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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Regional schools budget Vote May 4

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Residents of the six towns of the Region One School District will vote on the regional school budget on Tuesday, May 4, noon to 8 p.m. at the town halls in Cornwall, Canaan/Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

After a public hearing Thursday, April 8, the Region One Board of Education voted to send a budget proposal of \$16,026,463 to the referendum vote.

The total for Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Pupil Services and the Regional Schools Services Center of \$16,026,463 is an increase of \$249,155 (1.58%).

TOWN ASSESSMENTS	
Assuming the budget is approved	
Canaan/Falls Village	\$1,476,319 decrease of \$200,098
Cornwall	\$1,484,561 increase of \$112,017
Kent	\$2,509,743 decrease of \$108,606
North Canaan	\$4,762,646 increase of \$395,667
Salisbury	\$3,725,651 increase of \$159,769
Sharon	\$2,067,541 decrease of \$109,596



Spring is here!

PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Senior Tabitha Maffucci held a lamb at the agricultural education barn at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Tuesday, April 20.



Phil Roberts, an 11th-grade student at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, held a Nigerian dwarf kid at the agricultural education barn on Tuesday, April 20.

The big winds from Hollywood and (possibly) a tornado or two

By Lans Christensen, Kaitlin Lyle and Cynthia Hochswender

The Northwest Corner normally slips quietly under the radar, keeping its name out of the news when possible. But last week television news crews arrived in area towns, for very different reasons.

In Salisbury, a news crew was on hand to cover the filming of a movie on Main Street. Although the crew refused to give any information about why it was shooting at both the Salisbury General Store and The White Hart, several people said on social media that the project stars Katie Holmes.

In Kent, news crews came to cover the many trees and branches that were brought down by the explosive gusts



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN
Brian Frudis, left, and Steve DiRienzo were interviewed by news crews about a possible tornado in Kent.

that were part of the storm on Wednesday, April 21.

Photographer and Kent resident Lans Christensen reported that, "Three television

stations came to the area on Thursday to report on the nature and results of Wednesday's severe storms.

"First stop was Bull's Bridge,

where they interviewed Kent First Selectman Jean Speck about the effects in the Kent area.

"Hardest hit was the area just over the New York border in Amenia, where significant damage occurred.

"Then NBC Connecticut TV, Eyewitness News and Channel 8 News all went north to Kent Falls, where they interviewed Steve DiRienzo and Brian Frudis; both are meteorologists from the National Weather Service in Albany.

"They are in this area doing extensive mapping and research to determine if it was indeed tornadic in nature.

"DiRienzo said, 'There were severe clashes of air masses' that occurred Wednesday.

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How our town budgets are set and why it's worth paying attention

By Cynthia Hochswender

Many articles in recent and future weeks in The Lakeville Journal are about the budget process.

Each town in the state has to put together two budgets each year, one for municipal spending and one for education spending.

The municipal budget covers town business expenses that range from the salaries

for town officials to the cost of sand and salt for the roads in winter.

Education budgets

The education budgets cover the K-8 schools in each of the six Region One School District towns. Those towns are Canaan (known as Falls Village), Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

Each town has its own board of education and its own school for students in grades kindergarten to eight. Certain costs for those schools are mandated by the state and by teacher contracts.

Those six towns share a re-

gional high school (Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village), which has its own board of education. The schools also share regional education services such as special education and the regional administrators' salaries (including for example the superintendent and assistant superintendent and the business manager).

The regional budget is generally proposed first and each of the towns includes their share of the total cost in their own education budget. The share is determined by the number of students their town

sent to the high school on the first day of October in the prior year (so the 2021-22 budget will be based on the student population in October 2020).

Hearings and a referendum

The Region One budget is voted on by all six towns in a referendum early in May, after a public hearing in April. This year's vote will be on May 4, see story this page.

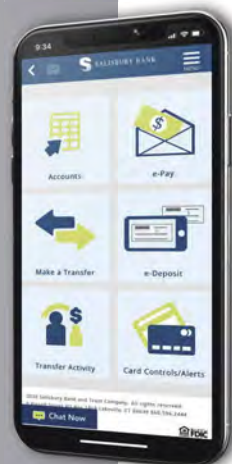
Towns hold their own public hearings, usually in April, and then vote on their municipal and education budgets in

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Three-day forecast

FridayRain, high 64°/low 46°
 SaturdayCloudy, 54°/41°
 SundaySun, 63°/39°

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.

Parking lot collision

On April 16 at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Gay Street in Sharon a 2005 Subaru Forester driven by Alexandra Laflamme, 30, of Dover Plains, N.Y., was backing out of the parking lot of Sharon Package Store and struck a parked 2021 Toyota Tacoma registered to Dylan Baker of Salisbury. Laflamme continued on Route 41, stating she was unaware she had struck the Toyota until she was home and noticed damage to her vehicle. She returned to the store to present her information. Laflamme was issued an infraction for improper backing.

Disorderly conduct

On April 19 at approximate-

ly 8:15 p.m. Jason Anthony Zucco, 39, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct, threatening in the second degree and reckless endangerment in the 1st degree stemming from a domestic incident that occurred on March 28. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on April 20.

Failure to appear

On April 20 Hans Cortsen, 49, of Salisbury was charged with failure to appear in the second degree. He was scheduled again to appear in Torrington Superior Court on May 4.

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.

Register for kindergarten

Area schools will soon be registering new students for kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year.

Cornwall Consolidated School kindergarten registration will be held during the month of May.

All children who reach age 5 on or before the first day of January 2022 are eligible.

A parent should call the school office at 860-672-6617 to schedule a time for their child/children to visit the school.

Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village will hold kindergarten registration on Monday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

All children who live in the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) and who were born in 2016 or earlier are eligible.

Registration will take about

an hour and a half and will take place socially distanced, under a large tent outdoors.

Call the school office at 860-824-7791 to schedule an appointment.

Additionally, Kellogg offers a tuition option for children living outside of Falls Village. Call Principal Alexandra Juch for more information.

Sharon Center School early kindergarten/kindergarten registration is for Sharon children born in 2016. Call 860-364-5153 to register your child. Kindergarten registration will be Tuesday, May 4, and Wednesday, May 5.

For all schools, bring the child's/children's official immunization record, birth certificate and proof of residency on the day of registration.

Vaccines for Salisbury residents

SALISBURY —The Salisbury School boys boarding school will host a Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Salisbury residents ages 16 and up on Saturday, May 8 (first dose), and Saturday, May 29 (second dose), between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Recognizing the difficulty that residents are experiencing in scheduling appointments, Salisbury School Director of Health Services Beth Hammond has been working in coordination with Salisbury Director of Recreation and Senior Services Lisa McAuliffe and First Selectman Curtis Rand to secure a clinic for

residents of Salisbury. "The Town of Salisbury has always been such a great partner to the local independent schools," Hammond said, "and Salisbury School is honored to be able to host this event for its neighbors. As a lifelong resident of Salisbury, I'm proud to help the School in supporting the health of the greater community."

Preregistration is required and information will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website at www.salisburyct.us. For more information, contact McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

LEGAL NOTICES

BAUER FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
 Through grants to colleges, The Bauer Foundation provides indirect scholarship assistance for undergraduate college education to students residing in Regional School District One based on merit and need.

The Bauer Fund operates in the same manner. However, grants from the Fund are limited to students attending either Cornell or Wellesley.

Students attending Cornell or Wellesley should apply to the Fund. All others should apply to the Foundation.

New and returning application forms for the 2021-2022 school year are available at: www.bauerfundfoundation.org.

Completed and fully documented applications must be returned to The Bauer Foundation at PO Box 1784 Lakeville CT 06039-postmarked no later than June 15, 2021. Scholarship awards will be announced by August 23, 2021.

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 05-06-21
 05-13-21
 05-20-21

LEGAL NOTICE FOR AREAWIDE Records Disposal

In keeping with state and federal regulations on records retention and disposal, school officials plan to destroy records of Special Education and 504 students who left or graduated from Regional School District No. 7, Barkhamsted Elementary School, Colebrook Consolidated School, Botelle School in Norfolk or Hartland School on or before June 30, 2015 or were born before July 1, 1997.

Please be advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place after June 30, 2021.

Anyone wishing to review his/her records or obtain the original may do so by calling Quentin Rueckert, Director of Shared Services, at 860-379-8583, before June 15, 2021.

04-29-21

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 April 19, 2021:

Special Permit #2021-0120 for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 47 as Lot 09 and is known as 110 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. The owners of the property are Matthew and Theresa Asinari.

Site Plan #2021-0128 for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 39 as Lot 21 and is known as 136 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. The owners of the property are Emily and Vincent Peruzzi.

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
 04-29-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF HARVEY GROSSMAN Late of New York (21-00170)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated April 13, 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:
 Charlotte Grossman
 c/o Mark J Capecelatro,
 Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC
 117 Main Street
 Box 1045
 Canaan, CT 06018

Myra Tweedy
 c/o Mark J Capecelatro,
 Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC
 117 Main Street
 Box 1045
 Canaan, CT 06018
 Megan Williams
 Clerk
 04-29-21

TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the fourth installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2019 is due and payable on April 1, 2021. Payments must be received or postmarked by May 3, 2021. If said

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before May 3, 2021, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid.

Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Pursuant to Section 12-173 of the Connecticut State Statutes, unpaid Real Estate tax on the Grand List of October 1, 2019 will be LIENED on JUNE 4, 2021. Payment must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021 to avoid a Lien.

Due to the Coronavirus the Town Hall is closed to the public. Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 338, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm. The Town has made a policy to not accept cash at this time. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury, CT this 29th day of March 2021.

Jean F. Bell
 CCMC Tax Collector
 Salisbury CT 06068
 04-08-21
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BEAR WATCH

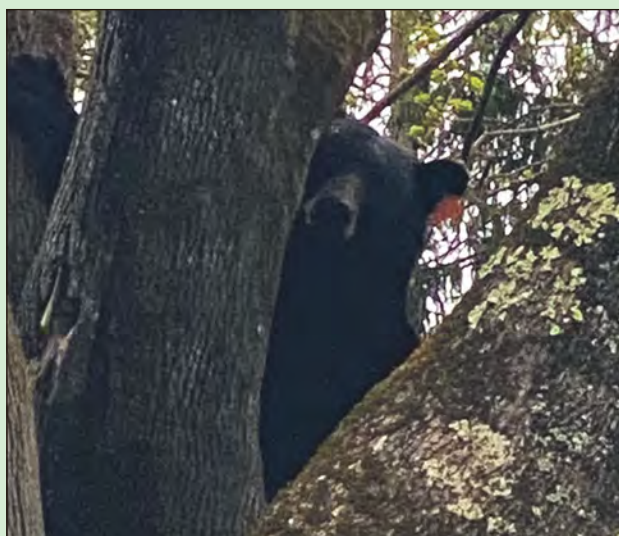


PHOTO BY THE REV. MARILYN ANDERSON

The bears are back (or perhaps there are new bears). The Rev. Marilyn Anderson shared this photo of a bear in a tree near her Lakeville home.

Big bear sighting in Lakeville

Perhaps it's not the same bear that has been seen wandering around near Horsehoe Lane in Lakeville in past years. But either it is the same bear, or that section of Lakeville is particularly attractive to the large fur bears, as they are known by the state biologists.

The large animal does seem to have some trepidation about coming into contact with smaller fur bears, such as the dogs who sent

this bear running for cover in a tree.

"Big excitement in Lakeville," said the Rev. Marilyn Anderson of the bear v. dog incident, which happened near her Horsehoe Lane home on Sunday, April 11.

"It was a beautiful, large animal with an orange ear tag — and a nice glossy coat from eating everyone's bird seed," she reported.

— Cynthia Hochswender

Correction

An article in the April 15 edition of The Lakeville Journal incorrectly described a property in North Canaan on Route 44 that used to be a Masonic Lodge as being in a commercial zone. The property is residentially zoned.

National Day of Prayer is May 6

Every American president, since 1952, has proclaimed a National Day of Prayer. This year it is Thursday, May 6. On that day, all across the country, Americans are invited to pause and pray for our schools, businesses, houses of worship, government officials, arts and media, military, and fire and police. Here in the Northwest Corner, the community is invited to any one of the following celebrations: North Canaan, 5:30 p.m. under the Pavilion at Lawrence Field; Falls Village, noon on the town Green; Cornwall, 7 p.m. on Pine Street at the Flag; Sharon, noon on the town Green; and Salisbury 6 p.m. at the memorial next to Town Hall.

If the weather is inclement, the Salisbury celebration will meet in the Congregational Church. These celebrations are open to everyone.

Age of Extremes

SALISBURY — On May 6 at 7 p.m., Yale University professor and author Stephen B. Smith will discuss his new book, "Reclaiming Patriotism in an Age of Extremes." Register for this free virtual program at www.noblehorizons.org.

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Our Towns

Moving like a hot knife through town business

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — A combined town meeting and public hearing on Zoom about the 2021-22 proposed town budgets attracted nearly 40 residents on Friday, April 23.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway observed that Friday's event was the first Cornwall town meeting ever held on Zoom, and he commented that the past year has been challenging.

Lisa Lansing Simont was elected unanimously to serve as moderator for the town meeting. All five items up for consideration received unanimous votes in favor.

Ridgway reviewed highlights of the 2020 annual report for the year that ended June 30, 2020. Acceptance of that report was late, because of delays caused by the pandemic, but the report earned praise from Ridgway for its thoroughness and aesthetic appeal, thanks to the editorial work of Barbara Herbst and the photographs supplied largely by Laszlo Gyorsok.

The five-year capital plan was detailed by Board of Finance Chairman Joseph Pryor, who indicated that \$40,000 has been set aside annually to fund the replacement of an aging town plow truck. Town building maintenance and roof replacement are anticipated in the coming months.

Ridgway commented that the future will bring improvements to Town Hall, which is "our next big building project after we do the transfer station."

A real estate revaluation is scheduled for this summer by the assessor. Ridgway said he expects this will bring an increase in the total value of the Grand List of taxable property.

Parking area approved for Betts

Voters approved of the sale to William Betts of the small parcel of land that used to be the location of the West Cornwall Fire House, adjacent to the former Farnsworth Bookstore. Before it was a bookstore, the building housed a Masonic Hall. The tiny piece of land, measuring two-tenths of an acre, will be sold to Betts for \$500, and will give him space to accommodate parking for one or two vehicles next to the Farnsworth building, which he recently purchased.

"We would like to see that property come back to life," Ridgway said, crediting Betts with dubbing the location "the east side of West Cornwall."

With roots in Cornwall, Betts said that he moved back to town in late autumn, and he is excited to be part of the revitalization of that area of the town.

A challenge at the Farnsworth property is the absence of a water source and septic provisions; and until the town meeting vote, there was no parking. Betts observed that the small parking area will also give him space to bring in a dumpster, so he can begin the process of cleaning out the building.

Because the balance in the town's Sidney Kaye Fund has been spent down to \$18,900, residents voted to amend a 1981 ordinance to allow that fund to be merged with the town's endowment fund, adding Kaye Fund to the list of funds in the endowment. Over the years, many worthwhile projects have benefited from the Kaye Fund.

And then the budget hearing

The Board of Finance public hearing on the proposed town budgets for 2021-22 began with a review of both budget proposals, but drew only questions of clarification from

residents, rather than calls for change.

Pryor said that the town is in a positive situation financially, thanks in part to the growth in the Grand List during the past year.

The budgets as proposed will result in holding the mill rate steady for the coming year at 16.70, Pryor said. He reminded everyone that the mill rate will not be set until after the town meeting vote approves the proposed budgets.

That town meeting will be held on Friday, May 21.

The selectmen's proposed budget for the town totals \$2,919,986, up 5.47%, or \$151,457.

The town's school budget totals \$4,017,965, including \$1,484,561 for the Region One assessment. That total represents an increase of 4.27%, or \$298,849.

Copies of the proposed 2021-22 budgets can be viewed in detail, along with supporting documents, on the town website at www.cornwallct.org.

Everything for the outdoors — even pickles

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Ethan Raskin's new shop at 15 N. Main St. in Kent, Sportsmen's Connection, is a welcome addition to this town, where outdoor activities are as important as the arts.

Raskin wanted to start with a "soft opening" — which he did on April 1. That went well enough and led up to the official opening — with an eye-catching new sign — on Thursday, April 15.

Raskin has been a fishing guide for 20 years, and operated the Rip Lips Fishing shop in a small space behind Annie Bananie's General Store in Kent for seven years.

"I'm diversified," Raskin said of the new iteration of his shop. In addition to supplies for fishermen, he will have outdoor and camping gear, which will be a boon to Appalachian Trail hikers who came to Annie Bananie's on their way north to Maine.

But the heart of the business is still fishing — and Raskin's spectrum of fishing equipment is staggering, with gear for fly-fishing, fly-tying, spinning, salt water, fresh water and every other possible permutation of the sport.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Ethan Raskin is the owner of Sportsmen's Connection, a new outdoors and fishing and camping store in Kent.

His Rip Lips private brand is available, including his famous tungsten beads.

With the Housatonic River here, as well as with the region's abundance of lakes, streams and ponds, Raskin says "Northwest Connecticut has a lot to offer." Lures, flies and bait are designed to be irresistible to small-mouth bass, pike and trout.

Also irresistible to the right kind of person: The assortment of sleeping bags, trail clothing, camping equipment, binoculars, outdoor-themed toys and

more.

The unexpected surprise: pickles!

Raskin has created his own brand of pickles and is selling them under the Free Range Pickle Co. brand name. He hopes the crunchy snacks (also excellent for fighting off leg cramps) will entice "the non-fishing/hunting world."

The store also has a rack of custom-made small-batch mustard, made by a friend in Pennsylvania; there are seven

flavors.

If Raskin is not in the shop (probably "gone fishing"), Lynette Hatfield, knowledgeable and friendly, is there and happy to help.

Sportsmen's Connection is at 15 N. Main in Kent. Store hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but call to confirm at 860-927-1313. The website is <https://riplipsfishing.com>. Find photos on Instagram at [sportsmensconnection](https://www.instagram.com/sportsmensconnection).

Trial balloon flight for proposed cell tower

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand announced on Friday, April 23, that a test balloon will be used "in the next one or two weeks" at the site of a proposed cell tower in Lakeville.

Rand told interested parties in an email that after speaking with the AT&T attorney and the Connecticut Siting Council, AT&T has agreed to deploy another test balloon at 94 feet at the 106 Sharon Road (Wake Robin Inn) site.

Rand also noted that while a date for a public hearing before the Siting Council has not been set, comments from the public may be submitted to the Siting Council prior to the

public hearing or 30 days after the hearing is closed.

In a phone interview Friday, April 23, Rand said he will spread the word as soon as he finds out when the test balloon will be sent up. He advised people to look at the maps and the tower simulation in the application so when the balloon flies they will know where to look.

The application may be viewed at https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters. The docket number is 501.

In Connecticut, towns have input but do not have jurisdiction over where towers are built; the decision is made by the Siting Council.

Unlock the mysteries of woodland

CORNWALL — Author Tom Wessels will unlock the mysteries of a New England woodland in a Zoom talk sponsored by the Cornwall Library and the Cornwall Conservation Trust on Saturday, May 1, at 5 p.m.

Wessels has conducted workshops on ecology and sustainability throughout the country for over three decades. Registration is required for this free event at the library website.

Additionally, on Saturday, June 5, there will be a guided tour led by Cornwall horticulturalists Deb and Bruce Bennett on the trust's trails and preserves. This event is limited to 13 with standard COVID-19 rules; register through Connecticut Trails Weekend at www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend.

Spring Programs at Silver Lake

Join us for a day of outdoor fun at camp!

- Silver Lake Sampler April 24**
Grade 4 & older · See what it's like to spend a day at camp! Arts & crafts, garden, games, and more.
- Waterways May 8**
Grade 3 & older · Explore Silver Lake's stream and pond and learn how you can help them thrive.
- Love Creation May 15**
Grade 3 & older · Spend a day in the Silver Lake garden! Learn about where food comes from and how to take care of the earth.
- Silver Lake Field Day May 22**
Grade 3 & older · Engage in silly competition with friends, new and old. High-energy fun! No skills required.

223 Low Rd., Sharon, CT

Fishing derby is on May 16

NORTH CANAAN — The Northwest Connecticut Rod & Gun Club will hold its annual junior fishing derby for members on Sunday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For information about the club, go to www.nwctrclub.clubexpress.com.

THE WOODLAND

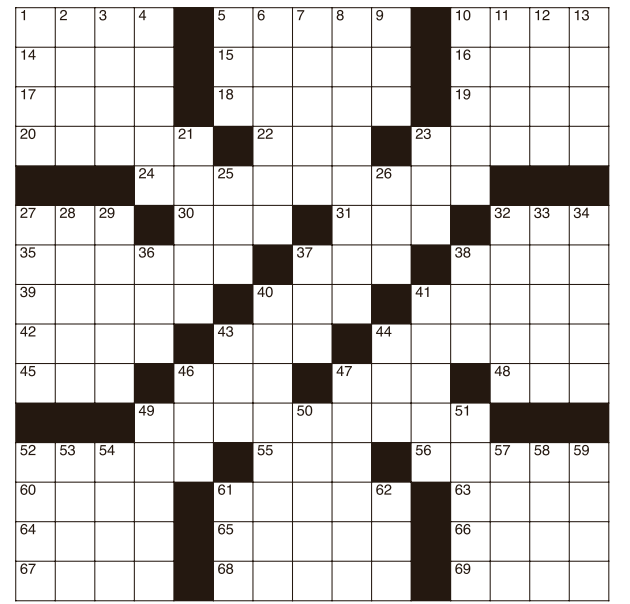
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Brain Teasers

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- Volcanic crater
- 5. Long times
- 10. Swedish rock group
- 14. Having the means to do something
- 15. Rods or spindles
- 16. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 17. Missing soldiers
- 18. Measuring instrument
- 19. All of the components considered individually
- 20. Play " __ Irish Rose"
- 22. Gene
- 23. Barrels
- 24. London-based soccer team
- 27. Feline
- 30. Breed of sheep
- 31. Body part
- 32. Doctors' group
- 35. One who follows the rules
- 37. Cigarette residue
- 38. Ancient Greek sophist
- 39. Polish yeast cakes
- 40. Promotional materials
- 41. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 42. Completed perfectly
- 43. Photo
- 44. A peninsula in SW Asia
- 45. The common gibbon
- 46. Disfigure
- 47. Ribonucleic acid
- 48. Japanese honorific
- 49. Pieces of music
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 55. Having ten
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Humble request for help
- 61. Eating houses
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Cain and __
- 65. Measure the depth
- 66. U. of Miami's mascot
- 67. Political outsiders
- 68. Greek sorceress
- 69. Body part



- 23. Automobile
- 25. Scandinavian god of battle
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. Secret political clique
- 28. Yields manila hemp
- 29. River in central Italy
- 32. Brain injury science acronym
- 33. Mental illness
- 34. A person from Asia
- 36. Father
- 37. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 38. Cooked or prepared in a specified style
- 40. Large terrier
- 41. Hillsides
- 43. Golf score
- 44. Not or
- 46. Type of student
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes tightly
- 50. Saudi Arabian desert
- 51. Famed vaccine developer
- 52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 53. Actress Jessica
- 54. Pay attention to
- 57. Beloved big screen pig
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Cost per mille
- 62. Helps little firms

April 22 Solution

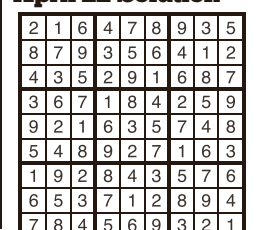


Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

April 22 Solution



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North Canaan budget hearing will be May 19

NORTH CANAAN — Following brief discussion at their second budget workshop on Wednesday, April 21, the Board of Finance acted unanimously to send both the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen's proposed budgets for 2021-22 to the annual public hearing that they scheduled for Wednesday, May 19.

Conducting the meeting by Zoom, the finance board decided to suggest no changes to the budgets until they hear public comments at the hearing. The time, place and manner of the public hearing (whether by Zoom, in-person, or both) will be determined in coming weeks.

Discussion focused in part on the impending rise in the Region One School District assessment to the town, estimated at \$400,461. The annual assessment is based on the number of students the town sends to the regional high

school and the proportion of that number to the overall student population of the school.

Under consideration by the finance board is the possible allocation of \$228,000 from the general fund to help to keep the mill rate steady at its current level of 28.25.

Discussion covered a few options, whether it is advisable to see a rise in the mill rate, and whether borrowing from the general fund all at once or some this year and some next would be viable actions.

Treasurer Emily Minacci commented that if the town borrows from the general fund for this coming year, the town may not be able to borrow again next year, recommending that regulations that prescribe general fund balances for towns be consulted.

Apart from the Region One increase, the Board of Education proposed budget totals \$4,411,561 for the elementary

school, holding steady over the current year's levels, and even showing savings of 0.18% (\$7,913). But with the increase of 9.17% in the Region One assessment, the budget proposal increases by 4.47%.

The selectmen's proposed budget for town services shows a total of \$2,855,504, an increase of \$108,487 over the current year's total of \$2,747,017.

A large majority of town spending was held steady from the previous year's budget.

An increase in residential trash disposal fees is anticipated. The AHA! child-care program contribution was halved to \$2,500, with the Canaan Child Care Center given the other half. An allocation for the annual Railroad Days event was also halved to \$5,000 for the year.

The proposed budgets will be posted on the town's website (www.northcanaan.org) in advance of the public hearing.

Salisbury spending plan approved in online meeting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen passed the 2021-22 municipal and education budgets at a special meeting Monday, April 19, on Zoom.

The Board of Finance attended the meeting, along with Salisbury Central School Principal Stephanie Magyar, Board of Education Chair David Valcin, school board clerk Sue Bucceri and town comptroller Joe Cleaveland.

First Selectman Curtis Rand explained the selectmen were

using their emergency authority to approve the budgets without the usual town budget meeting.

There was an online public hearing before the finance board, and the budget proposals were posted on the town website with an invitation for comments.

Rand said he received no written comments and fielded a few verbal questions.

"Same as last year," he said.

Despite spending increases, the 2021-22 mill rate was decreased to 11.0 (from 11.6), which is a little over 5%.

The bottom lines:

- Municipal budget: \$7,389,054, an increase of \$386,032 (5.5%).

- Salisbury town education budget: \$5,991,160, an increase of \$143,801 (2.46%).

- Total education spending, including the Region One assessment of \$3,729,712 — an increase of \$163,830 (4.59%): \$9,720,872, an increase of \$307,631 (3.27%).

The Region One referendum is Tuesday, May 4, with voting from noon to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Sharon budget hearing on April 30

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Following a brief discussion at a special meeting on Tuesday, April 20, the Board of Finance voted unanimously to send both the proposed selectmen's budget and the education budgets to a public hearing.

The public hearing is scheduled for Friday, April 30, beginning at 7 p.m. For those who wish to attend in person, the hearing will be held in the auditorium at Sharon Center School, or residents may access the hearing by Zoom.

At the hearing the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen will present their

proposed budgets for 2021-22 and hear public comments and respond to questions seeking clarification.

Residents unable to participate on April 30 may not submit comments or questions in advance.

During brief discussion of an increase of \$20,000 to the transfer station line in the proposed town budget, First Selectman Brent Colley explained that usage has increased this year, bringing with it higher costs; the town pays to dispose of trash. He said that the new facility is also larger and costs more to run.

"Everything is bigger and there are more people here"

because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Colley said.

The finance board unanimously approved the town's 5-year capital expenditure plan, moving it to consideration at the Friday, May 14, town meeting, where it will be voted on along with the proposed budgets.

As with the hearing, the town meeting will be held at the Sharon Center School auditorium, and it will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed budgets are on the town website at www.sharonct.org, under Forms and Documents. Zoom codes for the April 30 public hearing will also be posted on that website in advance of the hearing.

Honoring James Mars in ceremony May 1

SALISBURY — Salisbury School, the Church of Christ, Congregational UCC of Norfolk and the Norfolk Historical Society will place a Witness Stone to honor James Mars on May 1, the day the State of Connecticut proclaimed James Mars Day. The Witness Stone will be placed in front of UCC Norfolk to recognize Mars's dedication to that parish.

This milestone is a major move for Salisbury School students enrolled in the Searching for Slavery class and their Norfolk partners, whose mission is to educate others on this forgotten local history, to rewrite the stories that have been told incorrectly, and to uncover lives that have been ignored or buried.

After collaborating with state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Gov. Ned Lamont has designated May 1 as James Mars Day with a signed a State Proclamation honoring Mars. The Witness Stone ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the UCC Church, 12 Village Green in Norfolk and will include Congressman Jahana Hayes (D-5), state Sen. Kevin Witkos, state Rep. Horn, the president of Berkshire Chapter NAACP Dennis Powell, and the Rev. Cleo Graham of Faith Con-

gregational Church (formerly the Talcott Street Church), the church Mars helped found.

To learn more about Witness Stones, go to <https://witnessstonesproject.org>.

At Salisbury School, "Searching for Slavery in Connecticut" has been taught throughout the 2020-21 school year. The class project has been searching for the enslaved around the Northwestern Corner of Connecticut and in the Berkshires. The students have

used state and town records, consulted local historians and authors, and visited sites that have allowed them to, quite literally, search for slavery.

In addition to James Mars, other students in the class have been researching topics and people related to the buried or ignored Black history of the Upper Housatonic River Valley.

See more at @findingslavery on Instagram and @slaverynorth on Twitter.

— Rhonan Mokriski



CLEAR BLUE SKIES FOR EARTH DAY

By Cynthia Hochswender

Earth Day was celebrated around the Tristate region on Saturday, April 24, with art projects, drumming circles and trash brigades.

Young and old in many towns in the area spent the day picking up trash from roadsides. These included students from The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, who went out in groups that extended all the way into Millerton.

A large group including state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) convened on the Green in Salisbury on Saturday morning, and joined the group that meets there weekly to call for world peace.

The weather seemed pleased with the group effort and blessed the day with excellent weather.

PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Students and faculty from The Hotchkiss School spread out around the area and cleared trash from roadsides.



Katja Schultz, owner of The Dig in Millerton, joined a young visitor (6-year-old Morgan Meyer) in drawing Earth-themed pictures on the wall near the Main Street shop.

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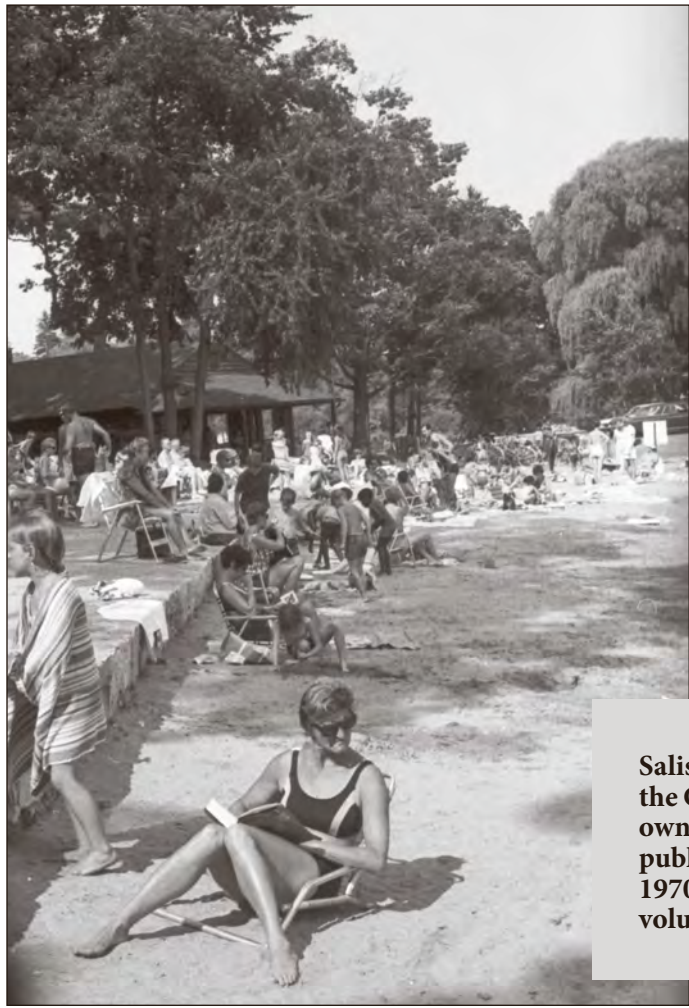
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Our Towns

Not too soon to start planning for the beach



By Cynthia Hochswender

Winter and now spring 2021 have sped by unexpectedly quickly; and the recent warm weather has made many people begin to daydream about summer and the possibility of lake and pond swimming and boating.

Anyone new to the area will want to check their town's website to find out what swimming opportunities are available in this COVID-19 year. Last year, access was restricted at most town beaches.

Some towns have small swimming pools where town residents can cool off. Pools can be found in Kent, Falls Village and North Canaan.

In Salisbury, Sharon and Cornwall, there are public beaches that are, generally, open to the public for a fee.

Town residents pay a reduced rate for season passes; most towns charge a higher rate for out of town passes. Some towns have a single-day rate (but Salisbury usually does not allow in out of towners on weekends, when the sandy beach and swim area are crowded).

As it gets closer to Memorial Day weekend, check town websites for information on what this summer's visitor protocol will be. But of utmost importance is this warning: Do not swim in the Housatonic River, which is much more dangerous than it appears to be.

VINTAGE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL PHOTO

Salisbury residents swim, sunbathe and play in the sand at the Grove at Lake Wononscopomuc, which became town-owned property in December 1950 and was opened as a public beach the following April. This photo from the early 1970s is one of many vintage photos recently digitized by volunteer Perry Gardner.

Addressing concerns about influence of NHCOCG

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Looking toward finding appropriate solutions for an imbalance in housing options throughout the town, the Board of Selectmen decided on a date for a townwide Housing Forum at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, conducted on Zoom.

The Housing Forum will be held on Monday, May 24, beginning at 7 p.m. Plans for the forum will be considered initially at the next meeting of the Housing Plan Committee, which was held on Monday, April 26, on Zoom.

"Community input is essential," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, describing housing as one of the major progress points in the 2020 Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Affordable housing is one of the key goals assigned to the selectmen by the plan, Ridgway said.

In another announcement, Ridgway expects that the town's share in American Rescue Plan funding will be around \$100,000, disbursed over two years.

Town officials are awaiting details about the requirements, but they understand that the funds are intended to pay for expenses incurred related to the pandemic, and also to provide assistance to nonprofit organizations impacted by the pandemic.

Public comments heard at the meeting focused on concerns about planning and zoning regulations now undergoing review by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), particularly in regard to home businesses.

Because the role of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOCG) continues to be an issue for some residents, Ridgway sought to clarify the relationship between area towns and NHCOCG. He

declined to comment on the home business regulations, feeling that the P&Z is the proper authority on that issue.

Responding to residents' concerns about perceptions of interference by NHCOCG in town affairs, Ridgway sought to clarify points of misinformation that are circulating.

"Cornwall is unique," Ann Zinsser said, opposing what she saw as "imposition" of a NHCOCG planning document that she felt might have influenced P&Z regulations unduly.

Reviewing how NHCOCG came about originally, Ridgway recalled that in the 1960s, the State of Connecticut abolished county government throughout the state. In the 1970s Cornwall joined with nine other towns to form a regional coalition devoted to representing local interests in state issues. Eventually the nine towns grew to the 21 towns that form today's NHCOCG, each town's first selectman serving on the council and attending

regular meetings.

"It's been a great assistance to the town," Ridgway said, noting that the NHCOCG serves the town and the region well.

"Each town keeps its own authority," Ridgway assured residents. He said that NHCOCG gives the town a voice with the State of Connecticut that it would not have on its own.

"They are strictly advisory to the town," Ridgway explained.

Resident Joanne Wojtusiak repeated a call for greater transparency, requesting a copy of the audited financial statements from NHCOCG, which Ridgway agreed to try to provide. Resident Caroline Nastro echoed her concerns about any degree of influence from NHCOCG, concerned about what she termed a possible "regional agenda."

OBITUARIES

Arietta M. Carroll



AMENIA — Arietta M. Carroll, 100, a six-year resi-

seven grandchildren, Mark and Anthony Losito, Stephanie Carroll, Jeremiah T. Carroll Jr., David Roberts Jr., Craig Sinn and Elaina Heredia; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Carroll was predeceased by a sister,

Born on Sept. 24, 1920, in Fairfield, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Louisa (Wing) and Thomas Pendergast.

Elizabeth Curtis; three brothers, Thomas, Chester and Peter Pendergast; and a granddaughter, Roxsanna Pence.

On Oct. 6, 1940, in Amenia, she married Sylvester J. Carroll, who predeceased her on June 28, 1976.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, April 28, at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 29, at Immaculate Conception Church on Lavelle Road in Amenia, the Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating.

Mrs. Carroll was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Rosary Society. Mrs. Carroll was also a volunteer at the Rose Thrift Shop in Amenia.

Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Mrs. Carroll is survived by her a son, Jeremiah Carroll Sr. and his wife, Sally, of Amenia; two daughters, Joan Sinn of Piney Flats, Tenn., and Linda Roberts and her husband, David, of Port Orange;

Memorial donations may be made to the Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY 12501; or the Amenia Fire Company, 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, NY 12501.

For more obituaries, see page A6

Sign up now for spring sports

SHARON — Sharon Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Region One Parks and Recreation is now taking registrations for spring programs that will commence on Saturday, June 5. Programs include T-ball, Farm League Baseball, Minor League Baseball, Little League Baseball and softball. All participants are asked to register by May 17 at www.sharonparksandrecreation.org (where more program details are available).

Summer programs are being planned now; so far they include Challenger Soccer Camp from June 28 to July 2; registration is now open. For more information, call 860-364-1400 or go to www.sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

North Canaan honor roll

NORTH CANAAN — North Canaan Elementary School announces their list of honors for the second trimester of the 2020-21 school year.

**Fifth grade
Highest honors**

Luca Bascetta, Sadie Chappell, Caitlin Devino, Abigail Perotti

High honors

Camdyn Tallon, Payton Wagner

Honors

Philip Fontaine

**Sixth grade
Highest honors**

Emeline Krauz

High honors

Natasha Dennis, Adelyn Diorio, Lydia Fleming, Sydney Howe

**Seventh grade
Highest honors**

Katherine Crane, Hannah

Johnson, Madelyn Johnson

High honors

Richard Crane, Shanaya Duprey, Lauren Sorrell

Honors

Cohen Cecchinato, Anthony Labbadia, Braian Perez, Cole Simonds

**Eighth grade
Highest honors**

Daniela Brennan, Harper Howe, Ellanor Karcheski, Kylie Leonard, Abigail White

High honors

Amelia Dodge, Leah Drislane, Jacob Green, Abigail Hogan

Honors

Dylan Deane, Madison DeWitt, Liam MacNeil, Sophie Nason, Keira Ongley, Diana Portillo

Sharon honors

SHARON — Sharon Center School announces honors for the second trimester of the 2020-21 school year.

**Fifth grade
High honors**

Shiva Marti, Zaira Celso-Cristobal

**Sixth grade
High Honors**

Griffin Ducey, Finian Malone, David Nam

**Seventh grade
High honors**

Leonardo Cajilima, Mason Wilkinson

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Highest honors**

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High honors

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John J. Jerome

SALISBURY — John J. Jerome, a fifth-generation New Yorker, was a long-serving partner of the international law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, where he founded its financial restructuring practice. Jerome was a key architect of modern restructuring legal practice, helping to transform the specialty from a boutique practice to a cornerstone of Big Law. He is acknowledged as a “true dean” of the bankruptcy bar.

He died peacefully on March 2, 2021, at his Connecticut home with his family. He was 88. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Maureen M. Jerome; his daughters, Dr. Mairin Jerome and Emily Jerome and her husband, Lorenz Schmid; and from a prior marriage, Christopher Jerome and Jennifer Jerome Jeffers, her husband Ian Jeffers, and their three children, Kate, Nick and Jack Jeffers. He is also survived by his sister, Miriam Bottinick and her grandchildren, Kristen Chozick and Abby Pell; as well as his niece, Jeannie O'Neill.

Mr. Jerome was an active participant in numerous bar organizations, including the International Insolvency Institute, and an emeritus member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an elite group of judges, scholars and practicing attorneys who advise Congress on bankruptcy legislation. He was an experienced and resourceful negotiator. In 2003 then-Senator Joe Biden recommended John to the State Department to re-negotiate Iraq's external debt. In a letter to the Senate, President Biden wrote, “Given his background as a lawyer with extensive experience in financial restructuring, bankruptcy and liquidations, I am convinced Mr. Jerome could be of tremendous assistance to the coalition's efforts to revitalize Iraq's financial sector.”

Jerome was a critical part of the internal reorganizing of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy: “The practice was changing in the 1990s [and] client loyalty was changing, we were into the era of competition,” said Alexander Forger, former Chair of Milbank, in the American Lawyer in October 1996. Forger promoted several new ideas to the conservative law firm and placed bankruptcy rainmaker John Jerome in charge of encouraging one department's clients to use other Milbank departments for their legal needs.

Jerome helped steer the Chase Manhattan Bank through some of the most difficult corporate reorganizations of the day. He also represented United States Lines, then the largest shipping company in the United States, in its complex chapter 11 case. He had major roles in the Johns Manville case and the contentious bankruptcy of embattled investment bank Drexel, Burnham and Lambert. According to John's former colleague, Alan Kornberg, Mr. Jerome “revolutionized the way large corporations and their creditors rescue companies facing financial collapse. John's boundless creativity and his ability to analyze complex problems in unconventional ways enabled him to propose solutions that were often stunningly original. His unique talents and courtly manner in and out of the courtroom made him a notable presence and inspired countless restructuring lawyers who followed in his footsteps.”

In the tapestry of a rich life, Jerome's golden thread was the law. After retiring from Milbank, Jerome remained active in restructurings, domestic and international. As recalled by Bucksbaum family members, “John played a pivotal role in the 2009 General Growth Properties (GGP) bankruptcy. As lead counsel to the GGP Equity Committee, John guided the equity holders to emerge from the proceedings with the greatest retained equity value in the history of bankruptcy.

Initially, through his friendship with Melva Bucksbaum, John took up the cause on behalf of the Bucksbaum family and all other pre-bankruptcy equity holders. He achieved unparalleled results in a case he perceived to be a terrible credit injustice during a time of unprecedented financial disruption.”

In a rare move, Jerome then joined Sullivan & Cromwell, where he served as senior counsel. Rodgin Cohen, Senior Chair of Sullivan & Cromwell, recently said, “Around 2012 we had a fledgling Bankruptcy department. I became aware that John Jerome might be interested in joining Sullivan & Cromwell, which solved our problem of creating a successful and viable bankruptcy practice. I spoke to Joe Shenker, Chair of the firm, who also knew John's reputation and skill set, which were extraordinary. John Jerome had a voice that people listened to because his solutions to complex problems were so creative.” At Sullivan, together with practice leader Andrew Dieterich, Jerome played a leading role in the reorganization of Eastman Kodak and other companies. Retiring from Sullivan in 2015, John remained active until 2017 as a mediator and as a member of the Appellate Division, First Department, Disciplinary Committee.

Outside of the bankruptcy arena, Jerome fought tirelessly for the rights of artists whom he believed were vulnerable to exploitation. Among the most notable was his life-long best friend, the seminal American artist Donald Judd. Jerome was the legal architect and mastermind behind the creation of the Judd Foundation and the Chinati Foundation.

This was deeply personal to Jerome, who came from a long line of artists himself. His maternal great-grandfather, Luciano Conterno, was a musical prodigy who began his career at the age of 5, in 1844, when he played a flageolet solo at a concert given before King Carlo Alberto of Piedmont. Luciano went on to serve at the age of 9 in his father's band aboard the Japanese Expedition with the US Navy, commanded by Commodore M.C. Perry. He eventually became the bandmaster of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Luciano's son, John's maternal grandfather, Dr. G.E. Conterno, was a professor of music at West Point, a master of several instruments and a prolific opera composer. In the winter of 1879, he performed at the English Opera in New York. He became a composer at the age of 17. President Arthur commissioned his work to be performed at the opening celebration of the Brooklyn Bridge on May 24, 1883.

Jerome channeled his creative heritage by protecting artists. Donald Judd's daughter, Rainer Judd, wrote with the news of Jerome's passing, “John was Don's best friend, lawyer and protector to the last minute and beyond. John's hard nose negotiations defended and made possible Don's ideas. He championed the right of an artist to defend his work by making permanent installations independent from status-quo

institutions.”

Jerome represented Judd when he entered into discussions with Heiner Friedrich and his wife, Philippa de Menil, for what was then known as the “Marfa Project.” He insisted that Judd have a written agreement in place. As Don would later claim, “I had the contract, and the contract said ‘in perpetuity,’ which is forever. The contract was absolutely clear — it was drawn up by my friend John Jerome of Milbank, Tweed in New York, and it saved the day.” Due to John's efforts, Don was the only artist in the DIA group, which included Dan Flavin, Bob Whitman, Lamont Young, Walter de Maria and John Chamberlin, among others, who had an enforceable agreement with the foundation — one that protected the art that had been made with DIA's support from being sold. John counseled Don and protected his work and vision throughout his life, formulating legal plans and asset transfers for what is now known as “The Chinati Foundation” and the “The Judd Foundation.”

John and Don had a deep personal friendship. Both were ferocious intellectuals, yet they were private men with compassionate hearts who devoted time to helping others. Quite fittingly, they met in their 20s when teaching at the Police Athletic League, an organization run by the New York City Police Department designed to help disadvantaged youth by providing a cultural and athletic outlet. Don taught arts and crafts, while John taught boxing and ran the pool table.

In the Korean War, Jerome served with the Eighth Army's Psy-war division — a small unit devoted to psychological warfare through propaganda. Before departing to Korea, Jerome was stationed in the American South, where he ran a radio station at an Army hospital. Deeply opposed to the segregation and racism he encountered there, he blasted black gospel music over the loudspeakers. This was not a welcome act, and shortly after, Jerome was sent overseas to Korea. There, he took over a radio station, which until that time broadcasted crass gossip about the enemy into their territory. Jerome instead took the opportunity to create radio programs that juxtaposed fairly corrupt versions in North Korea. He broke down the cases and ran them as parallel narratives, aiming to elucidate the benefits of justice under a democracy. After PSY-OPS, Jerome served in the United Nations Civil Assistance Corps Korea (UNCACK), a United Nations military agency devoted to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea. UNCACK provided major humanitarian assistance to the ROK during the war.

A true patriot, John was forever engaged in and plagued by the complexities of America, and uniquely attuned to the stark realities of war. During the Vietnam War, he served as a lawyer observer to protect the rights of anti-war protesters. In May 1970, Jerome spearheaded a meeting with eight other Wall Street lawyers in

Washington, D.C., with U.S. Congressman John J. Rooney, Democrat from Brooklyn — a Korean veteran who was an influential member of the House Appropriations Committee, and a strong supporter of Vietnam policies. The meeting was designed to convince Rooney to introduce a resolution to cut off funds for U.S. military forces in Cambodia unless both houses of Congress approved. The New York Post quoted Jerome in the meeting as deeply concerned over “the enormous waste of billions of tax dollars, the lives of thousands of American men, as well as those of innocent women and children — but most importantly, the division, the discord, the polarization in our own country which is really unparalleled since the civil war.” According to the Post, Rooney, fed up with “peaceniks” whom he saw as hysterical, saw this group of clean-cut Wall Street men with “ability” in a different light. Jerome continued, “I hope 10-15 years from now, my 7-year-old son won't be sitting in some logistical enclave in danger of mortars and artillery.” Rooney reportedly paused and then responded, “You know ... I have four little grandsons.” And with that, a super hawk turned dove. Rooney introduced the resolution, in which he proposed the cut-off of funds 30 days after the enactment of his proposal, along the lines of the Cooper-Church Amendment, “in order to avoid the involvement of the United States in wider war in Indochina and expedite the withdrawal of United States Forces from South Vietnam.” Later that year, all the lawyers at the meeting were audited by the IRS.

John dearly loved his family and the practice of law. He was a great athlete, who boxed, swam, played tennis and had a deep passion for skiing because it made him feel like a bird. In his 80s, John paraglided and skied double-black diamond runs in Aspen. Perhaps his greatest passion was reading. He adored history of any kind but especially American history, constitutional history, the World Wars, Greek philosophy and science. He loved to swim at his pool in Connecticut, with a snorkel, contemplating man's minute existence in the universe. Before he died, he said to his family, “I have no regrets. I love my family, I love the law, and I helped a lot of people. Time to say so long.” He raised the bar with his ferocity of commitment to everything he loved and cared about. A fighter to his core, his greatest strength was his heart.

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Dear Mom,
We remember your passing today and celebrate your life. You were such a special person. We miss you every day.

We love you,
Bubbles, Kathy,
Tammi & Timmy

OBITUARIES

Kim Carberry

SHARON — Kim Carberry, 59, of Sharon Valley, died April 7, 2021, at Vassar Hospital after a brief illness, with family by her side.

Kim was born on April 10, 1961, to Herbert Webb Lee and the late Elizabeth Ann (Stapleton) Lee.

On Aug. 22, 1987, Kim married Thomas J. Carberry and for more than three decades together they lived out their vows and built a beautiful life where they raised three children, Michael, Ashley and Zachary. The pair went on to have four granddaughters Aria, Circe, Faora and Sybella.

Kim is also survived by

her brother, Herbert; her twin brother, Kenny; and her three sisters, Debbie, Cindy and Terri.

She was predeceased by her mother, as well as her brother Bob.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the family's convenience. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

“Little drops of rain
Whisper of the pain.
Tears of love lost in the days gone by.

My love is strong,
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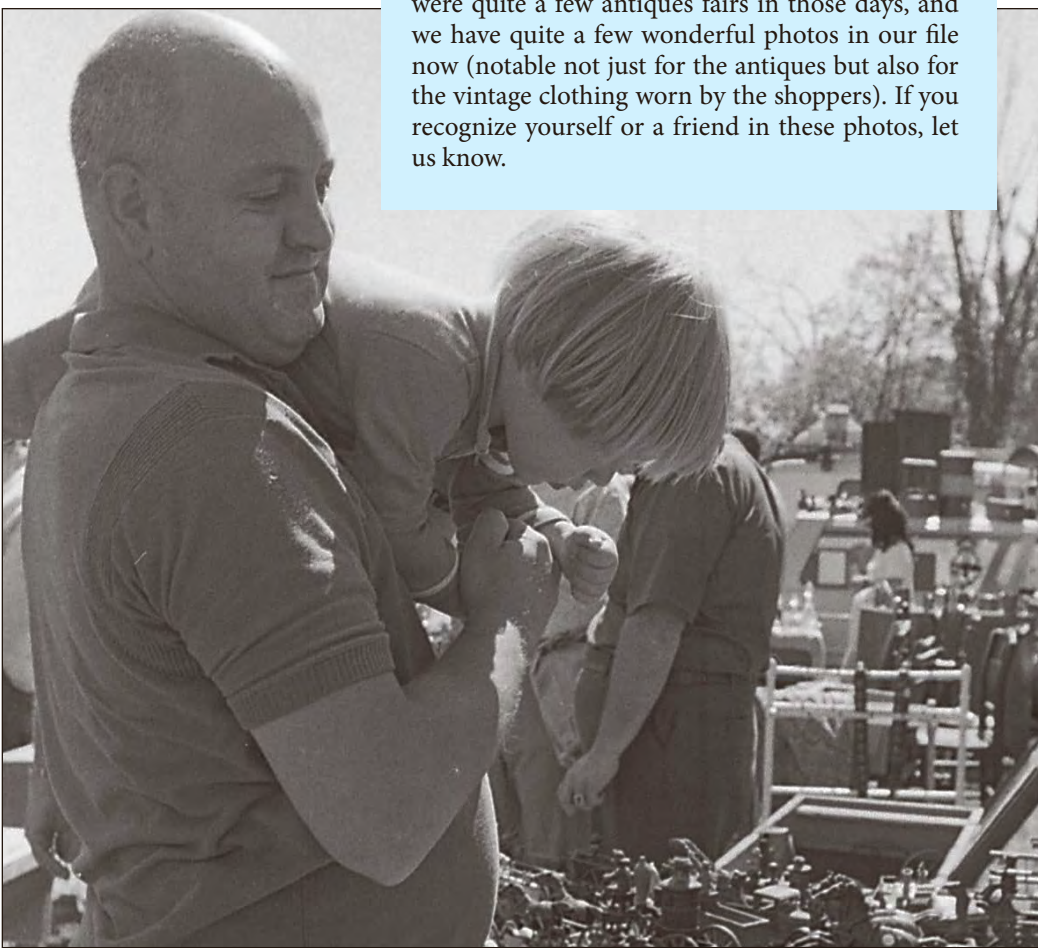
SALISBURY ANTIQUES FAIR

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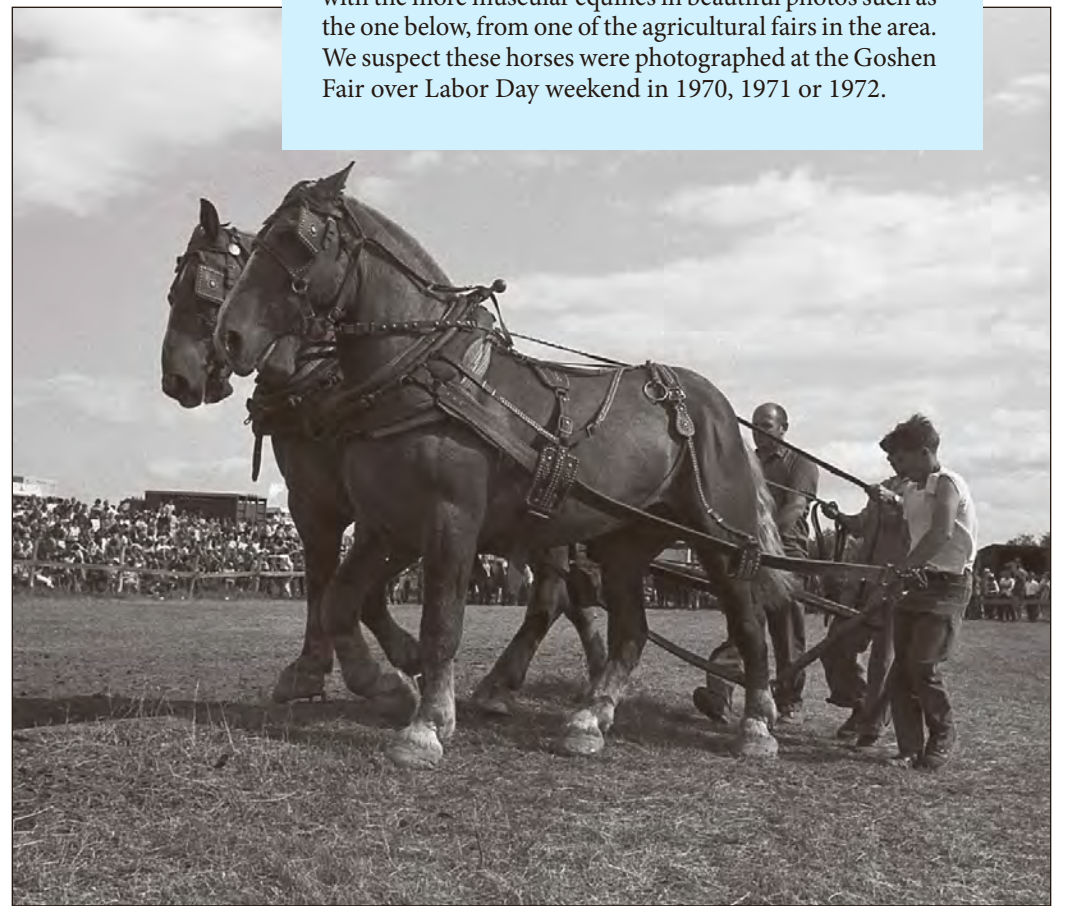
We believe these photos are from a fair held between 1970 and 1972 but we aren't certain. There were quite a few antiques fairs in those days, and we have quite a few wonderful photos in our file now (notable not just for the antiques but also for the vintage clothing worn by the shoppers). If you recognize yourself or a friend in these photos, let us know.



HORSES OF DIFFERENT COLORS

One reason it's hard to identify what's going on in the photo above is that, back in the 1970s, there were a half a dozen or more horse shows just in the six Northwest Corner towns. The competition photo, above, is probably from Salisbury or Kent but it's hard to know which show and which year. If anyone recognizes the event or one of the equestrians (or the horse), let us know.

The horse show photo creates an interesting contrast with the more muscular equines in beautiful photos such as the one below, from one of the agricultural fairs in the area. We suspect these horses were photographed at the Goshen Fair over Labor Day weekend in 1970, 1971 or 1972.



Seeking the origins of Lakeville Journal photos

Our wonderful volunteers Perry Gardner and Kathy Philips have now digitized hundreds of vintage photos from The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

Often we can figure out exactly what is going on in a photo by matching it up with a vintage issue found in our digital archive through the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury (<http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com>).

But sometimes we can't find the origins of a photo. This week, we are running some images that we found compelling but we aren't sure of the who/when/where.

We are publishing some of them in this week's paper in the hopes that you, our readers, will also find them compelling — and that perhaps some of you will be able to tell us the story of what's going on in these photos.

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BUDGETS

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May (usually after the Region One referendum). Salisbury has already voted on its budgets, see the story on this week's Town pages.

Immediately after the town meetings, finance boards set the mill rate for the new fiscal year.

Some towns vote on their

education and municipal spending plans as one budget; other towns vote on them as two separate budgets.

The boards of finance that present the final budgets to the taxpayers are all volunteers.

The selectmen are on salary; the first selectman is considered a full-time worker but the other two selectmen work part time and earn lower salaries.

The boards of education are made up of all volunteers.

What is a mill rate?

Once the budgets have been accepted, the boards of finance meet to set the town's mill rate.

The mill rate determines property taxes in Connecticut towns. A mill represents \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. A 15-mill tax rate would translate into a tax bill of \$1,500 for the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000.

The grand list is the total assessed value of all taxable property in a town.

Properties are assessed at 70 percent of their appraised value.

Because of the COVID-19 quarantine, the state last year gave towns a one-month extension on the due date for their budgets, and towns had the authority to skip the usual public hearing and town budget meeting requirements. This year again, towns have until May 20.

This year, most towns are trying to have hearings and town meetings, and to make them available on Zoom. Some towns will offering the hearings online but the selectmen will vote to approve the budget, instead of having a public town meeting. Some meetings are in person. Most towns will post their budget plans and the schedule of online public hearings and online town meetings on their websites. The Lakeville Journal also publishes hearing and meeting dates in articles on the budget process for each town.

WINDS

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Frudis added that 'straight-line winds can be as strong and damaging as a tornado.'

Both were continuing to investigate and couldn't yet definitively say whether or not the storm was "tornadic."

Tornado damage in Amenia

Meteorologist Christina Speciale from the National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado hit Amenia on Wednesday. It was categorized as an EF1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, which rates tornadoes from 0 to 5 based on wind speeds and damage; winds were estimated at 100 mph in Amenia, she said.

The tornado touched down near Powerhouse Road and Amenia Lake Road, starting at 2:49 p.m. and ending at 2:51 p.m. In the two minutes it was on the ground, the tornado traveled 0.6 miles. There was also large hail reported and

high winds, though they didn't last for long.

John Stefanopoulos, an owner of Four Brothers Pizza on Route 22 in Amenia, said the tornado damaged some outdoor furniture and the restaurant lost power for a few minutes when the power lines went down.

The damage was sever

enough, Stefanopoulos said, that Four Brothers decided to move the drive-in theater's season opening (originally scheduled for Friday, April 23) to Friday, April 30, at 6 p.m.

The Great Cape Baking Company, in the downtown Amenia space most recently occupied by Monte's Local Kitchen & Tap Room, on Route 343, confirmed that part of the building's roof came off because of the high winds. The roof got caught in nearby power lines, shutting off power to the area for a few hours.

Arts scholarship for seniors

FALLS VILLAGE — The Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship was launched in 2004 to assist, encourage and promote study in a chosen discipline within the spectrum of visual arts at a college or university of the recipient's choice. Each year a graduating senior

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UCC virtual Sunday School

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church UCC has created a virtual, intergenerational Sunday School. The 20-minute class is held each Sunday morning, beginning a little before 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Each session includes music, story, reflection and prayer.

Classes are led by Barbara Collins, a retired music educator and inventive teacher of the Bible.

Learners ages 4 and above (including adults) are invited to participate.

For a link to the Zoom class, contact the church office at 860-435-2442.

A long list of ways to prevent falls (including setting aside excessive pride)

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Toddlers fall down a lot, but they seem to be rubberized, so they pop right back up again. Not so for people starting their golden years.

Falls in later life can be dangerous — but they don't need to be inevitable, according to experts.

Tips for enjoying independent living in one's own home while also making some sensible adjustments were offered during a program sponsored by Kent Memorial Library titled "Fall Prevention," a Zoom talk on Thursday, April 8.

The hour-long program was presented by Brad Murphy, owner of Care One Security in Durham, Conn.

The talk detailed some safety statistics and highlighted the importance of staying active, followed by simple steps to take to promote a safe environment. The result is an improved likelihood that falls can be prevented.

The biblical adage that "Pride goeth before a fall" offers sage advice for moral issues, but is also applicable in preventing common home slips, trips and tumbles. And, doesn't everyone want to avoid the disruption and expense of such an event?

All that is needed is a real-

istic pride-free conversation with oneself and attention to common hazards, Murphy said. Such attentiveness is key to safe, independent living.

Speaking of his business, Murphy said, "If we can help prevent an in-house fall, it's a home run for everyone."

Although statistics show that one in four Americans over age 65 falls every year — a leading cause of injury and often creating medical costs of up to \$30,000 — falls are not inevitable, Murphy said. People need to evaluate what puts them at risk for falling.

Staying active is important at any age. Movement is good for improving balance, which is in turn reliant upon eyesight and ear health. Murphy advised participation in a balance program.

Many factors need to be considered as risks, including a history of falls, home hazards, weakness, multiple medications, memory problems, depression, poor eyesight and hearing — and, of course, rushing.

With 75% of falls occurring at home, there are many suggestions to be considered, whether in entryways, the kitchen, stairways, bedroom, bathroom and hallways. Make sure that entryway steps are well-lighted, even in height

and stable.

Be certain that scatter rugs have rubber backing; clean up spills right away; put frequently used items within reach in the kitchen. Don't put things on the stairs awaiting your next trip up (no pun intended).

Add a second handrail to those stairs, one for each side. Remove clutter everywhere — particularly between the bedroom and the bathroom. Keep a phone within reach of the bed.

Install grab bars in the bathroom, use a rubberized bathmat or strips, and get a shower chair and handheld showerhead, Murphy advised.

Don't forget good lighting everywhere. Don't roam around in the dark.

Use a step ladder to change light bulbs. Don't teeter on anything to get any elevated job done.

Current technology offers options for medical alert security, including call buttons in various configurations that were described by Murphy and also recommended from the personal experience of some Zoom attendees.

For more personalized advice, Murphy invited attendees and others to go to www.careonesecurity.com or to phone him directly at 860-788-7195.



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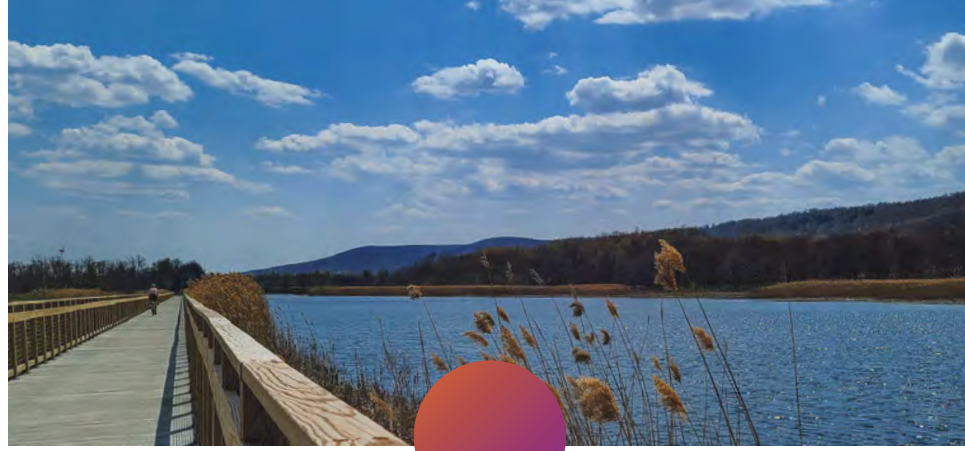
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The Village of Millerton has changed greatly in the past 146 years since it was incorporated in 1875. Pictured on these pages are various scenes from around Millerton, including a 1995 parade (in black and white on this page).

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The evolution of Main Street

By Whitney Joseph
Editor, *The Millerton News*

Part I

MILLERTON — Despite all of the advances science has made in the millions of years since man has been on earth, no one has yet been able to figure out how to freeze time. Which explains why the world has witnessed Millerton evolve in the last nearly century and a half from what was a bustling local community that was mostly self-sufficient and centered around three railroads that brought the entire Tri-state region goods and services from major cities and outlying areas into a hip village that earned the title “Ten Coolest Small Towns in America” from Arthur Frommer’s Budget Travel magazine in 2007.

Those rave reviews have continued, frequently in *The New York Times*. The most recent was published in *The Times* on March 24; there was another large spread featuring Millerton on www.upstater.com, a guide about living, buying, renting and vacationing in upstate New York that just came out on April 20.

Who can blame them? Millerton has enviable amenities and resources, great shops, loads of antiques stores, restaurants and cafes; impressive yoga, pilates and wellness studios; a currently under-renovation Moviehouse and a beloved bookstore, both of which have entertained and enlightened generations in the region for decades and promise to do so for decades more; a business alliance that offers support to merchants that is becoming more and more useful; and two governments that have been working in concert with each other for nearly 150 years to get much-needed and important tasks done for the community — with repeated success and without any drama.

Village history and resilience Incorporated in 1875 and named after the civil engineer who was working on the construction of the train lines being built in the town of North East, Sidney Miller, Millerton is at the crossroads of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, with routes 22 and 44 intersecting at the traffic light at the tip of Main Street. That’s where the commercial district begins, and where those who have witnessed the growth that has taken place in the village have seen the most dramatic changes.

Dick Hermans was born and raised in Milan, and now lives in Pine Plains, about 13 miles west of the village. Yet he is as much a part of the fabric of Millerton’s Main Street as anyone, as he started Oblong Books & Music with his then-business partner Holly Nelson 45 years ago. Oblong originally opened at 32 Main St., before ultimately settling at 26 Main St., where the beloved bookstore now stands. He spoke of the village’s strongest trait.

“Downtown Millerton is resilient, who comes in and who goes out, there’s always someone who wants to run a business here,” said Hermans. “It’s a small community that has businesses and it’s been that way since it started. It was that way when the railroad was here, which was how the goods got delivered here and supplies got delivered here; towns didn’t have those commercial centers... But we are resilient — there was always someone coming in here. No place stayed empty for any length of time, there is always quite a bit of turnover, even during the pandemic.”

A look back

Hermans reflected on how Millerton looked nearly five decades ago. “It’s funny, because the anchors in town then were Saperstein’s and Terni’s, and Delson’s was still open across the

street, and those were the real draws,” he remembered. “The bank is where the bank building is [at Gilded Moon Framing]; they don’t have that anymore. When we first moved here, The Moviehouse still had triple ‘X’ ratings, so that was kind of seedy. There were some bars here that were, seedy is probably a good word for it, but I don’t want to insult anyone; we had a reputation for being a rugged town when we got here.”

A look today

Millerton is a far cry from “rugged” today, with stores like Charlotte Taylor, a home and lifestyle store whose owner was once a buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale’s and a manager at Laura Ashley, or Westerlind, which sells gear and apparel for the outdoors in NYC as well as in Millerton, where it also has the Westerlind Pantry, where it “[aspires] to be the kind of bodega every good snob dreams about [selling] fresh bread, prepared foods, local produce, pantry staples, beer and cider,” according to its website.

Westerlind is at 41 Main St., the former Saperstein’s, which was the village’s iconic department store that had offered everything from shoe repair to Little League uniforms to tuxedo rentals for 70 years, until owner Lew Saperstein announced his retirement in 2017.

That was one of a number of monumental shifts from the business community’s past to its present that locals say will never be recaptured. Some are pleased with the changes and others not so much. More on that next week.

In the remainder of the series we will continue to examine how Millerton’s Main Street has evolved, and how the community feels about that evolution. Meanwhile, look for an article from North East Historical Society President Ed Downey about the village’s historic residential architecture on the next page. And be sure to support the businesses that advertise in this section.

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Spring into step and enjoy Millerton's historic architecture

By Edward Downey

MILLERTON — After our seemingly interminable winter, it is wonderful to see the forsythia in bloom and leaves forming on the trees. To respond to the urge to get outside again, consider a walk through our historic village and look at the architecture of its buildings.

As written in "Railroads Dutchess County, NY: 1848 - 1907," by William P. McDermott, "Railroads changed Dutchess County forever... Many of the county's hamlets were affected by this new steam driven wooden and iron vehicle but none as remarkable as Millerton."

From the arrival of the first railroad in 1851 and two others soon thereafter, the village seemingly burst into existence.

While Millerton's Main Street Historic District is thought of as a commercial one, some of those properties were originally built as residences and later converted.

Perhaps the most prominent example is The Millerton Inn at 53 Main St. This elegant structure was originally built as a residence by merchant E. W. Simmons in 1854 in the Greek Revival-Style and then enlarged by banker Edward H. Thompson, who purchased it in 1887 and renovated it in the Queen Anne style we see today.

Greek Revival homes were often symmetrical with columns or pilasters and a window in the pediment below the roof. Queen Anne houses were more ornate and asymmetrical with gables and elaborate porches and towers.

For many years this house was the home and office of a physician and his family — first Arthur Hoag and then Michael Badeen.

In 1983, Robert and Carol Sadlon purchased it and in a thoughtful restoration and conversion project transformed it into Simmons Way Village Inn.

Other residences have historically served as both a home and location of a business operated by the owner. An excellent example can be found at 54 Main St. This Shingle Style house was built in the 1890s. The original owners were George and Mary Kiselbrack. Mary was an accomplished milliner and dressmaker and part of the residence served as her shop. It was most recently the home of Manna Dew Café.

Several buildings originally built as residences remain so. One of the earliest residences in the village was built by William Colver. Colver, a carpenter who developed an active construction business, built a Greek Revival style residence for his family around 1850 at 59 Main St.

Another residence of a similar style was built by blacksmith Lewis Hutchinson around 1855 at 9 John St. About a decade later, John Winchell built his residence at 60 Main St. It has been the home of the Valentine family for three generations.

By the 1860s, Gothic Revival-style residences began to be built. They had pointed arches and decorative wooden trim. The Philo Cline house, circa-1890, at 76 Main St., is an example. Cline was a wholesale meat dealer in the village.

With the exception of the Colver, Hutchinson and Winchell houses, all of the buildings mentioned above are believed to have been constructed or renovated by the well-known design and construction firm of Beers & Trafford, whose offices and shop were located on South Center Street.

Darwin Beers and William

Trafford established their construction firm in 1885 and grew to be a prominent builder of residential and commercial structures in the region. Others still in existence and thought to be built by them can be found at 53 Main St.; 63 Main St.; 41 Barton St.; and 43 Barton St.

These 19th century works continue to inspire builders today. The design of the Salisbury Bank and Trust Company at 87 Main St. was influenced by the village's historic architecture including that of the Baptist Church across the street. When Michael Smith and Bill Bartlett purchased 44 Main St., they restored its historic look, as did Leo Flood when he purchased and successfully recreated the original facade of 34-36 Main St.

As you take your "architecture" walk, here are some other things to look for: How many of you see which have windows with a dual arched upper sash? I know of two: 24 and 28 Simmons St. How many did you find and what are their addresses?

Here's another question we'd like to know the answer to: Between 1908 and 1942, the 20th century mail order catalogue company Sears, Roebuck and Co. sold house kits, shipped largely by rail, which were then assembled on site. Do a Google search online for the many different models and then see if you can find any in Millerton.

The North East Historical Society would like to document any that exist. If you see any, please send us the addresses at northeast.ny.historical@gmail.com.

In the meantime, enjoy the fresh air, enjoy the walk, enjoy the architecture!

Edward Downey is the president of the North East Historical Society and a practicing attorney in the village of Millerton.



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Clockwise from top left, Dick Hermans, chairman of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association board at this weekend's trail extension ribbon cutting, the new owners of The Moviehouse, Katja Schultz and Morgan Meyer at Millerton's Earth Day celebration, The Music Cellar's Jonathan Grusauskas, aka Johnny G, performing at the North-East Millerton Library and Oblong Books & Music's Kaylie Johnson and Lisa Wright.

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Furnace Gallery Opens May 1 In the Heart of Falls Village

Don't expect any pastoral landscapes. Furnace: Art on Paper Archive, the decidedly contemporary gallery space opening on Falls Village's quiet Main Street is as modern and minimalist as its art on display is bold and geometric.

Run by artist and former downtown New York City curator Kathleen Kucka, Furnace will mark its debut with Stephen Maine's dynamic abstracts in a show called "Cupcake Uptake and the Cloud of Unknowing."

The doors to this new gallery will be open to the public for the first time at a special distance-safe reception on Saturday, May 1, starting at 4 p.m.

For a longer discussion with Kucka on bringing modern aesthetics to a small-town space, look for an interview in the May 3 Compass Arts and Entertainment.

Furnace: Art on Paper Archive is at 107 Main St. in Falls Village, Conn. The opening is free — with masks required. For more information, go to www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com or follow @furnace_artonpaper on Instagram.

— Alexander Wilburn



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Kathleen Kucka, photo above, opens her new Furnace: Art on Paper Archive gallery this weekend on Main Street in Falls Village, Conn.



PHOTO BY LAZLO GYORSOK

Michael Gellatly, Dr. Julian Strauss and Tilly Strauss in Amenia, N.Y., are on the ARTmostNY Open Studio Tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.

ARTISTS AT WORK

Father-and-daughter artists Julian and Tilly Strauss will open their studios in Amenia, N.Y., as part of the ARTmostNY Open Studio Tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, as will Strauss' partner, Michael Gellatly, and artists including Lori Adams, Donna Castelluccio, Bob Madden, Karen Madden, Bill Prickett and Brian Wohrman.

The studios (in Amenia, Pawling and Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The artists will be at work in their studios during the tour, offering visitors a sense of their challenges in realizing their specific vision.

There will be finished works on display, but the artists will also be working on the projects that drive them to create. It might be dirty, noisy and seem chaotic, but it will not be dull.

For more information on the tour and the artists, go to www.artmostny.org.

NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC COMES TO ROBIN HOOD RADIO

Jill Goodman and Marshall Miles, co-founders of Robin Hood Radio and The Robin Hood Radio Network, announced on Monday, April 19, that Robin Hood Radio has acquired the rights to broadcast "The New York Philharmonic This Week" every Sunday from 10 a.m. until noon (the programming be-

gan Sunday, April 25). The broadcasts will begin immediately following "Sunday Morning on Robin Hood Radio" hosted by Marshall Miles.

"The New York Philharmonic This Week" joins Robin Hood Radio's staple of other fine art shows: Music Mountain Concerts on Monday evenings and

Saturday afternoons, and Robin Hood Radio's classic music programming, which airs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon, and overnights midnight to 5 a.m., seven days a week.

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: EDWIN FRANK

Birdsong, Transformation, And Thomas Hardy

Proud Songster Thomas Hardy

*The thrushes sing as the sun is going,
And the finches whistle in ones and pairs,
And as it gets dark loud nightingales
In bushes
Pipe, as they can when April wears,
As if all Time were theirs.*

*These are brand new birds of twelvemonths' growing,
Which a year ago, or less than twain,
No finches were, nor nightingales,
Nor thrushes,
But only particles of grain,
And earth, and air, and rain.*

As a young man, Thomas Hardy wrote poetry before putting poetry aside to write the novels for which he became famous. At the end of the 19th century, when he was well over 50, he put the novel aside to devote the rest of his long life to poetry.

For many years Hardy's poetry was viewed with condescension, but that has changed. A product of the Victorian era, he is now recognized as having refashioned himself into a highly individual poet of modern unease.

"Proud Songsters" is characteristic of Hardy's poetry in its combination of bluntness and subtlety. The poem is plainspoken and unpretty. The first stanza presents a list — thrushes, finches, nightingales — and the second reviews that list before offering a

new list that reduces the birds to their component elements.

The poem is nothing if not matter of fact, starkly so. How much further away from the opulent music of Keats's "Ode to a Nightingale" can you get than "nightingales/In bushes/Pipe"?

And yet it's by sticking to such bare particulars that Hardy quietly shocks us into renewed recognition of how extraordinary it is that year after year something as intricate and beautiful and ephemeral as birdsong should spring from nothing, or at least things that are nothing like it, before returning to nothing again.

It is a transformation that the poem, written when Hardy was in his 80s and published after his death, in its own way enacts on the page, and of course in poems birdsong is always also a figure for poetry.

Edwin Frank is the editorial director of New York Review Books, which publishes the NYRB Classics and the NYRB Poets series, and the author of a book of poems, "Snake Train."



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INNISFREE GARDEN OPENS WITH A DAFFODIL VIEWING

Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, N.Y., one of the most remarkable gardens in the U.S., is open to the public again and will host a daffodil viewing on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.

Inspired by the Japanese tradition of *hanami*, or flower viewing, visitors are invited to enjoy the transient and transcendental beauty of Innisfree founder Marion Beck's heirloom daffodils. Some may have been planted as early as 1930; all were planted before Beck's death in 1959. Their numbers have increased steadily over the years. Now these thousands of daffodils — along with the native shadblow,

Amelanchier canadensis — welcome the earliest spring visitors to Innisfree each year.

The gardens will also be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9, with special Mother's Day tours on Sunday.

The official opening day is Wednesday, May 12, when the regular visiting schedule will resume. Innisfree will be open Wednesday through Sunday and on legal holidays.

Pre-registration is required. The garden is open rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable. To register and for more information, go to www.innisfreegarden.org or call 845-677-8000.



The view of Dragon Rock behind Owl Rock is one of many extraordinary vistas at Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, N.Y., which opens this weekend to the public.

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Shows Based on Notable Books

Larry McMurtry: Movies adapted from his books won 13 Oscars. You could try "Terms of Endearment" or "The Last Picture Show," but his best book is the great Western novel "Lonesome Dove." It was made into a TV miniseries in 1989 that is faithful to the book and was certainly the most unromantic western ever made.

What makes it great? Mainly its two unforgettable main characters: Gus McCrae and Captain Woodrow Call, two aging former Texas Rangers. They are played to perfection on TV by Robert Duvall (Gus) and Tommy Lee Jones (Call).

In Episode One, they gather a herd of stolen cattle and horses and drive them from Texas north toward Montana.

Along for the perilous ride are their scout Deets (Danny Glover) and Lorie (Diane Lane), a lovely and good-hearted prostitute.

There are many adven-

tures and subplots along the way, including chilling encounters with the half-breed Blue Duck. (Some of the casual violence here can be disturbing.)

This show won numerous Emmy awards and, along with Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven," is one of the two best westerns ever made. Rent or buy, on Amazon Prime.

Stephen King has not been served as well by movie and TV adaptations, but their sheer number has yielded some gems, in TV by the miniseries "The Outsider," based on his 2018 novel (although I actually prefer King's recent supernatural detective stories to much of his horror and science fiction).

This one was adapted for TV by one of our best crime writers, Richard Price, who also wrote for "The Wire."

The story centers on the horrific murder of a young boy. An investigation by detective Ralph Anderson (Ben Mendelsohn) leads to the arrest of a popular

Little League coach Terry Maitland (Jason Bateman).

The evidence against him is overwhelming, but there is equally strong evidence that he could not have done it.

It all seems quite impossible until Ralph asks for the aid of Holly Gibney (Cynthia Erivo), a private investigator who figured in King's earlier book, "Mr. Mercedes." The plot then moves in a darker and supernatural direction. All the actors perform admirably, especially Erivo, who sort of steals this entertaining show. King once said: "I love Holly and wish she were a real person." On HBOMax.

Michael Connelly's notable work is not one book, but many that feature LAPD detective **Harry Bosch**, a Special Forces veteran who works for Hollywood Homicide. These were developed into a popular series called simply "Bosch," which has run for six seasons and was recently renewed for a seventh

and final season.

It stars my Cornwall neighbor Titus Welliver.

Madison Lintz plays his teen daughter, Maddie. Their relationship, which grows more complicated and interesting, is one of the best things about the show.

Although "Bosch" feels a bit like an old-fashioned police procedural, it is distinguished by superior acting, writing, and its believable and gritty atmosphere. The plotting is mostly suspenseful and well paced, but occasionally it gets overcomplicated, and you may find yourself scratching your head. This is a first-rate series. On Amazon Prime.

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PLANT STARTS AND BABY ANIMALS: SPRING IS HERE

What is it about lambs that makes all humans coo and want to cuddle them? Elvia Gignoux of Weatogue Farm in Salisbury, Conn., said, "I think they represent hope and a new start. Something we all need this year."

Something else we all need this year: plant starts. Some seed companies had a shortage of seeds in consumer-sized packets this year because of COVID-19 and the restrictions it put on workers. An emphasis was put on filling orders from commercial farmers. For that reason, this year it's possible you won't be able to get all the seeds you want — but you should be able to get plant "starts" from McEnroe Organic in Millerton, N.Y.; Paley's Farm Market in Sharon, Conn.; Daisy Hill Farm in Millerton, N.Y.; and Ward's in Great Barrington, Mass.

Weatogue Farm sells



PHOTO BY ELVIA GIGNOUX

starts every year in a short plant sale that begins this year on Friday May 14, and continues for three weeks or until the plants are all sold, whichever comes first.

Tomatoes, vegetables, flowers and herbs are available, grown with McEnroe's Organic Potting Mix in soil blocks. Pay-

ment will need to be exact change or check. Everyone is asked to respect social distancing practices.

Call Elvia with questions at 860-435-0345. The plant sale will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The farm is at 78 Weatogue Road in Salisbury, near the border with North Canaan, Conn.

The lambs are bounding around at Weatogue Farm in Salisbury, Conn., and the farm is preparing for its annual sale of starter plants, which begins on Friday, May 14.

NATURE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Productive Plants

To say that Michelle Alfandari was ultra-urban would be an understatement. Living in New York City with her artist husband, Tom Goldenberg, she traveled the world creating new licensed branded businesses for companies as diverse (but always sophisticated) as The New York Times, the Tour de France and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

When she and Goldenberg moved to Sharon, Conn., a few years ago, Alfandari literally stopped and smelled the flowers.

The house they now live in had been owned for years by a Sharon gardener/nursery owner; the bones were excellent, but the plants and beds had been neglected and needed some intensive TLC. Neighbors Robin Zitter and Michael Nadeau — landscape designers who emphasize native planting and sustainability — helped guide Alfandari through the process of learning what is an undesirable plant that can be evicted and what is a plant that should be protected and invited to stay.

Then Alfandari attended a talk by entomologist Doug Tallamy and learned about the critical consequences of loss of habitat — degraded biodiversity and ecosystem services we all need to survive. She was impressed by the simplicity of the solution to restore biodiversity and felt she could help scale Tallamy's message.

Alfandari has partnered with Tallamy to create Homegrown National Park, a call-to-action to restore biodiversity, one per-

son at a time, by planting native plants and removing invasives. They invite everyone in America, no experience necessary, to get on the interactive Homegrown National Park map by planting native in their yards, whether it's a few feet or a few hundred acres.

To sign up and learn more, go to www.homegrownnationalpark.org. If you're on your way to the nursery, Tallamy suggests these native plants as a way to create and protect biodiversity in your own homegrown national park:

- Trees (buy small)**
- White oak (*Quercus alba*)
- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)
- Paperbark birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
- Black willow (*Salix nigra*) (damp areas)
- Pin cherry (*Prunus pennsylvanica*)
- White pine (*Pinus strobus*)
- Shrubs**
- Any native *Viburnum*
- Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
- Pussy willow (look for native *Salix discolor*)
- Perennials**
- Any of the goldenrods (*Solidago spp.*)
- New England aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)
- Evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*)
- Common milkweed (*Asclepius seryaca*)
- Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*)

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EDITORIAL

What will these newspapers be next?

When The Lakeville Journal Company undertook its initiative in October of 2019 to ask for community support, in dire straits then and looking for a way to survive, the response of our readers in the Tri-state region was beyond generous and supportive. It was completely overwhelming and so very encouraging to all who work at this 124-year-old local journalism project. We were not the only small news group with a long history in this country to find itself in jeopardy due to loss of revenues, and increase of attention, to online entities. But we were willing to take desperate measures to ensure the area news would still be covered by our editors and reporters in the small towns in northwest Connecticut and northeastern Dutchess County, N.Y. It worked.

That first plea, then called a Community Membership model, produced such generous and widespread support at all levels from our readers that they did indeed save the company. Then, in March of 2020, we all know what happened: COVID hit. Life changed in a quick turn. Without that support, we are surely among the businesses that would not have survived. But we did, because of our donors (and the two PPP loans/grants we received) and we never missed a week of publication throughout the pandemic. The journalists at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News felt their responsibility to their communities more keenly than ever, determined to be sure our readers were kept informed of local news while activities were so limited and life so at risk.

In October of 2020, The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News announced a new Community Contributor name for the model, but with the same concept. The company asked for community support, but could not offer any tax incentives to contributors in that we are a for-profit company. The only reward for such support was having the newspapers published every week. But after the 2019 initiative, we let our readers know that we were committed to investigating the possibilities for taking the company to some sort of nonprofit status, so there could be other benefits for donors, and so the company could be eligible for grants available to nonprofit media companies.

Since that time, we at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News have been researching the options, speaking to community members as well as other journalists and experts in nonprofits. The three possibilities we settled on were: 1) remaining a for-profit company, 2) creating a nonprofit arm of a foundation that would support the company, or 3) attempting to take the company to a full nonprofit status.

At the end of March, the executive committee and board members of The Lakeville Journal Company met via Zoom for their regular quarterly meeting, importantly to discuss and decide on the next step for the company, being one of the three options outlined above. That led to a special meeting two weeks later, where the vote was finalized by the executive committee to pursue nonprofit status. Now, the board and staff at The Lakeville Journal Company are working with interested and supportive community members to find the right attorneys to help with the application for nonprofit status to the IRS. There is no guarantee of success, but we firmly believe it's worth trying.

None of those options (individual nonprofit, a nonprofit arm, or a for-profit entity) are simple in their repercussions or their implications of probable success or failure for the company. We are in new territory: trying to find a business model for small, independent news media that will work in this society. We hope to contribute to the choices for local journalists across the country, covering the news for small towns, in creating transitions to new business models and keeping local journalism here while doing that.

We will keep you informed of our progress and we express once again our deep gratitude to all those who have supported us in so many ways over the past two, and more, years, including giving funding to help us maintain operation as an independent, local journalism company. All at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News are profoundly committed to having the news covered for our communities in the Tri-state region. Thank you for helping us continue to do that.

Eversource got this right

The powerful thunderstorm that blew through Sharon last Wednesday afternoon (April 21) snapped several trees like toothpicks and dropped them onto the powerlines on Route 4. I called the automated Eversource number to report the outage, but after last summer's extended power fiasco following Hurricane Isaias, I wasn't expecting much of a response.

To my surprise, I got to speak to a live person who asked for all the pertinent details (Lines down? Limbs still on the lines? Any sparks or explosions? Cell phone number?). Over the next seven hours I received four text messages from Eversource updating their repair estimate.

At 10 p.m., five bucket trucks arrived, and crews spent over an hour high up in the howling wind removing tree trunks from the lines and re-attaching downed wires to utility poles. Our power was back on within five minutes of the estimated repair time, and Eversource sent a final text asking if everything was working.

I applaud Eversource for their response — this is exactly how a public utility is supposed to fix a problem. I also want to applaud our state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and her colleagues in Hartford who passed legislation in October requiring Eversource to be held more accountable for the way it manages emergencies. That is a good example of how government is supposed to fix problems too.

Frank Fitzmaurice

Sharon



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The falls are running in Kent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pope property should be used

Let's correct the misstatements about the Holley Block vote and understand why the Pope report has no housing recommendations.

The vote taken in 2018 was to lease the 1/3 acre Holley Block property to the Salisbury Housing Committee to study the feasibility of building 12-18 units on Millerton Road. Many voters thought that an objective traffic study reviewing accidents on Route 44 would surely kill the project and zoning restrictions would protect the neighborhood. Unfortunately, the traffic consultant hired by the applicant saw no problems at all with the traffic on Route 44. Letters submitted by the neighbors show multiple accidents on Main Street, contradicting the applicant's expert. In the last meeting, the applicant revealed that truck deliveries will be made on Route 44. Before approving this project, the P&Z should cause an independent traffic consultant to review this critical safety issue on town-owned land.

In 2016, the town voted to approve the purchase of the 59-acre Pope property off Salmon Kill Road for \$1.6 million with the expectation that some of this land would be used for workforce housing. The Salmon Kill Road/Pope property has the potential for up to 64 units. The 2018 Plan also states that the Pope Commission Report would make recommendations to the selectmen for housing on Salmon Kill Road. Nevertheless, when the report was released in January 2021, there were no housing recommendations. Only Mat Kiefer disobeyed the mandate, and included his own opinion. His opinion on page 12 of the report is that the land should be used for athletic fields. Housing could wait for decades in his opinion.

Why did the SAHC agree to follow a mandate and remain silent on the suitability of the Pope property to meet our housing needs? Instead they devoted their time and well-meaning efforts to Holley

Block and took their attention (and ours) away from the more suitable properties, Salmon Kill Road and others.

There are six sites in the 2018 Plan that could meet all of our affordable housing needs and allow Bicentennial Park to furnish parking and a park that serves the whole community. We agree with the goal of creating a recreational park on some of the 59 acres off Salmon Kill Road, but we need not harm the center of historic Lakeville and its businesses. But let's be fair in deciding where to put our housing and parks. Demolishing Bicentennial Park to build 12 units of housing so that the Salmon Kill Road property can be dedicated to athletic fields cannot be the right answer. Let's try for a better balance of the interests of Lakeville and Salisbury. Thank you.

Pamela Wilson and
George Mason
Lakeville

More letters on page B6.

Disagrees with LJ reporting, editorial

It's time again to share the facts. I believe the April 22 Lakeville Journal editorial and Patrick Sullivan's reporting are in good faith, but they are shy of investigative. I pointed out the errors and the publisher and editor in chief, Janet Manko, replied, "I will not be correcting that. You are welcome to write a letter." So here goes.

NHCOG's assertion that towns require 10% government subsidized housing is false. Google Section 8 30g for details, or write to me. NHCOG knows or should know this, yet it keeps up the misinformation campaign.

Next, NHCOG's count of current affordable housing is just wrong. In Falls Village (FV) we have five Habitat homes, four are in the River Road neighborhood alone, representing 25% of the Lime Rock Station houses. But NHCOG doesn't count these units as affordable. Their numbers are meaningless.

More to the point, their logic is empty. Home sales data show an average price of \$187,000 in FV, and some million-dollar estates are in this average.

The "hair on fire" hysteria over needing affordable housing in FV is myth.

Who is benefiting from this myth? \$300,000 in state funding has gone to NHCOG and its associated consultants for studies in FV alone, not for housing but studies. And the results of these studies are bogus: FV needs a cluster of 29 homes in the woods 2 miles from town like a fish needs a bicycle. The only proposal worse would be to waste more money trying to build this foolishness.

We do not need to wait years, raise millions in grants and loans, drill wells, create a new water company, remediate the Vaill Sand and Gravel dump site of over 50 cars, refrigerators and other toxic material, and divert water runoff from the adjacent sheer slope straining even the existing conditions; and we certainly do not need to erect 16 units and pave a parking lot on this dump site.

The fastest route to increasing affordable homes is to choose cost effective and long-term affordable housing through in-town rehab and in-fill construction, the topic right

now before the FV Affordable Housing Plan, a state mandate. Let the good people of Falls Village Housing Trust join with the Affordable Housing Plan volunteers to reintroduce honest planning to our small town.

We must send the peddlers of overpriced boondoggle River Road Homes packing. Falls Village cannot afford future maintenance on this ill-begotten housing project even with our existing high taxes.

These opinions are mine and do not reflect the opinions of the FV Affordable Housing Plan Task Team.

Daly Reville
Falls Village

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — April 1921
SALISBURY — Messrs. David Jones and Anson Williams, two of our most famous fishermen, are all tired out from carrying home the large and numerous trout which they secured on a recent fishing trip. If you don't believe it, ask them!

— The question of adopting some method of daylight saving has been vexing people generally.

— Display advertisement: PRINTING Of All Kinds, not the cheap kind but the good kind done here.

— Master Thomas Oakes has arrived home from Florida where he spent the winter. He brought with him four young alligators of assorted sizes and he is the envy and admiration of his young friends.

50 years ago — April 1971
SALISBURY — Ottar Satre will be inducted into the Ski Hall of Fame this Saturday by retired New York Times sports editor Frank Elkins. Ceremonies will be held at the town hall at 3 p.m. and will be open to the public.

— Three benefit concerts for the perpetuation and maintenance of the Wanda Landowska Center in Lakeville have been scheduled for May 8, 23 and 30.

— The Salisbury Town Clerk's Office will be closed all day Friday as Lila Nash will be attending the Annual Spring Conference of Town Clerks at the White Hart Inn. Anyone needing the services of a Town Clerk desperately should be able to find one at the old hostelry in Salisbury as the clerk's from all of Connecticut's 169 towns expect to be there.

— Sharon Center School Director of Music Philip Garovoy requests all parents to look in their youngsters' closets for band jackets belonging to the school. These are red blazers, and Mr. Garovoy estimates there must be 40 missing.

25 years ago — April 1996
Grand Master of the Housatonic Lodge Charles Yohe will present 50-year pins to brothers Eugene Valenti and Walter Riou Thursday at the Housatonic Lodge, 310 Salisbury Road.

SHARON — It was a squirrel, not high winds and lightning, that killed the lights Tuesday evening. A rodent chewing its way through a transformer in the Salisbury substation at 6:06 p.m. left 1,473 Sharon customers and another 877 in Lakeville in the dark. But that did not interfere with Sharon Historic District Commission members meeting in the town offices. First Selectman Bob Moeller said three candles were sufficient for conducting business. "We did just fine."

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

An important thought

The world is weeping.

Lee Minoff

Sharon

Welcoming the season

Finally it feels like spring
Birds chirping with a ring
Daffs out all over the place
Waiting for the Queen Anne's Lace
Squirrels Foraging for something to eat
Chasing each other to their own beat
Deer gathering every eve
To eat the apples that I leave
All in all it's a wonderful life
Peaceful here with no strife
The sensible corner of the sensible state
Some down South I would not rate.

Michael Kahler

Lakeville

Our Home, Our Future

Voices from our Salisbury community about the housing we need for a healthy, economically vibrant future

When an emergency arises you never know who will come to your aid. For Kendra Chapman, owner of the popular Black Rabbit Bar and Grill in Lakeville, and her fiancé Bryan Lundeen the emergency was learning, at the peak of the COVID-19, that the house they had rented for over four years was back on the market and they had less than three months to find a new home. They desperately searched for an affordable rental in our area and found none. They assumed that home ownership would be impossible since there were no homes available in their price range.

Then they learned about the Salisbury Housing Trust, a nonprofit dedicated to making single family homes affordable to local residents. With tax deductible donations from local families they acquire and build on raw land or buy modest homes. The Trust retains ownership of the underlying land through a ground lease arrangement. Since the buyer only pays for the dwelling, they save from 30-50% of what a house would normally cost.

When John Harney, co-president of the Housing Trust, showed them a house near Salisbury Central School, Kendra and Bryan fell in love with it. Once they decided to buy it, it seemed the whole town worked together to make it happen within the two and a half months they had before they had to move. Kendra says "It felt like a miracle had happened. It melts my heart, all the people who helped us. John helped us through the whole process. Susan Dickinson at the Litchfield Bancorp was super helpful with our mortgage and Mark Capecelatro got the legal work done in record time. Owning a home has changed our lives drastically. Since the market rate is more than double our purchase price, we don't care that we don't own the land. We look around and go WOW! We have a home and love our neighborhood. Our mortgage is half of what we were paying in rent." They are "su-

per happy" to have something of their own and with the money they're saving are planting fruit trees and a garden and enjoying the outdoors. Kendra wants to "repay the favor" by doing long term improvements to the house so it's really nice for the next owner. She's even willing to do a fund raiser to help others have the same opportunity she's had.

Kendra and Bryan have lived around Salisbury for 20 years and love the community. Loyal patrons of the Black Rabbit have kept it going this year with take-out orders, friends have helped them work on the house and new neighbors have stopped by to welcome them.

Thanks to the Salisbury Housing Trust and their generous donors they can stay in our town and remain part of our community. Sometimes, when you're very lucky, the outcome of an emergency can be joy.

Mary Close Oppenheimer is a local artist who has been part of the Lakeville/Salisbury community for 30 years.

SERIES ON HOUSING
MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER



Presidential environmental accomplishments

Sometimes our presidents have had a significant effect on the physical character of our country. In 1803, Thomas Jefferson arranged for the United States to purchase from France 828 million sq. mi. west of the Mississippi River for \$15,000,000, probably the best real estate deal our country has ever made.

While Theodore Roosevelt is remembered more as a warrior and big game hunter, his environmental accomplishments were considerable. Under his 1906 Antiquities Act, he established the U.S. Forest Service, the first National Bird Preserve at Pelican Island, Fla., and more than 190 million acres of new national forests, parks, and monuments.

Theodore's cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was the creator of the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Operating from 1933 to 1942, the CCC was an enormously popular jobs program employing over three million men, focussed on the conservation

and development of natural resources in rural public lands.

While few remember Richard M. Nixon as an environmentalist, his record on environmental matters was impressive. In 1970 he created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the first central authority overseeing the protection of the environment. Other bills he signed were the Clean Air Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" program created the Wilderness Act, the Endangered Species Preservation Act, the National Trails System Act and the Land and Water Conservation Act.

Jimmy Carter expanded the National Park System and the Department of Energy. The Superfund Law (1980) estab-

lished a fund for cleaning up abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. At a time

when doing so seemed very experimental, Carter had solar heating panels installed on the roof of the White House and in so doing gave a real boost to solar energy development.

The administration of Ronald Reagan was not environmentally friendly. With great fanfare, he had the solar panels Carter had installed on the White House roof removed. Reagan scorned environmentalists and frequently made the false claim that "trees cause pollution."

His appointments of James G. Watt as Secretary of the Interior and Anne Gorsuch (mother of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch) as head of the EPA confirmed the worst fears of environmentalists as both moved quickly to slash budgets, reduce environmental enforcement, and open public lands for mining, drilling, and other private uses. Both secretaries were subsequently forced to resign amid congressional investigations of their performances. But surprisingly, Reagan replaced Gorsuch with William Ruckelshaus, the nation's much admired original EPA Secretary and EPA staff and environmentalists were greatly relieved.

George H. W. Bush's term included one memorable environmental accomplishment: enactment of the Montreal Protocol requiring the EPA to ban the use of ozone-harming chemicals that were causing the growing "ozone hole" in the atmosphere that was leading to a dangerous increase of ultraviolet radiation onto the Earth. Like his father, George W. Bush pursued a friendly but modest approach to protecting the environment. However, he did create the nation's largest Marine National Monument, over 84 million acres, in the Pacific north of Hawaii.

Obama's environmental victories came mostly through executive orders, many of which

were later overturned by Trump, rather than through legislation. But under the Stimulus Law of 2009, more than \$90 billion was spent on renewable energy, energy efficiency, green jobs and other environmental programs. Under Obama domestic wind powered electricity generation increased threefold and solar electricity generation thirtyfold. Under the Antiquities Act of 1906, he created 29 National Monuments across the country on public lands, varying in size from a single building in New York City to the 1,350,000-acre Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.

President Trump disdained environmental protection by the government and insisted that climate change was a "hoax" perpetrated by the Chinese government. Hostile to regulation, shortly after taking office he issued an executive order that for every new regulation put in place, two had to be eliminated. The New York Times identified more than 100 executive orders that the Trump administration took to weaken environmental protection, a major portion of which involved undoing regulations put in place under Obama. He maligned solar and wind power, favoring fossil fuel industries, particularly coal. He lifted bans on oil and gas exploration in coastal waters, the Arctic, and the National Monuments in Utah, stripping Bears Ears National Monument of 85% of its protected area, and inviting fossil fuel, mining, and logging industries to lease out the discarded portions.

President Biden's environmental plans seem a return to the Obama agenda — and then some. He has quickly undone the majority of Trump's executive orders and plans to introduce major legislation in many areas, particularly reducing climate change and improving infrastructure, as quickly as possible.

But with a divided Congress, it remains to be seen how much of his ambitious agenda can be accomplished.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



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In full bloom

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save the Sharon Hospital Intensive Care Unit

As a practicing physician at the Sharon Hospital for over 40 years, I am quite concerned about losing our ICU. In the past week, two of my patients were almost diverted to Vassar Hospital due to a "lack of beds" in the ICU.

One had COVID pneumonia with the new onset of atrial fibrillation, a serious cardiac arrhythmia. The other presented with respiratory failure due to pneumonia and congestive heart failure close to requiring mechanical ventilation. Although the ICU had nine beds, there were only enough nurses for four patients in the ICU and all beds were in use.

After consultation with a Sharon Hospital hospitalist, a patient was transferred out of

the ICU to make room for my patient and my other patient was placed in the medical-surgical unit with close attention. Fortunately both patients did well. These patients illustrate the problems if the present ICU is closed or capacity severely limited.

Firstly, patients that want to be in the Sharon Hospital will be forced to transfer to another hospital away from family and their private physicians. Even patients that may only need ICU care for a day or two will have to be transferred, i.e. post operative patient that needs to be on a respirator overnight or requires one on one attention or an unstable patient hemorrhaging internally. Imagine coming in for elective gallblad-

der surgery and finding yourself in another hospital several hours later. Ambulances are already being redirected away from Sharon Hospital because of an absence of critical care services.

Secondly, we already have a shortage of ICU nurses and without critically ill patients, more will leave. ICU nurses are needed to help manage patients on respirators, control drips to control blood pressure, monitor arrhythmias, etc. They need to see these critically ill patients regularly to maintain their expertise. Without a house staff in the hospital at all times, doctors have to have confidence in ICU nurses. What do you do in inclement weather when it's not possible to transfer a critically

ill patient?

We faced a similar situation when there was consideration of shutting down the obstetric service two years ago. You cannot have an acute care hospital without a true ICU. Without it, other services will soon be eliminated and hospital census reduced. With the recent COVID pandemic, we needed every ICU bed we had and then some. Eliminate a few beds to allow for remodeling the present ICU.

The administration and board should collaborate with practicing physicians in the community before making decisions. Save the Sharon Hospital!

David R. Kurish, MD
 Sharon

Cent Jour measures a leader, Napoleon or Biden

One hundred days after Napoleon returned from exile in Elba, he met his Waterloo. Thus, Cent Jour, 100 days, was concocted by the French as a yardstick for leader performance. McKinsey & Company, a prominent management consulting firm, publishes a fleet of pricey volumes on impactful first 100 days for: CEO, CFO, Sales Manager, on down the org chart — myths, sinkholes, zeniths.

Gerald Ford pardoned Nixon in his first 100 days. FDR started what he depicted as the "wheels of the New Deal." JFK launched the Bay of Pigs while the Soviets launched a man into space on April 21, 1961. Reagan survived an assassination attempt. Obama hauled the nation out of a financial nose dive passing a \$787 million Recovery and Reinvestment Act within 30 days of inauguration.

Former 45 is the only U.S. President entering the White

House without a pending crisis as he stepped into one of the longest running stretches of U.S. economic well-being — inherited not erected. Former 45 ginned up a rash of his own crises, overturning bills, alienating allies, bullying adversaries, siphoning moneys. The April 26, 2017, Gallup Poll put Former 45's approval rating at 40%; current President Biden's rating on April 24, 2021 is 57%. Presidential ratings of Former 45 are the lowest ever for a U.S. president: at the conclusion of his presidency Former 45 at 34% approval, term average was 41%.

Come Thursday, April 29, the Biden administration will complete 100 days in office having trumped the previous administration's anemic 30 million (Former 45 committed to 40 million by end of 2020) COVID vaccines into American arms with a boast worthy 200M COVID vaccines

equitably delivered as of mid April. A \$1.7 billion stimulus bill, American Rescue Plan, was signed into law within 48 days of Biden's inauguration resuscitating the US economy as well as restoring public health and security. Americans of all hues of red, blue and purple are 70% plus in approval of Biden's COVID progress and government rescue of COVID beleaguered, under-nourished, evicted Americans and American small businesses. Forty-two world leaders, including Xi Jinping and Putin, joined Biden's climate conference on day 93 to reverse human wasting of the planet.

Come this Thursday, the 100th day, Biden and his administration will have been doing their work, doing their jobs, without triggering child-restriction concerns as to content and language from the president, without endless tallying of lies, without al-

most daily corruption charges against federal department appointees as well as within the circumference of the Oval Office. While wild conspiracies, violence to citizens and democracy threatening state voting rights restrictions are in the news, the focus of the U.S. nation led by Joe Biden forges ahead to address current and future challenges and opportunities. Forward — what a promising direction to pursue.

"I am prepared under my constitutional duty to recommend the measures that a stricken nation in the midst of a stricken world may require." FDR, 32

"If Americans come together, there is nothing we cannot do." Joe Biden, 46

Kathy Herald-Marlowe
 Sharon

More letters previous page.

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The spring migration of songbirds has started and will reach its peak in mid-May here is the NW corner of CT. The birds are traveling thousands of miles to reach their breeding grounds further north and the males are in their brilliant colors! A great way to know their arrivals is with the Cornell site Birdcast found at <https://birdcast.info>. Wonderful places to view the migration would be the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield (whitememorialcc.org) and the Sharon Audubon Center (sharon.audubon.org). Happy birding!



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