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Conditions were excellent for jumping at Satre Hill in Salisbury on Sunday, Feb. 13, above. About 4,500 people attended the three-day Jumpfest.

Jumpfest weekend draws impressive crowds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) Jumpfest weekend got off to a good start on Friday evening, Feb. 11, as about 800 people made the trek to Satre Hill to watch the target jumping and the popular Human Dogsled Race.

The line for tickets was long on Friday night at 7 p.m. People were good-humored and the line moved steadily.

Despite the moderate temperatures, it was still chilly enough for the traditional bonfires on either side of the ski jump hills.

The warmer weather posed some difficulties for the SWSA crew and for the skiers. Several jumpers had less than ideal landings Friday night. On Saturday, practice jumping was skipped in order to keep the hill in the best possible condition.

Saturday's continued mild temperatures also meant mud. Lots of mud.

The short walk from the ticket booth to Satre Hill was a sloppy slog, and once there, patrons at the concession area had to negotiate several inches of muddy water.

It didn't seem to bother anybody. By 2 p.m., Satre Hill was completely packed with

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Housy hangs on for win, honors Segalla

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — With just four games left in the season, the Housatonic Regional Valley High School (HVRHS) girls basketball team continued to gain momentum as they marched toward the playoffs, beating Lewis Mills High School, 33-30, in a game that came down to the wire.

Only eight seconds remained in the game when center Sydney Segalla, a senior from Salisbury, took to the free throw line. She needed to hit both shots to protect the lead, and with the game on the line, she did just that. Moments later, the Mountaineers walked off the court victorious.

"I've been in this situation before," said Segalla. "I'm definitely more confident in my free throw ability this year, but I knew I had to make those."

The Mountaineers came into this game in the midst of a hot streak, winning eight of their last 10 games, while the Spartans had lost five of their last six games. Regardless of records, both teams fought it out in a game of scoring runs.

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PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Center Sydney Segalla took a mid-range jump shot during the 33-30 win over Lewis Mills on Saturday, Feb. 12.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sen. Chris Murphy and Rep. Jahana Hayes, right in photo, were in Kent last Friday to discuss efforts to get Wild and Scenic status for the Housatonic River. At left, Kent First Selectman Jean Speck.

Wild and Scenic plan for river gets new life in Congress

By Patrick L. Sullivan

KENT — U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) were in Kent on Friday, Feb. 11, to announce the crafting of federal legislation to obtain federal Wild and Scenic River status for about 41 miles of the Housatonic River.

Attending the meeting at the Community House were state Rep.

Maria Horn (D-64), Kent First Selectman Jean Speck and representatives from conservation groups, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the First Light power company, concerned citizens and congressional staffers.

Murphy said the purpose of the meeting was to start to gather the information needed to "get this legislation across the finish line."

He pointed to the Wild and Scenic status of the Farmington River as an example of what can be done — including improved access to federal funding and resources.

Both Murphy and Hayes said that legislation about the Housatonic — specifically, the 41 miles between the Massachusetts border and Boardman Bridge in New Milford — will be included in a much

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Miner will not seek reelection

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LITCHFIELD — State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) announced Thursday, Feb. 10, that he will not seek reelection.

Miner represented the 66th District in the state House of Representatives for eight terms before running for the state Senate (30th district) in 2016.

He was first selectman of Litchfield from 1991 to 2001.

In a statement, Miner wrote, in part: "The start of the 2022 legisla-

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Scholarship and grant opportunities for students

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation offers competitive scholarships and grants for students and nonprofits 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 a college or graduate program may complete Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's common scholarship application to determine their eligibility for all of the scholarships.

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 enrolled at 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 who wish to study music at a university.

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

The George and Lucille Buterbaugh Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors who live in Salisbury.

The Karen Kisslinger Scholarship Fund for students of Housatonic Valley

Regional High School who have a demonstrated interest for wellness practices.

The Teddy Lee Drumm Memorial Scholarship Fund for residents of Sharon who have been accepted at an accredited college 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, particularly for programs that connect 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.

Spreading love for workers on the front line

February is heart health month, and with Valentine's Day celebrated this month, Torrington Savings Bank took time to spread some cheer and show our appreciation to the front line heroes at Community Health and Wellness — Torrington/Winsted.

Their selfless service to our communities has helped us get through these tough times.

— Jennifer Silva, Torrington Savings Bank



PHOTO SUBMITTED
 Pictured left to right, Lesa Vanotti, TSB President & CEO and Community Health and Wellness Board Member; Joanne Borduas, Community Health & Wellness CEO; and Jeff Geddes, Torrington Savings Bank VP.

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.

Violated court order

On Feb. 4 at approximately 10 p.m. Troop B responded to a 911 hang-up from a residence on Sharon Valley Road in Sharon. Following an investigation, Peter Peterson, 65, was found to be in violation of a protective order. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Feb. 7

Ran a stop sign

On Feb. 8 at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Route

112 in Salisbury a 2012 Nissan NV2500 driven by Karl Saliter, 55, of Cornwall failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with the side of a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Douglas Bottum, 37, of North Canaan. No injuries were reported. Saliter was issued a verbal warning for failure to obey a stop sign.

Assault of elderly victim

On Feb. 9 at approximately 7:15 a.m. Troop B responded to an active domestic disturbance at a residence on Belden Street in Falls Village. Following an investigation, Joshua Simon Duplessis, 49, Falls Village was charged with disorderly conduct and assault of an elderly victim. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court

on the following day, Feb. 10.

Hit and run at Sharon Hospital

On Feb. 9 at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Hospital Hill Road in Sharon a 2021 Subaru Impreza driven by Judith Gray-Zimbalist, 79, of Lakeville backed out of a handicap parking spot at Sharon Hospital and struck a parked 2014 Ford Focus registered to Norma Kimmel, 83, of Lakeville. Kimmel was standing in front of the Sharon Hospital entrance.

Gray-Zimbalist left the parking lot without exchanging information, despite Kimmel trying to stop her. Gray-Zimbalist was later found by Troop B and did not realize she had struck another vehicle. She was issued a

verbal warning for unsafe backing.

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.

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In the required Public Notifications that were in the Waterbury Republican American 10/13/2021-10/15/2021, Vassar Health CT d/b/a Sharon Hospital declared their intentions:

"Applicant intends to file a Certificate of Need Application with the State of Connecticut Office of Health Strategy requesting approval to terminate labor and delivery services at Sharon Hospital. As part of its proposal, the Applicant will provide a plan for alternative access to labor and delivery services for Sharon Hospital patients.

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$0."

"Requesting approval" is that why they have declared the services will close in April?

It has been four months since these notifications and part-time President Dr. Hirko is actively undermining the services before they receive approval and without an alternative plan.

And at the greatest cost, the lives of mother and child.

How could the Sharon Hospital Board support such deceptive practices?

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Our Towns

Calo takes the reins at Kellogg

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Stacey Calo, the new principal at Lee H. Kellogg School, was the focus of a “virtual meet and greet” Thursday, Feb. 3.

Calo was hired by the Town of Canaan Board of Education in December 2021 to replace Lexie Juch, who resigned in August 2021. Robin Faust acted as interim principal for the first part of the 2021-22 school year.

Calo gave the audience of about 35 parents, students and teachers an overview of her career.

Her most recent experience was in Region 14 (Bethlehem and Woodbury), where she worked in several roles, including classroom teacher (elementary and middle school), English Language Arts instructional coach and curriculum coordinator.

Prior to Region 14, Calo worked as a teacher and instructional coach in Waterbury and as a teacher in Torrington.

When a reporter dropped by the school Thursday, Feb. 3 to get a photo, Calo said she was settling in nicely.

She credited Faust for a smooth transition.

Calo said she was impressed by the commitment of town residents to the school, a sentiment she repeated during the online meet and greet.

Asked about her priorities, Calo said she is anxious “to get us back on track” once the COVID-19 pandemic lessens.

She said she will support teachers and students, with an emphasis on “learning

opportunities in and out of the classroom.”

Because the school is so small, “we can really focus on everybody’s interests.”

The online participants asked about her hobbies. Calo said she loves to travel, and when she first considered applying for the Kellogg job, drove with her husband up from Woodbury to Falls Village for a look around.

Calo’s other hobby is cooking. She said she was a vegan, and that learning to cook vegan meals that the whole family could enjoy was “kind of a challenge.”

Asked about her family, Calo said her youngest child is a senior at Nonnewaug High School, and the two older children are in college at Roger Williams University



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Stacey Calo, the new principal at Lee H. Kellogg School, met with parents, students and teachers in a “virtual meet and greet” Thursday, Feb. 3.

and the University of Mississippi.

Asked about her favorite books, Calo cited three children’s classics: E.B.

White’s “Charlotte’s Web,” Roald Dahl’s “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” and Maurice Sendak’s “Where the Wild Things Are.”

Salisbury sticks with MIRA on trash plan

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen voted to go ahead with the municipal solid waste contract with the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority during the regular monthly selectmen’s meeting (online) Monday, Feb. 7.

First Selectman Curtis Rand gave a quick overview of how MIRA’s aging trash-to-energy facility in East Hartford is closing, after the state declined to invest more than \$300 million to replace it.

Rand explained that MIRA is trying to get its 49 member towns to commit to an amended contract through 2027, which will see the trash shipped out of state.

“We’ve been members of MIRA for over 30 years and I can only say it’s been a good relationship,” Rand said.

“I just don’t think we have a lot of options here,” commented Selectman Don Mayland.

The selectmen heard from members of the Historic District Commission, who asked for assistance in the creation of a handbook dealing with home ownership in the Salisbury Historic District, as well as the creation of a comprehensive map of the district.

District Commissioner Tom Callahan noted that the commission has a pamphlet available for people considering buying property in the district, but the document was last updated about 10 years ago.

The selectmen were receptive. “If we’ve got a historic district, we ought to be doing it properly,” said Mayland.

The board voted to put out a request for proposals for a handbook and map and asked the commission to write the request.

Rand opened the meeting by thanking the town crew for their efforts in dealing with the recent ice storm and for doing so while short-staffed.

Harlem Renaissance, Feb. 28

SALISBURY — Three African American artists of the Harlem Renaissance will be the focus of a Monday, Feb. 28, program hosted on Zoom by Noble Horizons and the Scoville Library.

The Harlem Renaissance emerged around 1920 in the Harlem neighborhood of

New York City. The period is known for the prolific production of literary, visual and musical arts within the African American community.

The 7 p.m. program is presented by ArtScapades. Registration and a Zoom link are at www.noblehorizons.org/events.

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Seeking funds for wastewater project

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Leaving no stone unturned in the pursuit of grant support for the proposed West Cornwall wastewater treatment project, the Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed at their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1, to support reapplication for a USDA loan.

Up to \$5,000 is allocated for preparation of the application, covering anticipated hours of work by Engineer Stephen McDonald of WMC Engineers in Newington. He has assisted the West Cornwall Wastewater Committee during its work to create the project proposal.

The town is also awaiting a U.S. Congressional decision on federal grant funding for the project through the Community Projects Fund, a decision expected later this month, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported.

If the application is approved, the USDA funding would provide what is called a “bridge loan.” In order to receive that funding, the town would need to have voted approval for the wastewater project.

Understood to be essential to the development of the village of West Cornwall, the wastewater project has seen many years of study and planning, in recent years through monthly meetings of the current wastewater committee.

Projecting the timing of the town’s consideration of the proposed project, Ridgway said that at least three months are needed between the time the town hears a decision on the congressional grant funding and the town meeting to bring the matter to voters. The town would need the time to prepare materials about the project for presentation to the community.

Bringing town government home via videos

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The selectmen are reviewing policies that govern meetings recorded on Zoom, YouTube and other services. In particular, they are looking to set a policy to guide retention and storage in order to meet state requirements. The topic was discussed at their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

“This is a new issue for us

in this electronic age,” First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said. To clarify what the state requires of each town, Ridgway reported that he had consulted Tom Hennick, public information officer at the Freedom of Information Commission.

Ridgway recognized the value of local residents being able to observe their town officials at work and having videos available on the town

website.

Hennick said that the governor’s emergency order addressing the needs brought on by the pandemic had expired and had been replaced by legislation that will be in effect until April 30.

The legislation concerns videos that must be preserved if any meeting is totally on Zoom, Ridgway said. If the town board, commission or committee is holding an in-person or a hybrid meeting, no video is required by the state.

Ridgway reiterated his view of the value of residents being able to view meetings on video. He noted, also, that the town has a community website under the direction of community members, not an official town government website.

“There is no state requirement that the town have an official government website,” he noted, making it possible for towns to use their community-based websites to store videos of meetings for residents to view.

Ridgway expressed thanks

to local videographer Richard Griggs, a website committee member, who for years has recorded meetings and special events and made them available for viewing. He also thanked resident Rocco Botto and other volunteers for their work in hosting the website.

Discussion focused on devising a way for the community website to present a well-indexed landing page, where residents can easily locate agendas, minutes and videos from the boards and commissions.

With a well-organized new landing page Ridgway said, the town will gain the advantage of seeing more board and commission videos if those entities hold remote meetings.

Selectman Janet Carlson added that the boards, commissions and committees can readily be trained in creating the videos and posting them onto the landing page, which she described as an easy task.

Resident Bill Berry praised the idea of a community-run website that is separate from town government.

Water and sewer rate to increase in Salisbury

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held a public hearing Thursday, Feb. 10, (online) and subsequently voted to approve an 8% rate increase for residents who use town water and sewer services.

Don Mayland, WPCA chair, said the increases reflect the extensive infrastructure improvements of recent years. The increase will take effect July 1, 2022.

Mayland was not too concerned about managing this increase.

“We’re just about in the middle range,” Mayland said, in comparing Salisbury’s rates to other towns in the area. He added that the WPCA opted to keep the rate increase to 8%, when a larger increase would have been

justifiable.

“The good news is every year we’ve always run a surplus,” Mayland continued.

The upgrades include a relining of pipes, with some sections dating back to the early 1960s. This work was completed last year.

There was the installation of new phosphorus removal equipment in order for Salisbury to meet increased standards for federal and state requirements.

Finally, a pump station on Salmon Kill Road was replaced

Altogether these upgrades have cost about \$3 million and are being financed through a low interest loan (less than 2%) from the federal Department of Agriculture and loans from local banks. These loans are to be paid off over the next 40 years.

Uncovering the region’s history of enslavement, starting Feb. 17

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 offered on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 24 and March 3.

Students from Salisbury School will share their research on this often erased or forgotten history. In the first week, slavery in Connecticut will be explored through the themes of dehumanization, treatment of the enslaved, with a focus on the econom-

ics of slavery.

The second week will focus on Joseph Mars, the brother of James Mars. James Mars was born into slavery in North Canaan and later fled to Norfolk, where he became an activist and an author.

In the final week, they will bring participants into the process of documenting enslaved people through primary sources.

Registration and a Zoom link are at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61234567890> or by visiting the Calendar of Events at www.scovillelibrary.org.

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Megan M. Foley
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02-17-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF BEVERLY M. GRASSO Late of North Canaan (21-00514)

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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on February 8, 2022:

Application #2022-0157 for a Variance to the setback requirements due to a hardship related to Section 213.4 Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 54, Lot 58 and is known as 17 Railroad Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. The owner of the property is Vanessa M. Brazzale.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.2/9/2022.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
02-17-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following applications were approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on February 7, 2022:

Special Permit Application #2021-0158 by owners Daniel and Cameron Suratt to construct

an accessory structure less than 50’ from a wetland and outside of a buildable area in accordance with sections 305.2 and 302.5 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 10 as Lot 05-1 and is located at 105 Belgo Road, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Site Plan Application #2022-0159 by owner Lakeville (75 Sharon Road), LLC to demolish and build new a single-family dwelling and associated site improvements in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 47 as Lot 17 and is located at 75 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
02-17-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOHN H. DECKER Late of Sharon (22-00017)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 3, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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Megan M. Foley
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2022, at a special town meeting duly warned, the legal voters of the Town of Salisbury voted to amend Ordinance #86 to remove the sentence: “The Town Clerk shall be a resident of the Town.”

NO. 86 June 20, 2003- Passed at Special Town Meeting

Repeals and replaces Ordinance #78 - June 24, 1993

APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

BE IT ORDAINED, that Ordinance No. 78 is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Pursuant to General Statutes §9-185, the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector shall each be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Town Clerk shall be a resident of the Town. The term of office of each shall be four years and until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. The first person so appointed to each office shall be appointed upon the expiration of the term of office of the official in office at the effective date of this ordinance or the occurrence of a vacancy in said office, whichever first occurs.

The amendment to Ordinance 86 will become effective fifteen (15) days

after publication of this notice. It is available at the Town clerk’s office for inspection.

Patricia H. Williams
Town Clerk
02-17-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PETER MARTIN Late of Falls Village (22-00022)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 3, 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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William O. Riiska
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Lakeville, CT 06039

Beth L. Mcguire
Chief Clerk
02-17-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DENISE DONNA MARIE CASHMAN Late of Salisbury (21-00485)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such

claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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Megan M. Foley
Clerk
02-17-22

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT WARNING

All persons eligible to vote in meetings of the Canaan Fire District are hereby warned that the Annual Meeting of the said District will be held at the North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items:

1. To name the legal depositories for the funds of the Canaan Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

2. To name an auditor to inspect the accounts of the Canaan Fire District for such fiscal year.

3. To elect three members of the Executive Committee to serve for three-year terms.

4. To elect three officers for the positions of Warden, Treasurer and Clerk of the Canaan Fire District to serve for three-year terms

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

Dated at North Canaan, Connecticut this 18th day of February, 2022.

Anthony J. Nania
Warden
02-17-22

Our Towns

LeSage opens new venue in downtown Salisbury

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Lakeville's Karen LeSage has opened her own gallery at Salisbury Square, 15 Academy St.

LeSage paints what she calls "minimalist colorfield landscapes," and has been doing so since about 2006.

The large, atmospheric paintings have proved popular. LeSage regularly sells out her shows, and has a dedicated group of collectors who are eager to see her latest efforts.

In an interview at the new venue Friday, Feb. 4, LeSage was asked what kind of painting she was doing before 2006.

"More traditional landscapes," she said.

Now she works back to a middle ground between the traditional and the abstract.

Asked about her success, she said, "Things tend to grow on their own — if you keep showing up."

LeSage paints in her studio in the mornings, and reserves afternoons for business.

She does not take the creative process for granted. "It's a leap of faith every single time, and it doesn't become easier with time."

Of the paintings, LeSage



PHOTO BY SONJA ZINKE

Karen LeSage has opened a new venue for her landscape paintings in Salisbury.

said, "I try to record the experience of wonder while encountering the natural world. Color is a central part of this.

"Our region, with its tiers of elevation and changing seasons, is the perfect arena.

"I like the ripple effect that

art has. To record a sense of wonder, to paint a large swath of the color green with gold light on it for someone else to discover, feels to me like a message in a bottle."

The space is rented through Nov. 20. LeSage

laughingly compared it to show business:

"Rather than doing exhibits, which is like being on tour, this is more like a Las Vegas residency."

For more information go to www.karenlesage.com.

Sharon selectmen approve ARPA funding requests

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Applications from two local organizations for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding were approved by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

In response to a request from ARPA Committee representative Jill Drew for prompt consideration of applications from the Sharon Audubon and the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, both described as time-sensitive, the selectmen voted to approve the funding requests. First Selectman Brent Colley and Selectman Dale Jones voted in favor.

Selectman Casey Flanagan abstained from the vote, emphasizing that he was not opposed to the requests and that he agreed with the reasons offered for the approval. He said, however, that he would prefer to wait until all of the applications are collected and presented to the selectmen for consideration.

The Sharon Audubon will receive \$15,000 in ARPA funding. Describing the application, Drew explained that the organization had been hit hard by the pandemic but had managed to keep going despite financial stress. The funds will be used to hire staff.

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's request for \$3,000 in ARPA funding will support expansion of its mental health programming, assisting with the pandemic's effects on mental well-being.

"At least a dozen applications have been received," Drew reported. "We have other applications, particularly involving mental health issues and children."

A full report is expected by the beginning of April, Drew said, adding that in the past two weeks, the landscape has changed due to new ARPA guidelines.

Sharon residents will vote on solar power plan for school

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Open to the possibilities of alternative energy resources, the Board of Selectmen approved signing a contract with CT Green Bank Solar at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

First Selectman Brent Colley reported that the town attorney had reviewed the contract that could see installation of solar panels on town property adjacent to Sharon Center School, a project that would provide for the school's energy needs. He added that the Board of Education has approved the general concept.

The project will still need approval from other town boards as part of the process, Colley said, adding that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to gather residents' comments.

"We are signing a contract to recommend it [the project] to other boards and

ultimately for decision at a town meeting," Selectman Dale Jones explained.

Selectman Casey Flanagan said that he had no reservations about the contract.

Doug Rick, representing the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission, suggested that the town consider adding a battery backup system to the project. He said that the installation contractor could accomplish the hook-up of a battery system as part of the installation work.

Unlike residential solar systems, excess energy is not sold back to the energy grid. Rather, all energy generated by the solar panels must be used on site by the school. Sharon Center School is the only entity within the town that would meet the minimum required usage, according to Rick.

Until the voters approve the project and the town issues a building permit, the town is not committed to doing the project, Rick noted.

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The Lakeville Journal Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary



CLOSE WATCH...A nurse at Sharon Hospital keeps a close watch on a heart patient, using a monitor, one of many pieces of equipment which Heart Fund contributions help to purchase. This photo is contributed by the North Canaan Heart Fund, now in progress.

FEBRUARY 17, 1972 Sharon Hospital has been a community treasure since December 10, 1909 when it opened in a rented brick house owned by Otto Tiedeman on Calkinstown Road. "Sharon is to have a new hospital, thanks to the public spirit of some of our citizens," reported this paper. Over the next century plus, we covered grassroots efforts and fundraisers that helped the hospital enhance staffing and resources. Like the North Canaan Heart Fund that raised money towards the purchase of this heart monitor in 1971. (If anyone can identify the nurse, let us know.)

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

A rich Olympic history

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; the Junior National ski jump championships will be held here Feb. 22 to 26, making this 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.

The exhibit is on view until Feb. 27 at the Salisbury Association, 24 Main St. The building is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Global Eco Drag Show

MILLERTON — Regeneration: Global Eco Drag Show will be available online on Friday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

The show weaves together cultural, environmental and queer visions of the future through drag.

The show will support the decomposition project "Emergence of Heart," a queer, fictional, coming-of-age short film.

This show is created from

a collaboration between Darice Chang (DanDan Demolition) and Liting Tan (UncleSouthsides) two Taiwanese drag kings; and Liv Scott, an American design scientist and director for Emergence of Heart, and a Millerton resident.

For information on tickets, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regeneration-a-global-drag-show-tickets-249440552407?aff=friends>.



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JUMPFEST

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spectators. With the sun out and temperatures exceeding 50 degrees, the organizers didn't light the bonfires.

Several spectators took advantage of this to use the stacked pallets — normally bonfire fuel — as tables and/or handy seats.

To the right of the ski jumps, a group of small children, occasionally joined by a parent, slid down the modest incline and improvised games.

At about 2:30 p.m. the parking area was full and cars lined both sides of nearby Railroad Street. LaBonne's grocery store had an employee patrolling its parking lot, shooing away vehicles with spectators.

On Sunday morning the thermometer was back in winter mode, and a couple of inches of fresh snow covered the landscape.

The conditions were improved at Satre Hill, as the colder temperature made the ski jumping surface nice and firm — and allowed for practice jumping.

The crowd was a bit smaller than Saturday's, but by 2:30 p.m. the parking area was mostly full, and the bonfires were back in business.

SWSA's Willie Hallihan reported on attendance. The Friday night action drew 800 people, which is roughly double the average Friday night crowd.

The Saturday jumping brought some 2,400 spectators. Hallihan said that figure is "easily one of our biggest Saturday crowds."

And Sunday saw 1,300 spectators. Hallihan said that was "a very good attendance, considering it is Super Bowl Sunday."

SWSA's Holly Reid noted, "The past few years have created such a renewal in ski jumping for young local jumpers that we have a new and upcoming group of local jumpers that are jumping K20, named Hewat Hill, and the K30."

And there was a true "SWSA moment" Saturday, when Seth Gardner, jumper and coach, had an equipment failure during the first round of the Eastern Championship competition. SWSA board members went into action with a new pair of skis and bindings, enabling Gardner to get back to the hill.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

A whopping 2,400 spectators took advantage of unseasonably warm weather on Saturday, Feb. 12.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Seth Gardner, center, had a technical problem during the ski jumping on Saturday, Feb. 12, but was quickly fitted with new skis and returned to the competition.

In the Human Dogsled Race, Balto's Bears won the female team competition for the second straight year with a time of 28:98 seconds.

The G-Bears won the men's team title with a time of 25:81, and the mixed team champ was Rock Sluddy at 22:71. The People's Choice award went to the Foxy Fliers from Falls Village.

The proceedings were

live-streamed with the technical assistance of the Salisbury School.

And ski jump fans get another dose of competition when SWSA hosts the Junior Nationals Jumping and Nordic Combined competition at Satre Hill and Mohawk Ski Area starting Thursday, Feb. 24.

Go to www.jumpfest.org for more information.

RIVER PLAN

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larger bill.

To make the case for the Housatonic, the legislators need the help of local experts. Horn observed that during the recent tree-cutting imbroglio at Housatonic Meadows State Park,

"a huge amount of expertise and knowledge snapped into place."

Hayes said she sees "an appetite in Congress for being good stewards of the environment" and is optimistic about the legislation passing.

In 2016, then-Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) proposed to the federal Department of the Interior that the approximately 41 miles of the river be given Wild and Scenic status. The 2016 action relied on a 1979 study of the river's eligibility.

Nothing much happened after that.

In April 2021, the National Park Service (NPS) published its final evaluation of the application for Wild and Scenic status. It said the

river does "meet the criteria for designation as a State Administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System pursuant to Section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

"Impacts of the designation would primarily result in a modest, sustained strengthening of an existing and well-established local, state, federal and non-governmental framework recognizing and seeking protection and enhancement of the Housatonic River's free-flowing condition, water quality, and natural, cultural and recreational values."

To see the relevant documents go to parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=70346.

MINER

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tive session this week marked the official start of my 26th year serving in the Connecticut General Assembly. Upon its completion, I will have dedicated more than half my life to public service at the state and local level.

"While not running for reelection has crossed my mind before, it has historically occurred over the two weeks immediately following the end of session. This time is different. I will not be seeking reelection this November. I look forward to more time with family and exploring what the next chapter of life holds."

State Rep. Stephen Harding (R-107) announced his candidacy for the 30th district Senate seat on Feb. 10.

SEGALLA

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To start off the game, the Spartans quickly scored seven unanswered points. However, the Mountaineers countered with shots behind the arc and stifling defense. At the end of the first half, the Mountaineers held a 25-10 lead, only allowing the Spartans two points in the second quarter.

"I told them at halftime, defense is going to win the game," said HVRHS coach Steve Dodge. "If we maintain our defense the game is ours."

The second half favored Lewis Mills, who stepped up their game on both sides of the floor. On defense, the Spartans caused multiple turnovers, holding the home team to just eight points in the third quarter.

On offense the Spartans played aggressively and cashed in on opportunities at the free throw line to close the gap on the scoreboard.

By the start of the final quarter, the Mountaineers' lead had dwindled to 29-24.

Coming down the stretch, the Mountaineers continued to struggle from the field and give up easy turnovers while their opponents gained traction. Boosted by their three-point and free throw shooting, the Spartans eventually were behind by one point with 46 seconds left in regulation.

The Mountaineers, desperate to hold on to their slender lead, slowed the game down, eventually forcing their opponent to foul, sending Segalla to the line to seal the game. After two



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Sydney Segalla, a senior, is the newest member of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School's 1,000 Point Club. Officially joining during a game on Monday, Jan. 31, Segalla is the first since Paxton Thorton in 2009.

made free throws, and one unsuccessful attempt to tie the game by the Spartans, the Mountaineers won and improved to 12-4.

Besides the win, HVRHS had other reasons to celebrate. Early in the game, the Mountaineers paused the proceedings to honor Segalla, who recently became the 11th athlete in the school's 83 years to join the 1,000 point club.

Segalla scored her 1,000th point during an away game on Monday, Jan. 31, against Litchfield High School. After she scored her first point at home, the game was paused and she was joined by her coaches at center court, where she was given flowers,

balloons and a celebratory basketball.

"I was happy because my friends got to be here [for the celebration]," said Segalla, who recently committed to playing soccer at Boston College this fall. "I didn't know about the balloons and flowers so that was very exciting."

Segalla, who has been the starting center since she was a freshman, led the team in scoring Saturday, finishing with 11 points, which boosted her grand total to 1,061.

"We have good games and good strong halves. I think we need to keep being consistent," Segalla said. "We have to continue that momentum and mindset. We can beat the good teams."

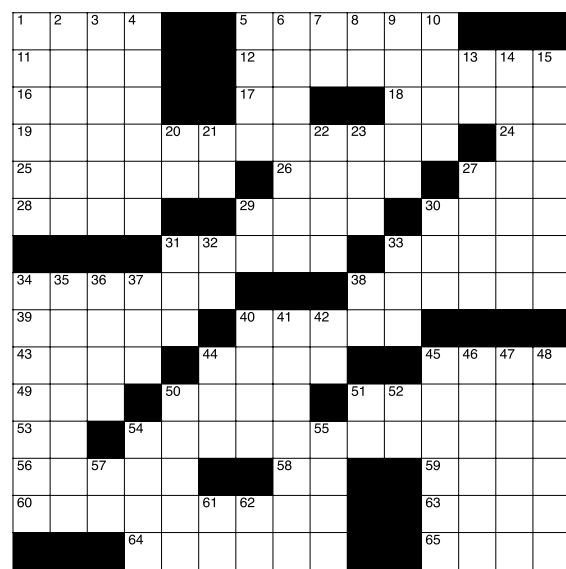
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5. Functional
11. News magazine
12. Popular treat
16. Area units
17. Artificial intelligence
18. Marten valued for its fur
19. Forms of matter
24. Home of the Dodgers
25. Bordering
26. Part of the eye
27. It might be nervous
28. Visualizes
29. Crest of a hill
30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
33. Not easily explained
34. Song in short stanzas
38. Detonations
39. Intestinal
40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri
43. Balmy
44. New Mexico mountain town
45. Gobblers
49. Insecticide
50. Golf scores
51. Has its own altar
53. "Pollock" actor Harris
54. Being livable
56. NHL play-by-play man
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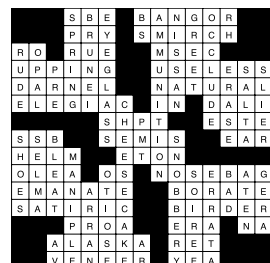
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3. Move out of
4. Male organ
5. Two-toed sloth
6. Making dirty
7. Article
8. Oil company
9. Emits coherent radiation
10. Amounts of time
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14. Forbidden by law
15. Drains away
20. Not out
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Bird genus

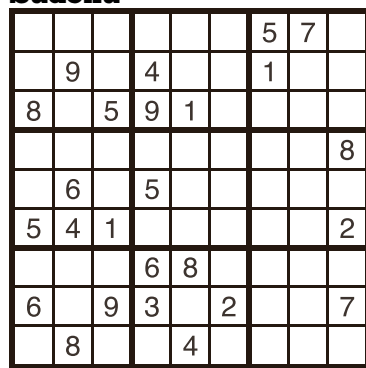


23. Gratuity
27. ___ and feathers
29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
30. Hot beverage
31. Pouch
32. It followed the cassette
33. Large northern deer
34. Ones who offer formally
35. Famed genie
36. Bequeathed
37. Skeletal muscle
38. Atomic #56
40. Silk garment
41. They deliver the mail
42. Equally
44. Check
45. Light-colored breed of hound
46. Drug that soothes
47. Railroads
48. Most slick

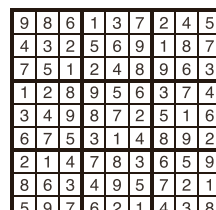
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A message of appreciation for the Sharon Hospital care team



To the teams of Sharon Hospital,

As we head full speed into 2022, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our incredible staff – physicians, nurses, therapists, technicians, engineers, administrative support staff, environmental and food service workers, and many others who are stewards of health for our region.

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, you have worked tirelessly to care for the citizens of the northwest corner and the Hudson Valley region. Your dedication and the sacrifices made throughout this global crisis are second to none. With a steadfast commitment to caring for others, your compassion, grace and professionalism have never wavered.

Each of you have made a profound and positive impact on our community and, for that, I am immeasurably grateful. Despite the daily stresses of the recent surge in hospitalizations and challenges amid a national staffing shortage, you continue to serve our region like family.

Your united resilience and resolve remain a guiding force as we look to the future with confidence.

To our community, we have one message:

Please do your part.

Get vaccinated.

And, if you already are, get your booster.

Thank you.

We remain your trusted healthcare partner and neighbor.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hirko".

Mark K. Hirko, MD, FACS
President, Sharon Hospital

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

FILM: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Why You Should Watch 'French Dispatch' Again

Perhaps you saw Wes Anderson's wonderful new film, "The French Dispatch," on the big screen at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., or another theater and perhaps you were confused by it.

My unscientific survey of people leaving the theater showed a high degree of confusion. This was of course most profoundly true among people who are not obsessed with Anderson and his other films such as "Moonrise Kingdom" and "Rushmore."

Anderson doesn't just make movies; he creates worlds. They are highly detailed and have a very strong and consistent aesthetic. If you walked out of the theater thinking that "The French Dispatch" was disjointed I would highly recommend that you give it a second chance, now that you can stream it at home — and can pause it when you have a question or just need to catch your breath.

PAUSING IT WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND

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PHOTO FROM THE FRENCH DISPATCH

"The French Dispatch" is a film about France, about art, about youth and love and the 1960s — and above all about journalism, with Bill Murray, at left in photo, portraying editor Arthur Howitzer Jr.

and that's annoying after you paid for tickets to see it in the theater. But if you want a deeper understanding of Anderson's work (his oeuvre, if we want to get fancy) and also if you love Bill Murray, Timothée Chalamet, Owen Wilson, Frances McDormand and especially if you consider yourself a fan of The New Yorker magazine, I think you should go for it. Set aside extra time so you can (yes, really) pause it

often. Why bother? For one thing, it will give you a chance to find out who some of the actors are. There is an extraordinary cast that includes a dozen or more actors that you might know but might not recognize here.

French actress Lea Seydoux is one example, playing a prison guard who is very deadpan and often nude. She is unrecognizable here if you only know her from her role as James Bond's lover in "Spectre" and the new "No Time To Die." You might also not recognize her co-star in her "episode" within the film, Benicio del Toro, also a veteran of a James Bond film and also largely unrecognizable as an overweight, hairy murderer and acclaimed artist.

And then there's Bill Murray, heartbreakingly wonderful, and Tilda Swinton, perfect down

to the most minute details as a 1960s society art expert and Frances McDormand as a scrappy journalist at the far other end of the glamour spectrum.

BILL MURRAY: THE BENEVOLENT EDITOR

And of course this is why I love this particular Wes Anderson film above all others: It's about journalism and writing and especially about editors. Just watch the way French Dispatch editor Arthur Howitzer Jr. (Murray) sits down and crosses his legs as he begins to read a piece by one of his writers; that's how editors read if they're not at a desk. The details in this movie are exquisite.

But identifying all the actors hidden like Easter eggs in this film isn't the only reason to watch it on a streaming service. Side note: The actor who seems to be the greatest revelation for many people is the relatively unknown Jeffrey Wright,

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WINTER SPORTS: KAITLIN LYLE

Sliding Into Winter Atop A Trusted Sled

When the sun is shining brightly outside and the snow has finally reached that perfect balance between soft and sleek, what could be better on a winter afternoon than taking a sled to the top of the nearest hill and coasting downward?

For me, it's a quintessential blend of embracing the great outdoors and celebrating an ageless winter tradition. I recently found myself a sledding companion: my dog, JT. With hands, paws and tail tucked safely into my snow tube, we found ourselves speeding down the hill behind our home in Sharon, Conn. For him, the sensation was no different than sticking his head out of the car window. I don't think I've laughed as hard as I did sledding with him.

From my vantage point as a resident of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, there is an abun-

dance of slopes on which to sled within a decent driving distance. If a hill can't be found within 10 minutes of your own backyard, there's certainly a selection of sledding sites that would be great for a day trip with the family.

Regardless of where they decide to go sledding this winter, sledders are reminded to keep their safety in mind while they're having fun on the region's hills, mounts and slopes.

When school is out for the day, local students and their families are often seen flying down the slope behind Sharon Center School (80 Hilltop Road).

I've been told there's also a hill at Veterans Field (29 Sharon Station Road) that might be suited to older children. Located to the side of the soccer field and tennis court, the hill is short and steep and

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SHOW OF STUDENT WORK AT KAA

Kent Art Association hosts its 30th annual Student Show until Thursday, Feb. 24. The show features work by area high school students. Judges are Bill Morrison and Ellie Place from Morrison Gallery in Kent, Conn. Awards were presented to the

best of each school at a Best In Show event on Feb. 12.

The work can be seen Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the association gallery, 21 S. Main St./ Route 7 in Kent. Admission is free. Learn more at www.kentart.org.

Arts Education Is Thriving and Alive

For a young musician or dancer, the opportunity to do a formal recital in front of an audience can be thrilling, memorable and perhaps a little terrifying.

For budding future artists, there is perhaps no greater inspiration than to see other young people performing live.

Artists on both sides of that divide can gather on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m. in the meeting house of the

Congregational Church in Salisbury, Conn., for the 40th anniversary Student Open Recital (which returns after a one-year COVID-induced hiatus).

The artists are as young as 8 and no older than 18. There will be piano recitals, classical guitar, cello, the relatively new Salisbury School Classical Music Ensemble and the always popular five-member Salisbury School Jazz Ensemble.

The musicians are selected by their teachers.

The recital is free and open to the public. COVID safety protocols will be observed (masks and social distancing).

For further information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com. — Cynthia Hochswender



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WINTER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Hidden Mysteries of Norfolk



PHOTO BY DEANNE LYLE

A winter weekend was happily spent in the snow as Millerton News reporter Kaitlin Lyle and her dog, JT, went sledding on the hill behind their home in Sharon, Conn.

...winter sports

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comes to an abrupt end as it flattens onto the soccer field.

In Cornwall, Conn., there is Mohawk Mountain Ski Area (46 Great Hollow Road) for winter kicks on the mountain. That can encompass a thrilling ride on skis or a swift slide on a snow tube. Snow tubing passes can be purchased online at www.mohawkmtn.com/tubing.

For each tubing session (a period of one hour and 45 minutes), passes cost \$25 plus a \$5 media fee for visitors' RFID pass card. According to Mohawk's website, all tubing participants must sign a tubing agreement, and participants under age 18 are required to have a parent or legal guardian's signature before they can be issued a pass.

Tubing sessions at Mohawk are Fridays at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.; and Sundays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Another popular spot is Butternut Ski Area and Tubing Center at 380 State Road in Great Barrington, Mass. In addition to the skiing and snowboarding opportunities, you can buy tubing tickets. They are sold for specific two-hour time slots, according to Butternut's website; visitors are advised to arrive at least 5 to 10 minutes before their tubing session.

For Friday nights (non-holiday), tubing prices are \$28 per session; for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the price is \$33. For more information, go to www.skibutternut.com.

Norfolk, Conn., is a small town (population 1,628) in a fairly remote part of Litchfield County, but it's full of interesting history and activities if you know where to look.

It's kind of like hunting for wild mushrooms: It helps to have a guide. And so the town is helpfully offering a weekend of winter outings, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27. A summer edition will be offered in August.

Hiking, skating, curling (of course)
There are several Deep New England Winter Activities, including hikes, bonfires, outdoor skating and a demonstration of the increasingly popular sport of curling at the beloved and regionally important Norfolk Curling Club.

If you were paying attention to the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, you might have noticed that there were more curling matches than almost any other events; this subtle and ancient Scottish sport has grown exponentially in popularity in recent years. Intrigued? Come by the curling club, which is indoors, warm and cozy. Any and all of the club members and curlers on hand will be delighted to explain what's happening on the ice (possibly while standing at the pub-style bar and enjoying a beverage).

There will be a curling basics class offered at no cost on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Ski jumping
Fans of the Winter Olympics might also enjoy learning more about

the Northwest Corner's deep ties to the sport of ski jumping. Tune in for a Zoom talk on Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. by jumper and coach Ariel Picton Kobayashi. She will talk about her new book, "Ski Jumping in the Northeast: Small Towns and Big Dreams" in a talk hosted by the Norfolk Library.

Art & architecture
There will be plenty of cultural opportunities as well, with tours of some of the historic public and sanctuary spaces in town that you might have driven by dozens of time but never noticed.

Who knew, for example, that there are stained glass windows designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany in the Battell Chapel? Get a tour of them, from 1 to 4 p.m. on both days. You can also

get an inside look at the stained glass windows at the Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 1 p.m.

The most famous examples of secular architecture in Norfolk are by Alfredo Taylor. His rugged stone and wood structures to a large degree define the look of this town, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Find out more in a Zoom talk on Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Norfolk's renowned Chamber Music Festival will offer a concert online that can be viewed at your leisure. A more swinging type of culture will be offered Saturday night at Infinity Hall in the center of town, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. with the British Invasion Years, a 1960s tribute show. This will be a ticketed event with COVID restrictions; find out more at www.infinityhall.com.

And if all that excitement piques your appetite, there will also be a cooking demonstration on how to make paella, available throughout the weekend.

To learn more, go to <https://weekendinnorfolk.org/>.



HORACE PIPPIN, CABIN IN THE COTTON, 1937, COURTESY THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

The work of Horace Pippin, such as this 1937 painting, "Cabin in the Cotton IV," will be discussed in a Zoom talk on the Harlem Renaissance.

THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Three African American artists of the Harlem Renaissance will be the focus of a Monday, Feb. 28, program hosted on Zoom by Noble Horizons and the Scoville Library in Salisbury, Conn.

The Harlem Renaissance emerged in about 1920 in Harlem in New York City. The period is known for the prolific production of literary, visual and musical arts within the African Amer-

ican community.

Painters including Horace Pippin, Romare Bearden and Jacob Lawrence, collaborated with writers, publishers, playwrights and musicians, to provide a visual component of the rich African American culture and identity.

Their work created a link that honored and expanded the history of the African American

experience, reinterpreting the racist characterizations so dominant in popular culture.

The 7 p.m. program is presented by ArtScapades, a Connecticut-based art organization that hosts art courses in libraries, museums and art centers.

Registration and a Zoom link are at www.noblehorizons.org/events.

...French Dispatch'

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who starred in "Westworld" on HBO.

READ THE EXPLANATORY TEXT

Another compelling reason to stream "The French Dispatch" is so that you can take a moment to read all the text "cards" at the beginning, which explain to you the format of the film.

This movie is, essentially, supposed to be one issue of The New Yorker (or a version of it, known as The French Dispatch). There is a text card at the start of the film that explains this, and there is another text card before each "article" that tells you how many pages long it is and which section of the magazine it appears in. There is running text on the sides of those introductory cards; if you freeze the frame and read that text, it is the actual article, which is translated into dialogue in the film segment that follows.

And of course it's worth pausing at the end of the film so you can confirm that, for example, Anjelica Huston is the narrator for much of the movie.

"The French Dispatch" can be streamed through Amazon Prime Video, Google Play Movies and YouTube.

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
REFLECTIONS: INTROSPECTIVE GALLERY TALK, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to noon.

BOOKS

Oblong Books & Music. 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
Oblong Online: Jayne Allen, **BLACK GIRLS MUST BE MAGIC: A NOVEL,** Feb. 22, 7 p.m. (online).

KIDS

Kent Memorial Library. 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
TAB and Book Club, Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Cyrano, opens Feb. 25; **The Batman,** opens March 5.

MUSIC

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


THEATER




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Viewpoint

Political discourse amid broken windows and heads

Discourse is defined as “a serious discussion of a particular subject” or “a formal and orderly expression of thought on a subject.”

You will note that neither definition mentions the use of guns or knives or axe handles or chemical sprays or baseball bats or riot shields or crowbars to enhance the formal and orderly expression of thoughts and ideas.

So why then did the Republican National Committee describe the Jan. 6 insurrection that vandalized the Capitol of the nation and injured more than 150 police officers as “a legitimate political discourse?”

The novel description of that terrible day came in a resolution the RNC passed to censure two of the party’s House members who are taking part in an investigation of the worst act of violence in Washington since the British set fire to the place in the War of 1812.

The two, Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, were censured at the committee’s winter meeting in Utah for participating in what the resolution describes as “the persecution of ordinary citizens engaged in legitimate political discourse.”

If there was any legitimate political discoursing going on as these “ordinary citizens” were smashing their way through locked doors and windows to force members of Congress to overturn the election of a president of the United States, it was rather effectively drowned out.

The censure, which was passed by a voice vote at the direction RNC chairwoman Ronna McDaniel, did not identify any of the persecuted citizens.

Later, however, McDaniel did try to sell the idea that the resolution was not meant to be about the rioters who violently stormed the building after being incited by Donald Trump to try to overthrow a presidential election.

You will recall that Trump, after prodding the rioters, did not join the march on the Capitol as he promised, but retired to the White House to enjoy the televised coverage of his thugs defiling the seat of our democracy. At the same time, he ignored the pleas of advisers and family members to call for a halt to the uprising.

The next day, he did discover he had been “outraged” by the “heinous attack” but he quickly returned to claiming, without a bit of evidence, that the election was stolen.

And, only a few days before the RNC’s censure vote, he announced that if he’s elected in 2024, “we will treat those people from January 6 fairly and if it requires pardons, we will give them pardons, because they are being treated so unfairly.” I don’t believe he was referring to those still unknown citizens who were waiting outside the Capitol for the discourse to begin.

It is somewhat heartening that the condemnation of Cheney and Kinzinger was not quite unanimous. Ronna McDaniel’s Uncle Mitt, the 2012 presidential candidate and current senator Mitt Romney, condemned the resolution.

“Shame falls on a party that would censure persons of conscience, who seek truth in the face of vitriol,” said Romney of his niece’s effort. “Honor attaches to Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger for seeking the truth when doing so comes at great personal cost.”

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell also expressed disdain for the resolution, saying “we support all members of our party, regardless of their views on some issues.”

Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland called Feb. 4, the day the resolution passed, “a sad day for my party — and the country.”

The resolution got mixed reviews in Connecticut Republican circles. GOP State Chairman Ben Proto, one of three Connecticut members of the RNC, revealed the controversial resolution was considered in a package with others he favored but he voted against all of them because of the Jan. 6 statement.

The other state members of the RNC, Leora Levy of Greenwich and John Frey of Ridgefield, voted for the resolution. Levy is one of several Republicans running for the Senate against Richard Blumenthal this year but the party’s nomination is expected to go to former legislative leader Themis

Klarides.

Bob Stefanowski, the likely Republican candidate for governor again, wasn’t at the meeting but he wanted the state’s voters to know he didn’t support the rioters either.

“I condemned the acts of violence on the day they happened and feel the same way today. The Republican National Committee statement is wrong.”

And finally, let’s not forget that the committee’s resolution wasn’t the craziest thing said about Jan. 6.

That distinction goes to Rep. Andrew Clyde of Georgia who saw the attack on the Capitol as no more than “a normal tourist visit.” Clyde hasn’t been heard from since reporters found photos of him, looking quite agitated, as he helped colleagues barricade the doors to the House chamber to keep the visiting tourists

out.

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

IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

Your ideas wanted

Some thinking on Salisbury’s taxes

Good news! Plans are afoot to do something with the Lakeville Train Station. As per the selectmen’s letter of Feb. 2, 2022, a grant is being applied for to determine what is needed to rehabilitate the station’s physical plant and the nearby dam and pond. The application provides more specifics. This a federal grant being applied for, of up to \$20,000, and the eventual preferred use of the station is by “a local not-for-profit organization whose purpose involves public benefit with a historical factor.”

As readers know, the Lakeville Train Station was part of the subject of my initial column in this series. I consider that to have been mostly serendipitous, a reflection of community concerns, and am delighted at any progress on it.

My column generated a few responses from readers, most of them agreeing with my second contention in the article, that we need a small-business incubator, wherever one might be situated.

A more intriguing response was a bitter complaint that there are too many newcomers buying homes from lifetime residents who can no longer afford to stay in them due to high taxes, and that as a result, the Northwest Corner is losing the very attributes that made it wonderful to live in. So stay away, you future would-be weekenders, and even you new entrepreneurs who want to live here full-time!

I don’t agree that they should stay away, but do agree that the complaint highlights an important problem. There have been too many instances of long-term residents having to sell homes they grew up in because high property taxes make the homes impossible to maintain on modest incomes, and so we very much need to find ways to assist our school personnel, town workers, nurses, small business-owners and retirees who have lived here forever, to remain in their family homes.

Sales of such long-held homes have already changed the character of the Twin Lakes area and of other, highly desirable residential sections of our towns, bringing in people who also have residences elsewhere and who, ipso facto, do not have as much of a commitment to this area as fulltime residents do.

Let me point out that Salisbury’s mill rate is one of the lowest in Connecticut, and was made even lower in a recent town budget. I am not certain that lowering it was the best idea but that’s a matter for another day.

Part of the problem is varying assessments of the homes. In our area, as in many others, municipal taxes for desirable-section homes are usually higher than for in-town homes. I think that there are two reasons. (Caution: I may be wrong on these.) The first is that assessed valuations of



outlying homes are higher because they usually come with more acreage around them; and the second, that assessments appear to take into account the desirability of the home, and one factor in what is the home’s distance from the town center. I was once told by a town official that if my home was not within walking distance of town, if it was sited elsewhere and having the same acreage, it would be valued higher

and so owe more in taxes.

Few of us — I almost wrote none of us — want the Northwest Corner to come to resemble The Hamptons on Long Island, an area that has gone so upscale that for several decades now it has been unaffordable for most Americans.

But can we as a community find ways to keep residences in the hands of families that have lived in them for generations, and thereby prevent drastic change to the area?

I propose that we re-structure our pattern of assessments and consequent tax burdens so that in individual cases they can be lowered by a factor that varies with the length of time that a family has resided in a home. If your parents lived there before you, you’ll get a nice discount on the usual rate.

If this means preferential treatment for a certain group of the citizenry, so what? We already give tax breaks to residents who volunteer for our fire and ambulance services, as we should.

I also summon our local banks to the task, asking them to work harder and be more imaginative and flexible in the structuring and restructuring of the home-owner loans that they make, to assure that these are more attuned to the needs and resources of long-term residents of properties that have become more valuable (and more tax-laden) than the occupants can sustain with their current home financing.

I welcome your ideas on this subject, and your suggestions for other subjects that we should be discussing. My email address is shachtmantom@gmail.com, and my snail-mail, Box 630 in Salisbury.

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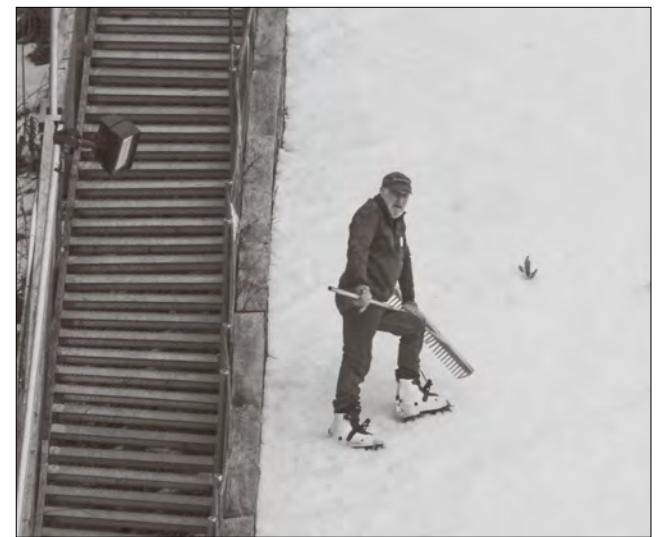


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Nick Collin raking the jump hill



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In Connecticut, we are dealing with multiple threats to our forests from insects such as the Emerald Ash Borer, Spotted Lantern Fly and the Asian Longhorned beetle. Perhaps the Emerald Ash Borer is most noticeable up here in the NW Corner as it is easy to see the devastating effect they are having on our ash trees. The transporting of firewood is one of the main pathways that these insects have in expanding their range and Ct State foresters recommend that you only buy locally sourced wood or certified heat treated firewood. For more information, please visit: <https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/map/connecticut/>.



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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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Thirty-nine passengers and the driver of a chartered bus believed en route to the Salisbury ski jump were treated at Sharon Hospital Sunday following an accident on Route 22 in Amenia, N.Y. The northbound bus skidded on ice, crossed to the other side where it struck a rock ledge, then rebounded to the east side where it struck guard rails, police said.

Beverly A. Frost and Maria T. Nania, both of Canaan, were named this week as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Class of 1972 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Flooded fields of the Edmund Dean farm in Falls Village were a beautiful reminder on Monday of the Sunday rain-storm which deluged the area. Frozen ground and melting snow combined with rain to produce a heavy runoff. Numerous cellars and well houses were flooded in Falls Village and the Lime Rock area. Falls Village firemen responded to pump out at least one flooded basement Sunday night.

The Cornwall Consolidated School’s 54-passenger school bus lost two of its left rear wheels on Route 7 while enroute to the Kent Center School with 15 members of the Cornwall basketball team as passengers on Thursday, Feb. 10. Skilled handling by veteran school bus driver Ralph Scoville brought the bus to a safe stop and enabled him to discharge the youngsters unharmed. The bus is used for school field trips and short trips in the district for after-school sports. Coach Douglas Carlson was on the bus with the team. A thorough investigation conducted by school officials and the state Department of Motor Vehicles failed to reveal the cause of the accident.

Rural mail carrier Frank L. (Shine) Coons Jr. received a 19-year “Safe Driver Award” from Postmaster Eugene Bull at informal ceremonies at the Kent post office last week. Mr. Coons drives a 47-mile route each day of mail delivery. The award, in the form of a pin, is in recognition of 19 years of continuous accident-free driving while serving his route.

25 years ago — February 1997

LAKEVILLE — The National Iron Bank, with headquarters here, is celebrating its 150th year. The bank has operated continuously since 1847 except for a 10-day “bank holiday” decreed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 to allow banks and the government to catch their collective breath after a depositor drain on all banks. Even during that 10-day hiatus, the bank kept its doors open to reassure customers who wandered in.

Vanessa Pesce, daughter of Rose Ann and Mark Niedhammer of Lakeville, was named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at Georgetown University. She is a graduate of Kent School.

Libby Ongley of Canaan this week joined the Lakeville Journal Co. newspapers as display advertising representative. She will work with advertisers primarily in the Lakeville-Salisbury, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent- New Milford areas, according to Associate Publisher James Timpano and Advertising Manager Anna Mae Kupferer.

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

EDITORIAL

We can find some joy and hope now

As COVID restrictions are now beginning to become past, not present, and hopefully not future, it is good for all of us that some events are happening that bring us out of the shells in which we've been encased, off and on, for the past two years. If we are looking for reasons to be hopeful, such activity can be held up as inspiration.

The annual Salisbury Ski Jumps, brought to you by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA), happened Feb. 11 through 13, though they had happened with some restrictions in 2021 as well. The crowds came out on Saturday, with the temperature going up to 50 degrees. Though such warmth resulted in lots more mud than one might have wanted in the parking areas, it also welcomed spectators who might have been deterred by colder weather. The sun came out every so often and the hill was well prepared for the jumpers, who went fast and far. Sunday was a more traditional kind of ski jump February day, with light snow and temperatures in the 20s, but still a good crowd came out to see the jumpers.

It's always stunning to see the athletes speeding down the jump, fearlessly and skillfully. But this year, the sight was more welcome than ever, with hordes of fans able to gather together and admire a world class event. As has been covered in the pages of this newspaper over the past weeks and years, Salisbury has been a historic ski jumping center for many decades, with this being the 96th year of these ski jumps, which include the Eastern U.S. Jumping Championships.

Kudos to all the volunteers who made the ski jumps a successful event once again. Somehow, all involved make it look easy. Rest assured, it is not.

Next, be ready for the U.S. Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Junior Nationals from Feb. 22 to 26. For this event, the ski jumping community from the entire eastern United States come together in Salisbury (where the jumping and Nordic combined happen) and at Cornwall's Mohawk Mountain (where the Nordic races will be.)

This is a year when winter sports enthusiasts will have all their wishes come true for seeing some excellent competition. Anyone with an interest in ski jumping should investigate joining SWSA by going to www.jumpfest.org.

In the realm of high school sports, which have not been an easy proposition throughout the COVID pandemic, there is a big reason to be proud of our athletes at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, especially one in particular. The girls Varsity basketball team has had a strong winning season. Credit goes to the entire team and to the coaches. But one senior, Sydney Segalla of Salisbury, marked the historic achievement on Jan. 31 of scoring 1,000 points in her high school career (see stories last week and this week in The Lakeville Journal by Hunter O. Lyle).

This is a noteworthy accomplishment at any time, for any high school athlete, but to be so consistent in scoring through a time when COVID had placed restrictions at different times in different extremes over the past couple of years is truly extraordinary.

Congratulations to Ms. Segalla, and good luck to her and her team for the rest of this season in basketball. Good luck to her as well in her college career playing her other strong sport: soccer.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — February 1922

John F. Green, who is employed on the New Haven road slipped from a passenger train while making up in the Winsted yards last Friday morning. He was rendered unconscious being severely bruised about the head and sustained a wrenched knee.

LIME ROCK — Several people in town have hard colds. ORE HILL — Wm. Rowe had the misfortune to fall on the ice, cutting his head so badly that stitches had to be taken to close the wound.

Adv.: Stockings cheaper and better than before the war at Mrs. C.S. Jones' Bargain Store, Millerton.

C.H. Osborn is going out of the harness business and is offering some great bargains.

Mrs. Ivan Boyd resumed her duties at the Ore Hill School on Monday after being ill with grippe.

50 years ago — February 1972

It looks as though residents of the Northwest Corner are definite optimists, if land-office sales of those little green and white 50-cent state lottery tickets are any indication. Sales were brisk, to say the least, in six of the area's seven towns, with Sharon the exception. Sharon merchants turned "thumbs down" on the whole idea. Bianchi's Clothing Store in Canaan sold almost 500 tickets on Tuesday, the first day the tickets were on sale, with a few women coming all the way from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to buy. Approximately 220 were sold in Canaan's First National Store, with one customer buying 18.

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A sea of Saturday Ski Jump fans

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Whither, or wither, the Republican Party?

The recent censure of Republicans Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger by the Republican National Committee (RNC) because of their work on the January 6th Committee, has made the RNC less like a responsible political party and more like something straight out of the pages of Lewis Carroll!

As the Jan. 6 Committee searches for the complete truth behind the terrorist attack on the U.S. Capitol, members of the RNC pile into their clown car to drive to Mar-a-Lago, where they fall all over each other to kiss the ring of their leader, as well as his prominent posterior (which they have been doing all along in any case.)

Is that what Republican voters want? Do they want members of one of the only two political parties in our country to be a Cult? To slavishly follow an ignorant buffoon with an outsize (and dangerous) ego, for whom lying and cheating come as easily as breathing, and who has an infinite capacity to bring out the worst in his followers. A poem by Rudyard Kipling comes to mind, and reads in part: "...drunk with the sight of power, ...loose wild tongues ... on lesser breeds without the law," which we have all seen on that day, haven't we?

Is that what Republican voters want? Do they want a party that will follow that buffoon anywhere, no matter what, and who have taken the word "craven"

to a whole new low; who have said that the terrorist attack on the Capitol was "legitimate political discourse"? Or even just a "tourist visit?" Right. Hundreds of thugs, conspiracy theorists and general all around nutcases who not only trashed the Capitol, but caused several deaths in the process — a tourist visit?

Is that what Republican voters want? And what about the governor of Florida, a Trump clone who has just appointed an unqualified, to say the least, state's surgeon general?

Is that really what Republican voters want? This was, after all, the party of Lincoln, and more recently the party of John McCain and of Mitt Romney, among other decent lawmakers. It is also the party of Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, and as such they really have a dual role on the Jan. 6 Committee: That of getting to the truth behind that horrific event, AND to rescue the dignity and responsibility of the Republican party, and to influence the "whither," to restore its direction; and to make sure that it does not "wither."

Now that, it seems to me, is worthy of any intelligent Republican voter's consideration.

Richard J. Boyle

Salisbury

Land of the Free, Home of the Brave

Super Bowl Sunday is not normally a day marked on my calendar since I left Indiana and my dad's notion that color TV was created for football. Tens of millions savor this annual national extravaganza: ardent fans of the two teams in combat, ardent football-of-any-ilk fans, ardent socializers and half timers, and dabblers enjoying the ads particularly Budweiser Clydesdales.

I watch for the event's opening Star Spangled Banner performed by a block-buster artist though perhaps none to top Whitney Houston soaring in 1991. I tune in for the

Worries can melt like snow; spring is coming

With local and global athletic events inspiring people to think of what's possible, everyone can join in with a sense of team vision for a friendlier feeling among humanity. Simply putting one's hand on one's heart can help one connect to one's heartbeat, breath and sense of connection with others in a caring way.

The worries can melt like snow as the temperature warms, signs of spring like bird calls and seeing one another at their best whether in athletics, work, study, play or caregiving.

Making life more of a game and shared dream with meaningful ways to heal and deal with our world issues is a game that surpasses the Super Bowl phenomena (the sport, ads and giving competition.)

If we want to do our part we can take our hand from our heart and make a start with advocacy for victims of abuse from all walks of life.

There is timely, life-saving legislation to reinstate funding and terms to protect victims of abuse with VAWA, Violence Against Women's Act. Please contact your senator with a group of friends today about that. I share more on many issues on my blog and can be reached through my public FB page to share information and ideas in a caring forum.

The world over people are reforming all systems to prevent harm, injury and loss as a winning strategy to empower all with human rights. No longer is it OK to sit on the sidelines since our planet heart is also in peril with climate change.

Women and younger people (aka children) need to rise up with support from all caring men to create a healthy playing field and allow each to use their talents. Many thanks at this critical time in our world to lean into finding solutions and energy for a safer way or living, driving, caring and creating our shared future.

Catherine Palmer Paton

Falls Village

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Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.

There are possible answers for Ukraine - Russia

Now, here is a simple idea: A Non-aggression Pact or Non-Aggression Treaty between Ukraine and Russia, which is acknowledged by NATO or by the individual NATO countries.

The devil is always in the details, but this could be the road to addressing Russia's security fears and avoiding a NATO commitment never to admit Ukraine.

G. A. Mudge

Sharon

performer backed with a camera-spanned crowd proudly hailing: some singing, some knowing the words and some just there. Anticipatory glee crams the lens. Here is a crowd endowed with energy, excitement oozing American verve and vigor. Here is a gathering for competition, one team vying with another, a competition without raw negativity or intended harm in a stadium filled with prevailing diversity.

Our national anthem, blasted as non-melodic, is not a ditty, it's chucked full of complex words and phrases including ramparts, perilous fight, last gleaming amid gallantly streaming. A flag, a piece of cloth, broad stripes and bright stars in twilight and dawn's early light is held forth majestically — magically waving ahigh rocket's red glare and bombs bursting in air. Swelling, soaring into the conclusion of verse one, this bit of cloth stood, survived: gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Wait for it: Now the stunner, the two-line question rises over 245 years of skirmishes, turmoil, wars, commissions, protests, strikes, vile and ugly strife with others and among ourselves — the bold question, Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave? The final 10 words are an answer delivered in any venue with might and right — from all crowds, even those not knowing most of the anthem's words — the American creed soars, is blasted, is thrilling, is etched in us for we remain, must be, must strive to be the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe

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NWCT student scholarships

The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation is awarding scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. Scholarship applications are now available for the more than \$150,000 available to area students. Scholarship guidelines, requirements and applications are available on the Community Foundation website.

Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year must be submitted by April 1, 2022. The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation serves

Litchfield County with a collection of more than 30 scholarship funds from local donors. These funds provide scholarships to area students throughout the Northwest Corner.

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For a full list of scholarships go to www.northwestcf.org/scholarships.

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United Nations help for high school seniors

The United Nations Association of Connecticut has announced that three scholarships will be available to Connecticut high school seniors graduating in the spring of 2022.

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