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COVID-19 Vaccine

New sites sought, but hospital will continue

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Dr. Mark Hirko, president of Sharon Hospital, said in a phone interview Friday, March 5, that the hospital does not plan to get out of the COVID-19 vaccination business. There had been rumors last week that hospitals would no longer be giving vaccinations.

He did say that the hospital's physical layout is not ideal for providing vaccinations to large numbers of people, and that the hospital staffers are stretched thin.

Hirko said that, since December, the hospital has provided 1,800 first doses and 1,100 second doses of vaccines, mostly the Moderna version.

Currently the hospital is working on the remaining second doses.

But with roughly 150,000 people in the vicinity still requiring vaccination, Hirko said, "We can't be the point on this."

Hirko said the hospital is willing to help set up vaccination sites elsewhere. "We need to look for a venue suitable for high volume."

COVID-19 vaccination volunteers needed. See page A6 for more information.

In the meantime, the hospital will also help provide vaccinations at schools, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said Friday, March 5 (by phone), that the immediate problem is an inadequate supply of vaccine.

She said there are about 130,000 doses available for about 500,000 newly eligible people. (It is worth noting that the vaccine situation is changing rapidly.) On Monday, March 1, the pool of eligible vaccine recipients grew to include the Over 55 age group, as well as teachers and healthcare workers.

Horn said she expected the supply situation would be "alleviated" in the next two

She is working on setting up additional vaccine sites.

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Geer Dial-a-Ride offers rides to vaccine appointments

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — For many seniors in the Northwest Corner, the challenge of getting an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination has been exponentially increased by the scarcity of nearby options, especially with limited availability at Sharon Hospital and the High Watch clinic in downtown Kent.

Thanks to the Dial-a-Ride program at Geer Village Senior Community, area residents have been able to get to their vaccine sites and get their first and/or second shot.

Ivana Powers, Geer's Director of Transportation, and scheduler Patty Tatsapaugh have been working hard to make sure that those who call in, get to their vaccine appointments, no matter what challenges face them.

"We have taken people in snowstorms," said Powers. "We



have not denied or canceled a single person who has called and requested a ride with an appointment to get their shots.

"We are super coordinated and mission-driven."

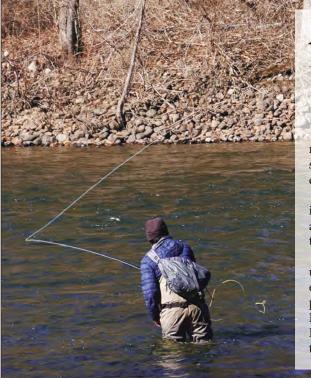
The majority of Dial-a-Ride's callers use the service for non-emergency medical-related appointments, and it has been customary, said Powers, for Tatsapaugh to help callers coordinate rides with doctors' offices and other health-care providers.

When the vaccine rollout began, helping seniors navigate the time-consuming process of registering for a vaccine through the VAMS system, said Powers, was a challenge. "Some people can't stay on hold for 30 to 40 minutes waiting for a re-

Not to be deterred, they came up with a solution: Add another phone line. "Patty would call the [VAMS hotline], keep it on speaker until someone answered, then grab another phone, put that one on speaker" and allow a conversation between the two parties,

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A surprise early opening to fishing season (again)

By Cynthia Hochswender

Gov. Ned Lamont quietly announced the first day of fishing season, late in the day on Thursday, March 4.

The season normally begins in mid April, when ice fishing is a distant memory and most of the snow has melted.

The first day of fishing is usually a gala event, with dozens of fishermen turning out at popular spots such as Lakeville's Lake Wononscopomuc and Kent Falls State Park. The idea behind the quiet openings seems to be

to limit the number of anglers coming together and fishing at the same time.

Opening the fishing season early helps to reduce opening day crowds and limit the potential for spread of COVID-19," Lamont said in his March 4 news release. "Anglers are encouraged to continue to practice social distancing, and we encourage fishing to be enjoyed only with members of your immediate household and not as a group

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Fishing season opened a month early, on Thursday, March 4. Above, on March 5, a fisherman in the Housatonic. Days later, ice fishermen were still out on area lakes.

Which COVID-19 vaccine should I get?

hould I try and get an mRNA vaccine? They are better than the others, aren't they? If I show up at the clinic can I choose?

These are some of the questions that we didn't even know we would be so lucky to ask just three months ago.

The speed at which multiple vaccines to choose from has come about is unprecedented.

The first genome sequence of a previously unknown virus was published in early January

GUEST INSIGHT Dr. James Shepherd

2020 and the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, tested over the summer and fall of 2020, were approved for emergency use in early December.

These are the quickest vaccines ever developed. Their very speed has raised a lot of questions around their safety. It is true that all previous vaccines

have taken years to develop and the cumulative experience of their use over time is reassuring.

Moderate reactions

Nevertheless the COVID-19 vaccines have been tested in very big trials. As a comparison, the widely used and "uncontroversial" Shingrix vaccine for prevention of shingles was tested in 32,000 participants prior to submission for approval in 2017. The total number of patients in COVID-19 vaccine trials that have reported results

so far is 170,000 and growing

The safety results have been reassuring — both in the trial participants and now in millions of people worldwide who have been vaccinated and reported to national monitoring

Rates of severe side effects, mainly anaphylaxis, have been very rare — a handful in every million vaccinated — and the more common reactions such as arm pain, fever, fatigue and muscle aches have been over very quickly.

The brief discomfort of COVID-19 vaccines seems to be greater than for the annual flu shot. This probably reflects a combination of both the "prime-boost" two-shot strategy to provoke maximum stimulation of the immune system; and the large group of vaccinees who were recently infected naturally with SARS-CoV-2 and already have a naturally primed immune system ready to react. Maybe the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine will have fewer reactions?



Vintage-style hockey for Housy team

Thanks to very cold weather in recent weeks, the Housatonic Valley Regional High School hockey team has been able to practice outdoors at Trotta Field in

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Monuments and our view of history

By Debra A. Aleksinas

If David Anthone had his way, public statues would go the way of the dinosaur.

"The idea of the traditional monument is dead and I don't want to see to many more monuments being created," said Anthone during a Zoom talk hosted Sunday, Feb. 21, by The League of Women Voters of Litchfield County and the Litchfield Historical Society.

Anthone is an artist, based in Roxbury, Conn., and is half of the DARN Studio, whose work often has a political or social message.

He is also a historic preservation officer for the state of Connecticut.

As old as America

Particularly during the past year, in part because of anger over the shooting deaths of

Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and others, historic Confederate monuments have served as lightning rods for discussion, debate and protests regarding systemic racism and historical narrative.

Pulling down statues, particularly those related to the Confederacy, is not a new concept. It is a tradition that dates to the American Revolution, said Anthone.

He spoke about the fate of a 2-ton equestrian statue of King George III that was toppled from its plinth on Bowling Green by a group in New York City in 1776, shortly after a reading of the new Declaration of Independence.

The statue, the first monument in the U.S. to be toppled, was brought to a foundry in Litchfield, he said. Some of it was melted and recast into ammunition, some was cut up and made into souvenirs and reliquaries.

Before the statue was melted into 40,000 bullets, however, about half of its weight went missing.

"Interestingly enough people had been pillaging parts off it. People love to hold on to pieces of history."

The fate of the King George statue illustrates that history will live on, even when a statue no longer occupies public space.

During his hour-long presentation, Anthone explored various options for dealing with controversial statues, their original intent and their impact on current communities, and he questioned whether looking at a statue is an effective way to learn about the past.

He pointed to the circa 1912 Custom House, which since 2012 has served as the National Museum of the American Indian & U.S. Bankruptcy Court at One Bowling Green in New York City. The Cass Gilbert-designed building, in

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| Friday | Cloudy, high 63°/low 34° | |
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Correction

An article in the March 4 Lakeville Journal said that all the employees of the pharmacy at the Salisbury General Store had found employment elsewhere. That is incorrect; as of this week, two of the employees had not found alternative employment.

Grant awarded to Falls Village CSA

FALLS VILLAGE —Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV) announces its first agroforestry grant to Adamah Farm located in Falls Village. This grant is a first step in promoting and funding agroforestry practices, or the intentional integration of trees onto farms, in Northwest Connecticut, Berkshire County and Dutchess and Columbia counties. A priority area for BAV, agroforestry is a way to grow food while yielding environmental conservation benefits like water and air quality, habitat, soil health, and more.

3-acre organic vegetable operation with a sliding scale CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) model, a food access project, goats, chickens, herbs, fruit, and an 18-year fellowship program that teaches regenerative ways of living with the land in the context of an intentional Jewish spiritual community.

The BAV grant will assist Adamah in transforming a 25-acre parcel of sloping grass into a food-producing orchard centered around Chinese chestnuts, a blight-resistant variety of chestnut increasingly popular in the Midwest and North-Adamah Farm operates a east region due to its demand

and productivity as a tree crop. Adamah plans to host public planting parties and tours in April of this year, as well as a farmer-focused agroforestry workshop in June with Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development, USDA, NOFA Mass, and the Regenerative Design Group.

For more information about BAV go to www.berkshireagventures.org or contact Glenn Bergman, interim Director, at 413-645-3594.

For more information on Adamah Farm go to www.adamahfarmcsafallsvillage.weebly.com/the-farm.html.

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.

Failure to appear

On Feb. 25 Eric Goldstein, 28, of North Canaan was served with a warrant and charged with failing to appear in the second degree. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on March 30.

Two car collision

On Feb. 26 at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Route 7 in Falls Village a 2017 Honda CR-V driven by Ola Habacker, 80, of Salisbury failed to grant

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west Connecticut's Chamber of

Commerce is partnering with

the Greater Danbury Chamber

of Commerce to host a Virtual

Job Fair on Tuesday, March 16,

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their resume prior to the event.

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Virtual job fair is on March 16

the right of way when turning left and collided with a 2014 Jeep Patriot driven by Diana Marie Consolini, 76, of Falls Village. The passenger in the Honda, Robert Habacker, 80, of Salisbury was transported to Sharon Hospital. Ola Habacker was found at fault and issued an infraction for failure to grant the right of way to oncoming traffic when making a left turn.

Struck a utility pole

On Feb. 28 at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Route 63 in Falls Village a 2003 Dodge Ram driven by Neil Small, 48, of Litchfield, Conn., drove off the road and struck a mailbox and a utility pole. Small was transported to Sharon Hospital. The accident

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opportunities in manufactur-

ing, finance, transportation,

healthcare, insurance, educa-

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remains under investigation. Struck a utility pole

On March 2 at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Canaan Road in Salisbury a 2014 Jeep Wrangler driven by Anastasia Mullen, 32, of North Canaan drove off the roadway and struck a cross walk sign as well as a utility pole, snapping the pole off its foundation. The Jeep rolled over onto the roadway before stopping. No injuries were reported. Mullen was issued a warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

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New learning style and budget plans for area schools

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School will move into a new, "synchronous learning" model starting March 15, Principal Ian Strever told the Region One Board of Education at the board's regular monthly meeting Monday, March 1.

To minimize the danger of COVID-19 exposure and spread, the high school has been operating with different groups, or "cohorts," attending school in person on different days of the week, and working online on other days.

Thus Cohort A comes to the building on Monday and Tuesday, and works online on other weekdays. Cohort B does the same, except they are in the building Thursday and Friday.

Cohort C, which includes students in need of additional support, has been attending classes on Monday and Tuesday and in distance learning labs on Thursday and Friday.

Strever's report to the board explains: "This design was originally intended to keep those students separated from the B cohort by isolating them in

different rooms with different lunch blocks."

The new schedule eliminates the distance learning

Starting March 15, all students will log in at the same time, wherever they are, receive their assignments, and be counted for attendance purposes.

With the addition of the C cohort students, some classes will have more students present, but Strever said the additional students can be accommodated within the existing social distancing measures.

Strever said there are two reasons for making this change. The first is to get everyone "on the same page academically."

Between snow days, scheduled off days and, last week, problems with the water at the high school, the A cohort is four and a half days behind the B cohort, Strever said in a phone interview Monday, March 8.

The other reason is to allow teachers to make sure that students are keeping up with "core

Strever told the board that the change represents a step forward toward reopening

school completely.

Essential repairs

The board approved the use of unexpended funds from the 2020-21 budget for emergency water system repairs (\$14,000) and for a list of high priority infrastructure projects (\$157,773).

Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick said the list of projects includes replacing sewer lines, the steps at the front of the high school, replacing a 20-year-old phone system, some technology additions, and security shades.

Herrick discussed the 2021-22 budget, reporting that the current draft includes a spending increase of \$314,052

Herrick noted that recent Region One budgets have been flat, but this time around, "it was impossible, without Draconian measures, to get it down to zero."

One major item is the hiring of a social worker for the region, at an estimated salary of \$85,000.

Herrick said the first year's salary and half the second year would be covered with federal funds. The third year would be the responsibility of Region The public hearing (on Zoom) for the Region One budget proposal is Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Cost increases, three towns

Under the current budget proposal, the assessment for three of the six Region One towns will rise significantly: North Canaan, by about \$432,000; Cornwall, by about \$104,000; Salisbury, by about \$195,000.

Assessments will be lower in Falls Village (minus about \$211,000), Kent (by about

\$96,000) and Sharon (by about \$111,000).

Assessments are based on the number of students from each town enrolled as of October of the previous fiscal year, and what percentage of the total school population those students make up.

There are still some unresolved issues with the budget proposal, Herrick said.

Frustration with the challenges of signing up for vaccination appointments

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand expressed frustration at the COVID-19 vaccine situation during the Monday, March 1, meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Lisa McAuliffe, who runs

the town's senior services, said she has created dozens of email accounts for residents who do not have computers in order to help register them for vaccine appointments.

She said the March 1 expansion of vaccine eligibility came when there was already a "logjam" in vaccine appointments.

Rand said discussions were ongoing with the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association to set up new vaccination sites, but it was slow going.

He said he was reluctant to put updates on the town website because the situation is changing so rapidly.

The selectmen held a quick

budget meeting before the regular meeting. Rand said the bottom line on the municipal budget proposal for 2021-22 includes a 4% increase in

"That doesn't mean there will be a 4% tax increase," he added. In fact, the Grand List has risen significantly following the revaluation of taxable property. Rand said it is likely the mill rate will stay the same or even be lowered.

The Board of Finance met Thursday, March 4, to receive initial budget proposals from the selectmen and the Board of Education (see story, Page A5).

Rand and Selectman Don Mayland congratulated Selectman Chris Williams on his retirement from the state Department of Transportation after 35 years of service.

The selectmen approved a request from the Salisbury Housing Trust for \$10,000.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE **PUBLIC AUCTION**

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, a public auction consisting of miscellaneous personal property, furniture and household goods will be held at Stor-It-All, Inc., 325 Ashley Falls Rd, Canaan, CT 06018 at 1:00 PM on Friday, MARCH 26, 2021. Stor-It-All, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time, for any reason.

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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands &

Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on March 1, 2021:

Approved - Application 2021-IW-001 to construct a newsingle-familydwellingand associated site improvements. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 08 as lot 69-1 and is known as 44 Falls Mountain Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Michael Chapell and Laura Morales.

Approved – Application 2021-IW-003 for field house, artificial turf field, and associated site improvements. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 01 as lot 20 and is known as 211 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Indian Mountain School Inc.

Approved with conditions – Application 2021-IW-002 for restoration and maintenance hydro-raking on West Twin Lake associated with the following properties shown on Salisbury Assessor's:

Map 23 as lot 58-2 and known as 15 Slater Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Maureen B Barton

Map 69 as lot 17-1 and known as 512 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Charles R & Karyn K Bendit Map 69 as lot 17 and

known as 510 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Jonathan & Dorinda D Higgins

Map 69 as lot 18-1 and known as 500 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is 500-508 Twin Lakes Road, LLC Map 68 as lot 13 and known

as 65 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Russell Wesley & Linda Conklin Map 58 as lot 22 and known

as 69 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Judith Ascher Menikoff

Map 58 as lot 20 and known as 93 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Alan Friedman

Map 58 as lot 19 and known as 99 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Thomas & Patricia Medvecky

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a)

03-11-21

NOTICE OF SPECIAL **TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SHARON** MARCH 19, 2021 IN PERSON AND VIA **ZOOM**

https://us02web.zoom. us/j/8727483273 Meeting ID: 872 748 3273 **ATTENDEES MUST WEAR MASKS AND**

SOCIAL DISTANCE A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Sharon, Connecticut, will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut, on March 19, 2021 at 6:00p.m. for the following purpose:

To see what action the will

take regarding the following: 1. Shall the Town authorize the First Selectman to secure a 5 year loan through Salisbury Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$144,893.00 at an interest rate of 2.25% (total interest \$8,502.24) =\$153,395.24, for the purchase of a new Volvo Loader (net \$138,503) with a 3,000 hour/ five year warranty (\$6,390), as approved by the Board of Finance. Said funds to be placed in the Equipment

Replacement Account. This meeting will be accessed by way of ZOOM for participation. In order to be able to vote remotely, elector must request to do so prior to 11:00AM March 19, 2021 with the Town Clerk. Dated at Sharon, Connecticut, this 23rd day of February 2021.

Brent M. Colley Dale C. Jones Casey T. Flanagan Selectmen 03-11-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CAROLYN M. **NEUGEBOREN** Late of Salisbury

(21-00085)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated February 23, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are: Robert H. Neugeboren Harlan F. Neugeboren Edward A. Neugeboren c/o Mark J Capecelatro Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC 117 Main St.-Box 1045 Canaan, CT 06018

> Megan Williams Assistant Clerk 03-11-21

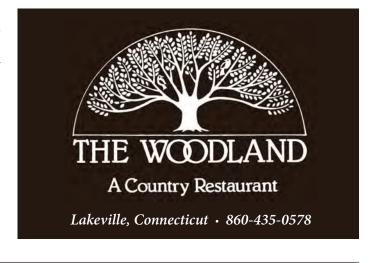
Legal Notice The Planning & Zoning

Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0121 by Jeffrey Gelfand and Kimberly Gilman to convert a detached accessory structure to contain an apartment on a single family residential lot in the Lake Protection Overlay District at 292 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury Map 63, Lot 9 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting; it will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct. us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct. us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & **Zoning Commission** Martin Whalen, Secretary 03-04-21 03-11-21

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/ or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.



Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Large dung beetle 7. Representation of a plan

13. In a fervid way

14. The Book of Psalms

16. Morning 17. Exactly the same

19. About

20. Brown and basmati are two

22. Swiss river

23. Philippine island

25. Expressions of surprise 26. An ant

28. Common Japanese surname

29. Deoxyribonucleic acid 30. Car mechanics group

31. A person's brother or sister

33. Ancient pharaoh

34. Quantitative fact

36. Vividly colored bird 38. Your home has one

40. Organic compound 41. Section at the end of a book

43. Flat tableland with steep edges

44. Criticize

45. Split pulses 47. Brief trend

48. Cool!

51. Purposes 53. Brews

55. Skin condition 56. Pops

58. American air travel company 59. Minute bug

60. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

61. One who rides in your car

64. One of the Gospels

65. City in southern Spain

67. Inquisitive 69. Jean Paul __, author

CLUES DOWN

70. Pop singer Harry

1. An ape or monkey 2. Chemical element 3. Zodiac sign

4. Removes 5. Brew

6. Nickname

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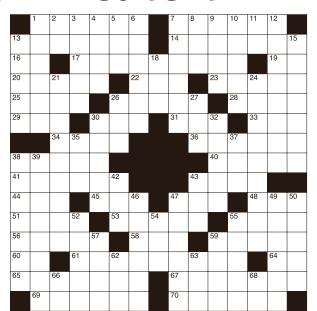
9. Postmodern architectural building in Vienna

10. Henderson and Fitzgerald

11. Mountain (abbr.) 12. Landscaping practice 13. Capacitance unit

15. Redirect 18. Hat for women

HORIZONS



21. In a way, dressed down

24. Granny 26. Feed

27. Endpoint 30. Indian instrument

32. Bleated 35. Cablegram (abbr.)

37. Root mean square (abbr.) 38. Jellyfishes 39. Individual TV installments

42. Talk 43. More (Spanish)

46. Leaseholder 47. Monetary units

49. Hostility 50. Work stations

52. Linguistics giant 54. Female sheep 55. Calendar month 66. Virginia 68. Old English **March 4 Solution**

59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey

62. Single Lens Reflex

63. A way to remove

57. Seasoning

Sudoku

6 9 8 3 5 9 5 9 7 9 8 2

March 4 Solution

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OBITUARIES

Philip James Terni

ip James Terni, 77, a lifelong

area resident, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, March 5, 2021.

Phil will be forever a part of Millerton. Seven days a week, he greeted countless Millerton natives and visitors from behind the counter of Terni's Store. Always ready

with a quick smile and a joke for a new face, Phil loved knowledge and took pleasure in speaking snippets of a customer's mother tongue or in knowing something about their place of birth or heritage.

He quietly served the community in ways large and small: whether winding the clock in the Millerton Moviehouse tower, sitting on the boards of the North East-Millerton Library and the First National Bank of America, or patiently waiting on the smallest of customers to make their penny candy selections.

His many friends and acquaintances enlivened each of his days, and his memory is a blessing and a light to all.

Born March 20, 1943, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Henrietta (Watros) and Arthur D. Terni. Phil's beloved grandmother, Assunta M. (Filiberti) Terni, played a loving and pivotal role in his upbringing.

Phil attended and graduated from Webutuck High School in 1963 and received a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Boston University in 1967.

NORTH CANAAN — Car-

ol Janet (Emmons)

Kelley Gatti, 93, died

in Stuart, Fla., on

March 5, 2021, fol-

lowing a short illness.

ninth of 10 children

born to Donald and

Cora Roger Emmons

of Canaan Valley, on

Kelley and Lou Gatti.

She was prede-

ceased by her brothers and

sisters, Donald, Dorothy, Ger-

trude, Eleanor, Roger, Beatrice,

Marian, Edwin and Lester;

her grandson, Edward Orlan-

di; and her husbands, John L.

She is survived by her

daughters, Gale Scott and

her husband, James, of Buf-

falo, N.Y., JoAnn Orlandi

and her partner, Joe King, of

Palm City, Fla., and Dorothy

Kelley of North Canaan; her

grandchildren, GiGi Atkins

and James Scott of Buffalo,

Sept. 13, 1927.

Carol was the

Carol (Emmons) Gatti

MILLERTON — Phil- Patrick's Church in Millerton he married Ellen Wessel.

Mrs. Terni survives at home.

Phil became the proprietor of Terni's Store in 1971 and operated the family business until his retirement in 2020. He was also a life member of the Millerton Gun Club.

In addition to his wife of nearly 50 years, Phil is survived by his son, Lyman Terni and his wife, Kirin, of Lakeville and his daughter, Clare Terni of Charlottesville, Va.; two grandchildren, Juniper and Sora Terni of Lakeville; and several nieces and nephews and many close friends.

He was predeceased by a brother, Paul Terni; a sister, Stephanie Erickson; and a dear friend, Harry H. Lawrence.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Terni's Store, 42 Main St., Millerton. Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at the Millerton Methodist Church, 6 Dutchess Ave., Millerton. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Church Street, Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North East-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, NY 12546; or North East Historical Society, P.O. Box 727, Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conk-On Oct. 14, 1972, at St. linfuneralhome.com.

Kristine Orlandi of Portland,

Ore., and Jessica Or-

landi and her fiancé,

Kenny Westerman, also of Portland,

and Noel Lidstone

and his wife, Aman-

da, of Lakeville; her

great-grandchildren,

Jaylin and Hendrix

Scott of Buffalo and

Makenzie and Cole

Lidstone of Lake-

ville; and numerous nieces and

nephews and great-nieces and

and bowler. She even had a

"Hole in One" while vacation-

Carol was an avid golfer

Her name was also on the

"Top Score" board at the Cove

Lanes in Great Barrington,

where she bowled for many

There will not be any ser-

vices at this time. However, the

family plans to have a Celebra-

tion of Life in the future.

-nephews.

ing in Arizona.

'Tout va bien' as Le Gamin opens in Sharon

By Hunter O. Lyle

SHARON — The restaurant space in Sharon's shopping plaza has been vacant for nearly two years, but is now home to Le Gamin, serving traditional French café and bistro food.

Robert Arbor, a native of France who has successfully owned and operated similar cafés for decades in New York, opened the eatery on Thursday, Feb. 25, and has had a very positive response from diners, who are eating in and taking out.

Le Gamin has even sold out of several items on a couple occasions, as Arbor has begun to learn what patrons want, when they want it and how many they want. Especially popular so far have been the fresh croissants and other "viennoiseries," brought in from Colson's in Brooklyn and proofed and baked on the premises.

Also sold out on its first weekend on the menu: a bubbly and enticing onion soup topped with melted cheese.

"People, they are so welcoming and kind," said Arbor of the reception he received. "They are so happy that we are here, it's a great feeling."

Arriving in New York City in 1988, Arbor decided he wanted to work in the restaurant business. He attended the French Culinary School (now the International Culinary School) and then opened the original Le Gamin on MacDougal Street in SoHo in 1992.

Manhattan offers such a bounty of foreign cuisines, Arbor said, but "at the time, there were no cafés," no place to stop in the morning for a bowl of strong coffee and a buttered, toasted baguette, no place to

get a good salad or a melted cheese sandwich at mid-day.

The success of Le Gamin on MacDougal Street led to Les Deux Gamins, which opened in the West Village in 1994.

With the rising costs of business, Arbor eventually closed both the original Le Gamin and Les Deux Gamins in the early 2000s, then opened a new Le Gamin in 2010 in the Greenpoint neighborhood of Brooklyn.

For many years, Arbor and his family had a home in Salisbury, and he began to think about opening an eatery up

"Last July, out of the blue, this space became available here," said Arbor, referring to the restaurant space that was most recently Dining Alfresco, which closed in 2019. "I was driving by the 'For Rent' sign every day; so I had to call."

Arbor believes that good meals are only as good as their ingredients. His baguettes are from the famous Sullivan Street bakery in Manhattan. He is sourcing meats from Q Farms in Sharon.

And he is planning a smallscale farming operation at another property that he now owns, the former Beardsley Gardens in Sharon (where he and his son Lucien are now

Look for salads and vegetable specials from the potager in spring and summer. For now, the menu is heartier. Sweet and savory crepes are always on the menu; specials are posted daily on the restaurant website and Instagram (be sure to order from legaminstudioagraire; orders to just legamin go to the Brooklyn restaurant).

Daily specials can include



French café menu items including a salade nicoise with fresh tuna and the croque madame, both in the photo above.

New cafe will open in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen approved a lease for a cafe at the townowned building at 107 Main St. at their regular meeting Monday, March 8.

The cafe, which could open as early as June 1, will be open 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. seven days a week. The owner of the cafe was not revealed at the meeting. Look for more details in next week's edition of The Lakeville Journal.

Housing meeting

SALISBURY — Reporting on the Monday, March 8, meeting about the Salisbury affordable housing proposal will appear in our issue of March 18 and online at www.tricornernews.com.



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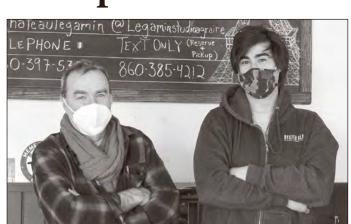
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Robert Arbor, left, and his son Lucien have opened Le Gamin in the Sharon shopping plaza.

different types of egg dishes in a salad and green beans (well, the morning as well as French toast (by its French name, of course, which is pain perdu, or "stale bread").

Lunch and dinner specials have included steak and fries, mussels and fries, lobster in a lemongrass sauce on thick papardelle noodles, delicate cod with a tomato topping. Prices on the regular menu range from \$7 for crepes to \$17 for a salade nicoise with fresh tuna to \$23 for the confit of canard served with roasted potatoes,

haricots verts).

Le Gamin is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and has indoor dining, following health and safety regulations, as well as takeout options. To learn more and to see the menu, go to www.legamin.com and select the Sharon location; call 860-397-5382, send texts to 860-385-4212; or visit legaminstudioagraire on Instagram.

Le Gamin is currently hiring for all positions. Call the restaurant or visit the website.



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Week of March 14, 2021

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Our Towns

North Canaan to gain river access point

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The Board of Selectmen announced at their regular meeting on Monday, March 1, that an access point in town to the Housatonic River has been secured.

In a preliminary report with more to come at the April selectmen's meeting, Selectman Christian Allyn said that the town is the only town in the Wild and Scenic river corridor that does not now offer recreational access.

He has been working toward a solution through his position on the Housatonic River Commission (HRC), to which he was appointed in 2014.

Commenting further on the news on Wednesday, March 3, Allyn shared credit with Bill Tingley, HRC chairman; Mike Humphreys of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); and DEEP Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble.

The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) also pro-

By Patrick L. Sullivan

bury Boards of Education and

Selectmen made their initial

2021-22 budget presentations

to the Board of Finance on

Thursday, March 4 (on Zoom).

proposal is for \$6,028,750, an

increase of \$181,392 (3.1%).

The school board's budget

Salisbury Central School

Principal Stephanie Magyar

noted that this total includes

\$120,000 in what the budget

highlight document describes

as "Stipend for anticipated

COVID-19 related staffing,

supplies and equipment ex-

the regular, non-COVID bud-

Magyar said "the big ask" in

penses."

SALISBURY — The Salis-

First town and school

budget plans presented

vided assistance, Allyn noted, making the work of providing praising the work of Executive Director Lynn Werner and Regional Conservation Director Tim Abbott.

The riverbanks are quite high and steep as the river passes through town, Allyn told the selectmen, preventing safe and convenient access along the way at most places. However, the longest stretch of lower-elevation banks was found on the property of the former Masonic Lodge, which had years before been the property of the Knights of Columbus.

In late December 2020, the DEEP purchased the 1.92-acre property that had been for sale for more than a year. The purchase price was \$140,000, Allyn noted, and the funding will come from the DEEP Fisheries Division. The property lies along Route 44 (Salisbury Road), about one mile north of Dutcher's Bridge.

One of the beauties of the property is that the riverbank is only 4 feet high along most of the property, Allyn said,

get is for a part-time assistant

proposed a \$7,289,054 bud-

get for 2021-22, an increase of

said with the recently complet-

ed revaluation, an increase in

the mill rate is unlikely and

mill rate," he said. "The reval

Clulow asked both boards to

"sharpen their pencils" and

take another look at their pro-

posals before the next Board

of Finance meeting (date and

time to be determined).

"I don't want to increase the

Finance Chair Michael

The Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Curtis Rand

principal, at \$65,000.

\$286,032 (4%).

unnecessary.

did that already."

a boat launch ramp fairly easy to accomplish. On a neighboring property, the riverbank stands at 8 feet.

Because the river is placid at that point, offering a lake-like experience, Allyn expected that visitors would be attracted to it for boating, fishing and picnicking, but not so much for swimming. Looking ahead, Allyn envisions that visitors drawn to town by the launch park will also visit local businesses and attractions.

Paddlers who want to experience Bartholomew's Cobble, for example, a limestone bedrock feature in nearby Sheffield, Mass., will be expected to want to use the North Canaan river access point, Allyn predicted. The Cobble is a 329acre landmark attraction along the river to the north, boasting lookout elevations, trails and noteworthy biodiversity.

As the project develops, Allyn indicated that volunteers will be needed to provide maintenance and coordinate improvements with the DEEP, such as signage and creating a picnic area.

More details are expected to

be shared at the April selectmen's meeting including the HRC's proposed name for the new river access park, Allyn

Housing and COVID tests

To meet a requirement that all towns have an updated Affordable Housing Plan, First Selectman Charles Perotti announced that a committee of five or seven members will be named at the April selectmen's meeting. An updated plan is due in 2022, and an estimated nine months is needed to create the plan.

Two new free-of-charge, Town Hall parking lot drivethrough COVID-19 testing dates are planned for Thursdays, March 11 and March 25, between 1 and 4 p.m., Perotti announced.

Everyone of any age is welcome whether or not a resident of North Canaan and regardless of experiencing symptoms or not. No ID or insurance is required. No appointment is necessary. There is a form to be completed in advance of the test, either on site, or the form can be accessed at www. northcanaan.org.

Sign up now for baseball teams

NORTH CANAAN — Registration for Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League began on Sunday, March 7, and ends on Sunday,

Register at www.northwestct-steve-blass-little-league. sportssignup.com/site/

Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League is open to both boys and girls in all six Region One School District towns (Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon) and Norfolk.

• T Ball: ages 4-6

• Minors: ages 7-9

The registration fee is \$30 per child in these two age

The Travel Team is open to

ages 10-12; the registration fee is \$50 per child. Note: Try-outs will take place for this level of baseball.

Team(s) will be determined by ability, skill and safety.

The Seniors ball team (also known as Housy Juniors) is for ages 12-15; the registration fee: is \$100 per child.

Teams will follow all COVID-19 guidelines put out by Little League and Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League.

Travel Majors and Housy Juniors/Seniors will begin early April. T-Ball and Minors will start later in the spring.

Any questions please email or call Nikki Blass, president, at 860-480-6064 or email at nblass01@yahoo.com.



Housatonic Valley Regional High School's Ivan Pascasio kept the ball away from a Terryville opponent on Thursday, March 4, in a home game.

Jumping through hoops... to play hoops

FALLS VILLAGE — It hasn't been easy but sports teams have been able to play some matches this season. Terryville came to Housatonic Valley Regional High School for a match-up on Thursday, March 4, with a final score of 85-43 for Terryville.

Cynthia Hochswender

No-cost tax aide

SALISBURY — Salisbury Senior Services is offering the AARP Tax Aide program at the Salisbury Senior Center at the Town Grove in Lakeville. Volunteers trained by AARP and certified by the IRS are available to assist those 60 and older, and low-income residents, with the preparation and filing of all

tax forms fee of charge.

All tax returns will be e-filed, which can reduce the wait time for refunds. This service will be available on Thursdays through April 15 by appointment only.

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the Beaux-Arts style, features four monuments designed by Daniel Chester French known as The Four Continents: Asia, America, Europe and Africa.

"My main concern is the children," Anthone said, "the busloads of kids going to the museum" seeking out the statue that resembles their African-American heritage, only to be faced with a jolting, larger-than-life negative depiction.

"That's what I am most concerned about. Systemic racism begins with kids as young as 5 years old," he said.

Don't turn your eyes away

"Many WPA murals, too, project art history in a derogatory way," Anthone noted.

For instance, on display at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., is a mural by Western artist Frank Mechau, titled "Dangers of the Mail," and another, "Covered Wagons Attacked by Indians," by the artist William Palmer.

One depicts a brutal rape. The other shows Indians scalping and murdering white set-

In 2011, a curtain was installed to limit viewing, and the interpretive panels were re-written "to correct a very profound imbalance that hits you in the face first," said An-

An emphasis on 'whiteness'

Anthone, in his work as DARN Studio, recently undertook a project involving a Stonewall Jackson statue in Richmond, Va.

"Our proposal was to diagram it, like a butcher cutting apart a side of beef.

"We knew we would not be selected for the Richmond monument, but we wanted to push the conversation."

He recently spent time searching for historical markers in Litchfield County, and noticed a common thread on towns' timelines of historic events. What he found was a consistent emphasis on white-

"I grew up in Nebraska. There were no minorities. I thought Black people were only on Sesame Street and that Jews were Biblical."

Racism, he said, "is embedded in every one of us. Silence without action is complicity. You must also learn to be ac-

Monuments, said the artist/ historian, by the very nature of their expense, "exert power."

They have become lightning rods for heated conflicts between competing visions of history. But there is a difference between destroying a statue and defacing it, he said.

"Destroying a monument for purposes that are violent," or for the sole goal of projecting power and fear, "is not appropriate."

While statues reveal much about the past, said Anthone, it is also important to view what they tell us with a critical eye and open mind.

He borrowed a quote from the American novelist James Baldwin: "American History is longer, larger, more various, more beautiful, and more terrible than anything anyone has ever said about it."

WHICH?

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Don't compare the numbers

There are now three vaccines available in the USA (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) and several more globally, with more to come.

Inevitable comparisons between the different vaccines, using their "headline" efficacy numbers, is a favorite media story at the moment. This has stimulated "vaccine shopping," which has reached damaging levels in places like Germany, where the UK Astra-Zeneca vaccine sits un-used in warehouses whilst people wait, unprotected, for the Pfizer vaccine.

The efficacy numbers attached to the two shots is responsible for this: 95% for Pfizer versus 62% for Astra-Zeneca.

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These numbers are a snapshot in time and can't be compared with each other.

Different vaccine trials

The Pfizer number was generated from a trial mainly in the USA, where most of the patients were recruited in the summer and fall of 2020.

The Astra-Zeneca number was reported from a trial that included a substantial mixture of patients from the UK, South Africa and Brazil. The Pfizer and Moderna tri-

als closely adhered to the threeor four-week interval between doses, whereas the Astra-Zeneca trial had a less strict timing. The different trials measured

infection and symptoms in different ways at different time points.

In more recent trials — for example the Johnson & Johnson

and Novavax trials — there were large numbers of infections with new virus variants included as

The efficacy result of each trial is reflective of the performance of the vaccine WITH-IN that trial compared with a placebo — but not comparable OUTSIDE of the trial with the other vaccines.

Real-world results

To emphasize this, we have recent large-scale program results from the Scottish National Health Service

The Astra-Zeneca vaccine has been 94% effective in reducing hospitalizations so far compared with the Pfizer vaccine, which has been 85% effective.

This reversal of efficacy rankings in a real-world observation simply emphasizes that both vaccines are great.

The most important number of all to remember is that in the thousands and thousands of trial participants who received any of the vaccines there were no COVID deaths and almost no hospitalizations for COVID.

So when you have finally managed to find your vaccine appointment after refreshing the sign-up page a hundred times and been booked four weeks hence, don't worry about which vaccine you will get. Just pick the one with the smallest needle.

lives in Sharon and is an Infectious Disease physician and epidemiologist who is on the faculty of the Yale University School of Medicine.

GEER

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explained Powers.

Despite storms, shots delivered

The real "gold star days" for the Dial-a-Ride program, noted Powers, were in early February, "when we had two big snowstorms, and had people scheduled for rides."

One couple from Salisbury, Gerald and Marilyn Hardy, were due to get their second dose at a Feb. 1 clinic at the Torrington Armory — the day a major storm was forecast.

Unable to get an answer at the armory that morning as to whether or not the clinic had been canceled due to the weather, Powers said she called state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) to confirm the clinic was open and that the roads were still safe to transport riders.

"The couple's appointment was at 3, but we transported them at 9 in the morning," before the storm pummeled the Northwest Corner, recalled Powers.

'You are going to be OK'

Gerald Hardy, who was unable to drive due to recent hip surgeries, had nothing but praise for the Geer program. "They came right on time, it had just started snowing. Coming home, you couldn't see the road, but the driver was careful and very experienced," said Hardy.

Hardy said he has used the Geer transportation service several times, and considers it a valuable resource for residents of rural northwest Connecticut.

"They follow up to make sure your appointment is correct. You know the minute you get into the new minivan," said Hardy, "that you are going to be OK. It's terrific."

As a COVID-19 safety precaution, Geer's transportation and Sharon. Vaccinators and fleet of nine vehicles was outfitted with plexiglass shields that

gers. The shields were installed last year thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Community

Deemed a priority

Powers said she and Tatsapaugh decided early on that transporting seniors to their vaccine appointments would "be a priority above all other rides. That's the mindset she and I took. They rely on us, because nobody else is there to drive them. We won't relax that response until all are vaccinated."

The Dial-a-Ride program serves seniors and those with disabilities age 18 and over, "but we transport people who can't drive temporarily to medical appointments." Most of the requested rides for vaccines have been to Walgreens, Sharon Hospital, the High Watch clinic in Kent and the Torrington Armory.

Although state and local of-

ficials have been busy planning for vaccine distribution, the issue of how to get people to the sites was left open-ended. But in recent weeks, said Powers, communities have pulled together to find solutions. "I give credit to Walgreens here in town," which administered the first round of vaccines to residents and staff at Geer Village early this year, and followed up with the second shots, noted Powers.

Town social service agents, too, have been assisting residents through the vaccination process. "If we coordinate our efforts we can really blanket the need," said Powers, who has a message for seniors or those with disabilities for whom transportation is a roadblock to getting the vaccine: "You don't need to struggle; we're here."

To arrange transportation through Geer's Dial-a-Ride program, call 860-824-7067.

VAX SITES

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"We went through this with testing," she noted.

She said independent pharmacies and even Lime Rock Park are in the mix as possible vaccination sites.

Horn said she is in the newly eligible age group herself, and finally succeeded in getting an appointment in Danbury after the usual long wait times on hold and efforts to log into

the registration websites, most of which crashed last week.

"It's deflating," she acknowledged. "Life is so close to being different."

A telephone operator for one of the registration services had theorized that this new age group has the largest number of computer savvy users, all of whom logged into the registration sites on March 1 at the same time.

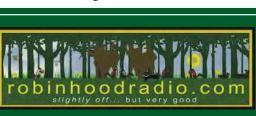
COVID-19 vax volunteers needed

Medical and non medical volunteers are needed to help staff future COVID-19 vaccine sites in the six towns of the Region One School District: Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury non vaccinators are needed.

All interested volunteers separate the driver from passen- including current or retired

nurses, physicians and other medical professionals and non-medical support volunteers are asked to go to www. portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/ Information-For/Volunteers to register.

For more information, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@ salisburyct.us.



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On Friday, March 5, photographer Lans Christensen went out in search of fishermen on the Housatonic River (which is open for fishing at all times in the Trout Management Area) and other spots; he found only one soul brave enough to go in the frigid water.

By the weekend, temperatures had dropped low enough that area lakes had frozen over again. There were ice fishermen out on Lakeville's Lake Wononscopomuc and other

Fishing licenses are required and can be obtained at town halls and online at portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/ CT-Fishing.

The Lakeville Journal's fishing columnist, Patrick L. Sullivan, commented wryly that the thing you're most likely to catch when fishing at this time of year is pneumonia. To read more of his late-winter thoughts on the fishing season look for his Tangled Lines column next week.

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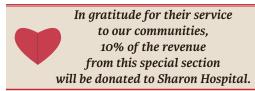






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Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., has launched a festival of new 10-minute plays and musicals, called the "Sharon Playhouse Writers Playground."

The Writers Playground is committed to giving talented writers, performers, directors and technicians in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and the neighboring communities in New York and Massachusetts a platform to showcase their talents in their own backyard and see their visions realized.

The Playhouse also hopes to empower all

people of any age and background to use their voice to tell diverse stories of self-expression and creativity.

Submissions will be accepted from writers in four different categories:

Youth Submissions (written by individuals 18 years of age or younger):

- Plays
- Musicals

Adult Submissions (written by individuals 19 years of age and older):

- Plays
- Musicals

The submission deadline is May 1, 2021. Entrants should live within 50 miles of the Playhouse.

Works chosen will have performances this summer as part of the Playhouse Live Drive-In entertainment, which returns after a successful season in 2020.

In addition to the Writers Playground, the 2021 Playhouse Summer season will include an even wider selection of entertainment including Broadway, Pop, Motown, Classical concerts, film, comedy, variety and the return of the very popular Dinner Cabaret Series.

More information can be found at the playhouse website, www.Sharon-Playhouse.org.

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Sci-Fi and Brit Wit

f you're a science fiction fan, you probably know about Amazon Prime's "The Expanse" — the best SF show on television ever. But you may not have heard of "Dark," a German show

running on Netflix. Complete in three seasons, "Dark" is a time-travel story so full of plot twists you'll need a map, or at least a family tree. Fortunately, each episode rewards multiple viewings. The acting is good, the directing great, and the casting and makeup work are astonishing.

Don't want to commit to a series right now? Check out "Hunt for the Wilderpeople," the film Taika Waititi made in between "What We Do in the Shadows" and "Thor: Ragnarok." It's more like the former than the latter: a small, sweet, New

Zealandish movie. Personally, I have little patience for films that wear their hearts on their sleeves, and 10 minutes in I was thinking, "OK, so the young boy is going to forge a bond with the crusty old man yadda yadda yadda." But dang if I wasn't misting up at the end all the same. And don't worry, the laughs outweigh the touchyfeely stuff.

Switching gears now, those of us who enjoy British humor but don't subscribe to Acorn or BritBox can find plenty to enjoy on, believe it or not, YouTube. My personal favorite is a genre that's very popular in Britain and nonexistent in this country: the panel

A panel show looks like a quiz show: Groups of celebrities, mostly comedians, are asked questions by a host. But the point isn't getting the answer; the point is being funny. And they can be insanely hilarious ... although I probably should mention that

none of the comics are censored.

The two best panel shows available on YouTube are "The Big Fat Quiz of the Year" (or "Decade)" and "QI" which, if you need help remembering it, stands

for "quite interesting." "QI" is more about little-known facts of history and science and such, while "Big Fat Quiz" features questions about pop culture. And yes, there are a lot of questions — and a few jokes — that you won't get because you don't live in the UK. But there will be enough laughs to keep you sailing through ... especially if you look for episodes featuring Noel Fielding, Richard Ayoade (teamed together, if possible), Aishling Bee, David Mitchell, Holly Walsh or Sarah Millican.

If you want a straightup quiz show with civilian contestants, try the amusingly pompous "Mastermind," which has roughly "Jeopardy!"-level questions, or the insanely difficult but awesomely clever "Only Connect." Many episodes of both can be found on YouTube, too.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

EDITORIAL

These changes will have lasting effects

"hen life shut down last March, preparation for that eventuality was scant to nonexistent. Who expected that not only would that happen, but also that it would last so long? Well, Bill Gates and other pandemic watchers may have foreseen it, but for general society, it all came as quite an unpleasant and unwelcome surprise. And for no one (who wasn't affected directly by the disease itself) was it a source of more upheaval and long-term repercussions than for educators, students and their families.

For students, every year and even every semester within each school year can be critically important for their development. But it's not always predictable which semester of which year will be that defining moment for any young person: the moment when a light bulb goes off and they decide they love math, or science, or history, or art; that moment when they try out for the school play and are surprised when they win a part; the moment when their practice for their team of choice pays off in winning a tournament game. The list can go on and on. All these things define a school experience, and these can be hard or impossible to replace when direct connection must be put on hold.

So the challenge for teachers has been great, trying to find new ways to keep their students engaged. Fortunately, Connecticut in general and Region One in particular have found ways to do everything they could to have students benefit from in-person learning. This school year, the Region One elementary schools have kept in-person education the norm, only having that change when individual classes had some exposure to diagnosed cases of COVID-19. Then, just those students would be asked to quarantine for a period of time, and manage their schoolwork remotely, until judged to be ready to meet in person

Housatonic Valley Regional High School took up a varied model for the school year, with a mix of in-person and remote classes (For details, see story by Senior Reporter Patrick Sullivan on page A3 this week.) When there was an outbreak of COVID after the holidays, the school went to all-online learning for a time, but came back to the mix as quickly as possible, Jan. 19. This has surely made for a year when teachers, students and parents had to be creative, resilient and flexible.

While there may be some gap in academic progress, though, during this year of COVID, it could be that the tools found to cope with adversity will be the thing these students retain and carry with them the rest of their lives. Those skills of finding a path forward through unforeseen obstacles may be among the most useful lessons they can learn during their elementary and high school years.

For those who have found themselves struggling during this school year, students and educators alike, you should know you are not alone and the community is only hoping the best for all of you as you deal with the restrictions of a pandemic. And if it all seems too much sometimes, please don't hesitate to reach out for help from your families or school counselors and teachers. They will be there for you.

Thanks go to the Region One administrators, especially Superintendent Lisa Carter, for being open and transparent with the community about planning and implementation of goals throughout the school year. Kudos as well to all the students, parents and teachers who have persevered through some very tough times. There may now be some hope for brighter times as more of us gain access to vaccines, and teachers and child-care givers have become eligible for them.

Respect for Klemens and all town volunteers

One of the things that is sometimes overlooked is the extraordinary amount of time and skill that is donated to our towns by the volunteer commission members, both elected and appointed. Their efforts ensure that we remain affordable, educated, safe and able to live our lives in these special places called small towns. Members are either elected by residents or appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

These commissions must periodically deal with controversies that pull at our goodwill and divide our communities, and many of these end up needing legal determinations from our land use commissions, including Salisbury's Planning and Zoning (P&Z) and Inland Wetlands (IWC) commissions. These commissions are presently in the hot seats in Salisbury for issues of affordable housing and lake shore conservation.

We write to acknowledge and thank Michael Klemens, who we believe has skillfully led our P&Z with fairness, transparency and a deep scientific knowledge. He has a strong respect for people and their need for dignity and inclusion. He knows about our landscapes and the fragile nature of species that can only exist in preserved habitats. He knows land use law and when to seek outside opinions that protect our town.

He has recently been disparaged in a way that we find insensitive and vitriolic, which should not be the reward for such a long record of volunteer service to our town. We salute Michael Klemens and all other volunteers in our town; we are grateful for your contributions, we respect your selfless dedication, and we have your backs. Thank you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad language doesn't help message

In the last week or so, local people and visitors to Canaan alike have been seeing an offensively written message about President Biden in the Canaan area. I didn't know what form this message was displayed banner, sign or something else — until I went to the Canaan Library yesterday. Parked on Main Street, in front of the

yellow Farnum Building, was a large car with the words F---Biden painted in two-foot-high letters covering the entire back window. It's not the political view expressed that angered me, but the prominence of inflammatory language that would be seen by people of all ages going past.

I didn't know whose car it

was, but wanted to suggest to the owner that they either remove the expletive or park the car off the main road. I found the owner, who runs the newly opened antiques store there, and had what turned out to be an unfortunate and extremely ugly verbal confrontation in which the person declared he had his First Amendment right to free expression, but would not address the language itself, which was and continues to be my only objection.

While the message is, of course, a hot-button issue and the right to express our opinions an honored part of American life, what about the rights of people forced to drive, walk, or ride past this facile, provocative message?

Lynn Curtis

Salisbury

Ms. Reville misinformed

In her guest commentary last week (March 4), "Responsible approaches to affordable housing in small towns," Daly Reville mischaracterized our presentations and our responses to her questions. We believe that readers will think twice before taking what Ms. Reville says at face value.

David Berto, President, Housing Enterprises, Inc. Enfield

Sam Giffin, Policy Analyst, Open Communities Alliance Hartford

Voting rights must be protected

Apparently, it is not enough to have a Constitution that gives us the right to vote. As we have just witnessed, the ability to cast a ballot is what elections come down to. No sooner have we finished counting the ballots for the recent election than groups across the nation have introduced all kinds of bills to try and limit access to the ballot. In other words, there are groups that want to disenfranchise as many people as possible. Why would anyone want to do that in a country that calls itself a democracy?

There are historical roots to limiting the ballot, laws made by people who owned a certain amount of land, whose houses had a certain number of windows, who paid a certain amount of tax, to keep out people of lesser means,

a different gender and color. Over the centuries, the United States chipped away at these limitations.

Connecticut is fortunate that four bills have been introduced in Hartford to maintain the changes that made the recent election work better for all its citizens: H.J. 58, H.J. 59, S.B. 901, H.B. 6464. Having shown their importance in making elections more manageable, these bills deserve support. Moving forward involves changing the state Constitution, something that has happened many times in Connecticut's history and needs to happen again in the 21st century.

While Connecticut should be a model, states across the country are proposing measures claiming to make elections "more secure." That's the new code word for keeping people from voting and comes down to less access: a shorter voting period, fewer and less convenient voting sites, more identification regulations, even fewer mailboxes. Once again, some people want more for certain groups, less for others, and they are introducing measures to limit those who can vote.

Let's keep our country moving forward by supporting H. R. 1 (House Resolution #1) "For The People's Act," which safeguards voting rights nationally. It's number one for a reason: making sure people can vote and their votes are counted are the foundation of democracy.

Betty Krasne, PhD

A syndrome: Use my guy . . . please!

There's nothing unusual about asking for a recommendation when contemplating a home project or something needs servicing. What I find interesting is that the response is

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often couched in language strongly implying that they have the absolute best plumber, electrician, contractor ...

whatever, and you would be crazy to consider using anyone else. And if you don't use their guy? That is taken as a personal slap in the face.

Let's call this Top Man Syndrome. Top Man because it usually involves a man-to-man recommendation. From my observation, although painful to admit, men have a need for validation of their choices by insisting that others make the same choices. And they confidently offer assurance (with no actual data to back it up) that they have the best guy for

Women seem more secure and don't require constant ego reinforcement. They focus on competence and reliability; an

excellent reason to consult a woman the next time you're looking for someone to fix

Nowhere is Top Man Syndrome more prevalent than in health care.

> Think about it. Have you come across anyone who hasn't had a hip replacement or knee surgery from "the top guy" at (fill in your fa-

vorite orthopedic hospital)? To further embellish the top man credential, the doctor is often identified as the surgeon for the Yankees, the Knicks, the Celtics, the Patriots or whatever pro sports team lends the proper street cred.

It does beg the question: if the surgeon is spending all this time on your friends' hips, knees and ACLs, how does he possibly have the time for the Yankees, the Knicks, etc.? How

Managing Partner can everyone have the top guy? Robert H. Estabrook Before you get too carried away obsessing about having **Publisher Emeritus** the top guy for your next medical procedure, keep in mind

question: "What do you call the person who graduates last in their class at medical school?" "Doctor".

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — March 1921

At the present time while the frost is coming out of the ground the roads are in an unspeakable condition. Smith Hill is reported as especially bad.

ORE HILL — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean have moved to Sharon where he has employ-

LIME ROCK — Mrs. J. Winterbottom is some better.

There was a brisk thunder storm early Tuesday morning. Weather sharks say that thunder in the spring indicates colder weather.

50 years ago — March 1971

When Salisbury voters met at the Hotchkiss School Theater Friday night to hear and discuss the Solid Waste Committee's Report and recommendations, it was something of an historic occasion. As First Selectman William Barnett pointed out when he opened the meeting, this was probably the first official meeting of townspeople held outside the town hall in Salisbury's history. William Ford was appointed moderator because, he said in an amusing preamble, the wives of all the other appropriate people were afraid their husbands would have heart attacks at a meeting which could prove highly controversial.

Actually, as it turned out, the meeting proved more forensic than controversial. Several people came with prepared speeches emphasizing some particular point (generally in opposition to the committee's recommendations for the Dugway site), and the group which had met in Lime Rock the Tuesday before the meeting had hired an attorney and an engineering firm to counter the report.

Army Specialist 4 Donald M. Hurlbutt, son of Mrs. Dorothy S. Warner, Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, recently received the Bronze Star Medal while serving in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. In addition to his most recent decoration, he has twice been awarded the Air Medal; and has received the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Barbara Lee Turrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferriss Turrill of Bull's Bridge, Kent, has been named to the Dean's List with honors at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

"We're not eager to tell people what to do. We do want to help protect the town's health and safety." Frederick Perkins, Planning Commission Chairman, made the distinction this week in discussing a proposed set of subdivision regulations

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Viewpoint

What are the goals of born again Americans?

always been fascinated by the concept of being "born again." Myself being raised in an Orthodox Church, where a person's Christian identity has been sealed and imprinted at his infancy, which can never be questioned, I find the aspiration of a person now as an adult and mature individual willing to reaffirm his faith and beliefs is an act of courage and determination.

And it appears that this yearning to revisit one's own heritage in order to revive the religious foundation of his or her faith is not a uniquely Christian endeavor. From ancient times to our current days, testaments of born-again Buddhists, Muslims and Jews who are reaffirming and revitalizing their ancestral beliefs at a time when they feel challenged by competing faiths and the challenges of everyday life is an expression of a individual who refuses to be just a blind follower of a doctrine but a self-reliant mature adult.

But then I heard the expression, "born again Americans," spoken by Pete Hegseth, a television host and author. He was equating a spiritual awakening with a validation of violence by the rioters who attacked Capitol Hill. I found this alarmingly distasteful.

Borrowing religious expressions and parlance in order to energize a political agenda and inspire its members to be more aggressive is not a new concept. From ancient Greeks, Romans, Crusaders and Muslim terrorists reciting religious chants while destroying sacred sites is not uncommon. What is uncommon is that even though we are a divided nation, and we might see our point of view as the righteous one, violence cannot be accepted as a viable option to resolve our differ-

We live in a democracy, and as hard and nerve-wracking as it can be to convince others to accept our values or opinions by immersing ourselves in countless hours of negotiations, democratic discourse is the only path to achieve a reconciliation or perhaps a mutual agreement. Pete Hegseth claims

'd like to admit that I have that, "I'm a born again American. I have been re-awakened to the reality of what the left has done to my country." But this cannot give permission to any party, group or denomination to attack, destroy and plan to kill the members of the Con-

I AM WIDE AWAKE Varoujan Froundjian

gress to settle a disagreement. Democracy is hard work. But there is no alternative. You've got to sit down and talk and talk and talk until a settlement has been achieved or perhaps a compromise has been reached.

To be members of the group of "born again Americans" doesn't give carte blanche to any group to take a shortcut in solving disagreements by means of violence and threats. And unlike a religious variant of a "born again" where the exclusion of those who do not share the same faith might be acceptable, democracy demands no person, regardless of their ideology toward "left" or "right," to be silenced by religious catchphrases.

Democracy is not a country club where only the privileged, the well-to-do and those who share a common lifestyle and belief system are welcomed. Democracy is the home of everyone who abides by the rule of law, regardless of faith, culture, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation or financial means. And by declaring that certain members of the society by being "born again Americans", can validate hatred and destruction of the law is simply un-American.

Born again or not, we are all equal under the law. And no born again American can take away the sacred laws of our democracy. Those days have gone when a duel between two cowboys determined who is the hero and the villain and those bygone days when a village elder out of a personal whim claims that people from neighboring villages cannot be

Ironically, even though a divisionist phrase such as "born again American" has been used to reject our democratic values, somehow that same slogan resonated an interest in me to go further and investigate the true meaning of the experience. Akin to the religious awakening, being born again is about going back and studying the holy scriptures written by the spiritual leaders, which in our case as Americans is about re-reading the Constitution and re-discovering the wisdom of our Founding Fathers who assure us that democracy has all the essential tools to resolve the conflicts between those who are born and the ones yet to be born.

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We could learn from Scandinavia

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Many years ago I spent a summer working in Copenhagen. Something I noticed right away told me I was not in the United States: when Danes walking down the sidewalk come to a traffic light that is red, they stop and wait until it changes to green even if there are no cars in sight. Such an orderly, law - abiding people, I thought.

We Americans discouraged about the general state of affairs in the United States today might well learn more about the Scandinavian countries.

Traditionally, Scandinavia was considered the three nations of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. A more modern definition includes Finland, Iceland and the several semi - autonomous island states including Greenland, Aland, and the Faroe Islands. This conglomerate is often referred to as

"The Nordic Countries." The largest, Sweden, has 10 million people, the smallest, Iceland, about 370,000.

More egalitarian than Americans, Scandinavians share strong social welfare systems that care for everyone. Taxes are high but, in the opinion of most of their citizens, this is money well spent. The result: societies more united and content than that of the United States.

According to the annual UN World Happiness Report, the happiest countries are Finland, Denmark, Norway and Iceland in that order with Sweden in eighth place (the United States was 15th). In the annual rankings of the least corrupt nations, the Scandinavian countries ranked 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 out of 179 (the U.S. was 23rd). Business Insider Magazine's ranking for the safest countries placed all the Nordic Countries in the top 20, with the United States ranked 128. In assessing gender equality, the World Economic Forum rated Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland the top four countries, with the United States 53rd. And in life expectancy, Norway and Sweden ranked third and seventh in the world, while the USA was 42nd, with the average Norwegian man living more than five years longer than his American counterpart.

Former President Trump tried to portray the Nordic countries as indolent and socialist, unfairly likening them to various centrally planned dictatorships. Although they are welfare states, all the Scandinavian countries are parliamentary democracies with robust capitalist economies. Economically, Yahoo Finance currently rates the five Nordic countries as among the world's 14 richest nations. Others wanting to portray Scandinavia in a negative light have tried to link these nations with suicide; but for decades, suicide rates in the Nordic Countries have actually been slightly lower than that in the United States.

In the last decade, immigration, especially from the Middle East, has become a growing problem for Scandinavia and most of Western Europe. In 2015, the Nordic Countries took in nearly 235,000 refugees with 160,000 of them going to Sweden and, since 2000, the share of the Swedish population that is foreign born has grown from 11% to 19%. In the Nordic Countries, refugees are treated well with the governments making concerted efforts to integrate newcomers into their societies. In 2019, the United States, with a population 13 times that of Scandinavia, admitted fewer than 23,000 refugees. Sadly, the U.S. government's treatment of refugees attempting to enter the U.S. in recent years under the Trump administration has been cruel and unconscionable at best. There is some reason to hope that under the Biden administration, immigration change will be meaningful.

Denmark is a world leader in alternative energy production and development, particularly wind power, and in phasing out fossil fuel use. While American cities are struggling to introduce bicycle lanes to reduce congestion and pollution, more than half

of all commuters in Copenhagen go to work

Half the size of an American house, the typical new Scandinavian home is only about 1,200 sq. ft., but is surprisingly well-built and designed with maximum functionality. Modern Scandinavian furniture is famous all over the world for its design and craftsmanship. Visitors to any of the Nordic Countries often note how well historic preservation has been coupled

with high quality contemporary architecture, a happy blend of past and present.

To most foreigners, Scandinavians seem like one people. All five countries share the same design for their national flag, the Nordic Cross, but each nation's flag shows a different arrangement of colors.

After Germany re-united in the 1990s, the Capitol relocated from Bonn to Berlin, setting off a wave of new embassy construction. In a move that probably no other countries would have even considered much less managed, the five Scandinavian nations decided to pool their new individual embassies to create a larger complex now known as the Pan Nordic Building.

On a small, oddly shaped site in downtown Berlin sit five interlocked, architecturally well-integrated embassies, designed by six different architects, together with a communal building, all surrounding a common courtyard. To a visitor, the Pan Nordic Building is six structures and one at the same time, an appropriate expression of Scandinavia today, individualistic yet cooperative.

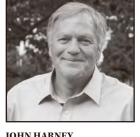
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for the Town of North Canaan. The proposals go to a public hearing Wednesday night in Town Hall. Currently the town is one of the few in Connecticut without subdivision regulations.

FALLS VILLAGE — A surprise going away party was held this week for baseball player Terry Blass at the home of his brother Steve Blass in Canaan. About 30 people were present. Terry was presented with a warmup jacket and a purse of money. He will be leaving March 15th for Bradenton, Fla. to join his brother for spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization.

25 years ago — March 1996 CORNWALL - Sing-

er-songwriter and Cornwall property owner James Taylor applied this week for a special permit to mine his 106 acres of rolling fields along the Housatonic River for sand and gravel. The move startled his neighbor Jacqueline Strobel who reapplied for a permit to do the same thing just weeks earlier. "I don't know what to make of it," she said Tuesday. The difference between them is, Mrs. Strobel is serious about exca-

vating 70,000 cubic yards of earth, sand and stone, and Mr. Taylor is serious about stopping her. He has before.

Mr. Taylor's attorney, Leonard Blum, said "it's not Mr. Taylor's desire to mine gravel," but if Planning and Zoning issues Taylor a permit to mine there, he will sell the land to someone who does. Tuesday, the Inland Wetlands Commission decided it had no jurisdiction in the Strobel application, which goes on to Planning and Zoning now for another public hearing.

KENT — Billy Gawel of Kent was the winner in the Ice Watch on the Housatonic River but he didn't win because he guessed the time the ice would break with warming weather. The winner of the Ice Watch on the Housatonic was selected by a drawing Tuesday night rather than by the closest guess because when the contest kicked in officially Feb. 18 at midnight there was, believe it or not, no ice on the river.

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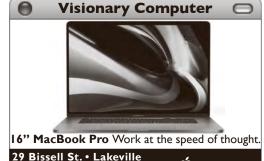
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