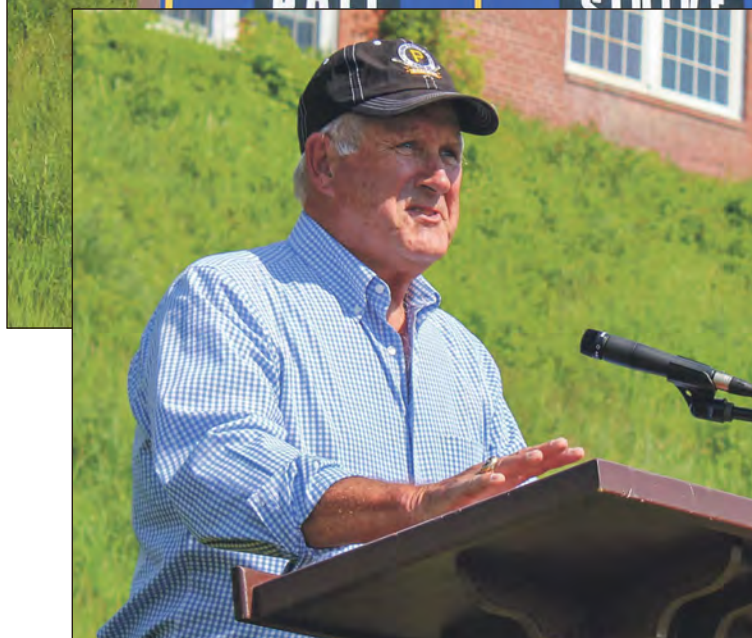
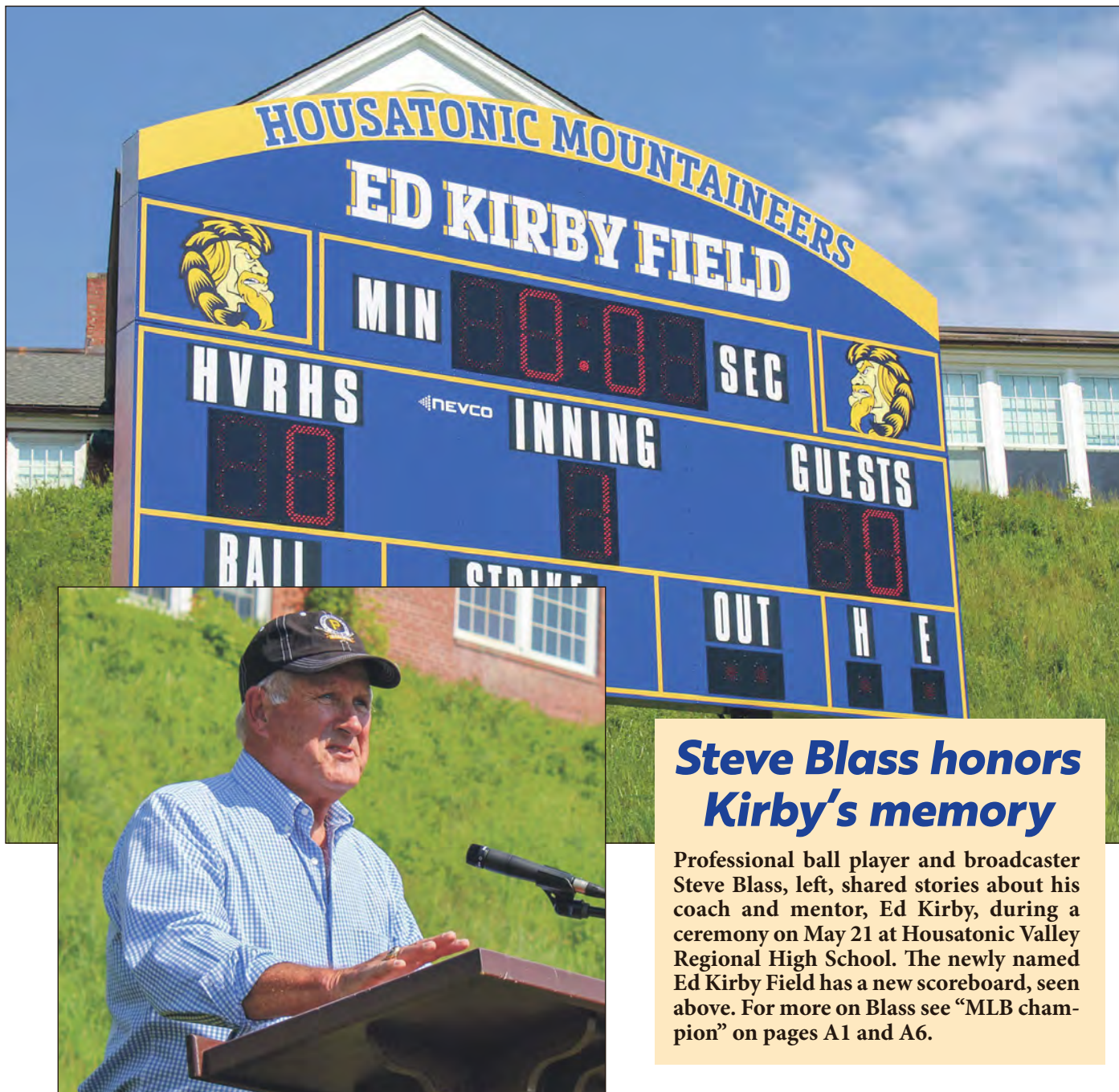


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Steve Blass honors Kirby's memory

Professional ball player and broadcaster Steve Blass, left, shared stories about his coach and mentor, Ed Kirby, during a ceremony on May 21 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The newly named Ed Kirby Field has a new scoreboard, seen above. For more on Blass see "MLB champion" on pages A1 and A6.

Swimmer's body recovered from Housatonic river

By Patrick L. Sullivan

AMESVILLE — The body of a man who went missing in the Housatonic River Saturday, May 15 was recovered on Friday, May 21.

The Connecticut State Police issued this bulletin Saturday, May 22:

"On Friday, May 21 at approximately 5:56 p.m., Troopers responded to the area of 264 Housatonic River Road in the town of Salisbury for the report of a body in the river. The body was located, removed and identified as William Dehnel. Dehnel entered the water on May 15 and did not resurface."

Dehnel, 37, lived near the river on the Falls Village side of the Great Falls.

On May 15, in response to the 2:30 p.m. 911 call regarding the missing man, responders from Lakeville Hose Company, the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, North Canaan Volunteer Fire Department and Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service

William Dehnel, 37, lived near the river, on the Falls Village side of the Great Falls.

responded to the boat launch above the falls, on Housatonic River Road. The regional dive and ropes teams participated as well.

In addition to the State Police, the State Police Dive Team and the volunteer fire and ambulance services, support was also provided at the scene from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (which has its own police).

Lakeville Hose Company Assistant Fire Chief Jason Wilson said that by 5 p.m. on May 15 no body had been found and the scene was turned over to the State Police.

Apparently Dehnel had used a rope swing tied to a tree on the west bank of the

See DEHNEL, Page A6

Ball field at high school is now dedicated to the late Ed Kirby

FALLS VILLAGE — A crowd of about 70 people gathered at what is now known as Ed Kirby Field at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) on Friday, May 21, to remember the late baseball coach, teacher and administrator, and to see the new scoreboard.

HVRHS Principal Ian Strever said that Kirby "cast a long shadow."

When Strever first came to HVRHS, he found that "every-

where I went, I found traces of Ed Kirby."

Pat Mechare, chair of the Region One Board of Education and president of the high school's alumni association board, said the decision to name the baseball field after Kirby was an easy decision for both entities.

Steve Blass, the HVRHS pitcher who went on to stardom with the Pittsburgh Pirates, described Kirby as his "professor of baseball."

"I loved everything about him," Blass said.

"Except that darn bank," he added, gesturing to the steep incline from the field up to the

school buildings. (Kirby made his athletes run up and down

See KIRBY, Page A6

MLB champion Steve Blass returns home

By Hunter O. Lyle

NORTH CANAAN — It was a hot spring day as fans gathered in the bleachers and around the fence to watch the Red Sox take on the Pirates. Hot dogs were being sold, music was being played, and like many times throughout his career, Steve Blass found himself on the mound once again.

Despite his playing days being nearly 50 years behind him, Blass fired one down the line, throwing the first pitch on a day celebrating the Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League (NWCTS-BLL), baseball in general and the community that

it draws together.

Nikki Blass, who is the president of NWCTS-BLL and also the cousin of the baseball great, said the original plan was to have Blass throw the first pitch for a game on Saturday, May 22. However, as ideas got rolling, the event evolved into festivities, including a flyover by a local pilot.

Blass was in town for the Friday, May 21, dedication of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School scoreboard to Ed Kirby, a long-time baseball coach, local historian and paramount community member who died this

See MLB, Page A6

Memorial Day observances for 2021

Most towns in the Northwest Corner will hold Memorial Day services on Monday, May 31. Many will be smaller in scale than in a normal year. Most towns are asking participants to wear masks and maintain social distance, as an additional precaution.

Cornwall

A firetruck/new town plow parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. from the North Cornwall Cemetery and then proceed as follows: 9:45 a.m., Cornwall Hollow Cemetery; 10a.m., West Cornwall; 10:30 a.m., Cornwall Bridge; and 11 a.m., Cornwall Village, where taps will be played and the Honor Roll will be read and a short speech given, and the Citizenship Award presented. There will be no carnival or normal parade this year due to COVID-19.

Falls Village

There will be a brief Memorial Day ceremony on the Town Green Monday, May 31, 10 a.m., with remarks by First Selectman Henry Todd and Selectman Dave Barger. Please wear masks and maintain social distance.

Kent

Kent's Memorial Day parade will depart at 9:30 a.m. from Kent Center School. So-

cial distancing and the wearing of masks is highly recommended. Weather permitting, a Military Fly Over has been approved.

North Canaan

The Honor Guard will depart from Couch Pipa VFW on Route 7 at 6:30 a.m. and visit cemeteries in Falls Village, North Canaan and East Canaan. The Memorial Day parade, organized by members of Couch Pipa VFW Post 6851, will meet at Town Hall at 10 a.m., leave at 10:30 a.m., and end as is traditional at the Doughboy monument for a ceremony at 11 a.m. There will be a short memorial service, a salute and taps. This year's parade marshal is Howard Lotz, a World War II veteran and last living original signee of Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851's charter, dated March 1955. Any elderly or disabled veteran who wishes to ride in the parade will be accommodated. Co-Poppy Princesses are Tennyson Rae Harrington of Cornwall and Sienna Visconti of North Canaan. This year's guest speaker is Maj. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army, Retired, of Falls Village.

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The key to avoiding tick bites: Avoiding ticks

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Hiking has become extremely popular during the past year of quarantine, which of course puts more people at risk for picking up a tick, and with it, a case of Lyme disease or another tick-borne disease.

Health officials say that there is expected to be a pos-

sibly record-breaking amount of disease-bearing ticks in the Northwest Corner this spring, summer and fall (see the article in the May 20 Lakeville Journal by Debra A. Aleksinas, or online at www.tri-cornernews.com).

The best way to avoid Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses is to avoid the insects altogether, according to medical experts.

Wearing light-colored

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Three-day forecast

Friday Rain, high 68°/low 54°
 Saturday Rain, 68°/54°
 Sunday Cloudy, 68°/54°

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 traffic sign

On May 19 at approximately 8 a.m. on Clayton Road in North Canaan a 2013 Toyota Tacoma driven by Travis John Lotz, 34, of Ashley Falls, Mass., collided with both a traffic sign and a mailbox before colliding with a tree. Lotz was transported by North Canaan EMS to Fairview Hospital for minor injuries. He was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the lane and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dirt bike accident

On May 20 at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Clayton Road in

North Canaan a 2016 Husqvarna 701 dirt bike driven by Hunter Mead, 22, of Ashley Falls, Mass., lost control while braking and drove off the road onto a grassy area where Mead fell off. He was not injured. The accident damaged the property of William Perotti, 26, of North Canaan. A witness reported that Mead was attempting to "pop a wheelie" while on Clayton road and lost control. Mead was issued a misdemeanor summons for reckless driving and failure to maintain the lane.

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.

New director for regional Northwest Hills COG

GOSHEN — The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) announced on Tuesday, May 18, that Robert A. Phillips of Farmington, Conn., will be the new executive director of the 21-town group, succeeding Rick Lynn, who is retiring.

In a quick online meeting, NHCOG Chair Don Stein of Barkhamsted said that the search committee received eight resumes in total.

Phillips is currently the Director of Planning and Community Development in Southington, a job he has held since 2013.

He was town planner in Ellington from 2005-2013, and planning coordinator in Wind-sor Locks from 2003-2005.

Lynn said there would be a period of overlap in June between his departure and Phillips' arrival — time to get Phillips up to speed.

First Selectman Charlie Perotti of North Canaan said he was impressed by the amount of research Phillips did on the NHCOG prior to being interviewed. "I think he'll be a great asset." Henry Todd (Falls Village) and Matt Riiska (Norfolk) agreed.

— Patrick L. Sullivan

Grange plant sale is outside, June 5

SHARON — The annual Taghannuck Grange #100 plant sale outside the Grange Hall at 7 Dunbar Road will be on Saturday, June 5, and most likely Sunday, June 6, if there are any unsold plants.

As always, the sale will include both flowers and vegetables.

The sale will start in the early morning and go on for most of the day. No times are specified as we do not want a crowd of people at one time. Shoppers are asked to maintain the recommended social distancing protocols of 6 feet of separation between individuals. Wearing a face covering/mask if you are not fully vaccinated would be appreciated.

The plants are still \$2 each. If you have any questions email us at Taghannuckgrange@gmail.com or call us at 860-364-5373.

This is our one and only fundraiser for the year. The Grange is a family organization where you may become a member starting at the age of 14. It was originally started by farmers. Our members now are farmers, teachers, business owners, politicians, students and many more professions. Besides our monthly meeting we host events, workshops, potluck dinners and we do many community services.

Correction

The listing in the 2021 Towns and Villages special issue incorrectly said that Sharon is part of the Torrington Area Health District. Sharon has its own health district.

COVID-19 cases in Cornwall

CORNWALL — The Region One School District reported on Saturday, May 22, that a family member and four Cornwall Consolidated School students had tested positive for COVID-19. The family includes one additional Cornwall Consolidated student and a sibling who attends Housatonic Valley Regional High School. All students were last in school on Friday, May 21. Specific protocols are in place for Cornwall Consolidated students. At Housatonic, no classrooms are being closed because the student has tested negative and there had been no close contact in school.

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Arts students apply by May 30

The Arts Fund for Region One, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, provides the Susan Fillman Memorial Scholarship for students in Cornwall, Falls

Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury or Sharon to participate in arts-related programs. Applications are due May 30 at www.berkshiretaconic.org/fillman.

The Tabor Foundation Fund, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, supports residents of northwest Litchfield, northeast Dutchess and southeast Columbia counties who plan to undertake education or training in a health care or medical field and to seek employment in their community afterwards. Nonresidents working in the area may also apply.

Applications are due June 30 at www.berkshiretaconic.org/tabor.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOAN STURGES RUSSO Late of Canaan (21-00197)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 11, 2021, 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:
 Julia Robbins Sturges
 Halfnight
 367 North Plain Road
 Housatonic, MA 01236
 Megan Williams
 Assistant Clerk
 05-27-21

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2021-0132 by Strelchun (Capecelatro) for a Frontage Variance, Salisbury Map 12, Lot 5 per Section 306.1 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 immediately after the regularly scheduled meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday, June 7, 2021, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
 Stacie Weiner, Secretary
 05-27-21
 06-03-21

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 17, 2021 subject to conditions:

Special Permit Application #2021-0123 by the Salisbury Housing Committee to construct a new 12-unit multifamily dwelling in the Pocketknife Square Overlay District and Aquifer Protection Overlay District as per Sections 403 and 405 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 2 and is located at 11 Holley Street, Lakeville, Connecticut. The owner of the property is the Town of Salisbury.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8. Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 05-27-21

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 May 17, 2021: Special Permit Application #2021-0129 by John M. Arnold, for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot per section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 7 as Lot 13-4 and is known as 36 Hillcrest Lane, Lakeville, Connecticut. The owner of the property is John M Arnold.

Site Plan Application #2021-0133 by Bob Stair to replace a nonconforming dock per section 504 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury

Assessor's Map 66 as Lot 30 and is known as 99 Rocky Lane, Salisbury, Connecticut. The owners of the property are Michael A Duca & Jacqueline D Blombach.

Site Plan Application #2021-0134 by Bob Stair to replace a nonconforming dock per section 504 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 64 as Lot 05 and is known as 19 Morgan Lane, Salisbury, Connecticut. The owners of the property are Anne G Fredericks & Marc Fasteau.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 05-27-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PAUL BARTEL Late of New York AKA Paul Winfield Bartel, AKA Paul W. Bartel, AKA Paul W. Bartel, II (21-00055)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 11, 2021, 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 fiduciaries are:
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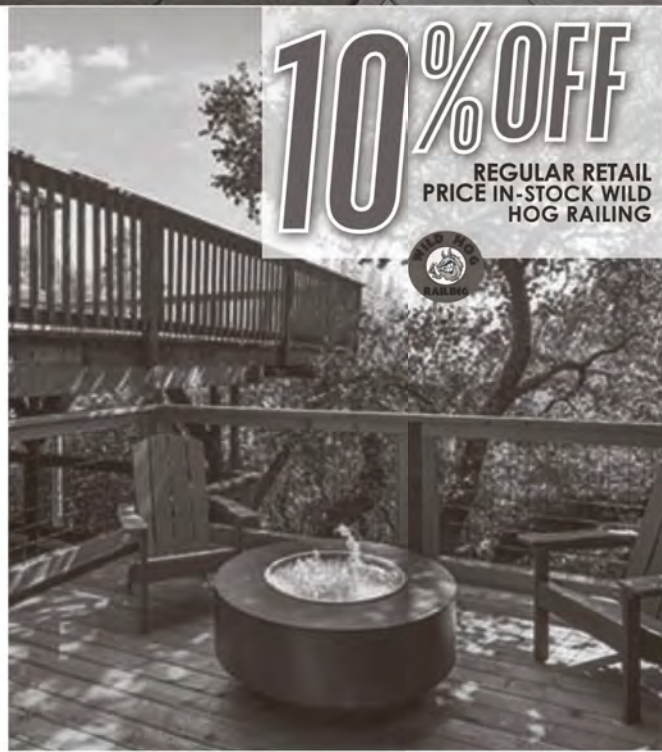
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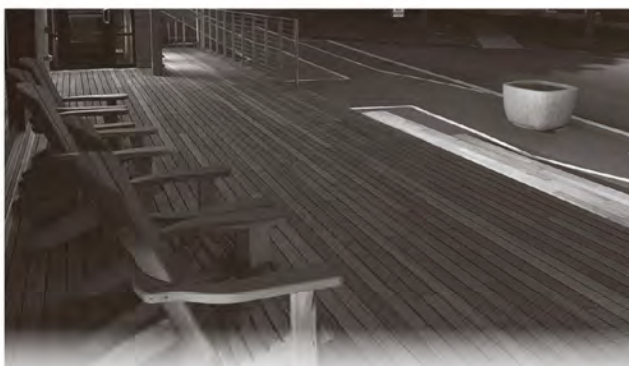


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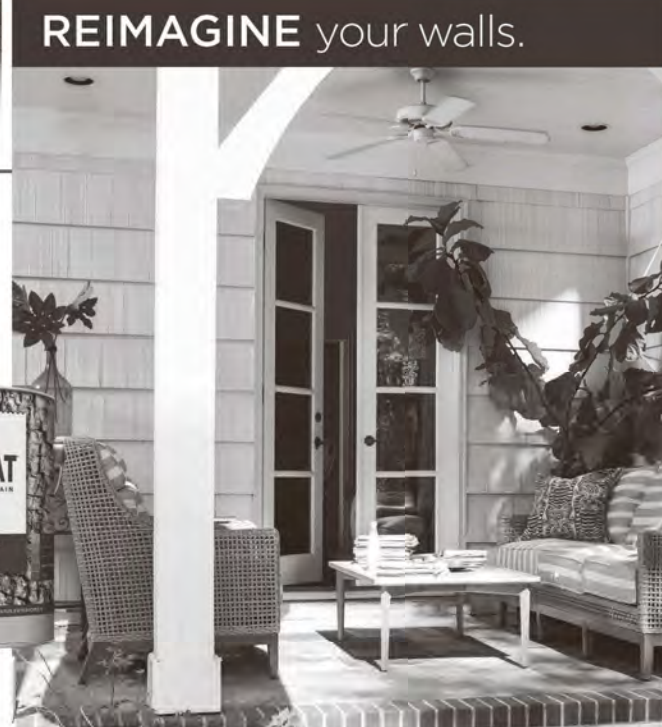
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Salisbury housing plan Budget approved at town meeting after adjustment is approved by P&Z

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) approved the Salisbury Housing Committee's (SHC) application for an affordable housing building at 11 Holley St. in Lakeville on Monday, May 17. The vote was unanimous.

The approval came with a lengthy list of conditions, including: Eight parking spaces designated for public use; chimney height must be reduced by at least 50%; the original stone and granite from the existing wall must be incorporated into the design so that the public can see it; additional cladding on modern concrete walls; white window treatments (visible from outside the building); divided light windows; a "no-loading zone" on Miller-ton Road in front of the building; signs prohibiting through traffic; the elevator must be big enough to accommodate a stretcher and emergency personnel; the garbage receptacles must be in an enclosed, ventilated area; the applicant must preserve the time capsule that is in the existing wall and relocate it to the Holley Street wall; signs warning of low clearance in the rear of the building; and a provision that the applicant may seek modification of any of the conditions, which requires a "full public process," including a public hearing.

P&Z Chairman Michael Klemens said of this last item that it should act as an incentive for the Housing Committee not to come back for modifications.

The vote ended a process that began in the fall of 2020, when the SHC submitted an application for a 13-unit building at 11 Holley St. Currently the site consists of a parking lot and a small park.

P&Z held two lengthy sessions of a public hearing, on Sept. 21 and Oct. 8, and closed the hearing on Nov. 9 after the application was withdrawn.

The SHC submitted a new application for a 12-unit building, with a different architectural design, on Feb. 4, 2021.

The public hearing on the 12-unit building began on March 8 and was continued to March 22, and again to April 14, when the hearing was closed.

The commission deliberated on April 28 and agreed to draft a resolution approving the application, with conditions.

During the lengthy process (three sessions of the public hearing which all ran for longer than four hours, plus the April 28 deliberations) concerns were raised about a wide variety of topics, including: Parking in Lakeville in general and at 11 Holley St. in particular; possible bias on the part of P&Z members; the historic significance of the site; the effect on the immediate neighbors; traffic safety; trees; lighting; the federal style of architecture; access for emergency vehicles; rights of way on nearby properties; suitability of the site for affordable housing, and discussion of other sites; financial viability of the development; and complaints about the online format.

Interest in the SHC proposal and in affordable housing in general was high. On Jan. 27, a special meeting of the Affordable Housing Commission on Zoom ended abruptly because the online format could not handle the number of people who wanted to sign in.

An abbreviated version of this article appeared in the May 20 Lakeville Journal and online at www.tricornernews.com

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Managing to accommodate both in-person and remote attendees for the annual town meeting held both at Town Hall and on Zoom, Kent taxpayers voice-voted nearly unanimous approval of the 2021-22 town budget — with one revision to the total.

Approximately 55 people attended the meeting to offer comments and ask for clarification of line items. The single change was to reduce the Civil Preparedness line by \$26,200, resulting in a new grand total for the town budget of \$13,336,529. The Board of Selectmen's operating budget is adjusted to \$4,126,227 and the Board of Education operating budget stands at \$4,686,813. The Region One budget totals \$2,509,743.

The Board of Finance met following the town meeting to estimate a mill rate of 18.57, a reduction from the current level of 18.61.

Civil Preparedness

Early in the town meeting, First Selectman Jean Speck addressed the gathering about budget concerns expressed by several residents.

"This has been a topic of conversation for two weeks," Speck said, the controversy causing "a lot of passionate talk about the budget."

At issue was the Civil Preparedness account that had seen an original request of \$31,450. That request was at first denied by the selectmen, but then reinstated to the budget in late April by the Board of Finance. At the town meeting, Speck recommended reducing that requested amount by \$26,200 to return the Civil Preparedness line to its current year budget level of \$5,250.

The propriety of the process was most of concern to Selectman Chris Garrity. "This is process only, nothing to do with the merits of the Emer-

gency Medical Services program. It is out of respect for the process," he said.

Rather than abandoning the original request to support Civil Preparedness, Speck said that her hope is that the selectmen can come back to the Board of

Finance for further discussion, while also seeking grant funding options to support Emergency Management.

One resident asked whether the town is at risk with the reduction in Emergency Management funding, and Selectman

Ed Matson responded, "No." Speck said the town still has Emergency Management staff. She added that she has some concerns about basic costs being jeopardized, but she had yielded to Garrity's concerns about process.

After some debate, Falls Village budgets move to June 4 town meeting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — About 60 people showed up at the Emergency Services Center on Friday evening, May 21, for the Board of Finance's public hearing on the education and municipal spending plans.

Attendees wore masks and maintained distance from each other (for the most part). But it was clear that people were happy to see each other and to not be witnessing the meeting on their computer screens.

Pat Mechare, chair of the town education board, went through the budget proposal for Lee H. Kellogg School (LHK).

She noted that with the passage of the Region One budget earlier this month, overall town education spending will go down some \$134,180, or 3.67%, should the spending plan be approved at town meeting.

The LHK plan's bottom

line is \$2,036,723, an increase of \$59,402 (3%).

Board of Finance Chair Dick Heinz noted that last year, as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic became apparent, the school board was asked to submit a flat budget, with no additional spending, and this was done.

"This year is make-up," Heinz said.

First Selectman Henry Todd presented the town spending plan, which at the time of the hearing stood at \$2,031,057, an increase of \$168,812 (9.06%).

One item that received some attention was an increase in salary for Economic Development Director Felicia Jones, from \$2,000 to \$10,695.

Six letters were read into the record, all in favor of the salary increase, and there were verbal expressions of support as well.

Todd reminded the assembly that last year the se-

lectmen did not add funds to the various reserve accounts, as is the usual practice, because of the uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

Replenishing those accounts makes up the bulk of the spending for 2021-22, he added.

The Board of Finance met Monday night, May 24, to decide on what to send to town meeting June 4.

At the special meeting of the Board of Finance Monday, May 24, the board recommended to town meeting the education spending plan as presented at the public hearing. After considerable discussion, the board added funds to the emergency management director and town clerk lines to bring the total for municipal spending to \$2,033,942, and recommended this amount to town meeting.

The town budget meeting is Friday, June 4, 7 p.m. at the Emergency Services Center.

Seeking candidates for 30th Senate seat

Democrats in the Northwest Corner have formed a search committee for candidates for the 2022 30th District State Senate race as well as the Litchfield Hills Probate District 2022 race.

Patricia Oris (Kent Democratic Town Committee chairperson) will chair this committee; attorney William Riiska of Salisbury will serve vice chairperson.

Also on the committee is

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OBITUARIES

Anton David Kuskin

LAKEVILLE — Anton David Kuskin, 85, professional flutist, died on his birthday, March 31, 2021.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived many years in Connecticut and Nova Scotia with his wife and companion, Sunny, with whom he shared a passion for folk art.

He founded Trio Sonata, which consisted of classic guitar, oboe and flute. They released five compact discs, and traveled throughout the United States and Canada. He had just written a book about their adventures on tour.

Anton graduated from the

Manhattan School of Music with bachelor and master's degrees. He taught at all levels, from very young children to adults.

He was the head of the music department of Indian Mountain School in Lakeville and he worked in many institutions of higher education, like the University of Connecticut and many independent schools in New England and New York.

Renowned for his talent for organizing, arranging and playing, he was also loved for his sense of humor by his many students, colleagues and friends.



John Neufeld

SALISBURY — John Neufeld, 78, died on May 16, 2021, at his home in Salisbury. He is survived by his companion of 37 years, Winston Foote.

Mr. Neufeld was born in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 14, 1938, the son of Rhoda (Padway) and Leonard Neufeld.

He was educated at Phillips Exeter and Yale, and worked in publishing from 1962 until 1969, when his groundbreaking young adult novel, "Lisa, Bright and Dark" was published.

Between the time Mr. Neufeld graduated from Exeter and Yale, he came to Salisbury, he had written for radio, television and newspapers — and published 20 novels.

Moving from Los Angeles to Salisbury in 1998, John continued to write. His work has been published by Random House, Harper's, Atheneum, Putnam, Norton, Fawcett, New American Library, Penguin and Dial — and in Spanish, Dutch, Japanese, Swedish and Malay, in addition to English.

His first book, "Edgar Allan," was a New York Times Book Review Best Books of the Year and was called "a work of art" by the New York Times. A historical mystery novel for young readers called "Gaps in Stone Walls" was nominated for the prestigious Edgar Award in 1997.

His work received American Library Association awards, was cited by Time magazine, included twice in Best Books of the year by the Sunday New York Times, and was cited for fine writing by the New England Press Association.

A recent work, called "April Fools," was set in Salisbury.

Eventually moving to Salisbury, Mr. Neufeld quickly became an integral and important member of the community. He was a vestry member at St. John's Church in Salisbury, and organized the church's annual quality used menswear sale during the annual Fall Festival.

In particular, he took an active and creative role in the Salisbury Rotary Club, where he created and implemented several highly successful programs.

Among these were the Rotary-sponsored breakfasts across the street from Town Hall in Salisbury during each presidential election; and the successful scholarship program for Northwest Corner residents who wanted to pursue a degree in nursing.

He was past president of the Salisbury Rotary Club and recipient of the Paul Harris Award, given to an outstanding Rotarian. He also served on the board of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

He shared his gift for writing prose with many residents of the Northwest Corner in his popular writing workshops.

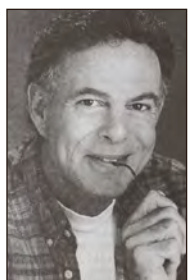
He had two podcasts on NPR Station WHDD for 11 years, called "Political Safari" and "Good News."

And he taught courses at the Taconic Learning Center.

In addition to Mr. Foote, Mr. Neufeld is survived by his sister, Jane, of Manhattan.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, at St. John's Church in Salisbury.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



Scott Brian Labshere

Scott Brian Labshere passed away on May 10, 2021, at the Tufts Medical Center with his family at his side, after a lengthy battle with heart disease. Scott was the son of Joan Labshere Hayden and the late Raymond Labshere.

Scott attended HVRHS, graduating in 1975. After high school Scott went to work for Anchor for 42 years until his retirement.

Scott enjoyed bowling, snowmobiling, mowing his lawn, cruising around in his truck, and visiting with his family.

Scott is survived by his son,

Keith Labshere and his boys Aden and Logan Labshere aoo of Canaan; his grandson, Chris Humes of North Canaan and his mother, Joan Labshere Hayden, of Clayton, Mass; his sister, Kimberly Labshere of Florida; and his brother, Layne Labshere and his wife, Cindi, of New Marlborough, Mass.

Scott was predeceased by his daughter, Tracy Labshere Humes; and his two brothers, Kevin and Adam Labshere.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, May 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Francis Joseph 'Frank' Verano

TACONIC, Conn. — Francis Joseph "Frank" Verano, 93, died Wednesday morning, May 19, 2021, at Sharon Hospital. He was the husband of Dorothy (Kreivenas) Verano.

Frank was born Jan. 21, 1928, in New Britain, Conn., son of the late Mathilda (Squillacote) and Joseph Verano.

Following graduation from high school Frank enlisted in the Army Air Force. He enlisted on June 27, 1946, and separated from the Air Force on May 18, 1949, having earned the rank of sergeant.

Frank played football in high school and into the military. In 1947 he was named the Outstanding Player in the Grape Bowl in Exeter, Calif. After the military Frank entered college, earned his BS degree and became a physical education teacher.

He taught in both the Plainville and New Britain School systems and was actively involved with the New Britain rec program during the summer months.

Never one to stand still, Frank raised Christmas trees and had an orchard with more than 80 apple trees. An avid hunter and fisherman he was known in the Northwest Corner as "The Great White Hunter" and "Mr. Salmon." Frank

also made salmon lures.

He served the Town of Salisbury as a constable. He was the first constable presented a badge by the officers of State Police Troop B in North Canaan.

Frank also had a love of animals.

In addition to his wife Frank is survived by his five children; 11 grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren. Special remembrances are held for his two daughters, Evelyn Caron and her husband, Ken, of Forestville, Conn., and their two sons, Brandon and Daniel of Plainville, Conn.; and Katherine Verano and her daughter, Kaitlyn, both of Waterford, Conn.

Frank was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Vinelli.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 24 in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan. Burial with full military honors followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Memorial service:

The Rev. Richard Taber

SALISBURY — A memorial service for the Rev. Richard Taber, who died on Monday, May 24, 2021, will be held at the Salisbury Congregational

Church on Saturday, May 29, at 4 p.m.

A full obituary will appear in a future issue of The Lakeville Journal.

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Alice Marie (Tanner) Tweed

LAKEVILLE — Alice Marie (Tanner) Tweed, 81, of Lime Rock Road passed away surrounded by her daughters on Saturday afternoon, May 22, 2021.

She was the widow of Thomas Edward Tweed, who passed on Nov. 13, 2003.

Alice was born at home in Millerton, daughter of the late Bertha (McCauley) and Arthur Tanner.

Alice is survived by her siblings, Arthur Tanner Jr. of Millerton, Helena "Lena" Francis of Millerton, Virginia "Ginny" Whitbeck of Lakeville, Gloria "Glory" Stickle of Pine Plains, Beverly "Bev" Stickle of Millerton, Diane Baker of Millerton and Charles "Charlie" Tanner of Millerton. She was predeceased by her loving sisters, Shirley Rivard, Carol Call and Cecelia Ralph.

Alice and Tom raised four children together, Christine Pease of Florida, Gary Tweed of Norfolk and Alison Tripp and Cheryl Duntz, both of North Canaan. She is also survived by her four grandsons; four granddaughters; and 10

great-grandchildren, all of whom she cherished.

Alice was an avid gardener and you would often find her on the lawnmower. She loved being part of the Trinity family and devoted much of her time volunteering on many committees.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock; burial will follow in Lime Rock Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Alice's name may be made to either Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, CT 06039; or the Jane Lloyd Fund, c/o Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 N. Main St., Sheffield, MA 01257-0400.

The family would like to thank Foothills Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County, especially Marsha Brown and Elder Care of Norfolk for all their care.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.



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MEMORIAL DAY

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Salisbury

There will not be a parade this year. There will be a brief ceremony at Town Hall, tentatively scheduled for 7 a.m. (check with Town Hall for details).

Sharon

A parade will leave from the Sharon Center School parking area at Main Street at 10 a.m. Any veterans who feel that the 1-mile walk through town to the war memorial is challenging may meet at the memorial, where a service will begin at approximately 10:15 a.m.

TICKS

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clothing makes it easier to find ticks on your body. Wearing a repellent containing 20% DEET or lemon eucalyptus oil helps keep the bloodsuckers at bay. Permethrin is also highly recommended.

When returning from an outing, conduct a full-body tick check, and don't forget to do the same with pets. Some people suggest that a soapy shower and shampoo are excellent ways to keep ticks from embedding in a host.

The Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) offers the following guidance for removing an embedded tick: Using a fine-point tweezers, grasp the tick at the place of attachment, as close to the skin as possible. Pull the tick straight out. Try

not to squeeze the body.

If submitting the tick for testing, place it in a plastic bag or small container. The tick does not need to be alive.

Then wash your hands and disinfect the tweezers and the bite site using rubbing alcohol.

TAHD encourages people to call their doctor for advice on treatment, especially if they experience a fever or rash, since about 25% of ticks are infected with Lyme disease. Removing a tick within two or three hours may prevent disease transmission. "We encourage everyone to do tick checks all year long and to be tick aware — but we also strongly encourage everyone to be in the outdoors for all the health benefits fresh air and exercise offer," said Stansfield.

DEHNEL

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river, Wilson said. According to reports, Dehnel swung out over the river and landed in the water. Something appears to have trapped him under the surface.

Using sonar, the rescue teams tried to find the missing man, to no avail.

"There's a lot of debris in there, and it's deep," Wilson said.

The Housatonic appears to be much more placid than it actually is, especially in spring when the water is at its deepest. In addition to fast-moving water, there are also rocks and weeds below the surface that can grab swimmers and pull them down.

Extreme caution is recommended at these sites. State and local officials as well as nearby property owners remind visitors that parking is not allowed on the narrow roadsides near the river. When cars are parked along the shoulder of the roads, it becomes extremely difficult for emergency and rescue vehicles to get by.

KIRBY

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the bank during practice.)

Blass recalled a moment from early in his minor league career. Calling Kirby from Dubuque, Iowa, he told his coach that things were not going well.

Kirby replied, "Well, you'd better work on your curve ball, because there isn't much back here for you."

Kirby's widow, Mary, thanked everyone for coming. "I know he's up there," she said. "I know he's applauding."

To wind up the ceremony, HVRHS facilities manager Jeff Lloyd tugged at the blue tarp and revealed the new scoreboard, with "Ed Kirby Field" emblazoned at the top.

Plant sale, May 29-30

FALLS VILLAGE — The Homegrown Plant Sale of the D. M. Hunt Library will be held on Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday May 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, or to donate plants, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org.



MLB CHAMPION

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year (see story, Page A1).

"I would not have missed that. There was no way I was not going to be here for that," said Blass. "He was a big influence on my life. He helped me with all my journey through baseball."

On Saturday morning, Blass, who played in the MLB for 10 years and won the 1971 World Series with the Pittsburgh Pirates, was greeted on the mound by both the Pirates from North Canaan and the Tri-Town Red Sox from Litchfield.

Signing players' baseballs, gloves and even some of the jerseys they were still wearing, Blass gave advice and joked around with the players and their families.

"You know what the best pitch in baseball is? It's not a fastball, not a curve ball," he said. "It's a strike."

Before handing out trophies to the undefeated All-Star team of last year, which could not be celebrated due to COVID-19 restrictions at the end of the season, Pirates coach David Moran welcomed the crowd before honoring two people the community lost in recent years: Dena Solan, a longtime umpire and a familiar face who died in 2019, and Shea Cohen, a high

school student from Falls Village who died last year.

"At this time we would like to remember two prominent individuals whose memory could never be erased," Moran said as two banners honoring Solan and Cohen were unveiled.

After a moment of silence, the microphone was handed to Blass who spoke to the crowd about his love for both baseball and his hometown.

"It's so great to come back home, not just to the field but to see friends and family," said Blass. "I've been accused, and rightfully so, of going down to McDonald's and getting a Quarter Pounder and sitting on the fence out there, just looking at this field."

Blass got his own banner, honoring 60 years of working with the Pittsburgh Pirates, as well as a signed team photo



PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

MLB Champion Steve Blass threw the first pitch of the game between the Tri-Town Red Sox out of Litchfield and the Pirates from North Canaan on Saturday, May 22.

from last year's undefeated All-Star team, before heading out to the mound to deliver his pitch and start the game.

"Baseball is good for so many reasons, not the least of which is that it can remove you momentarily from issues, and of course nothing recently has

been bigger than COVID-19," Blass said.

"To have the reopening of the country and the world, and to have baseball be part of it, I don't care if it's Little League or the major leagues or the World Series, it's nice to know that baseball can be a part of that."

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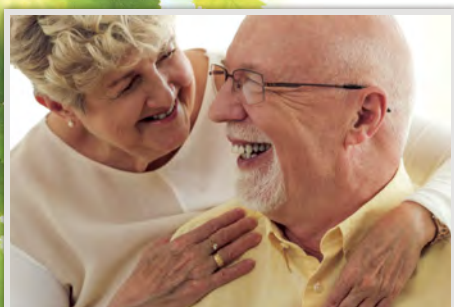
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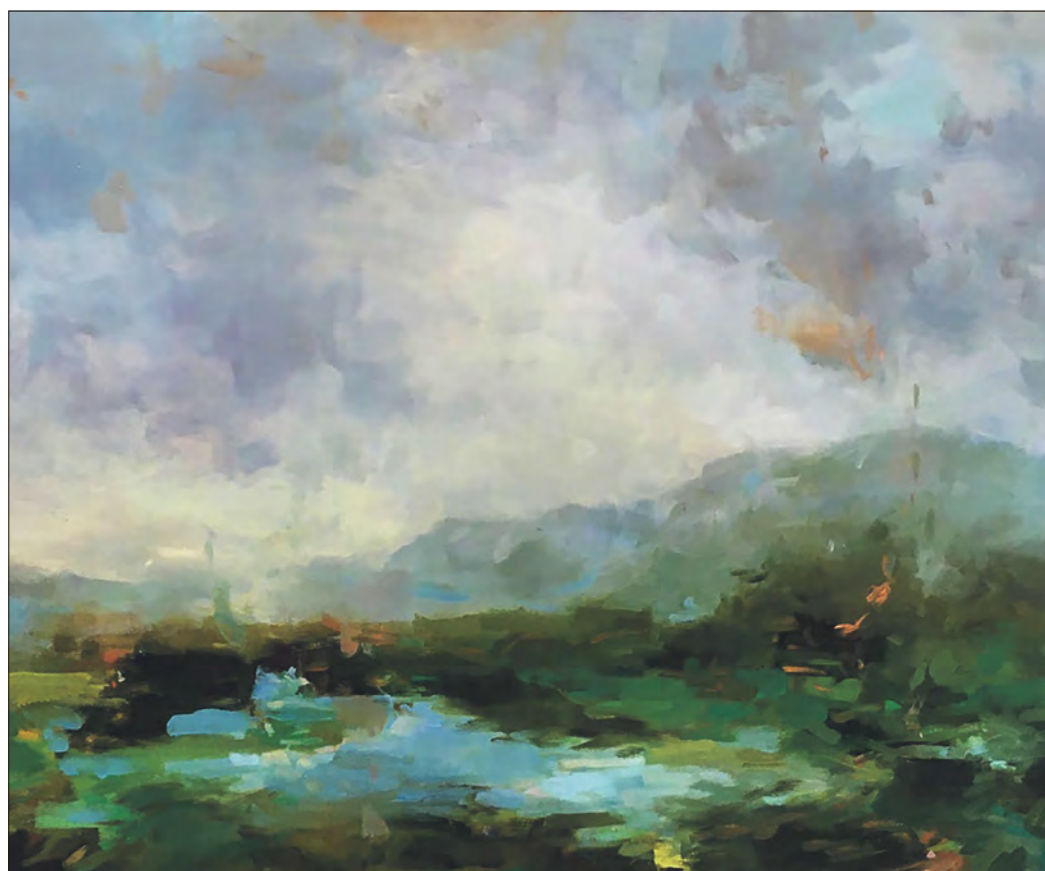
Paintings Inspired by the Drama of the California Coast

Argazzi Art now has work on display from Suzanne Onodera, a painter who was born and raised on the West Coast but now lives in Ithaca, N.Y.

"I met Suzanne though another artist, who shows with her in California," said Argazzi Art owner Judith Singelis. "I had been looking at her work for a long time. She paints wonderfully, the strong brushwork and dynamic palette."

Onodera says of her work that, "These large-scale oil paintings depict a mood of unrest in the turbulent skies, mountain fires and deep azure pools, illustrating humankind's connection to place and nature" and addressing "themes of decay, loneliness, stewardship and regeneration; yet always present in the work is the beautiful, the mysterious and the ambiguous."

Singelis has six pieces by Onodera in the gallery on Main Street in Lake-



Suzanne Onodera's oil on canvas work, such as "Inlet" in this photo, takes inspiration from the California coastline but is not site specific. A new show of her work is at Argazzi Art in Lakeville, Conn.

PHOTO COURTESY ARGAZZI GALLERY

ville, Conn. They will be in the gallery until mid July, Singelis said.

Because of ongoing COVID-19 caution, there

will not be an opening party, but make an appointment to come in.

For information on Argazzi Art at 22 Millerton

Road/Route 44 in Lakeville, Conn., call 860-435-8222, email info@argazzi-art.com and go online to www.argazziart.com.



PHOTO BY PAUL B. GOODE

The Paul Taylor Dance Company, in residence this summer at PS21 in Chatham, N.Y., will perform "Company B" (photo above) as well as *Esplanade*, *The Green Table*, and *Aureole*.

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There is also PS21 Chatham/Pathways, where workshops and performances take place outdoors on the 100-acre campus's trails.

More traditional cultural offerings include the Modern Opera Fest, this year featuring three new

operas: "The Extinctionist," "Pan" and "Ipsa Dixit."

This year the Paul Taylor Dance Company is in residence and performing *Company B*, *Esplanade*, *The Green Table*, and *Aureole*; and "I am every woman," monologues directed by Nicole Ansari.

Chamber music offerings include the Escher String Quartet and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

For ticket information and schedules, go to www.ps21chatham.org.

— Cynthia Hochswender

TRUE TALES OF TRUMP & SPIES

In the first live-author appearance in over a year at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Barry Meier will be interviewed by Hotchkiss Library trustee and investigative journalist Brian Ross on Thursday, June 3, at 7 p.m. outside on the lawn.

Meier's investigation of private spying is detailed in "Spooked: The Trump Dossier, Black Cube and the Rise of Private Spies," about the shadowlands of private spying companies, the efforts of the media and government to understand this new billion-dollar business, and its impact on our everyday lives.

Meier is a former New York Times reporter who has won the George Polk Award for Investigative Reporting twice.

His earlier work, "Pain Killer," chronicled Purdue Pharma, its owners, the Sackler Family, and its best-known product, OxyContin.

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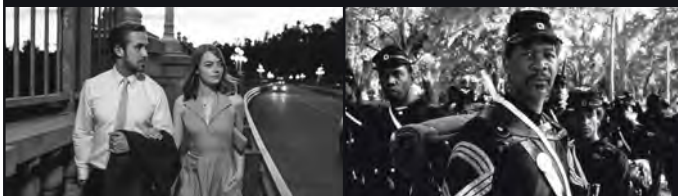
Selections include *Nimrod* from *Enigma Variations* (Edward Elgar); *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair* (Claude Debussy); *Moorside Suite*, *March* (Gustav Holst); *Second Waltz* (Dmitri Shostakovich); *New World Symphony* (Dvorak); *What Sweeter Music* (John Rutter); *Kind and Gentle* (Matt Finley); and a world premiere adaptation of the organ arrangement of *Greensleeves* by the late Dr. Hampson Sisler.

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Two Illustrators Who Spoke to the American Soul

The Eric Sloane Museum opened to the public again on May 7, on the campus of the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association on Route 7 in Kent, Conn.

In advance of the opening, the small museum — dedicated to the painter and craftsman — hosted a talk about another creator of images that spoke to the eye, mind and soul of America: Norman Rockwell.

The talk was offered to a Zoom audience on Saturday, April 10.

Leading the presentation titled “Eric Sloane and Norman Rockwell: Art for the Printed Page” was Stephanie Plunkett, a resident of Sharon, Conn., and the deputy director and chief curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.

She also leads the Rockwell Center for American Visual Studies.

Introducing and facilitating the talk was Andrew

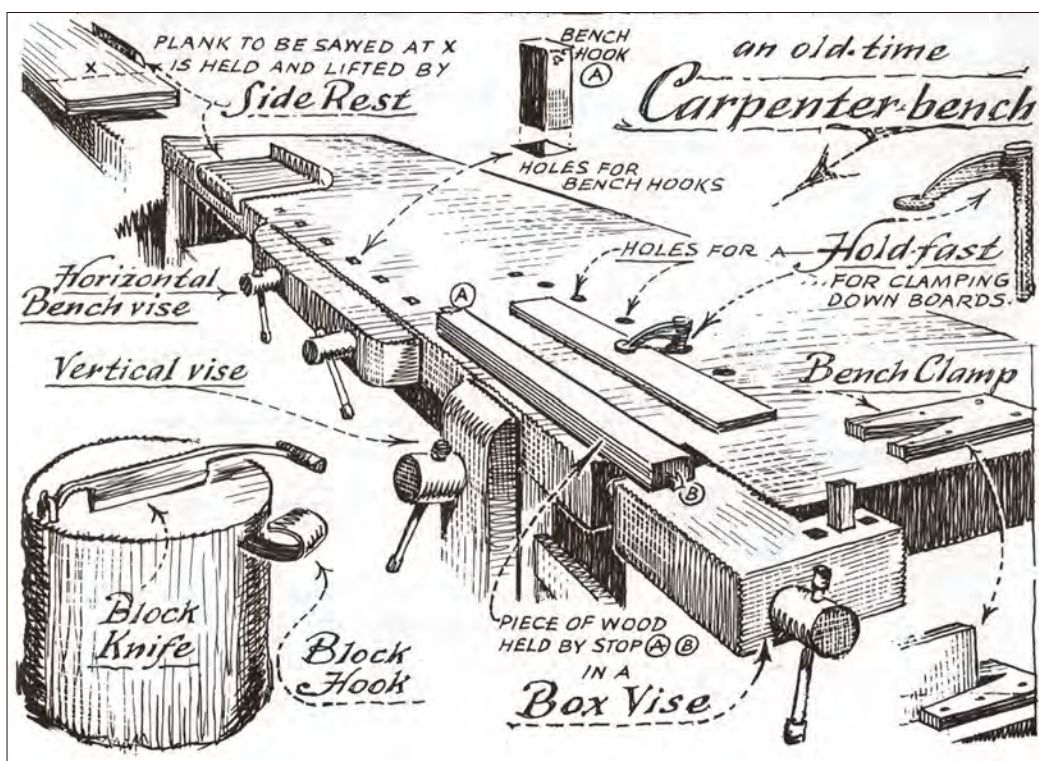


ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC SLOANE

Rowand, curator of the Eric Sloane Museum in Kent.

Alternating between the two “venerated visual chroniclers” and examples of their works, Plunkett described the selected “images speaking about and to humanity.”

In the mid-20th century, visual communication was through print media: books, magazines, pictures.

The two artists were contemporaries of one another (Rockwell was nine years the elder), but too busy to be buddies. There is only a fragment of evidence found in a handwritten note indicating that their paths had even crossed, Plunkett said, with Rockwell having asked Sloane for the address of a New Jersey artist.

THEIR DOORS WERE OPEN

Both artists were visual communicators who opened their studios to visitors, Plunkett noted, and

both produced substantial bodies of work. Sloane created an estimated 15,000 pieces and Rockwell, 4,000 cover story and advertising illustrations.

Sloane was known for his work in pen and ink and also as a foremost expert on early tools and Colonial American architecture, with a vast collection of tools (many of which are on display at the Sloane Museum in Kent) and a sought-after knowledge of wood.

Sloane was a prolific sign painter, adept at free-

The Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, Conn., now open, includes early American tools like this bench, which Sloane illustrated in his book, “A Museum of Early American Tools.”

hand lettering and typeface design, a talent he used as a young man to finance a trip across the country to the American West, Plunkett said. He found his way to Taos, N.M., a region he sourced for inspiration in sketches of the Western landscape.

Both artists studied at the Art Students League in New York City, but not at the same time.

Rockwell was a promising student who honed his talent for detail in his art, eventually using photographs for reference in capturing emotional facial detail for his paintings. Noteworthy among them were his Saturday Evening Post covers. Most everyone of a certain age can cite favorites among those.

“Rockwell created visual narratives that shaped our

culture and aspirations,” Plunkett explained.

LIFE'S ILLUSIONS, AND CLOUDS

Meanwhile, the multi-faceted Sloane was achieving additional success as a mapmaker, muralist and cartoonist. He was captivated by clouds against the sky. In fact, his first “clouds” painting was purchased by none other than Amelia Earhart.

He went on to create a giant “clouds” mural, which can be seen at the Smithsonian’s Air and Space Museum.

Although Sloane’s home and studio stood in Warren, Conn., the Eric Sloane Museum is in Kent on Route 7, on the grounds of the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association.

Rowand explained that the Stanley Works company in New Britain, Conn., had partnered with Sloane on the museum, attracted by his vast collections and knowledge of old tools.

Because the company owned property in Kent, they built a building at the present museum location, to house and display the tools. Later they donated the museum and its property to the State of Connecticut for management of the project. Sloane’s studio has been moved from Warren to the museum’s campus.

The talk was recorded and may be viewed on the website of the Eric Sloane Museum, www.eric sloane.com.

For now, because of COVID-19 precautions, reservations are required to arrange visits to the museum, which is managed by the State Historic Preservation office.

For more information about the Norman Rockwell Museum, go to www.nrm.org.

It is open for visits now, but reservation times must be arranged in advance and all protocols followed.

The fall festival of the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association is tentatively set for Sept. 24 to 26; go to www.ctantiquemachinery.com.

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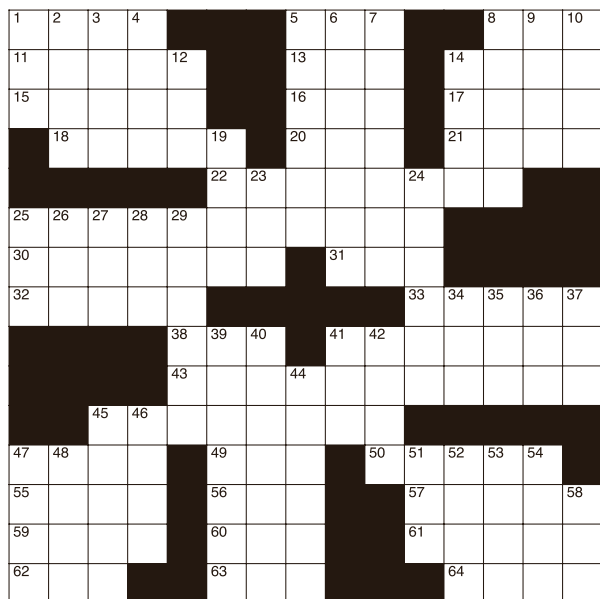
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- Prevents harm to young
- “Losing My Religion” rockers
- Partner to pan
- Cavalry unit
- Peyton’s little brother
- Mexican dish
- Disseminates info to the public
- Set an animal on
- Canadian flyers
- Elongated mouths of anthropods
- I (German)
- Opposite of west
- Grows
- Measures how quickly a car moves
- One who has gained wealth
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Extensive landed property
- Male aristocrat
- For each
- More fidgety
- Very happy
- A place to store info
- Helps to heal
- 12th month (abbr.)
- Broad, shallow craters
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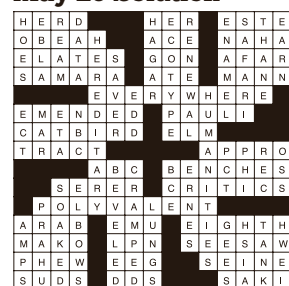
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- Formal close (music)
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- A way to occupy a certain area
- Draws out
- His Airness
- Nocturnal rodents
- South American plants
- Homestead
- Bland or semiliquid food
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- Relaxing place
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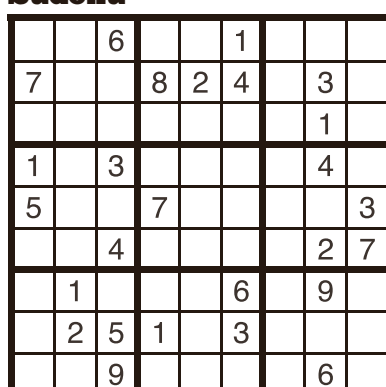


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- Tyrant
- Unit of electrical resistance
- A history of one’s life
- Actor DiCaprio
- Sea eagle
- Avoiding being caught
- de Mornay, actress
- Belonging to a thing
- Not us
- Motorcars
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- Grant, actor
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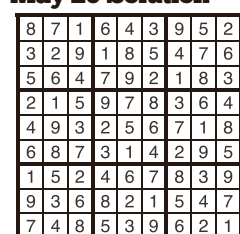
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EDITORIAL

One unifying moment

Remembering the fallen, welcoming summertime

The Tri-state area has over the years been home to reliably annual gatherings that have happened here every Memorial Day. The day's observances were planned thoughtfully and respectfully by groups of veterans and citizens in each town who care deeply about the sacrifices made by their neighbors who gave their all in the service of their country.

The onset of COVID-19 last year changed everything, as we all know. There were ceremonies and parades that had traditionally been part of Memorial Day but had to be put on hold. This day is seen as the opening of summertime as well as a time to honor the fallen. And the summer of 2020 was unlike any other in memory.

The ceremonies in each area town are extraordinary, as well as moving and profound communal experiences for all who attend. And each town's Memorial Day commemorations are unique to that place, with emphasis on whatever it is that holds the most meaning for that town's citizens. Here's hoping new residents will take part this year and see a side of their town they haven't yet.

What the activities of the day all have in common is the building of community spirit while honoring the fallen. All those who participate share a part of something larger than themselves. They all play a role in honoring those from their communities who gave their lives in the service of their country, while gathering to connect with one another. Being able to do that this year can only be seen as a gift none of us will ever again take for granted.

In each town, large crowds have historically come out for the parades. In towns where they are done separately, not as many come together for the cemetery commemorations, but this year that could be different. We should all be grateful to assemble to remember and honor the sacrifices made by veterans to ensure the freedoms of those they left behind at home.

Many of those who are reading this will attend the Memorial Day events in their towns, and will feel the effects for days and weeks to come. Let's agree to continue to hold onto that sense of community as our towns move forward and face problems that will be better solved if we realize we are all moving together toward the same goals, as we feel so strongly and poignantly on Memorial Day.

Gratitude for help after automobile accident

On the night of April 12 my younger sister and I and our sons, ages 2 and 11, were in a car accident on Rt. 44 in North Canaan. We were returning from a fun day at the Mystic Aquarium, and we were almost home when a car hit our vehicle, causing it to roll several times, totaling my sister's car. Fortunately, no one in our car was seriously injured.

I want to thank everyone who helped us that night. Emergency crews from both North Canaan and Norfolk responded to the scene, and the EMTs were wonderful, professional, calming, and skillful.

The actual first responder to the accident was a brave local teenager, Elijah Thomson. In the moments after we were hit and the car came to a rest on its roof, I was stunned and disoriented in the pitch-black darkness.

As I fumbled with my seatbelt, young Elijah reached his hand into the ruined car and told us that he was there to help, and his steady presence did help us more than words can express.

We are also grateful for the kindness of other drivers who stopped to help before the professionals arrived — the woman who gave us blankets and encouragement, and other individuals who stayed with us until the ambulances arrived. As I write this, "thank you" seems so insufficient, but if you are one of the folks who stopped to help us that night, I want you to know how grateful we are that you were there.

Tarah Kennedy

Salisbury



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

Salisbury stream



PHOTO BY JANE STRONG

The scent of a poppy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reflections on Memorial Day

Next Monday, we will remember those who died while serving in the U.S. military. For most Americans, these last wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were not only the longest in U.S. history, but also perhaps the least understood. This may be due in part to the fact that there was no draft and also because the issues have been murky and unresolved. Still, the United States has lost over 7,036 military members in those two countries.

We take this day to remember those who lost their lives while serving because it is the right thing to do. These men and women raised their hands and said they would give their

lives to protect our Constitution and our way of life. That's what they signed up for and whatever happened after that depends upon whom you ask. But we can't ask these folks. Their war stories will remain with their battle buddies, their friends and their families.

It is easy to question what makes a young person stand up for this commitment. Some join to get an education that their families could not afford. Some have family traditions that include military service. Some are trying to create order in their lives. Almost all want to be part of something larger than themselves.

No matter what the reason,

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — May 1921
SALISBURY — A pleasant party was enjoyed last Thursday by Master Paul Parsons and six of his young friends. Everyone had a fine time.

ORE HILL — Miss Mary O'Loughlin is assisting Mrs. Shaw at the Interlaken Inn which opens this week for the season.

A fund is being raised to provide a Ford car for Miss Frink's work for the Salisbury Association and The Child Welfare League. It is earnestly desired that anyone interested in this work should send a contribution, however small, for it is needed and will be welcome.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. W.W. Norton, Treas.

LIME ROCK — Jack Frost was in town Monday night.

LAKEVILLE — The Robbins Burrall Trust Co. have just received a large portrait of Samuel S. Robbins who was one of the founders of Robbins Burrall and Co. in 1874. This portrait is the gift of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah R. Lyman and of the children of his daughter, Mary R. Church.

50 years ago — May 1971

A raging fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the 80-year-old Interlaken Inn, a resort hotel and Lakeville landmark, early Thursday morning, May 20. No one was seriously injured in the four-alarm blaze, but inn manager William D. Rogers and nine other men who had been sleeping in the inn while doing work there narrowly escaped with their lives. Two paperhangers had to jump from a second-story window. Anthony J. Peters, Interlaken's president, estimated the loss at about \$500,000.

SALISBURY — Nelson Whitbeck, chairman of the Salisbury Sewer Commission, stated Friday that the commission will announce within the next month when new users of the recently constructed sewer lines may connect their houses to the laterals which have been brought to property lines by the commission.

Among winners of the "Concern" scholarship awards for 1971-72 are Douglas McArthur and Harold Fischer, both of Lakeville. Mr. McArthur, named the Martin Luther King Memorial scholar, will be a junior at Central Connecticut State College. Mr. Fischer, who received the Dorothy Haven Memorial Award, also will attend Central Connecticut.

Glass bottles for recycling have been accepted at the Salisbury Town Disposal Area, on the Erickson Farm for six weeks and the tractor truck has been filled. Another empty one will replace it. For a new volunteer venture, the project has worked quite well with most of the "cooperators" bringing bottles in cartons and also piling them properly in place. Harold Erickson said he has had to do very little in enforcement on repiling.

Lakeville firemen extinguished a grass fire Monday afternoon on the property of Theodore Woolsey on Belgo Road. The Woolseys, who live in Beloit, Wis., had just reopened their home here for the summer. Firemen said Mr. Woolsey had told them he had found a dead mouse in the house and had placed it in a

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McCarthyism: now and then

Every now and then the legislative chambers of the United States are incumbered with a McCarthy — some GOP power politician with sights solely focused on his own preeminence — his domination, lofty status, sheer joy in making or breaking policy, people, peers, national pride and purpose. For over 70 years, McCarthyism has been defined as reckless, unsubstantiated accusations, as well as public attacks on the character or patriotism of a political opponent.

Back then, which in the late 1940s and 1950s, Joe McCarthy perpetrated the Red Scare. He burnt books, subpoenaed and blacklisted masses, ruined lives and saw Un-American in all but himself. McCarthy claimed to have the names of 57 communist traitors. He also claimed a false number of air missions to qualify for the Distinguished Flying Cross. McCarthy's chief counsel was none other than Roy Cohn. Across his tenure, Former 45

endlessly lamented not having Roy Cohn as his legal weapon — Barr didn't stand the test, not lethal enough, didn't denounce a legit election.

In the now, Kevin McCarthy clamors to be Speaker of a House he is content to have invaded, its members threatened, and its constitutional imperatives stomped on. The current Kevin McCarthy speaks with multi tongues — some days the 2020 election was stolen, some days Biden is unquestionably the rightful president. In our times, Kevin McCarthy limply leads a House GOP to vote against legislation — laws protecting democracy, securing the Capitol, ensuring voting rights as is American. This McCarthy impedes truth, casts truth from his leadership team, runs over his own representative to prevent the formation of a January 6 Commission.

Starkly in contrast to the McCarthy's is retired Army Ranger Colonel Ralph Puckett, a man of valor, a Korean

War hero. At 94, Puckett recently rolled into his Metal of Honor ceremony, stood tall, back straight, chest full of profound character — a man who refused to abandon his troops, who, badly wounded, led, saved lives and gave of himself to his country.

These three government guys enter a Hall

Only the Colonel stands true and tall

Three government guys enter a Hall

Only the Colonel answers his country's call

Three government guys chose to serve

Only the Colonel the Metal of Honor deserved

Three government guys stood side to side

Only the Colonel knows honor, has pride

Three government guys perhaps all smart

Only the Colonel has decency, brave heart

Kathy Herald-Marlowe

Sharon

Because of Memorial Day early deadline, letters for the June 3 issue are due on Friday, May 28, at noon.

History matters

I wonder how many residents of Salisbury are aware of the significance of the Lakeville Historic District. Do they know that 800 of the 1,000 cannons used in the American Revolutionary War were produced at Ethan Allen's forge in the Holley Street Block? Or that many of the cannonballs used in that war also were made there? Do they know that General Washington required a 24-hour militia to guard that forge so that the British did not get hold of it?

Do they know there might not have been a United States of America without our local iron ore and the inventive people who used it? These are just a few reasons that the Holley Block's history is so important to Lakeville. More emphasis should be made on publicizing this and so much later history there.

Maura Wolf

Salisbury

Accepting happiness

Happy days are here again
The skies above are clear again
Trees are blossoming all around
Flowers spurt from the ground
Temps are rising, skin is warming
Bees are soon to be swarming
In the car taking a local trip
Writing this ditty as a quip
Views are beautiful and grand
Nothing but beauty, nothing bland
So! let's be thankful one and all
And let no troubles on us befall

With apologies and acknowledgments to Yellen and Ager.

Michael Kahler

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Should Trump be banned from Facebook, Twitter?

"Not freedom for the thought of those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought that we hate."

IF YOU ASK ME
DICK AHLES

This profound observation on free speech by the great American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes has exceptions, which Holmes made clear in another First Amendment decision by noting that "speech that is false and dangerous is not protected" and no one is permitted the freedom of "shouting 'fire' in a crowded theater, causing panic."

The Holmes remarks came to mind when pondering the decision by Facebook and Twitter to ban former president Trump indefinitely after he inspired a crowd to storm the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Holmes's words on the thoughts we hate are from a dissenting opinion in a 1929 Supreme Court decision that blocked the citizenship application of a Hungarian immigrant named Rosika Schwimmer.

Schwimmer, in applying for the application, revealed that as a pacifist, she would not be willing to take up arms in defense of the United States. Even though Americans then, as now, had the right to conscientiously object to military service, the majority ruled that Schwimmer did not enjoy a citizen's rights.

Over the years, Holmes's ideas about limits on free speech had evolved. In 1919, he was part of a unanimous Court finding that the distribution of anti-draft leaflets represented a clear and present danger to government recruitment in wartime. He even likened the leafletting to falsely shouting fire in a theater.

But when wartime fever subsided, Holmes had second thoughts and in another leaflets case aimed at Russian immigrants supporting the Bolshevik Revolution. "A silly leaflet by unknown men," he wrote, was not a clear and present danger to the nation and "should not be illegal."

So how does all of this judicial thinking apply to the facts surrounding former president Trump's loss of the use of Facebook and Twitter because of

the role his words played in inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection?

This final act of Trump's tumultuous presidency resulted in death and destruction when his supporters attacked the Capitol while Congress was counting the 2020 electoral votes. It was surely akin to falsely shouting fire in a crowded theater and was both dangerous and false. And it was definitely not a silly speech by an unknown person.

But Facebook is a private company and such organizations are not subject to the First Amendment. However, that doesn't mean the ban was fair and proper and Facebook had an independent committee of notables conduct an inquiry into its actions against Trump.

Former federal judge Michael McConnell, the co-chairman of that independent committee, has pointed out there was no violation of the First Amendment because private companies can, indeed, violate the amendment. Facebook and other social media can block whatever it deems unsuitable for whatever reason. However, they do so at the risk of offending public opinion, also known as their customers. Not to mention the trust busters in Congress, who can and do make laws upholding freedom of speech.

The committee also noted Facebook doesn't treat all of its users equally and needs to take a hard look at its standards before it finds Congress taking a hard look at its anti-trust status. It criticized Trump's ban and asked Facebook to reconsider.

What could amount to a lifetime ban on a former president, no matter how disreputable his conduct, is troubling. This is especially true in Trump's case if he follows through on his threat to run again in 2024. Every candidate should enjoy equal opportunity to reach voters.

And even though the First

Amendment doesn't apply here, our collective consciences should not ignore Holmes's admonition about the truth we agree with and the truth we hate.

While writing this column, I came upon another memorable admonition that has haunted me since I first read it as a student. It was made in 1930s by the great German theologian Martin Neimoller:

"First they came for the socialists but I did not speak out because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists but I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews but I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me."

And I thought maybe it was time to speak out, even for Donald Trump.

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Why can't we conquer the Big C?

What is "non small lung cancer"? I am seeing the term all over these days, especially on those abhorrent TV ad disclaimers stating that if you take such-and-such a drug, you risk such minor side effects, like death.

The mother of our 20-year-old daughter is undergoing heavy chemo. I am not talking out of school. The wonderful writer and thinker, Betsy Howie, has been writing about it on Facebook, taking what I think is a unique tack. She does not speak of battling the disease, but rather that this is a negotiation with her body. We always hear about fighting cancer; this is a new approach.

It is most extraordinary how many women, after Betsy came forward, have come forward as well, with their stories of strength and resolve. Perhaps not extraordinary at all. Solidarity.

Here's a thought. When JFK was elected president, he declared we were going to the moon. Three years later we landed, despite moon-landing deniers, whom I put into the same barrel of cobras with anti-vaxxers, Stop the Steal louts and guys like Dad of the Year Cruz shielding his kids away from the freezing cold in Texas and Fist-Raising Hawley, did you fashion yourself a Black Power Dude?, egging on (hey did anyone throw rotten eggs? probably not, they were too busy hurling projectiles against Capitol Hill windows as they continued their peaceful and normal "tour" of the Citadel of our democracy.)

(What's happening at The Citadel these days? Are any of the women graduates advancing? Or was it all just window/shopping/dressing?)

Non small cell lung cancer. Non small, like in large? John Wayne on the cover of the New York Post after his cancer operation: "I licked the Big C."

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Wayne, who had emptied enough bottles and filled up as many ash trays as anyone alive, was bragging.

But what if he had bragged, True-Grit style, at pressuring the government to find cures for the many types of The Big C.?

Back to the nation's resolve. To the moon. Isn't that where Jackie Gleason as the bus driver Ralph Kramden in "The Honeymooners" was going Spousal abuse?

Maybe we need Gleason, almost always sucking on a cig.

A friend I spoke to today said that his wife is a 14-year fourth stage survivor. It can be done. This negotiation can work. But not without the science. Not without the moon-landing resolve.

Another friend speaks of her sister thinking of giving up chemo because it is just too much, after long and torturous struggles of backs and forths, taking advantage of Ontario, Canada's program of Assisted Dying. Her partner, whom she was about to marry, is a strong Roman Catholic. John says, "I will always love you but I cannot assist." It is his faith and you cannot deny him that strongest of belief.

Resolve. A few years back Joe Biden seemed to have that when he was going to tackle the Big C and punch it like he would have punched Schlumpf in the schoolyard. "I'll beat him like a drum."

Where are you, Joe (DiMaggio)? Hit it out of the park, Mr. Scranton. It could be your most lasting contribution.

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Alternative, sustainable energy: fuel cells

Dear EarthTalk: What's the latest on hydrogen powered fuel cells? Not long ago they were touted as the energy source of the future, but news has been scant of late.
— J. Gorman, Columbia, S.C.

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Indeed, around the turn of the millennium, the development of hydrogen fuel cells to power our transportation sector with renewable, non-polluting power was all the rage among environmentalists and techies alike. Fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen via an electrochemical reaction to make electricity, with water as the only "exhaust." The first crude fuel cells were invented in England in the 1830s, but the technology really gained momentum in the 1960s when NASA developed them for the space program.

Unlike traditional batteries, which need to be regularly recharged, fuel cells operate continuously as long as they have a steady supply of oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is available anywhere and anytime from the air around us. Hydrogen, though also one of the planet's most common elements, isn't easily separated from the compound molecules it is usually part of. So, either gasification or electrolysis are used to separate the hydrogen out. But this requires copious amounts of energy, which is most often derived from fossil fuel sources, calling into question just how sustainable fuel cells actually may be.

Start-ups working on fuel cells for the auto industry (Ballard Power, Plug Power) became the darlings of investors in the 1990s and 2000s, but in the intervening two decades hybrids and EVs started to take over the auto sector instead of cars powered by hydrogen, and fuel cell makers shifted most of their attention to the aviation industry. So, what happened? Why aren't we all driving around in fuel cell cars today?

One major hurdle was the lack of a refueling infrastructure. Internal combustion cars and trucks (and hybrids) can get gasoline at just about every other corner and highway exit across the country. Meanwhile, EV drivers just need an electrical outlet, one of the most ubiquitous pieces of "infrastructure" in our world, to recharge their cars' batteries for the next 80-200 miles.

But if you do happen to drive one of the 300 fuel cell vehicles sold (or leased) in the U.S. in recent years—Toyota Mirai or Honda Clarity, to name a few, you'll have to find a hydrogen refueling station to keep the road trip alive. And if you don't live in California, home to 43 of the nation's 48 hydrogen refueling stations thanks to the forward-looking state's Clean Transpor-

tation Program, a fuel cell vehicle probably doesn't make a lot of sense.

While fuel cells may not have lived up to their initial hype as the future of the automotive transportation sector, they are playing an increasingly larger role in powering various aspects of the aviation and aerospace industries, where hydrogen production and refueling operations can be relatively centralized. Another growth area for fuel cells is stationary applications. Our existing natural gas distribution system could be modified to pipe hydrogen into our buildings to feed fuel cells to take care of our energy needs. While fuel cells alone may not be the answer to our environmental problems, they are proving to be one of the arrows in the quiver of those trying to be part of the solution.

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Lily of the valley season

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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bag and taken it outside to burn it. The next time he looked up the fire had spread over much of his lot.

In an effort to translate a concern for the environment into practical action, the Lakeville construction firm of Richard A. Snyder Inc. is experimenting with propane instead of gasoline as a fuel for its trucks. One new van has been fitted with a dual carburetor at a cost of \$200 so that it can burn either propane or gasoline when the gas is not available.

25 years ago — May 1996

The funeral procession for Canaan's Anthony Ghi followed behind his beloved No. 8, a brush truck owned by the Canaan Fire Department. The truck was Ghi's particular pride. It performed its last service for the 29-year firefighter by carrying the flowers to his grave Monday. Ghi, 61, died of a heart attack early last Thursday morning at his West Main Street home.

Note from Norma: The old Interlaken Inn burned 50 years ago. In the 5/27/1971 issue, the B section has pictures of that original building before the fire. Go to www.scovillelibrary.org to find them.

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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Watching the nesting Bobolinks in the open meadows of Bartholomew's Cobble preserve reminded me of how important these open grasslands are as habitat. Many birds and other wildlife depend on these meadows to nest and nurture their next generation. As landowners, it is good to postpone the cutting of the fields until late summer to allow everything to fledge and move on. Audubon is one of the leading groups in Ct in promoting best practices for maintaining grassland habitats. For more information, please visit ct.audubon.org/working-lands/grasslands. Locally, the Sharon Audubon Center would be a good resource and can be reached at sharon.audubon.org.

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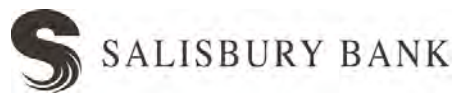
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