. Mathematical figure

57. Organized body of

knowledge

58. Smooth and glossy 59. Left

CLUES DOWN

1. Get back

3. Having a sharp taste

4. Midway between east and

5. Cairo Regional Airport

7. Brings to life

8. Automotive vehicles

9. One point south of due east

10. Football position

12. Most attractive

17. Not the sea

22. Cabbage

18. Small, faint constellation

de Mornay, actress

13. Omission

20. Select

23. Utilize

25. Got up

30. Retail

34. Unit of loudness

38. Fathers

40. Remove qualification

44. Covered with frost 45. Speak up

48. Type of wrap

49. Church seating

51. College football conference 55. Turkish officer title

2. Pass or go by

southeast

6. Peace officer

11. Goes by

16. Road divisions

25. Least frequent 27. Change slightly

28. A country in NE Africa 29. Metric units of measure

30. More coherent 32. Make uninteresting 34. Nausea

35. Institution of Oceanography 36. Of little value

37. Hindu model of the ideal man

38. Biblical exclamation 40. You throw it at a board

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48. Saturate

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43. Opened one's mouth widely 45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet

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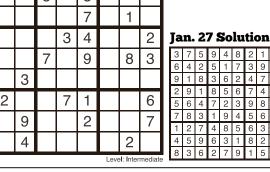
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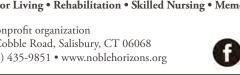
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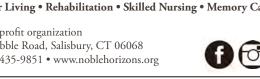
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Earl Grey scones and more, at Sophie's

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Since opening last May at the entrance to the Kent Green, Sophie's has been attracting growing numbers of patrons for bakery fare, breakfast, lunch and brunch in a relaxed and congenial atmosphere.

Owner and chef/baker Sophie Drazkiewicz does it all, with talent, enthusiasm — and the help of her family.

Sophie's has been doing well, its owner said, and attracting regular clients.

It also has developed partnerships with the Marvelwood School and The Kent School, two nearby boarding schools.

Under the agreements, students or their parents can order pastries — cupcakes are a favorite — to celebrate something at their school.

Drazkiewicz said her parents were instrumental in drawing her to Kent. They live just south of Kent Falls.

"I would come up for the Kent Farmers' Market," she recalled, and help her mother, Jerri, with her catering business and participating in the market.

The idea of opening the bakery materialized and a location was available.

Jerri Drazkiewicz has a chef's hand in the success of Sophie's, lending her lifetime of experience with variations on Italian cuisine. Also essential as chef in the enterprise is Pedro Montalvo, who helps



Another thing to look for-

ward to in early spring: dinner

service, possibly with special

meals prepared by guest spe-

Sophie Drazkiewicz is slowly expanding the menu options at her new bakery at the entry to the Kent Green, called Sophie's.

develop the recipes and often oversees the plating and pre-

Important to Sophie's is locally sourced offerings, including produce from the family gardens: fresh herbs, four varieties of squash, tomatoes (of course) and more. Additional

seasonal ingredients are provided by Mike Dunne and his Kent Market Garden.

Drazkiewicz said she has discovered a type of zucchini that produces amazing blossoms in profusion. Diners can look for squash blossoms on the menu in spring.

cialty chefs, possibly with international inspirations. Popular bakery items so far include scones made with Earl Grey tea in the batter; fresh

gluten-free and vegan options. Specialty cakes to order, garnished with fresh flowers of

cinnamon rolls; and a variety of

the season, are also a specialty. The soups of the day are worth dipping into. Drazkiewicz singled out the Tibetan beef and potato stew as a

favorite with customers. She particularly called attention to Montalvo's chili as something to try.

Sophie's is at 1 Kent Green Boulevard. Winter hours are weekdays (closed Thursday) from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brunch on Saturday and Sunday is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, go to www.eatatsophies.com or call 860-592-0242.

VFW sends aid to tornadostruck Kentucky

By Cynthia Hochswender

NORTH CANAAN -Members of the Couch Pipa VFW have raised \$6,000 to send to veterans impacted by the December tornado that destroyed property in western Kentucky. The tornado, which traveled 165.7 miles through 11 counties, has been described as "catastrophic."

The local fundraising effort was started by Bruce Marston, who was born and raised in Falls Village but who only joined the VFW three years ago.

He decided to join, he said, because "it's a good organization that does a lot to help people."

Marston saw his chance to take part in that history of benevolent aid when he saw news reports of the tornado. "It looked like a war zone,"

he said. "Everything is gone. "I couldn't imagine going to bed at night with nothing but the clothes on your back,

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knowing that everything you've worked for is gone, to not even have a clean pair of socks or drawers. I can't imagine that kind of devastation.

"When you look around up here, we've got it pretty good in comparison."

Marston contacted VFW President Grace Kelly, a resident of Winsted, and together they began a fundraising effort to help veterans in Kentucky.

On his own, Marston managed to raise \$4,025 by calling everyone he knows and asking for their support.

"I can't call anybody for another 10 years," he joked.

Other Couch Pipa members made individual donations, and then the VFW itself added \$1,300, bringing the total to \$6,000.

"We hope this will help supply food or water or whatever they need," Marston said.

"They're going to need it for a long time."

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Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary

No tinkering with a winning pizza formula

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN Known for its fresh and affordable Italian fare (including pizza and grinders) and its friendly bar area, Stateline Pizza has undergone a change of owners while maintaining its winning formula.

On Aug. 19, 2021, ownership shifted from Chris Christodoulou to brothers Sunny and Aman Singh.

Pausing during the lunch rush for a conversation on Thursday, Jan. 20, Sunny Singh reported that business remains good and that the transition was smooth. Christodoulou had trained them well, covering all aspects of the restaurant and its operations, he said.

The menu remains as it was with Italian favorites at a competitive price. The delivery service offered during COVID-19 is no longer offered, but meals can be ordered "to go" or to enjoy at one of the many comfortable, private booths.

Still offered are the popular \$5 lunches, with sandwiches, roll-ups, salads, soup of the day and pasta. There is a children's menu.

The offerings are extensive but, Sunny said, "We might add new items to the menu as time goes on.

"Everything is good," he added.

While this is Singh's first ex-



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Stateline Pizza remains the same (friendly, delicious) even though it has new owners.

in Connecticut, one in Ashford and another in Vernon/Rock-

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perience owning a restaurant, is at 340 North Elm St. (Route he said that his cousins own 7) in North Canaan, just beand operate similar restaurants fore the state line. The phone number is 860-824-1554. To view the menu and for more information, go to www.stateline-pizza.com.



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OBITUARIES

Charles James Flint

James Flint, 80, a lifelong area

resident died peacefully on Jan. 25, 2022, at Sharon Hospital.

Born April 2, 1941, in North Canaan, he was the son of the late Harry and Hannah Flint of Millerton.

Charlie known, and respected by many in his lifelong career at

Terni Ford, which later became McLean Ford. He began there as a teenager and worked his way up to becoming their sales manager. Even in his last days he was cared for by nurses who proclaimed, "I bought multiple cars from Charlie, I'd never go anywhere else, he knew how to take care of you," — a phrase heard many times over.

But Charlie had a second job many didn't know about that gave him great joy and a beautiful place to raise his family. Charlie was the manager of a privately owned wildlife sanctuary in Millerton and took great pleasure in that place and work.

Later in life he retired to Beaufort, to a house overlooking the Atlantic Inter Coastal Waterway, where he enjoyed exceptional sunsets on a daily basis. It was there that he formed deep and lasting friendships with a group of men and women who met every day and looked out for each other. They

MILLERTON — Charles called themselves "The laugha-lots." That group, and espe-

> cially his best friends Peggie and Jim Callahan, helped him to live independently for a very long time, before he moved back to Millerton to be with his family.

Charlie is survived by his ex-wife, Loretta Wood of Copake and their three children,

Carletta Flint of Pittsfield, Mass., Charles Flint Jr. of Millerton and Tracy Plaut of Wellfleet, Mass.; three brothers, Bill and his wife, Dot, of Lakeville, Frances and his wife, Arlene, of Arcadia, Fla., and Bruce and his wife, Denice, of Millerton; and his sister, Gloria and her husband, Phil, of Elizaville, N.Y.

Charlie was predeceased by his parents, Hannah and Harry Flint of Millerton; and his brother, David and his wife. Karen, of Beaufort.

At Charlie's request, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. His family will hold a private service at his home in South Carolina at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Charlie's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.

Catherine Sherwood

SALISBURY — Catherine Sherwood, 86, of Salisbury, passed away Jan. 6, 2022. She was the widow of Stan "Stubby" Sherwood, who owned and operated Sherwood Nursery and Tree Service in Salisbury.

Cathy was born July 5, 1935, in Harrison, N.Y., the daughter of the late Loretta (Galena) and John Fennelly.

Cathy was a professional social worker, employed by Sharon Hospital for many years, helping many, many people throughout her life.

family as "Aunt Tassie," she bury Cemetery.

was predeceased by her sisters, Anna Marie ("Sis") and Marbeth ("Bussie"); and her brother, Jim "Bub."

She is survived by many nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grand-nieces, two great grand-nephews, and two great grand-nieces.

Cathy will be sorely missed for her fun nature and salty language. She was the last of her generation and we loved her very much.

Graveside services will be held in mid-May at the Sher-Affectionately know to her wood Family plot at the Salis-

asting about for a suit-

able topic for the Bleak Mid-Winter Edition of Tangled Lines, I decided it is far too early to write the traditional "tackle fondling" column.

And because it has not been very good fishing weather, I can't regale the customers with timely tales of angling derring-do.

Instead here are some odds and ends that have been rattling around in the Tangled Lines master file for a while.

DRAGONtail Tenkara is an outfit in Idaho that has a very nice line of fixed-line fly rods and accessories. I have been very happy with the Mizuchi triple zoom rod (and its heftier cousin, the Mutant), and last

TANGLED LINES PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Insects, blue lines and bedtime stories

year when they announced they were bringing out a fiberglass/carbon fiber model designed for the small brook trout streams I favor, I got on board early.

I got my Foxfire rod last fall, and tried it out immediately in a suitably squirrelly Catskill

The rod's three lengths are 200 cm (six and a half feet), 245 cm (eight feet) and 280 cm (nine feet and change). Because it is mostly fiberglass, it has a pretty slow action.

I experimented with lines and while it handles a furled line just fine, I think the sweet spot is 3.5 level fluorocarbon.

It's long enough to take on a bigger stream (like the Blackberry in North Canaan) and short enough for working in cover on one of our little blue lines. And at \$150 at a pre-order price (delivery in mid-February, so not too long to wait) it's a steal; www.dragontailten-

Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has published its brook trout plan. (You can see the plan at www.https:// portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Fisheries-Management/ Wild-Trout-Management-Ar-

It's a lengthy document and while lacking in the rhetorical flair that has made Tangled Lines an international phenomenon*, there is lots of good, hearty stuff in it.

However, I must state that I am not at all sanguine about efforts to publicize locations of streams containing wild brook

trout. I have no problem with continuing to list the ones already in the state angler's guide, but I think it is a genuinely bad idea to add those unnamed little blue lines. It only takes a couple of uninformed anglers to do serious damage.

Finally, everybody should get themselves a copy of Dave Whitlock's "Guide to Aquatic Trout Foods" (The Lyons Press, 1992, \$22.95).

This large-format paperback explains what all the bugs are and what they do, and has excellent drawings of said bugs in their various stages of life.

Nor does it neglect crayfish, leeches and baitfish. And it has fly recipes for those who tie.

There are not a lot of laughs in this book, but for those nights when the housebound angler digs an extra blanket out of the old oak chest, a session with Whitlock's insects is good insurance for pleasant dreams.

*I got a fan email from a guy in England once, and somebody spotted a Tangled Lines on the bulletin board at a fly shop in Wyoming last year.

TOWNS

Annual town meeting quick and unanimous

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — All five agenda items passed unanimously at the annual town meeting Thursday, Jan. 26.

Twenty people attended the annual town meeting at the Senior Center. Everyone was masked and observed social distance

Dave Barger served as moderator.

The items were: To receive, review and act on the annual town report; to receive, review and act on the reports of town offices; the appropriation of \$27,000 for the upcoming five-year revaluation; to increase the health benefit budget line by \$6,000 to include the town clerk; to increase the website maintenance budget line by \$2000 for online security upgrades.

All items passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting took 17 minutes.

Voters approve support for Hotchkiss Library expansion

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — By unanimous vote, residents approved a town expenditure to support the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's \$3 million expansion project at a town meeting on Thursday, Jan. 27, held at Sharon Center

As a result of the action, the town will contribute \$50,000 toward the construction projadding convenient access for at the town meeting.

handicapped patrons as well as refurbishing and restoring the historic interior spaces. When the work is completed the library will be well-suited for service to the town's residents far into the future.

Dale Jones was elected moderator for the brief meeting.

In recent months, the proposed expenditure had received approval by both the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, clearect to expand the library, ing the way for voters to decide

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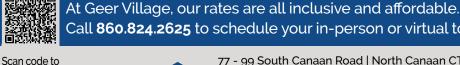
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bined in the United States.)

Jumpfest wraps up on Sunday, Feb. 13, with the Eastern jumping championship. The winners of this event will qualify for the Junior Nationals, which start Tuesday, Feb. 22.

SWSA's Willie Hallihan said on Thursday, Feb. 27, that the snowmaking crew has been busy and the three jumps are in good shape.

New this year for Jumpiest is the addition of a short cross-country course at Satre Hill, near the jump towers.

Hallihan said in previous years cross-country events have been held at Trotta Field on Salmon Kill Road, but were entirely dependent on natural snowfall.

The new cross-country course at Satre Hill is conveniently located near everything else, including the snowmaking equipment.

So the Sunday events will include cross-country.

SWSA will follow Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 guidance for outdoor events. which currently does not require masks for spectators.

For more information, go to www.jumpfest.org and www. usanordic.org.

BLOOD

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mostly scheduled for February,, see list this page.

But some donors are concerned about giving blood to the American Red Cross, which suffered from reports that the agency is charging money to hospitals for the blood that is given to them free by donors.

Marina Ballantine is spokesman for the Nuvance hospital group, which includes Sharon Hospital. She answered several questions about the blood shortage and about the economics of blood donations.

Is Nuvance impacted by the national blood shortage crisis?

Yes, the blood shortage is ubiquitous in its impact among health systems across the nation. However, Nuvance Health has strong relationships and is in close communication with our blood bank partners to navigate our operations during this time.

Do hospitals pay fees for

The fees you refer to are related to safety and quality protocols at the blood banks, to ensure each donation undergoes a rigorous testing and processing procedure, such as testing for Hepatitis, HIV and

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priority.

MANNING

"The mission statement of SCS guides us in all that we do," Manning said. The mission statement speaks to engagement, achievement, motivation and teamwork as a means of fostering responsibility and integrity.

"We work hard to implement data-driven instruction," Manning continued. "We work with personalized learning. Regionally, there has been strong support toward the common core curriculum."

The past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic were a test, she said. The pandemic remains a challenge going forward for the school, but the school has remained open throughout, engaging with remote learning as necessary.

"The technical aspects were a huge learning curve for many," she said. "Everybody worked together, as the needs arose.

"SCS will continue to be an amazing place. What it has been, it will continue to be,"

she said.

"I'm really grateful for the 26 years and the opportunity to have lived and worked in the region.

"It's been so rewarding. These children, they grow and they're amazing."

Manning's own children, Judge and Asia, both graduated from SCS and went on to graduate from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, she said.

As to what she will be doing in the immediate future, Manning said that she is too busy these days to plan, although she anticipates many satisfying hours spent on horseback, a pursuit she enjoys.

"I want to be helpful to the world in some way," she said of her longer-range future en-

At the Jan. 10 meeting of the Sharon Board of Education, the board agreed to form a principal search committee, comprised so far of the Board and Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

Unfortunately, no blood drives are scheduled imminently in the region.

An ARC drive scheduled for Feb. 18 at the Salisbury Congregational Church is already full, but another one is scheduled there for Tuesday, March 1, between 1 and 5 p.m.

An ARC drive will be held at the Salisbury School on March 23 and there will be one on March 27 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in North Canaan, on Route 7 across from Geer.

The soonest ARC drive in the region is at Nuvance's Norwalk Hospital on Friday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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If you don't mind driving a half hour or so to Kingston, N.Y., there will be several NYBC drives coming up, www.donate.nybc.org. You must be 17 or older, in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds to donate blood.

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Falls Village P&Z has ambitious agenda for 2022

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Planning and Zoning Commission discussed its priorities for 2022 at the commission's regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 27.

First is presenting the plan for a village business and residential zone. P&Z Chair Fred Laser noted that the bulk of the work has been completed.

"So the next phase is to take it to the public.

How exactly such presentations will occur is unclear, however.

Laser said he expected meetings to be online only for February and March.

The commission plans to send out mailers about the new zone, and to schedule an information meeting, followed by a formal public hearing.

Zoning Enforcement Officer and consultant Janell Mullen said whatever the format —in-person or online — the presentation will be available to the public well ahead of time.

Laser said it is likely the information meeting will occur in April.

The commission discussed whether or not to exercise its 'opt-out" option on a new state law that governs accessory apartments.

Mullen said if the town does not act, the new law will go into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

The major change in the state law makes the creation of an accessory apartment (detached or within a dwelling) a "by right" process, as opposed to the town's existing regulation, which calls for a special permit application.

The commission batted the idea around for a while, and decided to hold off until everyone had a chance to compare the new law with the existing town regulation, and to learn what other towns are doing.

Then the commission turned to a separate but related concern, a revision of the town's zoning regulations.

Mullen said the process will begin with a "statutory audit," to look for conflicts and inconsistencies within the regulations and with changes in state law.

The next step is to reorganize and reformat the revised regulations for public scrutiny.

Finally, the commission will work up a list of priorities for making substantive changes.

The price tag for this is \$18,000; Mullen, wearing her consultant's hat, will handle the work.

The proposal was accepted unanimously by the commission and now goes to the Board of Finance and to the selectmen for their approval.

Women's Support

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schools, Mauro said. In 2016, there was one community educator working mostly in preschool and pre-K settings.

Early experiences of harassment

"Now we have two community educators, working age-appropriately across all grades, covering such areas of concern as bullying, online safety, appropriate and inappropriate behavior, and more."

In the early grades the groundwork is laid to help students develop the needed skills to promote healthy relationships.

Reflecting on what drew her to choose to work in this field, Mauro said "it is right and just."

"I spent my early profession-

al career as a geologist on an oil rig, in those times an oddity for a woman, so I experienced harassment, discrimination and other pressures directed at women," she recalled.

She set about to create social change by challenging attitudes and beliefs, representing the voices of exploited people. Part of the answer is early education, she noted.

"It's important to respond to the crisis and to give support," she said, "but it's equally important to try to prevent it."

Abuse has increased during COVID

The volume of need has increased as a result of the pandemic, Mauro said, adding that the reach of Women's Support Services is greater than the name suggests.

"We are open to all people. The program serves absolutely everyone," she said.

Beginning in March 2020 and into 2021, there was a 37% reduction in hot-line calls, Mauro noted. COVID-19 also brought a need for creativity in providing emergency shelter. "Capacity decreased as the need rose," she added.

Today, there is a 17% increase in the civil and criminal court advocacy program.

"We appreciate our community partners and their real commitment to us in this hard work," she said, calling attention to the cooperative nature of the work on behalf of clients and the wider community.

"The supportive service WSS offers clients and our communities can and does change lives for the better," she said.

To learn more about Women's Support Services, go to www.wssdv.org. The 24-hour help line is 860-364-1900.

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Stay Dry While Voyaging 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

he science fiction adventures of French author Jules Verne seem to be having a renaissance, perhaps thanks to the recent PBS series based on his novel, "Around the World in 80 Days."

At the end of January, the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass., launched a show dedicated to his 1870 submarine adventure, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," about Captain Nemo and his craft, The Nautilus which is recreated in the museum. Visitors can climb into the submarine and touch, feel, steer, turn and crank all the fixtures and fittings.

There is also a Cabinet of Curiosities full of marine specimens. The show is a mix of the mythical world created by Verne and an exploration of what science actually allows us to do underwater.

The show is produced in partnership with a Pittsfield company called General Dynamics, which helps clients like the

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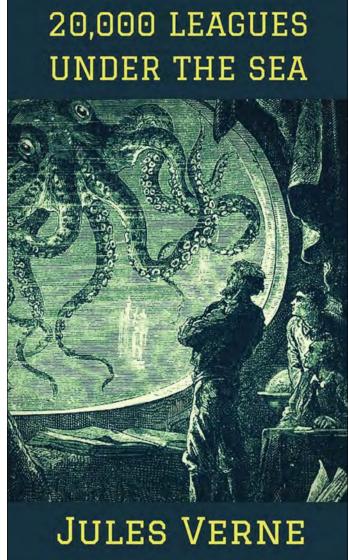
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CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

96 Years of Ski Jumping (and **There's Curling Too!)**

his cold weather can't possibly continue for much longer (seriously), which bodes well for the Salisbury Winter Sports Association Jumpfest Weekend, Feb. 11 to 13.

This is the 96th year for the jumps at Satre Hill, which is just off Main Street in Salisbury, Conn., behind LaBonne's grocery store. Wear warm clothes and sturdy ice-safe shoes, but be prepared to have a thrilling good time.

Ski jumping is a tradition in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. It is perhaps a little bit like curling: A winter Olympic sport that doesn't necessarily attract as many viewers as, say, figure skating and downhill slalom.

You can see curling at the Curling Club in Norfolk, Conn., most weekends in winter, https://norfolkcurlingclub.org/. It's indoors (wear a mask) and it's warm, fun and friendly. There are comfortable chairs and a bar. Everyone will be happy to explain what's happening on the ice. If you want to try curling yourself, there's an open house with instruction Feb. 12.

Ski jumping is outdoors and it's cold, but as compensation there are bonfires and convivial warming beverages and the chance to put on all of your warmest clothes all at once.

Unlike curling, if you are older than about 10 you will probably not want to try this sport yourself. But it's exhilarating and fun to watch, even if you (like me) hate to be outdoors in cold weather.

The ski jumps are extremely social. Chances are that you will see everyone you know. Children play in the snowbanks. Lots of people bring dogs but it's not actually a particularly safe place for pets; they definitely need to remain on their leash.

And speaking of dogs, every year on the Friday Jumpfest opening evening there is a Human **Dogsled Race: Teams** of about five competitors build a sled of some kind. One human rides the sled, the others pull and see who can make it around the short, snowy racetrack the fastest. This year's race is on Friday, Feb. 11, and will begin sometime after the Target Jumping Under the Lights, which

starts at 7 p.m. In the regular competition on Saturday and Sunday, the jumpers collect points for style and technique and distance. On Friday night, just for fun, they try to land exactly in the middle of a target painted onto the snow.

The competitions are held on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to about 3 p.m., with practice jumps in the morning from 11 a.m. to noon. The eastern division Junior National Team will be named after Sunday's competition.

Admission to the Friday night events is \$15. Admission for the Saturday and **Sunday competitions** is \$15; children 12 and under can come in for free. There is a snack shack with hot chocolate, hot dogs and more.

Find out more at www.jumpfest.org and look for the special Jumpfest publication in this week's issue of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

SAVING THE PLANET BEGINS AT BREAKFAST

The Salisbury Forum of Salisbury, Conn., presents a talk by author Jonathan Safran Foer on Friday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Experience the

excitement of

an underwater

adventure inspired

by Captain Nemo

and the Nautilus.

at the Berkshire

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and unmanned underwa-

ter vehicles," according

to a press release for the

The company has

unmanned underwater

vehicle for the exhibit. The Berkshire Muse-

um offers both art and

science, and so there will also be a show of work

from the museum collec-

Deep" is at the Berkshire

Admission is \$15 for

\$13 for students (free for

Proof of full vaccination

Museum through May.

adults, \$8 for children,

children 3 and under).

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and photo ID are required

of all visitors 18 and older.

The Berkshire Museum is at 39 South St. in

berkshiremuseum.org and

Pittsfield, Mass., www.

413-443-7171.

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show.

He will talk about his new book, "Eating Animals," in which he explores the moral dilemma of the food we eat and exposes the basic challenge of saving the planet:

The human reluctance to sacrifice immediate comfort for the sake of the future.

Amy Sidran, Farm **Education Coordinator** for The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., will interview the author. Go to www.salisburyforum. org for a link to this free Zoom webinar.



PODCASTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

How To Find the Most Popular Podcasts

This is an interesting time of year for podcasts. This month, rather than posting new shows, many of them have been introducing listeners to other podcasts.

Many of them announced in January that they are "hard at work on new shows for 2022, but in the meantime, we think you'll enjoy this podcast made by" another production team.

Part of the reason seems to be that podcasts these days are much more heavily produced than back in the Wild West days, when a show was just two people sitting by a microphone and discussing a topic of very narrow interest.

Contemporary podcasts increasingly follow the excellent National Public Radio model of doing a lot of research, a lot of interviews and then writing/ editing it all into an audio-only documentary.

Sometimes a topic is discussed at length in a single episode; sometimes there is a kind of mini series in which a topic (or person) is the subject of several episodes in a row.

Even conversational podcasts these days perform at a much higher level, where you can have knowledgeable and wellknown people taking a couple hours out of their day to have a long conversation about a topic of interest.

That can be actor Rob Lowe (unexpectedly super smart, funny and interesting and a great interviewer) talking to other entertainers, and in the process creating an oral history of 20th century film and theater ("Literally! With Rob Lowe").

It can be former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York



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Preet Bharara having a detailed conversation with Alabama prosecutor Joyce Vance about the most compelling national legal issues of the week ("Cafe Insider").

Or it can be Pres. Barack Obama's chief political strategist, David Axelrod, being timely, lively, funny and insightful with Republican political consultant Mike Murphy as they dissect elections, Donald Trump and more ("Hacks on Tap").

FINDING THE TOP SHOWS

I am a podcast junkie and I apologize to everyone to whom I say, "I just heard on a podcast that (fill in the blank)." It's a bad habit.

But the fact remains that I listen to a lot of podcasts and therefore am always on the lookout for new ones.

If you are too, I've just discovered a gold mine of podcast information. There is a website called Chartable (www.chartable. com) that tells you the most popular podcasts in the world on every subject in order of popularity.

It is actually a website for podcast industry professionals but it's easily used by the non-pro who just wants to see what's interesting. You can search worldwide favorites or you can specify a particular nation. You can search "all podcasts" or you can look for the most popular shows (and episodes) in specific genres.

The two podcast providers that they chart are Spotify and Apple.

The top three global podcasts, according to Chartable, are (in order from one to three) Crime Junkie, Dateline NBC and Stuff You Should Know.

The top three podcasts in the U.S. on the Apple list are (in order from one to three) Crime Junkie, Welcome to Our Show and Smartless (with actors Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes and Will Arnett).



The top three in the U.S. from Spotify are The Joe Rogan Experience (as we know from the recent Neil Young protest), Call Her Daddy and Whistleblow-

A FEW OF **MY FAVORITES**

In case you're wondering, Crime Junkie is number seven among Spotify listeners. And while I'm not specifically a true crime podcast fan, apparently this is a huge global podcast trend.

Since we're sharing, here are just a (very) few of my favorites, in no particular order. Feel free to email me with your own list of favorites and we can post them online.

• Anything by, with or about Malcolm Gladwell, especially his own shows: Revisionist History; and

Broken Record with buddha-like music producer Rick Rubin.

- Hit Parade with music chart analyst Chris Molanphy
- · Anything with behavioral economist Tim Harford
- · Bloomberg Law, short reports on top legal issues (including information about cases involving, for example, Elizabeth Holmes, Ghislaine Maxwell and Britney Spears)
- Up Against the Mob with prosecutor Elie Honig
- •Barron's Streetwise Podcast with Jack Hough
- The Great James Bond Car Robbery, eight episodes narrated by the sultry and amusing Elizabeth Hurley, about the theft of the iconic James Bond Aston Martin from an airplane hangar in Florida.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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ART

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu FIRST SUNDAY FREE: **ILLUMINATING** ILLUSTRATION, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BOOKS

Millbrook Free Library, 3

Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y. www.millbrooklibrary.org In Conversation with Gary Shteyngart, Feb. 6, 2:30

Scoville Memorial Library

38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org Library Book Group led by Claudia Cayne, Feb. 12, 4 to 5 p.m. (online).

KIDS

Norman Rockwell Museum. 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge,

Mass. www.nrm.org Zoom, Draw & Read with Jan Brett! (Via Zoom), Feb. 12, 1 to 2 p.m. (online).

MOVIES

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

themoviehouse.net Sundown, opens Feb. 4.; Moonfall, opens Feb. 4.; Death on the Nile, opens Feb. 10.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group, www.berkshiretheatregroup.org

The Machine Performs Pink Floyd, Feb. 5, 8 p.m.

Close Encounters With

Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org Folk and Baroque Concert, Feb. 26, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

THEATER

Mahaiwe Performing Arts

Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.

MET OPERA IN HD: FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES (ENCORE), Feb. 12, 1 p.m.

MUSIC AND MEDITATION AT CHURCH ON FEB. 4

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, Conn., UCC will present its monthly Mid-day Music Meditation on Friday, Feb. 4, from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the church at 30 Main St.

The Meeting House doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Attendance will be restricted to onehalf capacity. Audience members will be admitted on a first come-firstserved basis. Masks will be required.

For this musical meditation, Music Director Samuel Lord Kalcheim will present a half hour of organ and instrumental works.

Free to the public, Dr. Kalcheim's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring classical repertory. For more information, contact the church office at 860-435-2442.

The Glorious Life and Sad Death of Author Oscar Wilde

oom continues to make fascinating library talks from around the world easily available to literature fans here in the Tristate region.

Upcoming on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. is a talk by British biographer Matthew Sturgis, who will be interviewed by Knopf editor Victoria Wilson about his new book, "Oscar Wilde."

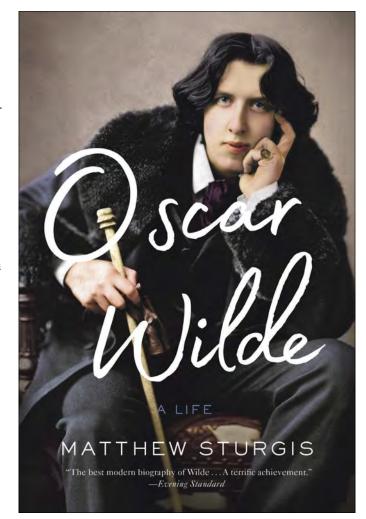
Wilde was a complex often contradictory person, famously homosexual but also married and a father.

Considered one of the greatest writers in the English language, he died of meningitis in 1900 at the age of 46, three years after serving two years in prison for "gross indecency."

New documents have been discovered about Wilde's life, and Sturgis used them to create a new, very detailed portrait of the author of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" and "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Sturgis is British, an art critic who graduated from Oxford. His other biographies have been about Aubrey Beardsley and Paul Bowles.

He and his wife, the art gallerist Rebecca Hossack, live in London.



The Zoom discussion on Feb. 24 will be followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

This virtual program is free but registration is required at www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/ event/Wilde. For more information, go to www. hotchkisslibrary.org or call

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EDITORIAL

But how can you get there from here?

ne of the thorniest of problems in the Northwest Corner is the scarcity of public transportation. For those who don't have their own vehicle for one reason or another, it can be next to impossible to find ways to navigate the most essential of everyday tasks, whether it be food shopping, medical or dental appointments, or getting to and from work.

There is the Northwestern Connecticut Transit District, in Torrington, which offers Dial-A-Ride, Job Access and Candystriper programs for area residents. These rides can be challenging to tap into, however, with limited hours and a 24 to 48 hour lead time to sign up for any given time. The program is state funded and has a range of opportunities for people who need transportation, but it is limited in availability, distance and routes. The cost is generally around \$1.25 suggested donation, so not very onerous.

Still, it's not the answer for the full population of the Northwest Corner towns, and it affects the ability of the economy here to grow or even maintain itself. During COVID there were those who left their jobs or were downsized, but now as employers are beginning to ramp back up, especially the schools and medical facilities, they are finding it harder and harder to locate staff people to keep their operations going.

This is a problem that will be harder to solve without direct attention to opportunities to access mass transit of some kind. It's a struggle for all who don't drive, or can't afford a car or even the necessary gasoline. Having the ability to tap into mass transportation of some kind can help those who are locked into a cycle of being unable to get around, for jobs, shopping or health care.

The town of Sharon has been investigating the possibility of purchasing a van to be shared with its recreation department to help its residents get around more easily. In Norfolk, First Selectman Matt Riiska saw the need for his community to find easier access to transportation, and he received a grant for a vehicle a few years ago to help his town residents do just that. Rather than waiting for a regional solution to be implemented, he took action.

This is the kind of creative thinking and action that will be needed if this long-term problem of access to transportation is going to be solved. For more on what is available, check with the Northwestern Connecticut Transit District at www.nwcttransit.com or by phone as follows: Local, 860-489-2535; Toll free, 866-906-7433. Now is the time to think about what can be done with what available money there is to help change this critical gap in services in our

TURNING BACK THE PAGES Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — 1922

SALISBURY — The construction of H.R. Brinton's new garage is now well under way. The steel girders have arrived and the brick layers are at work on the walls.

Today is Candlemas Day, the day when the old ground hog is supposed to look at his coal bin and decide whether he had better fill it up again for another six weeks of cold weather or make up his mind to get along on wood and siftings till spring arrives.

LIME ROCK — Mr. Wanbery fell on the ice at the foundry and hurt his leg quite badly Tuesday.

Walter Loucks Jr. of Lakeville spent a few days with his grandmother. Walter broke his wrist one day last week while coasting at school.

50 years ago — 1972

Real estate developer Del Tenney has proposed to build a private airport on land he owns on Dugway Road in Salisbury across the Housatonic River from Falls Village.

Judy Andrews, who works in Lakeville's Apothecary Shop, says Mrs. Clifford Irving and children came into the drug store last Friday morning.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has arranged to purchase 520 acres of land north of Falls Village for preservation as a wetland wildlife management area. Purchase of the tract, which is owned by William R. Knowlton of Tokone Hills in Lakeville, was authorized Friday by the State Bond Commission in Hartford.

Unknown to many of the participants, baseball hero Steve Blass, who lives in Canaan, has been refereeing basketball games at the Salisbury School. One day recently he irritated a youthful player with his ruling. Grabbing the jacket of the pitcher whose hurling won the 1971 World Series for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the student exclaimed, "What do you know about sports?"

Thanks to the generosity of a New York foundation, which has asked to remain anonymous, the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. has completed its fund drive and has a comfortable little cushion for the future. The service began operating early last July. W. Rees Harris, president of the ambulance service, says that the \$18,000 gift paid off the mortgage on the vehicle, leaving about \$1,300 toward future expenses.

Chuck Wohlfert, operator of the Norfolk and Canaan Water Pollution Control facilities, is enrolled in a course at the University of Hartford on Environmental Chemistry. The course will give Mr. Wohlfert a greater background in air and water pollution

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Prickly porcupine in the West Cornwall snow

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closing of ICU at Sharon Hospital?

Nuvance, the present owner of Sharon Hospital, planned to eliminate the Sharon Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on Feb. 1, with barely a word to the community and without approval from the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS). Fortunately, an inspection on Jan. 26 by the Connecticut State Health Department delayed the change until April. Nuvance still plans to substitute the ICU with a progressive care unit (PCU), which will be part of the medical-surgical unit in a different location staffed by medical-surgical nurses and not ICU trained nurses.

This is a significant loss of healthcare access for our community, as this new unit would not provide the level of care typical of ICUs. In spite of the COVID epidemic, Nuvance has already eliminated half of the ICU beds. In addition, four of our 11 ICU nurses left after Nuvance administration told ICU staff its plans. Eliminating the ICU would only save about \$600,000, according to an outside consultant, while the cost to the community cannot be quantified.

Since this summer, Nuvance has implemented a new administrative policy requiring that patients sick enough to require ICU-level admission must be transferred or diverted from the Sharon Emergency Room (ER) to other institutions, instead of being admitted to our ICU. Nuvance has even institutionalized this process without formal approval by OHS. By electing to bypass the formal process, Nuvance is now asking for permission after the fact. Its petition is still under review.

The loss of our ICU would have real-world consequences for our community. Recently, we had a patient in our emergency room with respiratory failure, requiring emergent intubation. However, intubated patients require ICU-level care, so under the new policy this patient could not be admitted here. It was only after unsuccessful attempts were made to transfer the patient to multiple institutions, and after the doctors pleaded with

Sharon Hospital and Nuvance administrators, that the intubated patient was allowed an exemption to be admitted here. I am pleased to report that the patient did well, but this is only because of the strength of our hospital staff. There will be other times when it is not possible to transfer critically ill patients, but if Nuvance's plan to close the ICU is approved by OHS, it will not be possible to admit ICU-level patients at Sharon Hospital, even when transferring a patient is not an option.

It is appalling that Nuvance is more interested in profit than providing the levels of care needed in our community. We have an incredible staff and quality of care here in Sharon Hospital, but Nuvance seems intent on diminishing this in the name of cost savings. If we do not fight, we will lose our local, quality healthcare. Hopefully, OHS and elected officials in Hartford can intervene and Save Sharon Hospital.

David R. Kurish, MD

Sharon

Long on threat, short on results

"Our aims are absolutely clear: They are a high living standard in the country and a secure, free and comfortable

—Vladimir Putin

A pandemic, a chaotic climate, and a small man amassing huge numbers of his citizenry on its neighbor's door to secure peace are a plague to the US, to Europe, to the world, to Russians. Let's put Russia in perspective as Putin threatens a major war. Let's explore Russian's strengths vs Putin's claims of being an ultimate su-

Are you, as am I, weary of photos of Putin stripped to his waist or his raunchy patriotic rhetoric as he amasses untold wealth in foreign personal accounts - boosting he is the richest man in the world? For Russians their nation ranks 85th in the world for GDP per Capita (\$10k per person) behind Puerto Rico ranked 37th with \$36K per person. Georgia, acquired by Russia in 2008, is ranked 125 of 215 countries with \$4K per person - just where it was in August of 2008. Russia has dropped 13% from 2008 when its per capita was \$11.6K.

Russian standard of living economic heights - can be assessed from another view. The US has 30% of the world's

wealth, China 18%, Japan 17% while Putin's Russia has 1.8%. This is not a typo. The nation with 11% of the world's land mass has 1.8% of its wealth emanating from one source, petroleum. How far from the mark Russia is from Putin's proclaimed aim of a high living standard.

Putin chides "Europeans are really dying out" while Russia, ranked 9th in global population, has experienced a population collapse, a significant, continuous population decline. Russia has one of the world's lowest life expectancy for men at 67.7 years vs the US at 76.6, Italy 81.3. Additionally Russia's fertility rate has dropped from 2.1 in the 1990's to a non-replacement rate of 1.5 in 2020.

What about the military? Okay, with all its low economic positioning and population decline, Russia ranks 2nd to the US in military strength just slightly above China with whom Russia shares a 2,615 mile border. Russia spends 4.8% of its GDP on the military, the US spends 3.7%, China 1.7%. So seemingly the wealth of Russia goes to the military, goes to Putin and goes to his oligarchs - Moscow houses the world's largest number of billionaires at 79 with NYC sec-

Cynthia Hochswender ond at 59 and London with 41.



Snow shadow

How the threat on the borders of Ukraine moves to violence or peaceful resolution is unclear. Confucius says "a small man must always gloss his flaws." Putin with whatever rationale, whatever immediate aims, whatever military agenda is failing Russians - a stated aim of their experiencing a high living standard. Russians are short changed on length of life, liberty and a prosperous standard of living.

"How can a bureaucrat or a politician be trusted if he says loud words for the sake of Russia's good while trying to take his funds, his money abroad?" –Vlaḋimir Putin

Kathy Herald-Marlowe Sharon

Lakeville Train Station planning

In light of the interest in the CNE Train Station building in Lakeville, we wish to bring our residents up-to-date with the recent plans for restoration of the building and surrounding area. The building is part of a 4-acre parcel that was donated to the town by the Bauer family; the land includes Factory Pond and its dam, as well as land surrounding the building. The building has been used most recently as the field office for the streetscape project at the Lakeville intersection.

Restoration plans for both the dam and the building are currently underway, with the dam phase nearing completion thanks to the skilled work of Jeff Clark and crew. Because the property is within the local, state and federal Historic Districts, the town is eligible for various grant funds administered through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to evaluate the building and then to restore both the exterior and interior. At our January meeting the Board of Selectmen approved a resolution to enter into agreements with SHPO for evaluations and restoration of the building.

These efforts will be managed by the Selectmen and the local Historic District Commission, with assistance from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Salisbury Association, which has considerable background information about the building to share with SHPO and the town. We will have periodic updates on the town website and at the meetings of both the Historic District and the Selectmen.

In the last several years there has been interest expressed from both commercial and not-for-profit entities to use the building, and once the restoration plans and timeline are established we will bring each proposal forward to the residents for your consideration, and the ultimate use of the building will rest with a Town Meeting.

Thank you

The Salisbury Board of Selectmen, Curtis Rand, Chris Williams and Don Mayland

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Viewpoint

Connecticut voters really like incumbent governors

onnecticut is awfully kind to incumbent governors. If they choose to run, they almost always win.

It wasn't always that way as different times and conditions inspired different results.

Every incumbent was reelected in the prosperous

1920s, but five lost during the Depression-ravaged IF YOU ASK ME 1930s. Incumbents won and lost in the 1940s. Then incumbency became more secure.

No sitting governor seeking reelection has been beaten since 1954, the year John Davis

Lodge lost to Abe Ribicoff, a

DICK AHLES

mere 66 years ago and count-

If you were old enough to vote in that election -21 in 1954 — you'd be at least 88 or older for this one. I know because I was 21 then and am a bit older now.

But this column isn't about me. It's about Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont, who announced his intention to run again months ago, and Republican Bob Stefanowski, who just announced he wants to run against Lamont for a second time.

It was also supposed to be about Republican Themis Klarides, a veteran legislator who was expected to challenge Stefanowski for the nomination, but on Sunday, Jan. 30, she went on Channel 8's political talk show and told host Dennis House she's going to skip the gubernatorial race and run instead against the hard to defeat Sen. Richard Blumenthal. She's said to have spent \$400,000 of her own money to explore a run for governor, but the exploration apparently pointed toward the Senate race.

Speaking of a candidate's own money, Stefanowski, like Lamont, has plenty of it, and he quickly let it be known he intends to invest \$10 million of his personal bankroll on his election effort. In fact, he's already spent a million of it on a television ad.

The Klarides decision gives Stefanowski an open shot at the nomination, at least for now. If it's Stefanowski, it means Republicans are continuing the heretofore horrendous practice of giving second chances to amateurs like Stefanowski, Tom Foley and Linda McMahon who spent a fortune losing twice to Blumenthal.

There isn't much for today's candidates to learn from 1954. It was a different time and a different state. But interesting.

Lodge was a member of the storied Lodge and Cabot families, the same Cabots who "spoke only to Lowells," who, in turn, "spoke only to God." A Harvard-educated lawyer, he

had a fling at the movies before getting into politics, playing the lover of Marlene Dietrich's Catherine the Great in "The Scarlet Empress" and Shirley Temple's father in "The Little Colonel."

Ribicoff's background couldn't have been more dif-

ferent. The son of Russian Jews who fled czarist Russia shortly before he was born, Ribicoff grew up in New Britain tenements. "I nev-

er recall there ever being an extra dollar in the house," he once told an interviewer. "We always lived on the third floor because the rents were always a couple of dollars less a month on the third floor."

In 1954, Lodge was a successful, two term governor who was credited with transforming an inherited \$11 million budget deficit into a \$17 million surplus. (That's million with an "M" — a different state indeed.) He liked to say, "Connecticut is the best place in the United States to live and work, to raise a family or start a business." No one argued with him.

But the state was apparently ready for a change. Ironically, a major achievement of the Eisenhower years, the interstate highway system, apparently hurt Lodge as construction of the turnpike in Fairfield County disrupted the lives of thousands in that most Republican region of the state. A lot of them blamed Lodge.

And there was anti-Semitism. Ribicoff was quick to say Lodge never mentioned his opponent's religion but some of his supporters did and just before the election, Ribicoff felt he had to address an increasingly nasty whispering campaign.

He did it in a speech on the new medium of television, at Channel 6 in New Haven, then the state's only TV station.

It would become known as Ribicoff's American Dream speech, in which he recalled growing up poor but believing any American could achieve any position he sought in private or public life. "A person was to be accepted for his character, his ability, his integrity" and that was why he was saddened by "this ugly anti-Semitism creeping into the campaign.

"It wasn't important whether I won or lost but what was important was that a man of the Jewish faith or a Catholic or any religion had a right to aspire to any office in this land."

Ribicoff picked up about 50 more votes than Democrats usually get in dozens of small, Republican towns and defeated Lodge by only 3000 votes. Four years later, he was reelected by nearly a quarter of a million

From that Election Day until now, many incumbents have chosen not to run after one or more terms because their popularity had clearly dropped with the voters. (Ribicoff resigned in his second term to join president-elect John Kennedy's Cabinet and later represented Connecticut in the U.S. Senate. Lodge became an ambassador to Spain, then Argentina and Switzerland.)

For the past 66 years, nobody who wanted to keep the job has been denied reelection. Lamont could follow that happy precedent or be the first losing incumbent since the aforementioned John Lodge.

But I wouldn't put any cash on either of those outcomes just yet.

Simsbury resident Dick Ahles is a retired journalist. Email him at rahles1@outlook.com.



Can this be a possible solution?

Look, if

force

hen we were children, it was not uncommon to have classmates or neighborhood friends decide they wanted different games, different groups of friends, even different morals and values. How many can remember the bully who wanted everyone to do as he or she said? The

solution was often avoidance, A VIEW FROM letting them have their way and go on living your own life. In time, the bully's own behavior

sidelined them from good grades, real friends, school teams and, in later life, those very bullies usually failed to live nurturing, happy lives.

THE EDGE

PETER RIVA

Every loudmouth, every my-way-or-the-highway socalled leader, every bully I ever met at school or university has ended up miserable and a failure — failure find-

ing real friends, failure in the workplace and, usually, drifting through close relationships. So, as the country seems mired in abiding with this divide in morals, truth and the bullies' desire to wreck our democracy, I have a suggestion: Deal with them as we did when we were children.

> Texas extremists always in a minority of the actual population

through gerrymandered districts and then go after women's rights to control their own body, if they then want, like Mississippi and Georgia, to pass restrictive voting laws on top of the desire to control women's rights if that is what Texas tolerates, then all we have to do is verbally call them out, by name, and oppose their amoral and

anti-democratic behavior to the point when they scream sedition and threaten to secede. And at that point let them. Real Texans will find a home elsewhere in the real America.

"You want out? There's the door. Real American values cannot condone your behavior and you are welcome to leave." Nothing defeats a bully faster than agreeing with their desire. They don't want fair-minded people in Texas? Fine, the good people will leave — and take their economy with them.

Muhammad Ali understood that "rope-a-dope" was a winning strategy. Even in jujitsu, you use your opponent's strength to throw them. You let them throw all their worst punches, then simply move aside, pull their arm and use their own momentum to off-balance them and, in turn, defeat their attack.

I think all this time we're spending fighting the vote deniers, all this time we're chasing the Oathkeepers and QAnon, all this time we lament the hatred of the members of Congress determined to destroy our Constitution, all this time has resulted in our own anger, our frustration, our pain and hurt. I'm tired of fighting, give 'em what they want.

Instead of them successfully hurting us, goad them into a grandstanding demand for secession, allow them to ramp up their rhetoric and show their real colors of anti-democracy, racism, and fervent supremacy. Wait for it, wait for it... when they throw what they think is a winning punch against America, simply move aside and pull them into that abyss they are promoting. Let them go. If they burn down the Capitol Building, we'll keep it as a memento of the day they think they won but sealed their own fate as non-Americans.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.

It may just be a judgment call

News Of

M.A. DUCA

"Judge not, lest ye be judged". "I'm not judging you". 'Don't be judgmental".

From biblical times up to present day sitting in judgment of others has never been a path to popularity (Judges Wapner and Judy notwithstanding). Many wear as a badge of honor that they don't question someone's motives or decisions. That they don't judge people. And those who do are unfair and biased. Blindly declaring that "I'm all in" is more often seen as a courageous show of support rather than an unthinking foray into the unknown. Is operating in a judgment-free zone a good idea? Is it even possible?

Ok, I'll admit it. I am judging you. And you're kidding yourself if you think you're not — judgment — the next time and the acronym just makes it judging me. Perhaps you're in you're asked to answer perdenial be-

cause you refused to acknowledge VERY NARROW your Myers-Briggs INTEREST "personality". Sure, they told you that it was "com-

really mean anything". Then a 'J' (judging) ended up in your personality type and it hung around your neck like a lead-weighted character flaw. "But I'm not judgmental and bossy . . . actually I'm a very sensitive and caring person". A painful reminder to use better

sonal questions

that "really don't mean anything." Judgment, like luck, comes in two flavors: good and bad. They say that

experience is

the best teachpletely voluntary" and "doesn't er and good judgment comes from experience but the best experience comes from exercising bad judgment. So it's

complicated. Gaining wisdom and insight, while important for personal growth, is not straightforward and can be downright dangerous to yourself and others. Some people use the expression "in my humble opinion" or the acronym IMHO in an attempt to deflect the judgmental tag. This is a losing strategy. No truly humble person would use the expression more irritating.

Can a judgmental person and an accepting person be the same person? That's really the issue isn't it. In our society it is an acute moral failing if we are "judged" as a person who is unaccepting of others. Interesting that in this case being "judged" as an unaccepting person is somehow acceptable.

As you probably guessed my comments are a reaction to being "accused" of being too judgmental. Changing radio stations in the car from the passenger seat? Assuming "responsibility" for the TV remote? Controlling maybe, but judgmental?

"I'm not accusing you, it's

A fact? Hey, I'll be the judge of that.

M. A. Duca is a resident of Twin Lakes narrowly focused on everyday life.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

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and how to detect and work with pollution problems.

The Penn Central Transportation Company is apparently willing to part with its Falls Village station. The town's selectmen this week received bid forms from the bankrupt corporation. First Selectman Miles Blodgett told The Lakeville Journal the railroad informed him it would consider sealed bids for its property. The two-story frame structure is badly run down and has been shuttered and unused for years.

25 years ago — 1997

SHARON — The two-yearold Sharon Stage operation may make its final curtain call following a recent preliminary bankruptcy filing. A Sharon Stage creditor, who wished to remain anonymous, this week confirmed receipt of a notice indicating that the playhouse operation had begun Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings.

LAKEVILLE — Charles Feeney made the front page of The New York Times last week when the news broke that he has quietly given away \$600 million and had until last week kept his generous gifts a secret. The news and the widely syndicated story came as a surprise -- and yet as no surprise - to the few people who have known "Chuck" Feeney since he bought a house in Lakeville in the late 1970s.

SHARON — A family of four was left homeless Tuesday

evening when a fire destroyed their Guinea Road residence. Firefighters from five area companies responded to the fire which was reported around 5:30 p.m. at the two-story Frasca residence on Guinea Road near the Cornwall town line. Family members evacuated the home before Sharon and Cornwall fire companies arrived. No injuries were reported.

Brad Harrison of Ashley Falls, Mass., has joined The Lakeville Journal as a staff reporter. He will cover the town of Salisbury, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, the Region 1 schools and state police news, as well as other assignments from time to time.

KENT - Because Kent

has a small population, it took two weeks before a first baby of 1997 arrived. Michael John Tagani III arrived 11 minutes after midnight Jan. 14. His parents, Michael and Patti Tagani, own Michael's Restaurant on the Green and have a three-yearold daughter, Jaclyn.

Former Salisbury resident James M. Bates has been named senior vice president of affiliate sales and marketing for The Golf Channel, a growing national cable television oper-

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The changing landscape of the northwest corner can be explored easily by accessing the 1934 aerial photographs at UCONN's Library Map and Geographic Information Center. This site offers side by side photography of both 1934 and the present day aerial photos. For example, it is interesting to see the amount of open farmland around our lakes before they became more developed. These remarkable photos can be found at: http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/ mash_up/1934.html



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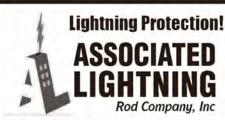
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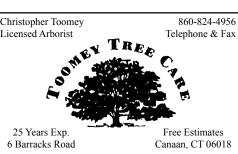


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