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Selectmen take lead on historic railroad station

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand released a draft of the Salisbury selectmen's plans for the historic railroad station building and nearby Factory Pond in Lakeville on Friday, Jan. 28. The first part — restoration of the Factory Pond dam — is almost complete.

The yellow former railroad station on Ethan Allen Street needs work on the exterior. The draft plan calls for replacing aluminum storm doors and windows, repairing roof trim, painting the exterior,

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PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

The Board of Selectmen applied for a state grant to assess and evaluate the railroad station building in Lakeville last week.

Seeking witnesses to fatal crash in Lime Rock

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — State Police are seeking witnesses to a fatal crash that occurred on Monday night, Feb. 7, at about 9:30 p.m.

According to a report from the police that was released on Tuesday morning, Feb. 8, Christopher Michael McKenna, 37, of Chatfield Drive was traveling east on Route

112 in a 1999 Toyota 4Runner.

The vehicle went into the oncoming lane and rolled over.

McKenna was taken to Sharon Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Trooper Maranda Coretto at the Troop B police barracks in North Canaan by calling 860-626-1820.

Segalla makes Mountaineers history in senior season

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — Hanging in the Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) gymnasium is a plaque that represents the elite 1,000 Point Club. In the 83 years of school history, only 10 HVRHS athletes have achieved this, the latest being senior Sydney Segalla.

Segalla, a 5 foot 11 inch center, has had ample time to work toward this accolade, playing as a starter for the Mountaineers since a freshman and passing 500 points by sophomore year.

"It honestly feels amazing," she said. "I remember freshman year, looking up [at the plaque] and joking about being on it, so it still feels surreal."

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PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Housatonic Valley Regional High School's Sydney Segalla went up for a basket during a game against Nonnewaug High School March 9, 2021. Segalla surpassed 1,000 career points last week.

Volunteers from the Salisbury Winter Sports Association worked on the 30 meter jump, center hill, at Satre Hill Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, in preparation for Jumpfest weekend.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

SWSA prepares the slopes

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — On Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, a group from the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) worked on readying the 30 meter jump prior to the upcoming Jumpfest weekend, which will be Feb. 11 to 13.

The procedure: Load up a truck with snow at the bottom of Satre Hill. Drive the truck up the access road to the jump. Transfer the snow to the jump, with sheets of plastic laid out to allow the snow to move downhill. People with handheld implements move the snow to the desired location and pack it in place.

SWSA volunteer Willie Hallihan supervised, and shot video on his phone. The SWSA website at www.jumpfest.org now has a live webcam

that lets viewers see what's happening at Satre Hill.

There were frequent lulls in the snowpacking process Tuesday evening. They were filled with highly entertaining skiing stories, which even a dedicated non-skier could appreciate.

After a couple hours, and when

the non-skiing visitor's toes were numb, he decided it was time to go. After gingerly picking his way down the icy steps without mishap, he stopped to get a photo of the entire snowy tableau.

In addition to the live webcam, details about the Jumpfest weekend can be found at www.jumpfest.org.

Connecticut wildlife

Uncertain future for moose population

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Andrew LaBonte, a biologist for the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) wildlife division, said during a talk Saturday, Feb. 5 that the state's moose population faces challenges of habitat and disease.

The event, held at the Center

on Main, was sponsored by Great Mountain Forest -- which is one of a handful of places in Connecticut where moose can and do live.

LaBonte gave some historical background. In the 1600s, eastern moose were abundant in what became the northern New England states of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

But with human settlements

Short film helps explain conservation initiative

By Patrick L. Sullivan

CORNWALL — The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) has a short film on its website that

introduces Follow the Forest, a conservation effort with nearly 50 partners in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont.

In a nutshell, Follow the Forest is an effort to protect and connect large, forested areas from the Hudson Valley to Canada, enabling wildlife to move freely between them according to their migratory needs and in response to the changing climate.

The short (two and a half minutes) film includes familiar landscapes, including an overhead shot of Route 7 where Carse Brook runs beneath the highway and into the Housatonic River.

HVA Regional Conservation Director Tim Abbott worked with

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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Struck a guardrail

On Jan. 30 at approximately 3 p.m. on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Laila Massaquoi, 35, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., swerved and lost control, striking a metal beam guardrail. The Chevrolet was towed from the scene and Massaquoi was issued a verbal warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

Hit and run

On Feb. 1 at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the vicinity of the Geer Village on Canaan Road in North Canaan a 2013 Nissan Rogue driven by Laurie Twing, 59, of North Canaan was struck by an evading vehicle speculated to be a plow truck. The unknown vehicle left the scene and the accident remains under investigation.

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.

A cooking class with Le Gamin Tax Aide in Salisbury

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 chicken fricassee with oven-roasted potatoes.

In addition to owning several restaurants, Arbor is co-author of the book "Joie de Vivre: Simple French Style for Everyday Living."

Arbor will describe his journey from Fontainebleau, France, to New York City to Sharon.

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.

SALISBURY — Salisbury Senior Services will offer the AARP Tax Aide program at the Salisbury Senior Center at the Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville. Volunteers trained by AARP and certified by the IRS will be available to assist those 60 and older, and low-income residents with the preparation and filing of all tax forms free of charge. This service will be available on Wednesdays, Feb. 9 through April 13, by appointment only. Contact Lisa McAuliffe, Director of Senior Services, at 860 435-5191 to schedule an appointment.

Scholarships and grants from BTCF

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation offers competitive scholarships and grants for students and non-profits in northwest Litchfield County.

Apply for funding during the winter grants cycle at www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships and www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Grants.

For students: scholarships

The Margaret Derwin Scholarship offers a junior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School up to \$100,000 over four years for college tuition and other costs, and up to \$5,000 for a community service program. Applications are due Feb. 18. This scholarship requires a separate application process from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's common scholarship application. To apply go to www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Derwin.

Students who plan to attend an accredited college, university, trade school or graduate program may complete Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's common scholarship application to determine their eligibility for all of the foundation's scholarships. Awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and support a variety of academic interests. Some funds offer renewable

awards. Applications are due March 15. Apply with the common application by going to www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships.

Scholarships: for northwest Litchfield County residents

The Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship Fund for female residents who are currently enrolled at a four-year college and majoring in math, chemistry, engineering or physical sciences.

The Ben Paley Scholarship Fund for seniors graduating from public high schools in northwest Litchfield County and Berkshire County who wish to study music at a two- or four-year college or university.

The Ferris Burtis Scholarship Fund for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at a conservatory or school of music to pursue a career in classical music.

The George and Lucille Buterbaugh Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors who are residents of Salisbury.

The Karen Kisslinger Scholarship Fund for students of Housatonic Valley Regional High School who have a demonstrated interest and passion for

holistic health and wellness practices. The Teddy Lee Drumm Memorial Scholarship Fund for residents of Sharon who have been accepted at an accredited college, university, vocational-technical or professional institute, as well as prior Drumm scholarship recipients.

For students: travel and service

The Alice and Richard Henriquez Memorial Fund and Youth World Awareness Program provides grants to students ages 14 to 22 for international travel and service. Grants range up to \$1,500 for individual applicants; larger grants may be considered for groups. Applications are due Feb. 21.

For nonprofits

The Crane Family Fund supports environmental nonprofit organizations that propose innovative projects, particularly for programs that connect at-risk and low-income youth to the environment. Grants range up to \$4,000. Applications are due Feb. 15.

The Green Pastures Fund supports nonprofit organizations or public entities that encourage or preserve small, community-based agricultural ventures. Grants range up to \$3,000. Applications are due March 1.

Free COVID testing in Kent

KENT — 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.

There is a priority lane for First Responders. Testing is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. When lining up on Sundays, keep in mind that the Transfer Station is operating until 3:30 p.m. and follow the traffic pattern to keep the entrance clear. Wren Laboratories will now be managing the test site.

Salisbury seeks input on its future

SALISBURY —The Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission is conducting an online survey to gather input from residents, property owners and other stakeholders to inform the commission's update of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

This survey provides an opportunity for people to identify issues of concern and suggest future priorities and strategies to be incorporated into the updated plan.

The survey can be accessed from the home page of the town's website at www.salisburyct.us; it can also be accessed directly at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Salisbury_POCD_Survey

For those who do not have access to a computer or smart phone, paper copies of the survey will be available in the lobby at Town Hall, where they can be completed and left in the drop box.

Michael W. Klemens, chair of the Planning

and Zoning Commission, said, "It is important that participants understand their responses are anonymous, so they should feel free to answer questions not only about the future, but also how the town has performed in addressing these challenges over the last decade."

The survey will be open for responses through Sunday, March 13.

For additional information, contact landuse@salisburyct.us.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Audit report for the Town of Sharon for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2021 is on file for public inspection in the Town Clerks office during regular office hours and online at sharonct.org.

Linda R. Amerighi
 Sharon Town Clerk
 02-10-22

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The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated January 25, 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.

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Photo by Tom Brown

20 meters? 30 meters? 70 meters?

This handy conversion chart will help you figure out what the heck those distances are, in plain American numbers (not some fancy French measurements!). Whatever the distances they jump from and whatever distances they soar, we congratulate the jumpers competing in the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's Jumpfest.

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Our Towns

It's awfully cold out, even for ice fishing

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — They're out there, on the ice, in the zero degree weather, dropping lines into holes cut through the ice on area ponds and lakes in search of trout, crappie, perch, panfish, pike and bass.

If you haven't seen them yet, it's possible that the cold is keeping the less hardy sportsmen indoors for now.

Or it's possible that you've only been venturing out in the afternoon.

"With the ice guys, it's a morning thing," said Lynette Hatfield, minding the store at Sportsmen's Connection in Kent while owner Ethan Raskind was at the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, Pa. In between setting up his display for what organizers call the world's largest outdoor show, Raskind talked about his shop, his many years fishing and guiding in Connecticut (20 years) and Colorado (16 years), and of course about ice fishing.

First, though, he wanted to be sure everyone knows his shop, at 15 Main St. in the center of the village of Kent, sells more than just fishing gear for the winter and summer angler.

"We serve hikers, especially the Appalachian Trail thru-hikers during the season, with everything from gear to fuel and freeze-dried food.

"In winter, we sell snowshoes and do guided snowshoe tours. The brand we carry is Redfeather, made in the U.S., in Wisconsin."

The shop also supplies hunters throughout the year.

Raskind will take novice ice fishermen out if they want to learn how to do it safely



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Ice fishermen are indeed out on area lakes and ponds despite the frigid temperatures.

but, he noted, "mostly the ice fishermen here are seasoned anglers. Here in Litchfield County and Dutchess County, there is definitely a strong, dedicated group of ice anglers."

Most of those experienced anglers know how to judge the thickness of the ice, often using augurs to make sure there is several inches of thickness. Raskind himself doesn't use an augur, however. "I don't go on the ice until I see others on ice," he said. And not just any others: He warned that, "Some guys go out on 3 inches."

While the ice here in the Northwest Corner can reach an acceptable 7 inches, or even get as thick as 11 inches on cold years such as this one, it never reaches the 18

inches that fishermen in the Midwest routinely see. Ice that thick can hold a pickup truck — and the little huts that often dot the surface of large lakes in winter.

The air temperature is milder here, too, so the shelter isn't as necessary.

"You'll see some tents, but it's not really critical."

Some popular spots for ice fishing in the area include Bantam Lake, the Twin Lakes, Sharon's Mudge Pond, Lake Waramaug, Ellis Pond in Dover, N.Y., and both Leonard Pond and Hatch Pond in Kent.

Rivers are not ideal for ice fishing because they never really freeze over.

"The Housatonic is typically not a safe river when it's iced," Raskind said. "It's

dangerous. I don't recommend it."

Whatever body of water you choose for your ice fishing adventure, Raskind reminds all anglers that they need a license to fish in Connecticut, at any time of year.

That's the first essential piece of equipment, and it can only be found online at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website. New York licenses are at the Department of Environmental Conservation website.

Everything else you might need for four-season fishing adventures can be found at Sportsmen's Connection, 15 N. Main St. in Kent and online at <https://housatonicfishing.com/>. The phone number is 860-592-0130.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Fire safety for icy days

Chris Wiltshire of Flying Deer Nature Center demonstrated how to light and tend a fire safely at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on Saturday, Feb. 5.

School board to request ARPA funds for repairs

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Board of Education Chair Pat Mechare said at the board's regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, that she will send First Selectman Henry Todd a letter detailing board requests for financial assistance with various building projects at Lee H. Kellogg, the town's elementary school.

Mechare said she is hoping to get money from the town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for projects including the heating system in the rooms designated for grades kindergarten through

two, for the air lock and security entrance, skylights in the computer lab, and the roof.

Mechare noted that none of the usual exterior painting was done on any part of the building last summer.

She said she would write and send the letter in time for the regular monthly selectmen's meeting on Monday, Feb. 14.

The board also recognized the work of school nurse Melissa Dean during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mechare praised Dean for "kindness, caring and doing everything possible to keep us safe."

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Our Towns

How not to grow old in your golden years

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — To the delight of viewers, Noble Horizons hosted an hour with Amenia resident Jim Flaherty, who talked about “life and stuff” on Saturday, Jan. 29, done with characteristic wit and honesty. The talk on Zoom was mainly based upon his new book, but it ventured afield adeptly.

The engaging little book under discussion was “Dear Old Friends: A Loving Reminder The Band Won’t Stop Playing ’Til You Stop Dancing,” a recent publication with decades of history.

“It’s a small book with some big ideas based on common sense,” Flaherty said, as he reflected on his wide-ranging and successful career in the creative side of the advertising world and his move to Amenia to restore the Troutbeck Conference Center to its former architectural stature, offering top-notch hospitality since its reopening in 1979.

Now 86, but living like 60, Flaherty remains inspired by bits of his mother’s advice. “Each morning, at the start of your day, remember that it can be a day used for doing good for someone,” is an example. There is much to be said to your reflected self in the bathroom mirror on a daily basis.

“I never thought that one day I would be elderly,” he said. “I like that term ‘elderly,’” he mused.

About his advertising career and of great interest to his Zoom listeners, Flaherty said that he and his team created the worldwide messaging concepts for Avon (Ding-dong, Avon calling) following a trip to study typical Avon reps in Kansas City. British Airways, and Revlon were also major clients. His career took him and his young family to Argentina to live and work with major clients in Spanish, a new language for them.

Advertising was never boring, he said, adding that he always felt that women were the best copy writers on his team.

“My associates in the advertising world gave me the guts to take a chance in life,” he said. “I loved those people dearly,” he added, indicating that he always arrived 90 minutes early to work every day, from his earliest jobs, using the time to learn more, always eager to accept new assignments. He was prepared well for the Troutbeck years, where he put in a good 70 hours a week, he recalled.

“When I was in my forties, I wrote a 70-page memoir,” he said, and then he put it away and forgot it. That was 44 years ago, when many of his friends were older than he was.

“Now I am a ‘dear old friend’ to many younger friends,” he said, describing the book as a love letter, a nice little book, easy to read.

“Today is the oldest you have ever been and the youngest you’ll ever be,” Flaherty added.

Advice: Try something new like painting, or writing, or riding a bicycle, or learn bridge. In other words, feed an interest in anything. Flaherty has an 83-year-old friend who has enrolled in college. Learn another language.

“If you had a great sense of humor at 50, you still have it,” he said.

“What can I do to not be stagnant?” is a good question to ponder, Flaherty says. How about a book club? Start one. Volunteer for something. Talk about the book you are reading, not a discourse on your health, Flaherty advises. Stay positive.

Describing Noble Horizons as a miracle of good taste and good care, Flaherty said that he recently learned of a new program in Texas through which college students obtain free housing and meals at a senior housing village by agreeing that in return they will spend 10 hours each week engaging with the senior residents. Both seniors and students agree that the resulting blending is rewarding, offering measurable benefits to both populations.

“I don’t like it when old people live alone,” Flaherty says.

The Golden Rule in five short words: You get what you give. If you give a warm greeting or a generous heart, it will come back to you.

“Dear Old Friends” and the welcome pep talk it offers is available online and also at the Wassaic General Store in Wassaic, 4 Main St., open daily from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

A new obstetrician joins the team at Sharon OB-GYN

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — With more young families settling in the region, there are likely to be more babies to be counted in the mix. Meeting the projected demand, Sharon OB-GYN Associates has welcomed a new physician to their practice, Dr. William Schweizer, who has moved full-time to Cornwall and is enthusiastic about serving the community’s needs.

Pausing for an interview on Thursday, Feb. 3, Dr. Schweizer said that he opened his practice on Jan. 3, at the Women’s Health CT professional building at 50 Amenia Road (Route 343) in Sharon. He has full privileges at Sharon Hospital.

Offering a wealth of credentials and experience, Schweizer said he began his medical studies with an early interest in public health, anticipating that he would study neurology and multiple sclerosis. As his education progressed, he was drawn toward longevity of care, wellness visits and screening practices.

NYU and Yale

Eventually he focused on emergency procedures and dealing with complications that require fast and effective action. Those studies led Schweizer to obstetrics as a specialty and the medical art of dealing with complications and emergencies calling for swift response.

Through his studies and residency at New York University (NYU), he was versed in safety protocols and saw the importance of a high-quality department of obstetrics, learning how to assemble the best people to create such a department.

Schweizer did his pre-med at Cornell, and also earned a Master of Public Health degree at Yale where he was among the first to earn that newly offered degree.

Furthering his specialty in obstetrics, he accomplished his residency at NYU where he has remained for 38 years, now continuing his association as a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine, specializing in teaching means for improving medical safety.

“We are fortunate to be living in a country with technology, innovation and enthusiasm for possibilities,” he said.

From around the world to Sharon

He and like-minded colleagues are working together to improve conditions in other

parts of the world. “We’re trying to decrease maternal hemorrhaging in third-world countries,” he said of their work, noting a significant shortage of physicians for women in South America, for example.

Speaking of his new Sharon practice, he said, “This is a wonderful community. I feel honored to be able to contribute in some way.”

Deeply committed to the area’s OB-GYN needs, Schweizer observed that Northwest Corner demographics have changed in recent years.

He noted statistics showing the likelihood of 250 more children enrolled in area schools by 2030. The birthrate is changing and the population is changing, he said.

“We should anticipate the change,” he said, noting that many women have put off childbearing because of the pandemic. “We will see an increase in childbearing,” he predicted.

Schweizer joins the three other doctors on staff there now: Bhavana Daruvuri, Joshua Jaffe and Howard Mortman.

Why here?

“My heart has always been here,” he said, pleased to now be a full-time Cornwall resident, after 24 years as a part-time resident enjoying Cornwall with his family on weekends.

As he thought of transitioning from life in New York City, he recognized that there are great advantages for life outside of the city and he is not alone. “I see many friends and families moving here.”

New residents who have



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Dr. William Schweizer, educated at NYU and Yale with 38 years on staff at NYU, has joined Sharon OB-GYN.

made the area their home, have taken advantage of tele-commuting through Zoom and other platforms and working from home in general, he said.

“Our community will be expanding,” he added, indicating that the proposed changes at Sharon Hospital are flawed by being “short-sighted.”

He and his wife, Alison, first came to Cornwall 24

years ago when their twins, Noah and Elia, were newborns. Elia is now a recognized textile artist and Noah has developed a career in medical infomatics, where he develops apps useful to the medical profession.

Alison’s career focused on Wall Street, and Schweizer indicates that she has strong talents for organizing. She presently volunteers with the Cornwall Library.

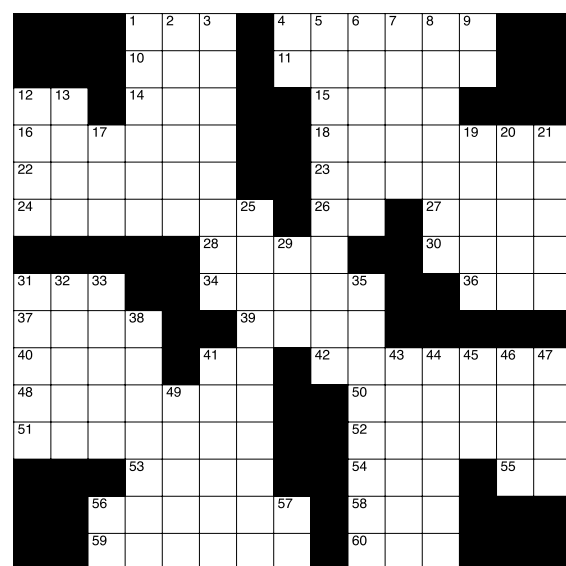
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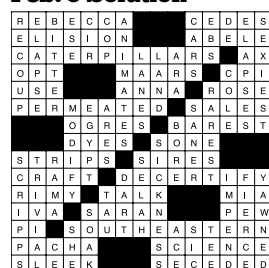
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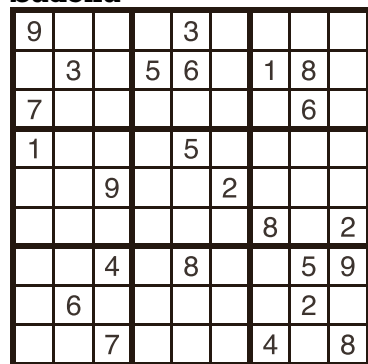
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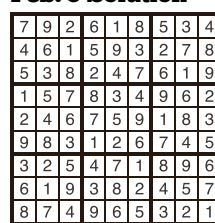
Feb. 3 Solution



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Feb. 3 Solution



Uncovering the region’s history of enslavement

SALISBURY — The Scoville Memorial Library, Noble Horizons and the Salisbury Association in partnership with the Salisbury School, will present a three-week series, via Zoom, on Slavery and the Northwest Corner.

It will be held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 24 and March 3.

Registration and a Zoom link are at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121> or by visiting the Calendar of Events at www.scovillelibrary.org.

The Lakeville Journal Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary

OUTTAKE, FEBRUARY 18, 1971
This photo was taken when top ski jumpers from all over the world came to Satre Hill to compete in tryouts for the 1972 Winter Olympics. Perhaps because the lead climber is smoking [then, cigarette brands sponsored sports events and celebrities] the picture didn’t make it into the paper. But it’s in our



collection of 280,000 analog photos that document local events from 1950 through 1999. We’re working on how best to preserve and digitize negatives and contact sheets. (Ideas and other contributions welcome.) A dazzling selection will be unveiled at an exhibit we’re preparing with the Salisbury Association to be shown there this August.

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Watch this space for a look back through our reporting history.



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OBITUARIES

Keiven Murnane

MILLERTON — Keiven Murnane, 39, of Yulee, Fla., ascended on Jan. 26, 2022.

Born on July 23, 1982, he was raised in Millerton by his loving mother and father, Ella L. Baisley, known to most as Lucy, and Frederick T. Murnane.



On a hand, he gave freely of what he had to anyone who might need it, no matter what his situation was at the time.

Keiven was predeceased by his mother, Ella; his father, Frederick T.; and his brother, Frederick J.

He is survived by his three children, Brooke (13), Brayden (11) and Abigail (8); their mother, Jessica Wilcox, also of Yulee. His surviving siblings are Bernadette Coniglio of New York, Monica Sprague of Florida, Sheila Miller (Chuck) of Alabama, Michael Murnane (Yvonne) of Tennessee, Gloria Murnane of North Carolina, Crystle Bishop (Toni) of Georgia, Dustin Moore of New York, Amanda Vaccaro (Joe) of New Jersey, Henry Cade of Idaho and Josh Cade (Kateri) of Connecticut. The cousins, nieces, nephews and friends constitute a list too long to leave here; he touched the lives of many and was beloved by all those who knew him.

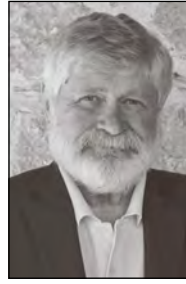
Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

A funeral service will take place at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

To send an online condolence to the family, send flowers or plant a tree in Keiven's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

John D. Noneman

KENT — John D. Noneman, 84, noted designer, artist and educator who lived in northwest Connecticut, died peacefully in his sleep on Jan. 29, 2022, at Branford Hospital Hospice following a brief illness.



He was preceded in death by his wife of more than half a century, Patricia Green Noneman, who passed on May 3, 2021.

For many years the couple operated Noneman & Noneman Design Inc., a noted graphic design firm in the Gramercy Park section of New York City.

Upon their retirement they moved to their home in the North Kent section of Litchfield County.

John graduated from The Ohio State University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts - Industrial Design degree. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, where he made numerous lifelong friendships.

After graduation, John moved to New York City to work for the then leading advertising agency Benton and Bowles as a graphic design specialist. After several years he went to Yale University, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts - Graphic Design degree and where he met Patricia. The couple was married in 1966.

Noneman was featured in

two exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art and one of his works, the Popular Optical Art Ball from 1965, is in the MoMA Graphic Design collection.

In 1973 John and Pat started a graphic design company, Noneman & Noneman, a full-service design group that specializes in a broad range of corporate projects, including identity programs, facilities brochures, magazine and editorial design, sales promotion, financial and employee relations materials, and website architecture and design.

From 1995 until 2015, John was on the Communication Design faculty at Parsons the New School for Design in New York, teaching corporate design, identity design, form and identity, advanced studio design, and typography. He was also on the Adjunct Faculty at the Cooper Union, Pratt Institute of Art, and Silvermine College of Art.

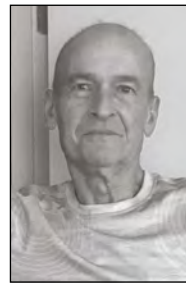
Active in Kent community affairs, John also was on the board of the Kent Democratic Town Committee.

He is survived by his sister, Ann Harrison of Hilton Head, S.C.; and brother, Tom of Harbor Springs, Mich. Private services for both John and Patricia Noneman will be held later in the year.

Arrangements are by the Lillis Funeral Home in New Milford.

Nicholas Joseph Beni Jr.

SALISBURY — Nicholas Joseph Beni Jr., 69, of Longmont, Colo., and formerly of Salisbury, passed away Jan. 30, 2022, after many years of battling with his health. He passed at home surrounded by the love of his family.



Born in Parma, Italy, he was the adopted son of Nicholas and Rita Beni of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He attended Paul Smith's College and The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. Throughout his life he was a chef at many different restaurants including the Interlaken Inn in Salisbury, The New Yorker in Millerton, Copperfields in Salt Point, N.Y., and Tickets in Amenia. He was the owner of The Pond Restaurant in Ancramdale.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting on family land and fishing the deep sea. His latest hobby was wood carving.

What brought him the most joy was being around

his grandchildren, Jasper and Cordelia. He will be remembered for his infectious laugh, having a story for every moment in life and his ability to "Dine" at every meal.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy Belter Beni of 41 years; daughter, Tanya (significant other, Kristofor, and his daughter, Cordelia); son, Nick (wife, Laura, and their son, Jasper.) He is also survived by his brother, John Beni, and sister, Liza Beni; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Nick and Rita Beni; his in-laws, Willis and Ruth Belter; and two nephews, Geoff Belter and Matthew Beni.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Salisbury Ambulance, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068; or The Lakeville Hose Co., P.O. Box 1969, Lakeville, CT 06039. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

SPORTS

SWSA jumpers excel at Lake Placid event

SALISBURY — A team of junior jumpers representing the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) braved stormy and frigid temperatures to compete in the Empire Games last weekend in Lake Placid, N.Y.

With seven jumpers, SWSA fielded the second largest team besides the Lake Placid group.

By the competition's end, Team SWSA had garnered six podium finishes includ-

ing two personal bests. Five of the jumpers competed on the 48 meter hill, three for the first time.

Everyone is now looking forward to Jumpfest at Satre Hill in Salisbury, Feb. 11 to 13, www.jumpfest.org.

The jumpers from SWSA were Isaac Fitch, Edward Bertapelle, Seth Gardner, Victoria Bertapelle, Carley Bannerman, Merrick Bannerman and Islay Sheil.

— Willie Hallihan



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Salisbury's Roy Sherwood will be highlighted in an exhibit about Winter Olympic competitors. This photo was taken at the 1956 Olympics in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

A rich Olympic history, on view

SALISBURY — For a small rural town, Salisbury has had a large number of participants in winter and summer Olympics.

This week the Beijing Winter Olympics are in progress and the Salisbury Winter Sports Association Jumpfest is in full swing, an appropriate time for the Salisbury Association to open a new exhibit featuring the town's own Winter Olympians, specifically the ski jumpers and Nordic skiers (including Roy Sherwood, photo above).

The exhibit is on view Feb. 11-27, at the Salisbury Association, 24 Main St. The building is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be extended hours during the Jumpfest weekend, Feb. 11 to 13, when the exhibition can

be seen between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

— Cynthia Hochswender

TOWNS

Selectmen see 1% rise in spending for next year

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Feb. 1, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway announced that the selectmen's budget proposal for the 2022-23 fiscal year will be presented to the Board of Finance on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

"We are within where we want to be," Ridgway said, indicating that the selectmen's budget shows an overall increase of \$25,000 in spending, less than 1% over this year's budget.

Areas of increase include an 8% rise in insurance costs, anticipated increases for municipal solid waste disposal, and required increases in public safety accounts.

While the actual increase

in spending is 4.6%, the bulk of that projected increase is offset by savings the selectmen found in a reduction in debt service and capital spending, Ridgway said.

Mobile health van

With a view toward providing a mobile health care option for local residents, Selectman Janet Carlson said that she has been in contact with Community Health and Wellness, an entity that provides scheduled visits by a health-care van. Carlson envisions that the van might park in a convenient location in West Cornwall, seeing patients and dispensing medicines.

The selectmen agreed to hear a presentation from the CEO of that organization, Joanne Borduas, at their next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Quilt raffle fundraiser for arts

SHARON — The Sharon Woman's Club raises money every year to give a cash award to a graduating senior pursuing an art education.

Raffle tickets are currently on sale for a handmade quilt,

now on display at the Hotchkiss Library in Sharon.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each at the library or by calling Kathy Fricker at 860-364-9890. Contributions are always welcomed.

Worship Services

Week of February 13, 2022

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

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. "GOOD WITHOUT GOD" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoio@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mrgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Join us in our fellowship hall for in-person Bible study, Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	

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RR STATION

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and improving the drainage. This will be managed by the Historic District Commission and the selectmen.

Traffic flow, parking, pedestrian improvements and landscape evaluation will be handled by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The restoration of the railroad station's interior, using state grant money, will be the responsibility of the Historic District Commission, the selectmen and the Salisbury Association.

The question of the future use of the building will, according to the draft plan, involve the selectmen and Planning and Zoning, and will ultimately wind up at a town meeting where taxpayers will vote.

Rand included a draft of the town's grant application to the State Historic Preservation Office. The completed application was submitted on Jan. 31.

It provides a history of the building and asks for "grant funding for a condition assessment with an initial evaluation of structural conditions and drainage patterns; the building is sit-

uated quite low compared to the existing roadway and this has probably been exacerbated by repaving in past years which may have also raised the grade surrounding the building.

"The Town hopes for subsequent grant opportunities to help with renovations to both the exterior and interior of the building."

"The long-term use of the building will likely be a local not-for-profit organization whose purpose involves public benefit with a historical theme. The Salisbury Association continues to be interested in occupying the building and has compiled information about the building's structure, HVAC, asbestos and painting — these documents will be available for the renovation project."

No tenant for the historic space has been determined yet. In his grant application, Rand said, "Several other entities have expressed interest in occupying the building and these proposals will be evaluated in 2022 and any decision about tenancy will be subject to a town meeting vote by Salisbury residents."

SEGALLA

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Segalla hit the 1,000 point mark during an away game against Litchfield High School on Monday, Jan. 31, at the free throw line. After making the shot, the game was paused and Segalla was given a celebratory basketball. She finished with 24 points that night, and currently sits at 1,019 total points.

"I think it was such a big deal for me because everyone knows me for soccer, so then to show that I can do this in basketball too — I was really happy," Segalla said. "I wasn't always planning on playing [basketball] for all four years, because of soccer, but I'm really happy that I did."

HVRHS Athletic Director Anne MacNeil said the school will have a celebration at the next Mountaineers home game, on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m.

"What we'll do is immediately after the first point that [Segalla] scores in our next home game, we will stop the game, we'll hand her a ceremonial ball and take some pictures with her family," MacNeil said. "Then, whether it's at our winter season awards or senior awards, I do want to hand her a ball

that has been decorated to honor her accomplishment and have her total points on that ball."

Segalla's achievement comes while balancing basketball with her club soccer team, Connecticut Football Club, which is based out of Bethany, Conn. Planning with her basketball coach, Steve Dodge (who also coaches Mountaineer soccer), Segalla sometimes has to miss a basketball practice for a soccer game or vice versa.

"It's a lot of homework in the car, and going straight from basketball straight to soccer, which is tiring but it's definitely worth it," said Segalla, who has committed to attending Boston College this fall to play soccer.

Currently, the Segalla-led Mountaineers are in good shape with a 10-3 record. With six regular season games left, as well as the Berkshire League Tournament and the opportunity to play in the state tournament, Segalla has time to add to her point totals.

"It's like an achievement for the school," said Segalla. "I'm just happy to represent Housy with this accomplishment."

HVA FILM

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filmmaker James O'Connor on the short film.

In a phone interview Thursday, Feb. 3, Abbott said the overhead shot (made with a drone), with the road slicing through the landscape, was chosen deliberately, to emphasize the man-made barriers that can impede the movement of wildlife.

Abbott said he met the filmmaker while the latter

was the cinematographer on a short film called "The Loyalist" (2018).

Abbott said he enjoys Revolutionary War reenactments and was hired as an extra for the film.

Asked if that meant he was "charging around in costume with a musket," Abbott replied in the affirmative.

The purpose of the Follow the Forest film is two-fold,

MOOSE

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Connecticut. LaBonte added that there is no archeological evidence that moose were ever in Connecticut.

Connecticut began keeping track of moose in 1992, largely through public sightings, reports of moose vs. motor vehicle accidents, and, starting in 1996, reports from hunters. LaBonte said that between 1992 and 1999, 30 towns had moose sightings, for an average of six sightings per year. He referred to this as an "establishment" period.

From 2000 to 2014, there were sightings in 127 of the state's 169 municipalities, for an average of 65 sightings per year. (Some 24 of those were in Norfolk.) LaBonte estimated the total state moose population at 100 to 120.

The town of Hartland, on the Massachusetts border, is the hot spot for moose in Connecticut, with Norfolk running second.

LaBonte said Great Mountain Forest, which is in Falls Village and Norfolk, has



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Andrew LaBonte, a wildlife biologist for the state of Connecticut, estimated Connecticut's total moose population at between 100 and 120 animals.

documented its own moose population at 20 animals.

Why these areas? LaBonte said the temperatures are better for moose at the higher elevations in Norfolk and Hartland. Moose do not fare well at temperatures above 68

degrees Fahrenheit in summer and 22 degrees in winter.

Moose are also susceptible to a brain worm, which they pick up from deer. "Deer can survive the brain worm," LaBonte said.

But "moose walk in cir-

cles, burning a hole in the ground, and die right there."

Winter ticks also present a serious problem. Unlike other ticks, winter ticks stay on the host animal for the entirety of the tick life cycle. LaBonte said a single moose can have as many as 100,000 ticks on it.

He mentioned the phenomenon known as the "ghost moose" - an animal so maddened by the tick infestation that it rubs the hair on its body off while trying to get rid of the insects.

Moose face competition for food from the much more numerous deer.

And moose do get hit by vehicles, especially at dawn or dusk. LaBonte urged drivers to be extra cautious when driving in remote areas at those times.

LaBonte summed up by describing the future of the Connecticut moose as "not completely dismal" within certain areas and with active management.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020-21.

Sharon

Feb. 4, 57 Hooperfields Drive from David and Qinghui Sorge to Michael J. Griffin for \$112,500

Feb. 10, 58 Jackson Road from Alexander Istvan to Jonathan Joseph Nesteruk et al for \$386,000; and Herb Road from James E. Gillespie to Kenneth D. Levien and Debra Torres for \$100,000

Feb. 11, 33 King Hill Road from Mary Anne Carley to Richard L. Carley Jr. for \$238,000

Feb. 16, 238 Cornwall Bridge Road from Stephen Utterback Estate to Steven Katz for \$189,959; and Stewart Hollow Road Lot 1 from Claudia G. Buick to James E. Gillespie for \$115,000

Feb. 17, Low Road from Walter H. Winburn Estate to Neil and Krista Hayward for \$192,000; and 111 Lambert Road from James Patrick Hearn to Anand Subramanian and Geeta Govindan for \$415,000

Feb. 26, 79 Mudge Pond Road from Douglas Benson to Thomas J. and Seung Yeon Park for \$2,000,000

March 2, 17 West Woods Road #1 from Kent School Corporation to David Grossman for \$775,000; and 10 Crossfields Drive from Don-

ald E. Russell to Douglas Benson and Paul Dassenko for \$855,000

March 8, 40 Gay St. from Joyce and Jack Finkelstein to Elizabeth A. Wing and Steven T. Wolf for \$225,000

March 9, 3 Liz Lane from Estate of Walter H. and Walter C. Winburn to Brittany Alimi for \$330,000

March 15, 15 Williams Road from Estate of Marilyn Hart to Jodi Besket and Leslie Blatt for \$360,000; and West Woods Road #2 from Atlantic Residential Properties, LLC to Anthony and Christine Barbarise for \$355,000

April 1, 80 Upper Main St. from Patrick O. and Martha M. Goupit to James Whitten Brown Trust and Nancy Bird McKown Trust for \$475,000

April 5, 7 Caray Hill Road from Sean D. Hughes to Rebecca Stead and Sean R. O'Brien for \$312,500

April 8, 101 Millerton Road from Emily and Patrick McCoy to Scott L. Schreiber for \$287,000

April 15, 99 Sharon Mountain Road from Long Springs Farm, LLC to Peter and Christine S. Birnbaum for \$303,000

April 21, 94 Jackson Road from Glen F. Hochstetter to Mary Beth Reid for \$274,000

April 22, 2 Old Sharon Road #2 from Kim Savage Realty, LLC to Sharon Views, LLC for \$615,000

April 23, 12 Caray Hill Road from Gabrielle and John Kenneth Wessberg to Paul B. Haydon for \$515,000

April 26, 4 Upper Main St. Unit 10 from Harold Kuplesky to Mary Ryan for

\$249,500; and 417 Route 7 from Elizabeth A. Handy to Rocky Gene and Katherine Jane Taylor for \$145,000; and 417 Route 7 from David C. Goessinger to Rocky Gene and Katherine Jane Taylor for \$145,000

April 27, 132 Sharon Valley Road from Peggy Ann McEnroe to Eliza Petrie for \$250,000

May 7, 21 Amenia Road from Robert J. and Judy M. Loucks to Macartney Properties, LLC for \$298,000

May 12, 5 Sharon Mountain Road from Estate of Frances Gibby Roberts to Timothy S. Wright and Abigail B. Nova for \$905,000

May 17, 36 Old Sharon Road #3 from Lisa Pederson to John Daisuke Suzuki and Maria Baranova Suzuki for \$40,000; and Keeler Road from Caray Hill Holdings to Kevin Mogyoros for \$325,000; and 8 Upper Main St. Unit 16 from Elizabeth Sayre to Margaret Inga Butrymowicz for \$197,500

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"As a retired nurse, I question why Nuvance Health even owns the hospital.

Health care is essential to life in our rural area and in most rural areas in the country. I feel as if we do not count!

I cannot understand why they're closing all the services. We are not that close to larger hospitals. It is ridiculous and dangerous to ask families to travel far to get their healthcare when a perfectly viable hospital already exists.

As my local hospital, I have gone to Sharon Hospital many times and have always been given great care. Now as I look at bigger hospitals in the area and am disappointed with what I see.

As usual big corporations don't seem to care or want to truly hear what kind of services the community needs.

The community needs to be involved in this."

With gratitude to Peggy Kelehan, retired nurse from the northwest corner; Sincerely, The Committee for Our Rural Hospital Remaining.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

NACHOS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

For Sports and a Romantic Weekend, Nachos Are the Answer

This weekend offers a trifecta of excuses for making nachos: The Olympics, the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day. Whether you're having a gaggle of friends over to watch sports communally, or you want to make something special (and easy) so your mate can take a day off from cooking chores, nachos are the answer.

Nachos have become culinary anathema through the years as movie theaters and gas stations have begun to serve a variation that features hard chips drowning in fluorescent yellow sauce, perhaps with some hot jalapeno slices on top.

A more pure and IMO delicious version is simple to make at home.

The first and hardest part might be finding a ripe avocado. You can often find one at the Sharon Farm Market in Sharon, Conn., and at stores that serve the area Latin community.

I like to use fresh tortillas for my nachos, and my preference is corn not flour, but you can use either. You can use chips too, if you like.

To make the tortillas warm and tender, and please use extra care when you do this, heat the tortillas over a low flame, such as you'd find on a gas cooktop.

If you have an electric cooktop, you can wrap



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

the tortillas in foil and heat them in a toaster oven or even really in your fireplace. Keep an eye on them, they cook quickly. And, again, be very careful (flames).

Preheat your oven to 350.

Slice your avocado in half, remove the pit, squeeze on some lemon juice to keep it from turning brown, then use a fork to mash the flesh.

Spread about half an avocado on one of your

warm tortillas and then sprinkle (generously) finely shredded cheese on top. I like to use the cheddar and colby mix that you can find at most grocery stores.

I don't add hot peppers but you can. You can also set out some salsa or hot sauce and people can adjust the heat profile as they wish.

Put your nachos on a baking sheet lined with foil and bake (briefly) until the cheese melts.

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VALENTINE'S DAY:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Warm Hearts, Cold Hands and A Hudson, N.Y., Valentine's Day

It's that cold outside these days that I can barely stir myself to go get coffee at The White Hart, minutes from my house in Salisbury, Conn., wrapped in fleece and topped with a Carhart beanie.

So Hudson, N.Y., doesn't seem very inviting to me right now. Somehow the cold wind seems to really dagger through me as I walk down the main drag — and that's how I feel there in summer.

But the Hudson Jazz Festival is extremely tempting, and seems to be one of the main festivities in the region planned specifically with a nod to Valentine's Day.

The two-weekend long festival mixes music, cinema, spoken word and a really enticing menu from Kat Dunn's Buttercup pop-up restaurant in Hudson. The arts events will be in the historic Hudson Opera House, curated by Cat Henry, formerly of Jazz at Lincoln Center. And yes, it is funny that everyone has cat names.

The jazz festival is Feb. 10 to 13 and 17 to 20 and is being called "Lift Every Voice," in honor of the Black national anthem.

The eight-day festival "conveys a message of hope and revival and celebrates the artistry of Black jazz musicians and their innovation of the genre," according to the festival website.

Some of the performances are already sold out; you're encouraged to call 518-822-1438 for more information; you can also go online to <https://hudsonhall.org/>.

It seems to me that many of the highlights of this coming weekend are sports-related. There is ski jumping in Salisbury from Feb. 11 to 13, a curling introductory class at the Norfolk Curling Club in Norfolk, Conn., on Saturday, Feb. 12, the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 13, and of course the ongoing excitement of the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

The Hudson Jazz Festival seems to be one of the only events that has the classic romantic combo of Dinner and a Show.

And the dinners sound very enticing, especially after two years of not dining out (or barely).

Kat Dunn opened her Buttercup catering company right at the start of the pandemic and (fortunately for her) did not commit to opening a full-scale restaurant before everything shut down. She's been doing small, fun pop-ups with hot dogs, lobster rolls, crab cakes.

For the Hudson Jazz Festival, Dunn and Buttercup are the food concession. You order your food and sexy cocktails ahead of time. There is not a lot of information online about how and when you pick up your meal but you can call 518-945-8224 or email buttercuphudson@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more.

But, oh, what a menu! So enticing. I'm not a big cocktail person but I love the idea of the Sexy Funk Velvet Jazz cocktail, and A Love Song cocktail with two of my favorite ingredients: persimmon and lemon.

For actual dining, you can order crab cakes, shrimp

COCKTAILS & VALENTINE SHOPPING

Enjoy craft cocktails and do your Valentine's Day gift shopping at Tent on Route 22 in Amenia, N.Y., on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tent is partnering with Wassaic-based Tenmile Distillery for the party, to showcase its handcrafted, small-batch gin and vodka in two delightfully crafted cocktails.

Joel LeVangia, one of the owners of Tenmile, will be on hand to answer questions about the distillery, which is also now producing its first single malt whisky under the watchful eye of Scottish Master Distiller Shane Fraser.

RSVP is preferred; email info@transmedia.consulting or at <https://www.facebook.com/events/680342879998480>.

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STREAMING: ED FERMAN

True Crime: Strange and Stranger

"LANDSCAPERS"

Susan and Chris Edwards were a devoted couple who lived a quiet life in London and later in France. In 2013 they were ordered home by British police and arrested for killing Susan's parents 15 years earlier and burying them in their backyard garden.

Their story is told in four compelling episodes. The first three alternate between the interrogation and the backstory, from their marriage up to the killing. Susan was a dreamer, obsessed with Hollywood films, particularly Westerns; Chris was more grounded. In one scene she gazes at a simple line between a sofa and a wall and sees a fantasy horizon and a plain on which they are riding horses. "I can't ride a horse," Chris says.

The crime is no fantasy; is it murder or a provoked manslaughter?

This haunting production unfolds as a love story, a tragic one but not without its comic moments. It moves seamlessly from reality to scenes from Susan's movies and back. Susan is played brilliantly by Olivia Colman ("The Crown," "The Favourite"). David Thewlis plays Chris and is more than her equal.

The final episode is part courtroom drama and part Hollywood fantasy. In the dock, Chris calls Susan fragile; she says, "I'm not fragile, I'm broken." In the end they are both dreamers, the last ones standing in a fantasy Western gunfight. And Chris is on a horse. Stream on HBO Max.

"THE INVESTIGATION"

On Aug. 10, 2017, Kim Wall, an attractive Swedish journalist, boarded a small submarine to interview its owner, Peter Madsen. The submarine

sank and was found the next day. Madsen was rescued from the water. There was no trace of Wall until weeks later when her torso, filled with stab wounds, washed ashore.

This Danish miniseries tells the story of the painstaking effort to find justice for Kim's family. Copenhagen head of homicide Jens Moller (Soren Malling) leads the team of investigators; they are sure that Madsen is guilty of murder, but he cannot be convicted without firm evidence. That includes finding the rest of Kim's body. In episode four, a crew of frogmen, led by cadaver dogs and an oceanographer, scour the bottom of the sea searching for Kim's head and limbs.

Directed by Tobias Lindholm, who wrote the popular political series "Borgen," the tone here is pure Scandi-



vian noir. The landscape is bleak, skies are gray, dialogue is stripped to the bone, and there is little attempt at characterization. The pace is as measured as the investigation, at times

frustratingly slow. But it is worth watching. The scenes at sea are breathtaking. Despite the lurid details, it is a restrained and absorbing example of careful Danish justice, which leads to a conviction and life sentence for the killer. Stream on HBO Max, rent on Amazon.

"WHEN THEY SEE US"

Criminal justice can be more like the Wild

West in the U.S., as dramatized in this powerful miniseries about the 1989 Central Park Jogger case. A woman is sexually assaulted in the park; the NYPD quickly arrests five Black and Latino teenagers, and harsh and lengthy interrogation pressures them into confessions.

Despite the lack of any substantive evidence or DNA matches, they are convicted. Donald Trump buys full-page ads saying, "Bring back the death penalty. I hate these murderers." Many say the ads poisoned the minds of New Yorkers and played a role in the convictions. All five serve years in prison before this miscarriage of justice is corrected, and the case is recognized as an example of reckless police work and racial profiling.

Creator Ava DuVernay packs this complex story into four fast-paced, eye-opening episodes. Her show and its young ensemble actors won critical acclaim and many Emmy nominations. Stream on Netflix.

THEATER: KAITLIN LYLE

The Joy of Reading Plays (At Home)

With COVID-19 still running rampant, it'll likely be many months before we all feel comfortable going to a theater to see a play or musical unfold onstage. Yet with a little imagination, there's a way you can savor the sensation of a drama come to life from the comfort of your home. All you need to do is crack open a script and get comfortable.

My love for reading plays goes as far back as high school, when my freshman English class was assigned, "12 Angry Men" by Reginald Rose and given roles to read aloud in class.

That love for drama-on-the-page grew in college, when I was introduced to plays like "The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman and "Machinal" by Sophie Treadwell, and then when I reviewed



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Among the plays on Kaitlin Lyle's bookshelf are "Equus" by Peter Shaffer, "The Normal Heart" by Larry Kramer, "Dinner With Friends" by Donald Margulies and "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney.

plays during my early reporting days with Central Connecticut State University's student newspaper. Between the assigned readings and the live performances on campus, I'd pick up a few scripts in my free time, diving into tragedies, comedies, farce and more.

Over the last few years, I've added an assortment of plays to my reading list, some of which I collected through my own research and some of which were recommended by friends.

Some plays I devoured with rapture: Tennessee Williams' "Cat on

a Hot Tin Roof," David Margulies' "Dinner With Friends," and David Auburn's "Proof."

A few plays broke my heart: "The Normal Heart" and "The Laramie Project."

Some plays stopped time for me while I absorbed the action taking place on the page, especially Peter Shaffer's "Equus."

And then there were the plays that I struggled to form a connection with but still appreciated for their contributions: most of David Mamet's work and Eugene O'Neill's "A Long Day's Journey Into Night."

I admit to reading the lines aloud, not just to absorb their meaning but to fully understand the emotional depth an actor has to embody to deliver the lines effectively to their audience. And though it's a pale substitute for the thrill of watching a playwright's ideas brought to life by actors and sets, it can be powerful nonetheless to have a story revealed to you in that context.

If I let the words overwhelm, I can imagine the action taking place on stage as described in the text. Even as I read the stage directions for blocking scenes and characters, that magic of observing a shift in scene, of characters and of emotions is tangible and has me turning pages to find out what will happen next. There are even times when I close the book on the final page and find myself sitting stunned, just as I would be in person at the moment the curtains are lowered.

...Valentine's Day

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cocktail, salmon rillette, which is kind of a French hash (served with creme fraiche, herbed butter and crostini). You can get a black bean chili or a grass-fed beef chili — or you can order the entrée that is now inhabiting my imagination: A super creamy and luscious seafood stew with cod, shrimp, crab, leeks

and "exotic mushrooms." On top of the stew is a small garden patch worth of microgreens, and of course some lovely old-fashioned chowdah crackers.

There's more, on the menu and on the roster of performers: <https://hudsonhall.org/>.

Happy Valentine's Day!

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Send items to calendar@lakevillejournal.com. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu VALENTINE'S DAY: ART CARDS, Feb. 10, 1 to 4 p.m.

Salisbury Association. Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyassociation.org Salisbury's Olympians, Feb. 11 to 28.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon. 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org Oscar Wilde: A Life by Matthew Sturgis, Feb. 24, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

The Salisbury Forum. Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org JONATHAN SAFRAN FOER: "We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast," Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. (online).

KIDS

Scoville Memorial Library. 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org Online Teen Writing Club, Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (online).

MOVIES

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net Licorice Pizza, Parallel Mothers, Sundown, Moonfall, now playing; Death on the Nile, opens Feb. 10.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group. www.berkshiretheatregroup.org The Guthrie Brothers – Scarborough Fair, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

THEATER

Shakespeare & Company. 70 Kemble St., Lenox, Mass. www.shakespeare.org Knock Me a Kiss, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.



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EDITORIAL

Keep an eye on our state legislators

This is the year of the short legislative session in Hartford, when our representatives will delve into budgets and all manner of finances for the state. And what is more important in our governing? It affects every level of our communities.

In a discussion with Managing Editor Patrick Sullivan last month, state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) targeted the solid waste disposal from our region as a major problem, using the wording that it is an “impending disaster.” Finding a way to resolve it has not proven simple. See our coverage and opinion on this topic at www.tricornernews.com.

Horn also spoke about access to the internet and mental health problems, especially looking at how police interact with those who intersect with them and have mental health challenges. She also noted the importance of supporting the police in being aware of their own mental health.

State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) said at the same time that adjusting the tax code should be on the table. And while he expressed concern over Gov. Ned Lamont continuing with emergency powers, he acknowledged that COVID will remain with us for a while.

Miner also wants the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to be fully staffed up, which would help with their being able to handle situations like the tree cutting at Housatonic Meadows more effectively, with better communication with the public.

But no matter which of the issues affecting the state are at the top of your list for importance to our lives as citizens and Connecticut residents, let our legislators know your opinion directly. There are more ways than ever to connect with them, whether in Zoom meetings, by email, phone or in person when possible. Don't forget about the old fashioned written letter either; if you send them, our representatives will read them and take them seriously.

Go to www.cga.ct.gov (the Connecticut General Assembly website) to find direct contact information for them, or call the Capitol at 860-240-0100. And keep track of the process in local media that covers the action in Hartford. No point in complaining about what comes out of the 2022 session if you don't try to affect the outcome.

Perspective on issues at Sharon Hospital

This letter is in response to Dr. David Kurish's most recent depressing warning about Sharon Hospital.

Sharon Hospital has always been a losing proposition. In the difficult days before in the state (specifically with Richard Blumenthal as AG), Connecticut allowed the hospital to become the first not-for-profit community hospital to be bought by a private investor. For that, we on the medical staff used to blame unsophisticated members of the hospital's board and the incompetence of its former pharmacist turned CEO. There were whispers of financial shenanigans. We passed a no-confidence vote in the administration.

The hospital began searching for larger hospitals with deeper pockets to “partner with”. If I remember correctly, Hartford Hospital turned us down. Or did we turn them down? At any rate, that turns out to have been an important turning point, as Sharon Hospital turned itself over to Essent Healthcare.

In quick succession, the new owners squeezed what they could out of the hospital through group purchasing and shared management, along with layoffs and an increase in part-time only staff, then sold off to the next investment group with deep pockets and enough hubris. AG Blumenthal had the sense to insist that Sharon Hospital's considerable endowment fund be separated off from the sale and placed in the hands of a newly formed

Foundation for Community Health, of which I was one of the founding members.

Our purpose was to protect the \$20 million in endowment assets (in case we needed to buy the hospital back again) and spend the earnings on the healthcare needs of the hospital's “catchment area”, which, by the way, included all of eastern Dutchess County, N.Y. in addition to the Northwest Hills of Conn. They gave over a million dollars in grants last year but have been notably silent in this newspaper on the current hospital troubles.

In the meantime, the latest not-for-profit iteration, NuVance Health, has been losing about \$10 to \$11 million a year. Perhaps if the chief of Ob-Gyn weren't being paid over a million dollars a year, they wouldn't have to consider closing the Sharon maternity unit. (As a not-for-profit, NuVance's tax filings must be made public and are readily available). Our lost opportunity to join with Hartford Healthcare is something to weep for now as their previous streak of deficits has turned into a small net gain these past two years.

Hartford Healthcare owns Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. I have always been and will always remain loyal to the outstanding medical and nursing staff of Sharon Hospital, but if NuVance has its way, you can bet I will not be turning to any of their other hospitals.

Anna Timell, MD
Cornwall



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Only the sun can melt it

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — February 1922

ORE HILL — Moxie Rowe spent the past two weeks in New York.

Adv: Found — At Salisbury, strayed Bird dog, no name or tag. Finder can secure same by addressing Geo. H. Simons, 234 Oak St., Winsted.

LIME ROCK — Frank Boice has accepted a position in the Foundry and expects to move here in the near future.

James Hallahan, who has been employed at Egan's market, expects to return to Torrington Saturday where he has accepted a position.

50 years ago — February 1972

Del Tenney plans an airstrip for his own plane rather than a general airport on his property along Dugway Road in Salisbury, his attorney, John A. Rand, told the Lakeville Journal this week. Acting for Mr. Tenney, Mr. Rand sought to dispel any fears that a commercial development was contemplated.

Lakeville found itself suddenly without water last Thursday morning when a major leak erupted in front of Bogue's Garage on Main Street. Fred Wohlfer, superintendent of the North Canaan Water Company, one of the men called in to help with the repair, told The Lakeville Journal that the leak occurred when a plug in the end of a four-inch spur worked loose under the constant pressure of the water. Mr. Wohlfer theorized that the spur had been laid off from the main years ago for a hydrant that had never been installed.

The Fitch Inertial Barrier System, the invention of John Fitch of Lime Rock, has “saved several Connecticut lives,” according to a UConn traffic expert.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Lakeville parking is not solved

Has anyone on the P&Z had dinner at the Black Rabbit at night and tried to find parking near it? If they had, they might have thought about the impact another restaurant and bar next door will have on them.

I ask because after negatively impacting the businesses abutting the Holley Block in approving the low-income housing that eliminates 11 parking spaces in use for those businesses, P&Z is negatively impacting more businesses in approving plans on 12.31.21 to bring a 90+ seat restaurant into the old Fire House in Lakeville.

According to the document seen here above, (no longer on the P&Z website), and filed with the application for the new restaurant, there are 69 existing off-site parking spaces within a 500' radius south and west of the new restaurant. P&Z said these spaces are considered Parking for Existing Buildings or “free for all parking.” That may be the proper legal definition, but it ignores the reality that the majority of those 69 spaces are either already in full use day and night or, in the case of the new affordable housing approved for the Holley Block, they counted the 11 available spaces already taken away from the business that abut that. The hypocrisy of it all.

P&Z ignores the needs of the businesses abutting the Holley Block and then allows those same spaces, that they know are going away, to support the approval of a new business!

Without asking any of the existing restaurant owners within the 500-foot radius or reviewing how their parking spaces are used over time, the P&Z has created a future parking nightmare for all of us who wish to patronize our long-term employers and service providers.

Of the 69 spaces in the approved plan, 44, or 64%, are either in use nearly full-time or are an illusion:

Most of the area in front of the Black Rabbit and Mizza's as well as around the old train station are full at night. That is a total of 33 parking spaces.

The 11 identified at the Holley block have already been given to the low-income housing plan.

And what about employee parking? Where are they supposed to park? In its approval, P&Z said that the employees of the new restaurant may not park on Ethan Allen Street, so that leaves 11 spaces along Holley Street for 17 employees and many of the rest of us.

I don't think there is a procedure to undo any of this, but we need to put someone

on the P&Z who fully understands the community, supports the businesses that are already here and not continually rubber stamp whatever the high-priced attorneys place in front of it.

Theodore Rudd O'Neill
Lakeville

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The year that was; or was it, really?

Before you assume differently, I know that I should finally open my eyes, and as they say, wake up and smell the coffee. Yes, I know that we are already a whole month into the new year of 2022, facing snowstorms and freezing temperatures. Yet I feel like I am in the middle of unending dreams or hallucinations, which keep me disoriented and sort of lost.

This is when my accountant, who after all these years of preparing my tax returns and also being aware of my occasional habit of procrastination, gently reminds me that although it is still too early to get panicky about taxes, maybe I should slowly and calmly prepare my documents for filing for the past year of 2021. This is when my delirium hits the roof and I suddenly seem to have totally lost any memory of the year just passed by. "Did 2021 really happen?", I ask myself, or was it simply a year that should not even have taken place to begin with.

Of course, I know very well that according to the Gregorian calendar, the year is defined as the amount of time it takes for the Earth to orbit the sun one time. I know all that, yet for some strange reason it seems to me that somehow the year 2021 had not been registered in my mind as a period of time when we have actually lived normal lives. Was the year 2021 simply a phantom, an illusion or perhaps a lie?

What a year that was. I do totally understand why my subconscious mind has made every effort to make sure that the year 2021 is erased and obliterated from my memory. But again, for simply practical reasons and most importantly to

make my accountant happy, I have to face the past year with all its calamities and tribulations.

I guess I have some kind of real facts to prove to myself that the year 2021 did not happen because everything that took place in the days and months of the passing year was characterized as a big lie. Sure, the

pandemic, which caused the death of hundreds of thousands was a lie, the election of a new president was a lie, the brutal attack on the Capitol was a lie and of course a white officer choking the life of a Black man was a lie, even though the entire event was recorded on a videotape, yes was a lie or simply over dramatized by the "evil" media. The year 2021 seemed so out of the ordinary that it could have been a blockbuster movie about extraterrestrials who might be living in a galaxy millions of light years away from us.

In other words, this couldn't have happened in America! Yet it did. What a shame.

But again. Speaking of America is very much different from speaking about another country. Here, we have the incredible ability to be able to wake up from a harrowing and frightening dream and still have the courage to start a new day with the dreams and the hopes for a better future. And even though all the achievements that we have accomplished through decades still can be erased by a simple vote, still this is the only country in the world where hope will never die.

And amazingly, my optimism about our future actually is inspired by an event which took place last year. Yes, it happened in the year 2021, which I wholeheartedly

despised and I was trying to forget ever happened.

It was at the inauguration of the newly elected President Biden when an only 22-year-old young African-American poet, Amanda Gorman, asked us to ask ourselves, "Where can we find light in this never-ending shade?" And her simple answer was:

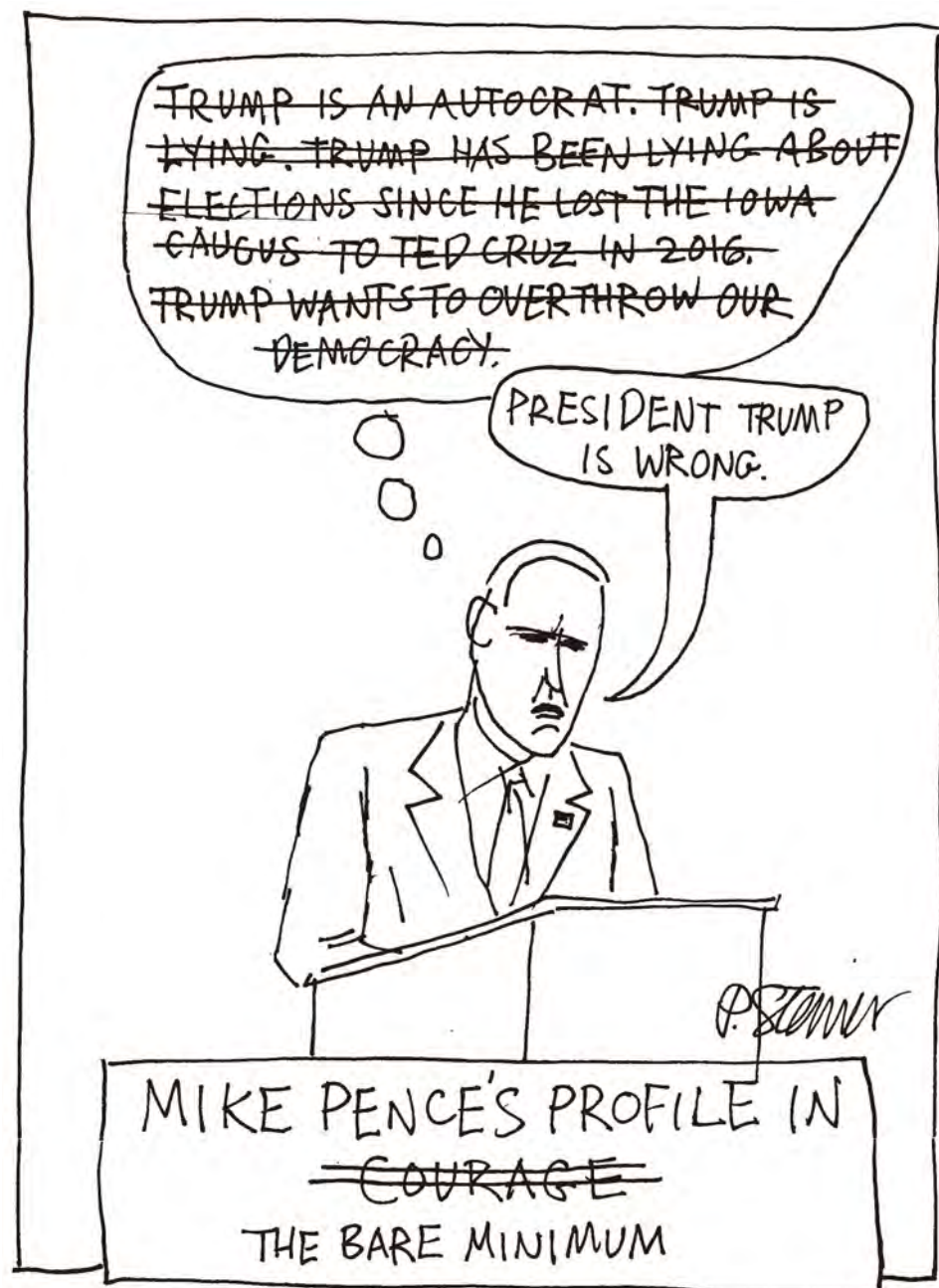
"It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit, it's the past we step into and how we repair it."

And this gives me the courage to remember the past year of 2021 with a much more colorful and vibrant vision and gives me the courage to face the challenges of the years to come, with the words of the poet reminding me:

"We will not march back to what was..."

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I AM WIDE AWAKE
VAROUJAN FROUNDJIAN



The Things I pay for and don't get

I pay for Caller ID; I do not receive it.

I call Comcast, which I loathe. They assure me it will be fixed in 48 hours. Two years have gone by, countless calls to the loathsome ones. Nothing. I don't blame the workers. Who are they working for? Who then do I blame for the non-service?

Correction. AOL is even more odious.

Number Two. I pay 4\$ and change to the N.Y. Times for my online subscription, taken directly out of my bank account. YET, whenever I try to access an article, it comes up You Have to Subscribe. So I call. You see where this is going. The person says, of course, you have a subscription and you can access anything anytime. Not.

Number Three. I have a Kindle and had a subscription to The Nation, because I am in love with Katrina vanden Heuvel, who doesn't know I exist. (Perhaps it's because I cannot spell her name and she thinks my forlorn letters are really for someone else.) [Sorry, I fixed the spelling. — Editor]

Back to Kindle, which used to charge me every month for two years, but stopped sending the mag after 6 months! But of course, kept charging me.

Number Four. The Guardian, which recently changed its look, now being glossy, eschewing paper. I eschew it. Cannot resist the Latin: *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes*, Who Will Guard the Guardians, as they descend from papyrus to sheen.

So where do I go from here?

Alex Jones would take my money, looks like he needs it. (Kidding.)

Does Mucker Carlson have a podcast, newsletter? (I really am kidding now.)

Roger Stone? Speaking of Guardians, protected by the Oathkeepers?

Whatshisname, a grad of Yale Law School? A friend has remarked that the Law School has produced Bill and Hill, Brett Kavanaugh and now this jamoke

When I was at Drama School, Nixon Nominated G. Harold Carswell and Clement Haynesworth to the Supreme Court. I am not recalling which one, or perhaps both belonged to country clubs that excluded Blacks. The Law School had the best television so that's where I went. Should I have said Howdy to Bill and Hill?

Now we have Joe promising to nom a Black Woman and the Muckers of the world are tearing out their Yuppie-coiffed hair.

What are they going to do? Say she is not qualified? Say she straightens her hair, so she is not really Black?

Well, they will come up with some nonsense. Sure as

Bill O'Reilly is a sexual predator. Have you noticed that he's back? Giving stock tips?

But let us look at a company that actually works.

A shout-out for The Unemployed Philosophers' Guild. I am looking at my Shakespeare watch right now. It revolves with

a quote from "Twelfth Night". Viola: O, Time, thou must untangle this, not I! It is too hard a knot for me 'untie.

Not the biggest fan of Will's comedies, but Viola, what a dream.

Thirty-eight smackers and you can imagine you are listening to her, the, yes, named Viola Tree, the eldest daughter of Maude and Sir Beerbohm Tree.

Eat your heart out, Rolex, (too common, I've got a drawerful, right next to my Timexes) Patek Philippe (I think that IS the ticket), Blancpain (great as well).

When my watch did not work, I am on my third over the years, the UPHG sent me a new one, with two new bands! I had in fact talked to a person of competence and politesse. What? Impossible! *Mon Dieu!*

Is that a way to run a business, with intelligence and respect? Alas, probably not. I have a feeling that the UPHG is hanging on by a thread.

Check them out. They are sane. And despite that, their catalogue is INSANE.

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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Dr. Rajendra P. Jain, an authority on traffic engineering, reported on field tests of the Fitch System at a recent meeting of the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C. Dr. Jain noted that Connecticut was the first state to test the system, which consists of specially built plastic barrels containing a quantity of sand. These barrels have been placed at critical locations in the highway system to provide a cushion for cars which otherwise might slam into a concrete abutment.

Although The Lakeville Journal's little story last week about Steve Blass refereeing basketball games at The Salisbury School incognito came from a reliable source, according to Steve it just didn't happen. Steve told the Journal Tuesday that although he has been working out occasionally in The Salisbury School gymnasium, he has not acted as a referee -- and hence no school player could have been dissatisfied with his decision and asked what he knew about sports. As the upstaged raconteur said, another good story spoiled by a dad-gummed eyewitness!

The North Canaan Housing Authority has asked the Connecticut Department of Community Affairs to finance construction of 50 units of low-income housing for the elderly. Authority members completed the application forms at a special meeting Monday night and mailed them off to Hartford early Tuesday. "We know the need for 50 units is there," authority chairman Art Baldwin told The Lakeville Journal.

Falls Village, a town that owes its origins to the water power of the Housatonic, is par-

adoxically a town plagued by a lack of water for its water system. It was brought out at recent town meetings that, while there is no lack of drinking water, the system does not have a strong enough supply to allow homes near hydrants a reduction in insurance rates. The actual system of pipes that carries the water to Falls Village homes is perhaps the newest in the northwest corner of the state. Originally laid in 1901, the Falls Village Light and Water Company was updated around 1950 by Mrs. Henry C. Gaylord, who then turned it over to the town.

25 years ago — February 1997

After decades as a Canaan landmark and an entertainment center for the Northwest Corner, the Colonial Theatre's blank marquee signals its closing after last week's death of owner Shirley Boscardin. Family members have not announced plans for the Colonial's future.

Erin Matheson of Falls Village has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

KENT — Bruce Bennett, owner of the Kent Greenhouse, has designed a scenic riverwalk for about 2,000 feet on the Housatonic River. The Kent Land Trust recently purchased a 12.5-acre stretch of riverfront, and the riverwalk is part of its plans to make the area more accessible. A picnic area will be included.

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



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