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## Protest in Sharon, in a third week of demonstrations for Black Lives Matter

By Hunter O. Lyle

SHARON — It was the third week of protests against police injustice and brutality, across America and the world. Demonstrations have been held in Cornwall, Salisbury and Kent. On Thursday, June 11, about 150 people gathered in front of the Sharon Clock Tower to continue showing support toward the black community.

Julia Cash, a Sharon resident, and Erin O'Halloran from Millerton, N.Y., organized the Sharon protest, reaching out across multiple social media platforms.

"What motivated me was the injustices going on and the fact that enough is enough," said Cash in an interview during the protest. "I couldn't stand by and do nothing, especially knowing that in such a small town, even if we don't have a huge turnout, it's still extremely important, because then people of color know we support them."

At the start of the demonstration, Cash spoke to the crowd and said she was enraged by the amount of injustice and cruelty that the black community has suffered at the hands of the police.

"I am angry because black



At a protest in Sharon on Thursday, June 11, Christine Elia, above, brought a sign in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, while Julia Cash, right, who was one of the two main organizers, gave a speech about police brutality and injustice in the U.S.



PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

and brown children have to grow up faster than they should," Cash said. "I am angry because George Floyd, Breonna Taylor

and countless others were murdered by people who were supposed to serve and protect."

Cash then read a long list of the names of people who have died recently at the hands of the police, including Eric Garner who died in 2014 after a police officer put him in a choke hold, and John Crawford III, who was shot by police in a Walmart that same year when police mistook his BB gun for a real one.

Several others then stepped forward and speak through a bullhorn, including the Rev. Margaret Laemmel, of the Sharon and Lakeville Methodist churches.

"The law that was supposed to make all of us equal is not

making all of us equal," she said. "It comes from the erroneous belief that some of us are better than others, which is just not true."

"I am saddened that it took George Floyd for all of us to come to this, and for us to be on the street corner saying this. May we never stop saying it from now on."

Several others spoke and then the demonstrators knelt in silence for 9 minutes. They then began chanting for justice and peace.

"I personally think this is going to be a historical moment for Sharon," said Cash. "I think it's essential that you see these things happening in every town."

## Towns slowly begin to offer services again

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — At a virtual meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG) on Thursday, June 11, first selectmen, mayors and town managers reported on how their municipalities are handling reopening senior centers and managing summer recreation programs as the state slowly reopens.

The COG is made up of leaders from 21 Litchfield County towns, including the six towns of the Region One School District. The group meets once a month in Goshen.

Henry Todd, first selectman of Falls Village, said the town pool will open on June 28. He said the town's seniors are not anxious to reopen the Senior Center and added that the town provided iPads to seniors so they could stay in touch with each other.

There was a general reluctance to open senior centers too soon. Mayor Elinor Carbone of Torrington said that city's senior center will remain closed for now, but will continue to provide meals and other services.

Some towns are providing outdoor activities for seniors.

Charlie Perotti of North Canaan said that the town's pool is undergoing repair work. He said he thought a July 4 weekend opening is possible.

Carbone said it is too expensive to meet the safety guidelines for the city pool, and it will not open at all.

Torrington will have "pop up drive-in" movies in parking lots around town, she added.

Other towns have opened their pools or beaches, with restrictions on how many people can be there at one time.

## HVRHS attracts potential interest for fall semester

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At the top of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) web page there is a terse announcement:

"Attention Prospective Parents and Students: We are receiving an unprecedented number of inquiries for Fall 2020 admissions."

In a phone interview Monday, June 15, HVRHS Principal Ian Strever said he's had seven inquiries in the last month.

"They're from all over," he said, including South Carolina, California and the New York metropolitan area.

He said the people asking had different reasons: Some were former residents of the area thinking of returning. Some were considering switching from private school to public.

And some were thinking of moving somewhere less populated.

Will they follow through? "We'll see," Strever said.

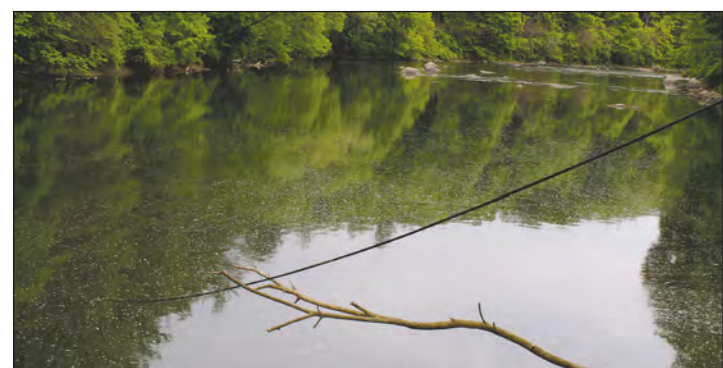


PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

After months of calls and requests, Frontier agreed to remove a phone line from the Housatonic River in Sharon/Cornwall.

## Telephone line hoisted up over Housatonic River

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — David Dantzker has a home on the Housatonic River in Sharon. It's at the end of a dirt road and not easy to find.

Dantzker is a fly-fisherman, and he's got a nice stretch of river handy.

Unfortunately, the pool's standout feature is a non-functioning telephone line, stretching across the river to the Cornwall side.

The line has fallen into the river. And as river flows get lower, par for the course in the summer, the cable is more and more apparent.

It's ugly to look at.

But Dantzker's primary concern is the danger of recreational

boaters getting tangled up in the thing.

He said there used to be a power line as well, but the power company decided to remove it.

Dantzker tried to interest Frontier Communications and the first selectmen of Sharon and Cornwall, but got nowhere.

On Friday, June 5, The Lakeville Journal reached Frontier operations manager Rick John, who said he would send a crew to check it out.

The Frontier people had some problems finding the place, but eventually they got there.

On Monday, June 8, John said the plan is to remove the line as soon as possible. He did not have a date for the job.

Dantzker reported that Frontier did indeed come to the river and hoisted the cable up about 12 feet in the air.

"It is off the river but it's still an eyesore and a risk," he commented.

## Outdoor cats and a heartbreaking bird loss

### NATURE'S NOTEBOOK

TIM ABBOTT

newly hatched chicks, still warm, that had just died of exposure, and beneath them was another perfect egg. It was heartbreaking, and we buried the whole sorry mess among the raspberry canes.

There are plenty of outdoor house cats in our neighborhood, many without bells or collars, and we believe that it was one of them that attacked the birds. There was a gap beneath the fence that I have since stopped up, but they can still come into the yard from the street, the way the bears do. A few days later I saw a cat, with a bell, slinking along inside the back fence. I ran out in my stocking feet and chased it all the way around the house, waving a stick, until it vanished across the road.

Perhaps the owners of these cats are not aware of the carnage that outdoor cats inflict on backyard birds. It is estimated that between 100,000,000 and 350,000,000 birds are killed by cats in America every year. That works out to between one or 3.5 birds for every cat in the country — including mine who never goes outdoors without a leash.

Our yard is set up to be a haven for birds. If you cannot contain your cat to your space, you need to be responsible for what it does in our space.

The nest box was stark and empty for a few days, and all the joy gone from our garden. Then we heard the first wrens, and they are now busily setting up house in a different box with a narrow opening suitable for them but not for cowbirds (brood parasites whose changing eggs are raised by unwitting birds of other species).

The orioles arrived, and are happily feeding on orange halves

and whatever they are finding to eat in maple blossoms. We saw the first hummingbird, just as the bright red columbine is ready to flower.

Two days ago, another bluebird pair ventured into the yard and attempted to colonize the old nest box. They have competition now, and so it is firmly in the clutches of a pair of bottle green tree swallows. I love those birds, too, and they have not visited our yard for years. I do not begrudge them their prize and wish them success.

But I also put up another bluebird box, midway along the fence line between the old one and the wrens. Maybe there can be room enough for us all, for a little while at least, out here in the garden of good and evil.

Tim Abbott is program director of Housatonic Valley Association's Litchfield Hills Greenprint. His blog is at [www.greensleeves.typepad.com](http://www.greensleeves.typepad.com).



Cattle girls are called cows and boys, bulls. They take 9+ months to birth and 24-30 more months to mature on pasture.



Some cows are raised for meat by these farms...

- Howling Flats Farm
- Lone Silo Farm
- Moon in the Pond Farm
- Mountain View Farm
- Q Farms
- Ridgway Farm
- Sky View Farm
- Whippoorwill Farm

### NW CORNER FARMS

Other cows are raised for milk:

Organically raised cows can produce milk for 15 years!

Dairy farmers can sell their milk to large producers, or process it themselves, like...

- Calf & Clover Creamery
- [calfandclovercreamery.com/where-to-buy](http://calfandclovercreamery.com/where-to-buy)
- Sky View Farm
- [@skyviewfarmsheffield](https://www.instagram.com/skyviewfarmsheffield)

There's a lot of milk around and some conventional dairies have needed to 'dump' milk they produce in excess. The dumped milk can be added in to 'slurries', which is a basically a fertilizing smoothie for their fields.

Plantin' Seeds' mission is to raise awareness of the intersections we share. See [plantinseeds.org](http://plantinseeds.org).



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### Three-day forecast

Friday..... Thunderstorms, high 84°/low 64°  
 Saturday..... Cloudy, 89°/64°  
 Sunday..... Thunderstorms, 87°/66°

## 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.

### Two car collision

On June 8 at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Millerton Road in Salisbury a 2019 Ford Escape driven by Elsa Angeles Gonzalez, 50, of Ancramdale, N.Y., was exiting a car wash and turning left onto Route 44. The Ford pulled in front of a 2016 Ram Truck 2500 driven by Patrick Reeve, 38, of North Canaan, causing the Ram to strike the Ford. No injuries were reported. Gonzales was issued a written warning for failure to grant the right of way from a private driveway.

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](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com)

## Send us your favorite fireworks photos!

This year, the fireworks normally presented by the Salisbury Rotary Club at Lime Rock Park will not be presented on the Fourth of July, for the first time in possibly decades.

The fireworks fundraiser will be held instead on Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples weekend in October.

To help us fill the festive fireworks void, The Lakeville Journal plans to run photos from past displays in our issue of July 2. If you have favorite photos from the past, even the very distant past, of a fireworks celebration here in the Northwest Corner, please

send it in by Wednesday, June 24, to Cynthia Hochswender at [cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com). Include your name, the photographer's name, the year the photo was taken and where the photo was taken.

It doesn't have to be a big display, and it doesn't have to be only the lights themselves; send us photos of crowds observing a display. If you have great photos of friends and family safely lighting off legal fireworks at home or at a lake cottage or a beach, we'd love to see those.

And of course please keep an eye out for the photos we select in our July 2 issue.

## Free first aid classes for high school students

SHARON — A limited number of spaces remain available for high school students in the Region One School District to take a free Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED certification class if they were unable to complete the course in school due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The course is offered by Nuvance Health, owner of Sharon Hospital. Spaces are available for the Sharon Hospital classes on Saturday, July 25, at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8:30 a.m. Additional classes are available on other dates in other Nuvance and Health Quest hospitals.

For more information and to register, go to [www.medicaleducation-nuvancehealth.enrollware.com/schedule](http://www.medicaleducation-nuvancehealth.enrollware.com/schedule). Participants are asked to use promotional code CPRSTUDENT2020 at checkout to avoid the fee. Proof of high school student status including student ID, transcripts, graduation letter and/or report cards is required.

For more information, call Community Education Supervisor Wendy Hennessey at 845-475-9742 or by email at [hennessey@nuvancehealth.org](mailto:hennessey@nuvancehealth.org).

## Hunt Library will open again

FALLS VILLAGE — On Tuesday, June 23, the David M. Hunt Library will reopen its doors to the community and resume its regular operating hours of Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Social distancing guidelines will be observed.

For more information and to make curbside requests, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to [www.huntlibrary.org](http://www.huntlibrary.org).

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

## Canaan Foundation awards grants to area programs

NORTH CANAAN— The Canaan Foundation awarded 24 grants totaling \$26,000 to area programs that benefit residents of North Canaan.

Services that received grants included the Canaan Fire Company and the North Canaan Ambulance Corps. Funding for emergency assistance went to North Canaan Social Services.

Grants were awarded to the Douglas Library and for the annual tree planting by the North Canaan Beautification Committee.

Grants were also awarded to Chore Service, North Canaan Housing Authority, Geer Adult Day Care Center and Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association to continue providing services to North Canaan residents.

Grants benefiting families and children were awarded to the Canaan Child Care Center, the Canaan Community Trust, Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, Greenwood Counseling, the AHA! after-school program, Boy Scouts of Troop 22, North Ca-

naan Recreation Commission, North Canaan Little League and the YMCA at Geer.

The North Canaan Elementary School Music Department was granted funds that would provide musical instruments to more students. Lost Art Workshop, Connecticut Railroad Historic Association and the North Canaan Hub were also among the grant recipients this year.

Funds for the Canaan Foundation come from donations to its annual fund drive, bequests and contributions by the families of deceased North Canaan residents and friends of the foundation. The foundation was established in 2000 to enhance the quality of life in the town of North Canaan, and since that time has distributed more than \$430,000 in grants.

For more information and a full list of this year's grant recipients go to [www.canaan-foundation.org](http://www.canaan-foundation.org). Donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to the Canaan Foundation, P.O. Box 823, North Canaan, CT 06018.



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## Scouts participate in Flag Day

Members of North Canaan Boy Scout Troop 22 participated in special Flag Day ceremonies on Sunday morning, June 14, at Lawrence Field. They raised the flag and then said the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath and Law and then a prayer for the country. A drummer and a bugler added to the ceremony. The scoutmaster for the troop is Dave Moran and there are a number of assistant scoutmasters.

## NWCT arts grants available

The Artist Emergency Relief Fund is now open for its second round of applications. The relief fund was originally started in March as a fundraising collaboration between the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council and Torrington Collective, a local artist collective.

The groups raised and distributed more than \$1,200 to five artists in dire need of financial support following the COVID-19 outbreak.

Recently, the Arts Council received \$5,000 in total funding to distribute a second round of micro-grants to artists in need, thanks to the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund, the Neighbor

Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, and the Torrington Savings Foundation.

The funds will be used to provide small grants of \$250 to 20 local artists and small arts organizations facing hardship due to COVID-19.

Applications are now available at [www.artsnwct.org](http://www.artsnwct.org). The deadline is July 1.

## Marvelwood honored again with Sportsmanship Award

KENT — For the third time in five years, The Marvelwood School in Kent is the recipient of the Les McMillen Housatonic Valley Athletic League Sportsmanship Award, as voted on by Housatonic Valley Athletic League coaches and athletic directors. The award, named in memory of longtime league president Les McMillen of New York Military Academy, was previously given to Marvelwood in 2016 and 2017.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### INVITATION TO BID

The North Canaan Board of Education located in located in North Canaan, CT invites bids for trash removal at North Canaan Elementary School.

Signed and sealed bids will be received at the Region One School District - Superintendent's Office - 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the full name and address of the bidder, plainly marked **BID - TRASH REMOVAL - NORTH CANAAN**. Bids must be submitted prior to 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at which time bids received will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bid terms & conditions and the "Official Bid Form" may be obtained online at [www.region1schools.org](http://www.region1schools.org). The North Canaan Board of Education reserves the full and unqualified right to award the bid, waive any and all bid conditions or formalities, award the bid to other than the lowest bidder, award the bid to other than the bidders, reject any and all bids received, or divide the award, should they deem any of the foregoing to be in the best interest of the school district. Dated at Falls Village, CT this eleventh day of June 2020.

06-18-20

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2019 is due and payable July 1, 2020. The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2019 will become delinquent on Monday, August 3, 2020.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 0.25% per month from the time such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid on or before September 30th. For any July installment amounts due that remain unpaid as of October 1st, 2020, interest will be charged back to July 1st, 2020 at a rate of 1.5% per month.

Bills may be viewed on line by going to the Tax Collector's

page of the Town of Kent website at [www.townofkentct.org](http://www.townofkentct.org).

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday during the month of July. After August 3rd the hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Town Hall closure please make payments through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757. There is also a drop box outside of the Town Hall where payments may be left. Credit cards are not accepted in the office but you may pay online by going to [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com).

Deborah Devaux CCMC  
 Tax Collector  
 06-18-20  
 07-09-20  
 07-23-20

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ZBIGNIEW STANLEY ROZBICKI Late of Canaan (20-00190)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, June 4, 2020 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:  
 Zbigniew Michael Rozbicki  
 427 Beach Road  
 Haines, AK 99827  
 Megan Williams  
 Assistant Clerk  
 06-18-20

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARGARET B. SCHAEFER Late of North Canaan AKA Margaret M. Schaefer (16-00017)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, May 27, 2020, 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:  
 Mary Ann Fox and Thomas P. Schaefer  
 c/o Linda M. Patz  
 Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP  
 7 Church Street  
 P.O. Box 101  
 Canaan, CT 06018  
 Beth L. McGuire  
 Clerk  
 06-18-20

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF VICTOR D. VARGAS, SR. Late of Canaan AKA Victor D. Vargas (20-00202)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, May 27, 2020, 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:  
 Ruth E. Arango  
 c/o Linda M. Patz  
 Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP  
 7 Church Street  
 P.O. Box 101  
 Canaan, CT 06018  
 Beth L. McGuire  
 Clerk  
 06-18-20

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JANET M. GOLD Late of West Cornwall (20-00203)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, May 27, 2020, 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:  
 James Douglas Gold, III  
 c/o Jason William Cohen  
 Drew & Cohen, P.C.  
 47 West Main Street  
 Avon, CT 06001  
 Megan Williams  
 Assistant Clerk  
 06-18-20

## COVID-19 grant awarded to Fishes and Loaves Pantry

NORTH CANAAN — The Foundation for Community Health has awarded Fishes and Loaves Pantry a \$5,000 grant for COVID-19-related emergency relief.

The funding will help the food pantry meet the needs of up to 50% more households that have sought help since the beginning of economic crisis in March. Roughly 80 food-insecure families frequented the pantry prior to the pandemic. At present there are up to 125 families utilizing its services.

A mission of the North Canaan Congregational Church, Fishes and Loaves serves food-insecure residents of North Canaan, Falls Village and Norfolk on a non-discriminatory basis.

A member of the Connecticut State Food Bank, its staff and

volunteers ensure equal and respectful treatment for all clients.

All in need of nutritious food are encouraged to visit on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. or Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

For additional information, contact Louise Riley at 860-824-7232 or [fishesandloavespantry@gmail.com](mailto:fishesandloavespantry@gmail.com).

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### Masks can't hide their joy

The warm weather has brought out many Kent residents to enjoy some food, some music and some socializing — with proper precautions. Even these sculptures by Kent's Joy Brown had their masks on.

## Solar panel project proposed for Sand Road

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — A 10-acre solar panel project was described by North Canaan Solar developers at the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on Monday, June 8.

Project developer Kirt Mayland introduced the project, which would be located at 100 Sand Road on a plateau.

It would have solar panels capable of producing 2 megawatts of energy.

System engineer Kevin Midei of Lodestar Energy indicated that a storm water drainage basin to meet state regulations is part of the plan.

Midei said that there would be minimal tree removal and no alteration in grade at the site. Each solar panel can be up to 10 feet high.

When the project was described to the Board of Select-

men last week and at the P&Z meeting, the developers were encouraged to speak with all abutting property owners to allay any neighbors' concerns.

One neighboring resident appeared at the meeting to express his concern about a negative effect the project might bring to his property value if the panels were too close to his property line.

Mayland responded that he would meet at the site to discuss the project with the resident and create a plan for vegetative screening, if needed.

The developers' appearance before the P&Z was largely a formality, because the project will bypass local zoning. It is under the jurisdiction of — and needs the approval of — the state Siting Council in New Britain, where a public hearing will be held. That body has responsibility for placement of electric transmission lines and energy substations in the state as well as all cell towers.

## Falls Village board of finance sets mill rate for 2020-21

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At the regular monthly meeting Monday, June 8 (held online), the Board of Finance voted unanimously for an increase of 1.1 mills in property taxes for 2020-21. The new mill rate is 25.7.

Finance Chair Dick Heinz said for a property assessed at \$100,000, the increase will be about \$100.

The board members were not happy about the increase, but the alternative was to spend most or all of the general fund balance of about \$520,000 and an even

larger tax increase in 2021-22.

The Board of Selectmen approved the two spending plans for 2020-21 for town government and the Lee H. Kellogg School (LHK) prior to the finance board meeting.

Those two budgets are essentially flat at \$1,862,245 (town) and \$1,977,320 (LHK). The town's Region One assessment is \$1,676,417.

The difficulty is the Region One School District assessment, which rose sharply this year and will rise, less dramatically, next year.

Heinz, who made the motion

for the 1.1 mill increase, said he picked that number because it will leave the town with a general fund balance of about \$200,000.

That's assuming tax collections are steady at 99% and that no other unforeseen obligations arise.

After the finance board adjourned, the selectmen held their regular monthly meeting. During the public comment period, Irene Jeremic said she was representing artist Harper Blanchet, who lives and works in the ground floor space of the town-owned 107 Main St.

The town has asked Blanchet to leave the space and there are plans to open a farmers market in that space.

Jeremic said she and Blanchet were ready to mount a legal challenge to the town's action and urged that a committee be established to find a solution.

After a long and inconclusive conversation between Jeremic and First Selectman Henry Todd,

Selectmen Greg Marlowe and Dave Barger noted that Jeremic had gone over the allotted time for public comment and suggested the board move on.

Later in the meeting Todd said he would pass the matter on to the town's attorney.

At the special selectmen's meeting to approve the budgets, the selectmen also approved expenditures of up to \$175,000 for a new fire truck and up to \$13,850 for an inspection of bridges in town.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings, Gov. Ned Lamont issued an executive order requiring municipalities to forgo the usual budget process with public hearings and town meetings and giving the towns' executive the authority to approve budgets for 2020-21. Falls Village retained some semblance of regular order, holding budget presentations and a public hearing online.

## Fees set by NC selectmen

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — A new schedule of parking fines and new rates for stickers at the transfer station were set by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Monday, June 1.

Transfer station stickers will go on sale this year on July 1, First Selectman Charles Perotti announced, but residents should anticipate an increased cost.

A rise in trash hauling and disposal fees is responsible for the increase.

Residents will now pay \$75, although residents over 62 years of age will pay \$40. Cars with out-of-state license plates will bring a \$90 fee and their owners will need to provide proof of

residency. Commercial stickers are issued at a cost of \$115 for contractors and small trucks.

Perotti reminded residents that recycling saves the town money, by keeping those items out of the pay-per-pound disposal system.

Fines for improper parking were also approved by the selectmen for the coming year, as they updated the parking ordinance. Fines will range from \$25 for infractions such as parking too close to a hydrant, double parking and parking too far out from the curb. Parking on a sidewalk will be fined at \$50, as will parking in a fire zone or blocking a driveway or street parking during a snow emergency. Those who park in a handicapped space will encounter a \$100 fine.

## Boarding house issue is laid to rest in North Canaan

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — After months of discussion about boarding houses, the North Canaan Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) brought the moratorium on this use of residential properties to an end, at their regular meeting on Monday, June 8.

The meeting marked the first time that the commission has assembled together at Town Hall since the building closed three months ago due to the COVID-19 quarantine. Only three non-commission members were allowed to attend in person; the meeting was open to others via Zoom.

The commission members had researched other, similar regulations. P&Z Chairman Steve Allyn said that the moratorium in North Canaan was directed at boarding houses, and was not

intended to cover other types of housing. The special permit process gives the P&Z a means for deciding on specific instances of other group home uses.

For instance, one concern expressed by members of the public was that a group housing regulation might prevent multiple families from living together in one home.

The regulation had originally been proposed several years ago by the town's resident state trooper, who had noticed that some residences in town were being converted to "sober houses."

Commission members unanimously agreed that if residents have a complaint about the use of a specific residence, the complaint can be brought to the town and considered on a case-by-case basis. A public hearing may be scheduled to resolve those concerns.

## Quality Thrift opens June 23

KENT — The Quality Thrift Shop of Kent will reopen on June 23. Hours will be limited to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. The facility has been thoroughly cleaned, and supplied with clean, slightly used merchandise appropriate for spring and summer.

Centers for Disease Control guidelines will be followed. Masks must be worn, and only five customers at a time will be allowed in the store. Children under 10 are discouraged.

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## Falls Village's modernist Winterhouse makes its mark on the artistic map

By Debra A. Aleksinas

FALLS VILLAGE — Winterhouse, one of the oldest modernist homes on the East Coast, has been named to a new statewide website, Creative Places ([www.connecticutcreativeplaces.org](http://www.connecticutcreativeplaces.org)).

The website, recently launched by Preservation Connecticut with assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office, has mapped out places across the state that are significant in the creation of 20th-century visual art and literature. Several sites in the Northwest Corner are also featured.

Researchers collected data on more than 450 artists and writers and pinpointed their associated places "where arts and letters flourished in 20th Century Connecticut."

In the case of Winterhouse, a sprawling, mid-century modernist house and studio situated on more than 90 acres in Falls Village, former owners with myriad artistic talents have literally put the place on the map.

The stucco, Bauhaus-style home, perched atop a hill set back from Undermountain Road, was built in 1932 for the renowned American muralist Ezra Winter, who lived and worked there until his death in 1949. Then known as Juniper Hill, the property became the home and studio in the early 1950s of Dorothy Lathrop, a noted children's book illustrator and her sister, Gertrude, a sculptor.

For many years, Winterhouse, as it later became known, was occupied by William Drenttel, who created the original design for Spy magazine. He and his wife, Jessica Helfand, operated Winterhouse Studio, a design consultancy firm, at the site where they also established their own publishing company, Winterhouse Editions, focusing on literature, design and cultural



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Winterhouse, formerly the home of graphic designer/publisher William Drenttel and also of muralist Ezra Winter, is on the state's new list of Creative Places.

criticism.

"This is the ultimate home office," said Graham Klemm of Klemm Real estate, who is the listing broker for the 6,600 square foot residence, now on the market for \$3,950,000. Klemm marveled at how history has a way of repeating itself. Back in the early 1930s the single-family home was built specifically with a work space and residence in mind. Fast forward to today and more than ever due to the pandemic, properties that blend home and work are a hot commodity, he said. "This is where the world is going."

Factor in that the home is among the earliest modernist houses on the East Coast, said Klemm, and it becomes even more of a rarity.

"I think mid-century modern houses have a real following and are highly coveted in this area." Klemm is also the listing broker for another modernist house in Ancram, N.Y., which he said is the only residence in the country

designed by Ai Weiwei +HHF Architects and carries an asking price of \$5.25 million. Klemm not only sells modernist homes, he also lives in one. "I tend to gravitate toward modern houses," he noted.

According to the Creative Places website, Connecticut, with its proximity to the cultural hub of New York City and its quieter suburban and rural landscape, was fertile ground for artists and writers in the period of modernist movements between 1913 and 1979. "Creative Places seeks to show how place played a significant role in creative work, and how in turn the artists and writers influenced communities in Connecticut," according to the website.

Several other Northwest Corner sites featured on the Creative Places map include the Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, James Thurber's home in Cornwall, Music Mountain in Falls Village and the New Haven Rail Road Caboose in North Canaan.

Sharon Farm Market recently received an unbelievable act of kindness and love from our local surrounding communities. We wanted to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts to all those who donated to the GoFundMe created by Jessie Sheehan.

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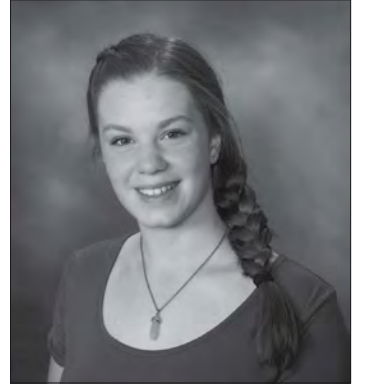
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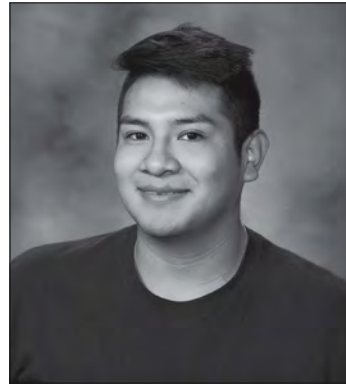
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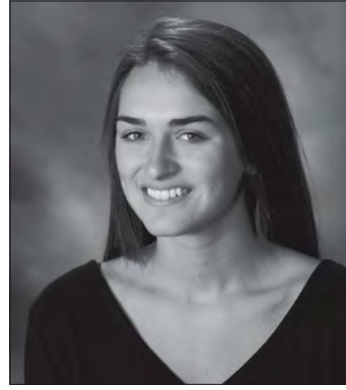
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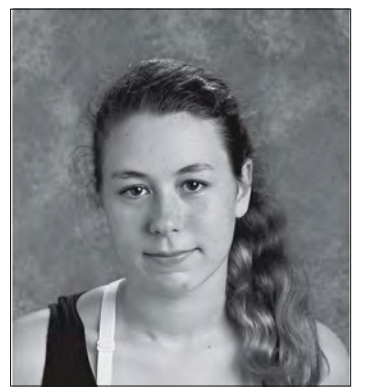
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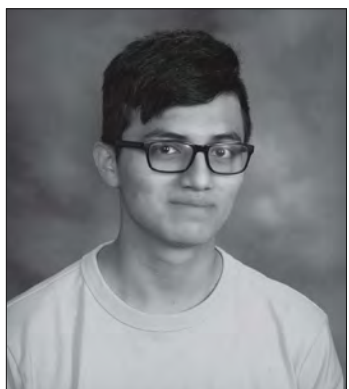
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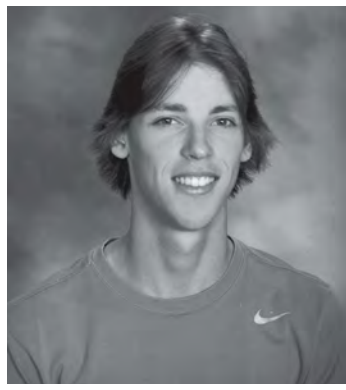
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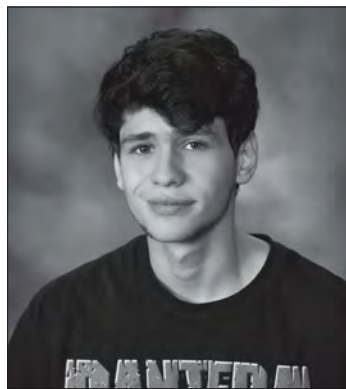
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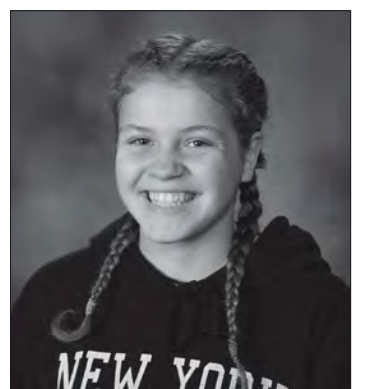
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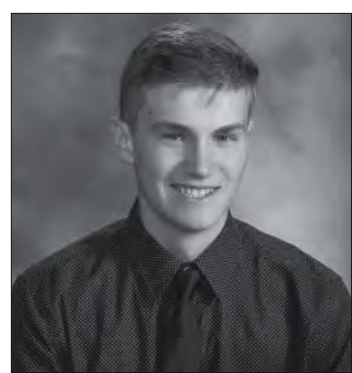
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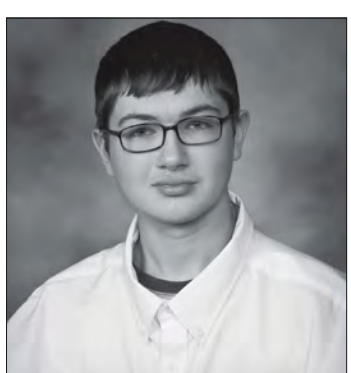
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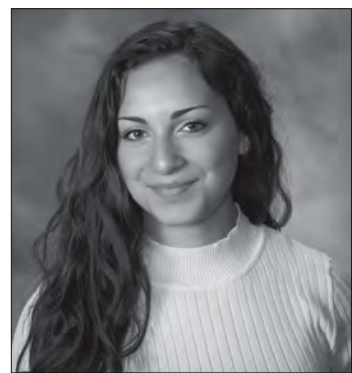
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# Promotion Ceremonies

## A graduation year the community will always remember



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Dana Saccardi

### Cornwall Consolidated School

By Cynthia Hochswender

CORNWALL — The weather was gorgeous, ultimately, when nine students finished their time at Cornwall Consolidated School. The ceremony had originally been planned for Thursday, June 11, but was postponed to Friday, June 12, due to the possibility of rain.

Students — dressed in gowns, with caps — and their parents lined up in motor vehicles in the school parking lot and traveled uphill to the bus unloading area one by one to receive a flower and some appreciative personal remarks and observations from Principal Pat Corvello and a diploma from school board Chair Catherine Tatge.

They then flipped their cap tassels and were allowed to

take their face masks off long enough to get a photo portrait by Tom Brown, who is a school staff member and a professional photographer.

The students each walked back down the front steps of the school property and received a gift bag from board Secretary Annie Kosciusko — accompanied by honking and cheering from the other graduates and their families.

#### Cornwall Consolidated School Class of 2020

Emily Anderson, Tabark Ashraf Aljaseem, Kathleen Kimber Bodwell, Wyatt Rose, Alexis Rougeot, Dana Sue Saccardi, Hudson Lane Sebranek, Jimmy Ismael Villa Arpi, Emma Jean Vincent

By Cynthia Hochswender

In a letter to students at North Canaan Elementary School sent before this year's promotion ceremony (held on Wednesday, June 10) North Canaan Principal Alicia Roy said, "This is a very exciting time in your life and it is going to be even more special now that we have to make changes due to the coronavirus. It will definitely be a graduation we will always remember."

Graduation is always memorable for the graduates, of course; but this year's promotion ceremonies will be memorable to all in our Northwest Corner communities. In some towns, the ceremonies could be more

inclusive, as students drove through their towns and accepted congratulations from community members who stood on roadsides and waved.

Mostly, though, the pre-k to grade eight schools in the Region One School District held small and simple ceremonies meant to honor the students for their accomplishments while keeping everyone safe from potential coronavirus infection. Car parades were held in nearly every town (between June 9 and 12); some were short and some were long, all were heartfelt and joyful.

Most of the schools posted or will post videos, speeches and lists of awards on their school website.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Haley Leonard

### North Canaan Elementary School

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — A car caravan carrying excited students and their immediate families crept through the roadway leading to North Canaan Elementary School during the 2020 promotion exercises. Honking horns occasionally punctuated the late afternoon air.

After collecting their diplomas and having a portrait taken by photographer and North Canaan resident Sonja Zinke, each student received a gift packet and a special cupcake.

One additional surprise was the surreptitious overnight installation of a lawn sign at the

21 students' homes, with a class photo commemorating their years at North Canaan Elementary School.

#### North Canaan Elementary School Class of 2020

Veronica Bonetti, Mia Claydon, Myranda Cables, Haley Leonard, Katarina Foster, Kayla Jacquier, Evangeline Petkovich, Grace Morey, Candelaria Ramos, Grace Riva, Evan Bocking, Spencer Jasmin, Westyn Doyen, Juan Estrada-Arbelaez, Damien Cortsen, Noah Lettrick, Collin Thyberg, Walter Hayward, Payton Wells, Aden Labshere, Jonathan Minacci



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Wyatt Rose



Region One's Pam Vogel, left, and Lisa Carter and NCES Principal Alicia Roy

### Lee H. Kellogg School

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The five members of the Class of 2020 at the Lee H. Kellogg School all arrived with their families at the school parking lot well in advance of the 6:30 p.m. start on Tuesday, June 9.

Staffers provided balloons for the cars, to add a festive air.

Outside the school was a small table with diplomas and gift baskets, and a little ramp lined with flowers for the students to walk up.

The students sat in their cars with their families until asked to walk up and accept awards and diplomas.

The faculty and staff stood 6 feet apart from each other and well away from everybody else.

Lee Kellogg Principal Lexie Juch made brief remarks, saying that even in the COVID-19 era it was important that the school maintain traditions, such as including a copy of "The Little Engine That Could" in the gift baskets.

Faculty remarks about each graduate were recorded and a video link sent to each family. The traditional slideshow is on the school's website.

After the ceremony, the faculty and staff walked down to the



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lee H. Kellogg Principal Lexie Juch

sidewalk along Main Street and a few moments later the cars drove slowly past. Everybody waved and shouted congratulations.

The cars proceeded into the village center and then to Route 7 via Warren Turnpike.

#### Lee H. Kellogg School Class of 2020

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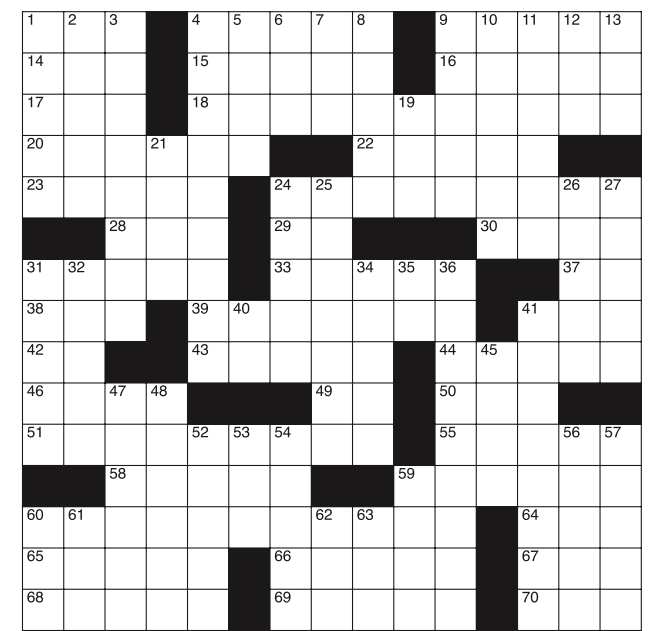
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- Chess pieces
- Pieces of writing
- Doctors' group
- Capital of Guam
- Type of turtle
- Swiss river
- MLB Hall of Famer
- Places to sit
- Fancy rides
- One of Washington's Tri-Cities
- Without class
- Male child
- Keeps you cool
- Biblical place
- Italian city
- District in central Turkey
- Job for a grad student
- Central nervous system
- Arrange in steps
- Witch
- Promotional material
- Having certain appendages
- Approaches
- One who did it (slang)
- Of I
- Blood relation
- Works out
- Female given name
- Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- Makes someone happy
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- Small, faint constellation
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- We all need it
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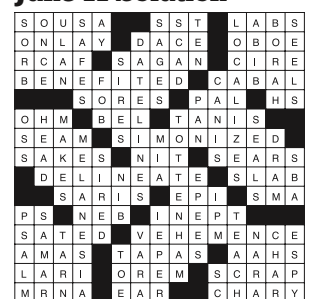
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- Metropolis
- Badgers
- Regular business given to a store
- Gets older
- A bundle of banknotes
- Midway between north and northwest
- Takes to the sea
- Prestigious film prize: \_\_\_ d'or
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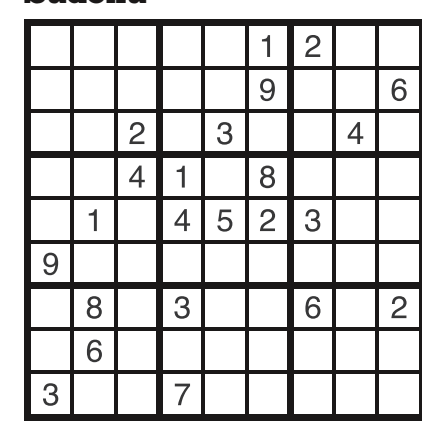


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- Long, leafless flower stalk
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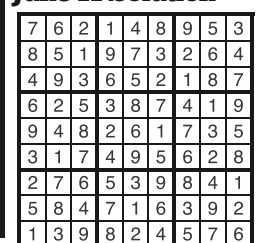
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# Promotion Ceremonies



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Adrienne Hall

## Kent Center School

By Lans Christensen

One couldn't ask for a more perfect evening than that which fell on Friday, June 12, and blessed the Commencement exercises at Kent Center School.

These were the school's 92nd such exercises. The format was different, due to the COVID-19 quarantine, but the ceremony was as meaningful and important as ever.

The 20 graduates and their immediate families parked in their cars across from the school, where teachers and administrators were lined up.

Principal Michelle Mott offered greetings to all, and then announced the winners of the essayist awards and the President's Education Awards: Marra Elssesser and Kara Franks for the first, and Austin Hoadley, Ashley Wilkins and Marra Elssesser for the President's Award.

Then, one by one, the graduates' names were called and the students came to the platform and picked up their diploma and

a bag of awards and commemorative gifts.

Hearty applause followed every student; many of the graduates were touched, and showed their emotions: joy and maybe a bit of sorrow at leaving familiar friends and a beloved place.

Staff and teachers then lined the sidewalk and cheered and waved as the parade of departing cars passed them.

This promotion ceremony was new and different, but no less touching and emotional — perhaps even a little more so.

### Kent Center School Class of 2020

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PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

### The Hall family celebrates Dylan McDonald

## Sharon Center School

By Hunter O. Lyle

Nine of the 10 graduates in the Class of 2020, and their families, lined up in cars in the bus lane in front of Sharon Center School on Tuesday, June 9. Principal Karen Manning offered congratulations to the students and spoke a few words. The students then got out of their cars, in turn, went up to receive their diploma and a gift bag and had their photo portrait taken by Board of Education member Plamen Platkov.

The convoy of families then left the school and drove into the center of town. The cars took two laps around the town Green while a crowd with signs cheered them on.

### Sharon Center School Class of 2020

Finn Cousins, Samantha Crodelle, Jenna Lee Farina, Mary LaFond, Dylan McDonald, Fiona Roy, Joshua Shaw-Cahill, Jorie Welshans, Shelby Whitesel, Gage Wilkinson

## Salisbury Central School

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Prior to the Salisbury Central School eighth-grade promotion ceremony on Friday, June 12, teachers and staff lined Main Street in Lakeville as cars with students and parents (with an occasional bemused traveler in the middle of it all) paraded up and down the road, led by the Lakeville Hose Company.

Many of the cars were decorated with signs and balloons. One sign read: "Honk and cheer — You made it through a wild year!"

At the oval in front of the school's upper building, Principal Stephanie Magyar, Board of Education Chair David Valcin, music teacher Rob Nellson and Region One Superintendent Pam Vogel waited for the fire engine bearing graduate (and junior firefighter) Kiera Reid to arrive before getting the program started.

The ceremony was basic. The students arrived, got out of the car, picked up their diplomas and writing portfolios, and returned to their family and their car.

Science teacher John Conklin stopped some cars in order to take selfies with the students, including Braden Murphy.

The school's website has a list of all the awards. Students received an email link for the speeches and traditional slideshow.

### Salisbury Central School Class of 2020

Sam Bristow, Lorelei Gerre, Ayla Hill, Hunter Horton, Caiden Hussey, Ginette Ireland, Elizabeth Kracht, Aron Ladanyi, Leland Macaire, Riley Marshall, Jerome Maury, Tamara Morris, Braden Murphy, Amber Ramcharan, Kiera Reid, Raye Richard, Sara Shook, Rebecca Storm, Gabriel Valencia, Yaritza Vega, Allison Wang



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## Antoinette 'Toni' Margaret Crawford

SALISBURY— Antoinette "Toni" Margaret Crawford, 71, a lifelong area resident, died Saturday, June 13, 2020, at her home in Salisbury, surrounded by her loving children following a courageous battle with cancer.



Toni worked as a hairdresser at Noble Horizons in Salisbury and was also a produce clerk at LaBonne's Market in Salisbury.

Born June 20, 1948, in Great Barrington, she was the daughter of the late Shirley (Curtis) and Robert A. Smith Sr.

She was a 1966 graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School and the Torrington Beauty Academy. She was a past member of the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary and a longtime parishioner of Saint Martin of Tours Church of St. Mary in Lakeville.

She enjoyed spending time with her loving family and many friends. She will be dearly missed by all.

Toni is survived by three children, Michael White and his wife, Sarah, of Salisbury, Christopher White of Salisbury, N.C.,

and Danielle Murphy and her husband, Robert, of Elizabeth City, N.C.; her brother, Robert A. Smith Jr. of Salisbury; her sister, Michelle Salerno and her husband, Anthony, of Waterbury, Conn.; her grandchildren, Mercedes, Austin, Caleb, Jacob, Alexander, Summer and Gage; and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker officiating. Burial will be private.

All New York, Connecticut and CDC guidelines will be in effect, including facial coverings and social distancing. Memorial donations may be made to the Lakeville Hose Co., P.O. Box 1969, Lakeville, CT 06039; or Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06039.

To send an online condolence, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

## A spring fishing journal

The gist of fishing right now is: There are three brook trout streams, the Blackberry and the Furnace Brook in North Canaan and the Housatonic, all within 20 miles of Lakeville (staying in-state).

I can avoid other people quite easily on any of these bodies of water. I've been doing it for decades, never mind pandemics.

The Farmington is only 20-odd miles away but it's just far enough that if anything should happen, such as spraining an ankle or the car breaking down, I would have to holler for help and thus risk exposure and/or exposing someone else. It's also crowded, perhaps more so than usual.

So no. Staying put means fishing nearby.

I've been keeping a pandemic fishing journal. Here are some recent entries:

Last bit of April to May 2: Rain. Endless rain. Had a decent Blackberry day in there, and a decent Secret Stream day, but from the evening of Thursday, April 30, into the next morning, May 1, it rained hard. (Which was good because I was worried about the crops.)

The Housatonic was up well over 3,000 cubic feet per second, and the tributaries were pretty much blown out. Managed one little brookie in the raging torrent at the falls on Mount Riga before calling it quits and trudging home to watch (i.e. nap through) the "Ancient Aliens" marathon on television.

May 5: Spring arrived for a couple of days but everything, I mean everything, was too high to fish. Yesterday the Blackberry was still a tad high but clear. My buddy Dave was there experimenting with Euronymphing and catching some fish. I managed several with a shorter rod and a Tenkara rod. One stream-bred 17-inch rainbow was in the mix of stockers.

May 6: Cold and awful and I was nailing fish right and left on the Blackberry downstream of the old iron furnace — including three hefty rainbows who got the "compassionate release" treatment, meaning I couldn't seal the deal with the Tenkara rod (a cheapie called Galaxy Ray). That's what you get for fishing heavy flies downstream with a rod that has no reel.

May 8: Chilly and very slow. Explored the Whiting River in North Canaan, nothing doing;

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ditto the upper stretch of the Blackberry, where you have to walk around a corn field to get at the stream.

There are two deep chutes next to some riprap where I have plucked some nice fish in previous years but nothing today. Went back to "old familiar" and hiked up a very pretty stocked brookie and a couple of rainbows, out of the pool right below the furnace dam. One of them had the sporting attitude and jumped a couple times. All this with a Dragontail zoom rod, which has become my go-to for fixed-line fishing.

May 9: Woke up to a dusting of snow. Apocalyptic thoughts ensued.

May 10: Cold, windy, intermittent sun and the dulcet tone of a chainsaw and leaf blower ringing in my ears. Caught one Basic Blackberry Bow, tickled a brown, and gave it up after a couple hours.

I am thoroughly sick of the Blackberry.

May 17: Yesterday I took the first serious 2020 foray into the Wachocastinook (aka Riga) Brook, a Class I wild trout stream in Salisbury.

By "serious" I mean clambering in there to the point you either have to keep going upstream until you hit a) an old logging road or b) continue upstream to the falls in order to get out of there.

Or you get to the Point of No Return and, well, return.

I started about 10 a.m. and fished mostly unsuccessfully until about noon, when the switch was flipped and they started hitting things: Deer Hair Sedge and the more traditional and bulkier Elk Hair caddis dries; assorted soft-hackle wets, traditional and kebari; smallish but heavy nymphs, particularly a size 16 Rainbow Warrior.

As per usual the fish were small, nothing topping 8 inches. All wild browns and brookies.

Unhappily the Canon point-and-shoot camera decided to die again. It got dunked earlier this spring and I gave it the bag of rice treatment, and for a while it worked. But it has apparently relapsed and sits, mute and unblinking, on the kitchen counter, awaiting disposal.

## OBITUARIES

### Helen (Sczawinski) Hintz

SALISBURY — Helen (Sczawinski) Hintz passed peacefully at Noble Horizons on June 9, 2020, just days after celebrating her 89th birthday. Her last hours were an outpouring of love and support from the many friends and caregivers she had made at Noble, her home for the last seven years.

They all added such value to her life, as she did to theirs with her open-door policy, her willingness to listen and to share her hugs and kisses, both the person-to-person ones and, as of late, the Hershey ones.

It was said in many different ways that Helen "makes it rewarding for us to come in to work each day."

Helen lived most of her life in Bristol and in Terryville, Conn., where she was born on June 4, 1931, to Helen (Parciak) and Walter Sczawinski. She lived with her loving brothers, Raymond and Wadzt, all of whom predeceased her.

Helen was married for 35 years to Frederick Hintz of Bristol, and to Peter Driscoll, of Greenwich, Conn., in the earlier years.

A lifetime of caring for others was a staple in her life as she went on to be an elementary school teacher for more than 40 years. She especially enjoyed teaching children to read and was a prolific reader throughout her life. Helen attended Central Connecticut Teachers College and received her master's degree there at the age of 52. She always enjoyed learning, as well as teaching, and had a sharp inquiring mind, up until her last days.

Helen was a very humble person, and one who always felt

deeply for the underdogs, the oppressed people of the world, children and minorities. She felt strongly about fair play, equal rights and justice for all. She wanted to save every stray dog and cat, and she did for many. One special cat, Annie, who wandered the halls of the nursing home, sensed that and adopted Helen as her own.

Helen developed a very special friendship with Claire Carney, of Wethersfield, Conn. They shared many a theater date in Hartford, and attended many Glenn Miller Orchestra concerts.

She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Noreen Driscoll, her granddaughter, Shana Sullivan and great-grandson, Zachary Sullivan, all now of North Canaan, for her wit, her warm hugs and her relentless search for eagles in the sky! Her son, Peter Driscoll, and grandson, Dylan, from Lake Worth, Fla., also mourn her passing. Her grandson, Ben Breslauer, from Crested Butte, Colo., will see his loving grandmother in the flight of the eagles in the mountains.

There will be a private graveside service and a Celebration of Life on Sunday, July 12, at 1 p.m. at her daughter's home at 40 High St., North Canaan.

Memorial donations in her name can be made to the Jane Lloyd Fund, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 N. Main St., Sheffield, MA 01257; or to the Noble Horizons Employee Fund, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

The Funk Funeral Home in Bristol is honored to serve the family. Go to Helen's memorial website page at [www.FunkFuneralHome.com](http://www.FunkFuneralHome.com).

### Christine Wells

NORTH CANAAN — Christine Elizabeth Wells, 32, of 57 High St. died June 11, 2020, at Hartford Hospital.

She was born July 27, 1987, in Sharon, the daughter of Alfred M. Wells of North Canaan and Diane Shipa-Paden of Sheffield, Mass.

Christine worked as the payroll clerk for the North Canaan Stop & Shop. She had been with the company since she was 16 years old.

A confessed homebody, Christine still loved the outdoors, her family, going to the ocean, camping and reading books.

She had earned a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Ketsuka Karate from the Hamzy School of Self Defense.

In addition to her mother and father, Christine is survived by her stepfather, Steve Paden of Sheffield; her two brothers, Lucas Wells of North Canaan and Michael Wells of Watertown, Conn.; her grandmother, June

Shippa of Falls Village; her niece, Natalie Wells, and her nephew, Payton Wells, both of North Canaan. She is also survived by her boyfriend, Jason Tweed; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Christine's Life will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

When a family loses their angel, and it's time for her to go. She leaves behind the loved ones and the friends she used to know.

To sail across the sea of life and meet the other side.

When loved ones passed are waiting, dancing on the foamy tide.

What a magical journey sailing on the sea life must be, to open arms awaiting and the warmth of gentle breeze.

She leaves behind the burdens, no more sorrow should she bear, and gives to us her love to hold until we meet her there.

### Joan Carolyn Kauttu

NORTH CANAAN — Joan Carolyn Kauttu, PhD, daughter of Carl and Edna Kauttu, was raised in North Canaan, where her father owned a local pharmacy. She died at her family home on Bragg Street at 80 years of age.



Having attended Canaan Central School and two years at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Joan graduated from the Mary A. Burnham School for girls in Northampton, Mass. She received her bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and a doctorate in Biological Science from the University of California, San Francisco, where she was recognized as a Regents Fellow.

Joan taught anatomy to medical school students, but then spent a number of years help-

ing her husband run a resort in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

After a divorce, Joan returned to North Canaan to care for both her parents and her Aunt Marion Parish.

Joan was known throughout life for two qualities above all others: her sense of humor and her desire to help wherever needed.

Those who were lucky enough to call her a friend knew those qualities well.

Her burial service will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, at the family plot in the Village Cemetery in Collinsville, Conn., with the Rev. Canon Lance Beizer officiating.

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



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# Why protestors demand, 'Defund the Police'

The demand by protesters across America to “defund the police” is bold, and probably intended to sound serious, if not scary. Though I’m sure some protesters want our 911 calls to ring to no response, most are asking for two things: an end to the violence that has plagued interactions between local police and African-Americans; and the shifting of some police department funds that currently pay for functions police handle poorly to social service and health agencies that may handle them more effectively and peaceably.

The tragic enmity between the police and private citizens we find ourselves in is not limited to black communities, though it has been exacerbated by race in ways that until recently whites could often ignore. Moreover, it is the result of a 50-year process in which police have increasingly used military equipment and imitated military maneuvers. In his book, “Rise of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America’s Police Forces,” investigative journalist Radley Balko details this process that began in the early ‘70s with Nixon’s hyping of a national drug crisis. Amidst civil rights demonstrations and riots, as well as a developing counter culture, Nixon worked to create the perception that crime was rampant and drugs were the main cause. To circumvent states’ resistance to federal intervention, the Nixon administration focused its initial legislation on Washington, D.C. (a recipe Trump recently followed by using DC as a test for his ordering of soldiers and prison guards to control demonstrations.) After pushing through no-knock, preventative detention and extensive wire-tapping laws for the largely black residents of the nation’s capital, Nixon then successfully got Congress to turn these into nationwide laws.

Nixon’s idea was to project the aggression that TV viewers had seen in Vietnam in local drug arrests, and he therefore offered local police the cooperation of federal agents and military equipment. As this equipment was dispersed with little discussion or public oversight, SWAT teams in black ski masks and armor at once exaggerated the dangers posed by civilians and affirmed the power of the authorities. Though this strategy waned under President Carter,

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Ronald Reagan gave the war on drugs a new moral authority. Pitching it as a battle of good against the evil, he argued that drug users and addicts were evil, and that only liberals who believed that people were basically good, thought money should be wasted on addiction services and other health care. For Balko, it was Reagan who “set in motion an animosity between police officers and the public that was probably beyond repair.”

Yet with successive presidents, Republican and Democratic alike, domestic tactics that had earlier been reserved for rare violence have been used regularly by police departments. Provoked by the attacks on 9/11, Homeland Security brought a lucrative new source of funding and equipment in the name of fighting terrorism. As police departments across the country built up their arsenals, no-knock entries and other sources of intended and unintended violence grew exponentially.

Increased militarization has also been accompanied by a fortress mentality in police departments. Officers who embarrass departments are treated more harshly than those who lie, steal or go rogue. Although body cameras and cell phones have given citizens new possibilities to hold police accountable, police still resist truthfulness in accident reports. Moreover, though four police officers have been charged in the death of George Floyd, we still await conviction. So far, the general rule holds that strong police unions and police-friendly laws block black communities from prosecuting police who commit violence or bear false witness in court. Even a national “registry” of police misconduct, which would enable communities looking to hire police to discover whether they have a record of violence, lies in the future.

Spike Lee and other allies of the protesters have criticized the “defund the police” slogan, which, they believe, is too easily used by President Trump and other opponents to strengthen a “law and order” agenda. Wheth-

er a better slogan can be found, the cry to “defund the police” raises important questions about the equipment and technology used by police departments. Also in question are the roles that should be reserved for the police, and whether a 911 caller would better served if the person at the other end were a teacher, social worker or mental health professional.

*Carol Ascher, who lives in Sharon, has published seven books of fiction and nonfiction, as well as many essays and stories. She is trained as a spiritual director.*

**Nixon’s idea was to project the aggression that TV viewers had seen in Vietnam in local drug arrests, and he therefore offered local police the cooperation of federal agents and military equipment.**



## Police need military discipline, not unions

Seventy-two years ago this month, on June 26, 1948, President Harry Truman went against the advice of his top military aides and ordered “that there should be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin,” thereby ending racial segregation in the nation’s military. No other American institution has been more successfully integrated.

Later, the Supreme Court would order the end to separate but equal schools “with all deliberate speed” but America’s schools remain largely separate and unequal. Congress would pass civil rights legislation, aimed at assuring the end to discrimination in everything from housing to voting rights, but all of this remains a work in progress at best.

This makes Truman’s effort to end segregation in the military all the more remarkable. The grandson of slaveholders on both sides of his family, Truman grew up with his mother’s bitter tale of Union troops riding into their farmyard and killing all the livestock they didn’t carry away along with the family silver and other property.

But early in his presidency, Truman was horrified by a black army sergeant having his eyes gouged out by North Carolina policemen just hours after his discharge. Deciding he didn’t want to preside over a nation

that was only half free, Truman established a commission that recommended numerous civil rights measures, including the elimination of racial discrimination in the armed forces and other public employment, the abolition of the anti-voting poll tax and lynching. (Sad to say, an anti-lynching bill is being held up to this day by the objections of one senator, Kentucky’s Rand Paul.)

Truman began with the executive order ending discrimination in the armed forces “as rapidly as possible, having due regard to the time required to effectuate any necessary changes without impairing efficiency or morale.” The last army unit was integrated in 1954, just six years later, and the same year the Supreme Court handed down its decision ending separate but equal public schools “with all deliberate speed.”

I can bear witness to the early success of Truman’s integration order. Drafted in 1956, I did my basic training in a platoon equally composed of white, recent college graduates like me, who had been allowed to delay being drafted for four years, and 18- and 19-year-old blacks who hadn’t.

About 50 of us shared accommodations in a rundown World War II barracks at Fort Knox, Kentucky, sleeping together on bunk beds and washing together in a primitive shower room.

All four of our company pla-

## IF YOU ASK ME

DICK AHLES

toon sergeants, charged with turning us into soldiers in eight weeks, were black combat veterans of the war in Korea. They were also equal opportunity tyrants, treating all of us like dirt, without regard to race, creed or color.

There was no time for culture shock on long marches in the heat of a Kentucky July, hunkering down together as live ammunition flew over us on the confidence course or gasping for air in a gas mask drill. We were united in our dislike for the tough platoon sergeant and in gratitude for him when basic ended.

So why haven’t our police departments, para-military organizations not unlike the armed forces in command structure and hierarchy, been similarly successful?

The big difference is discipline — and unions.

Members of an army unit could not have resigned from their assigned duties as those 57 Buffalo cops did when they quit the department’s emergency response unit to protest the arrests of two colleagues for assaulting a 75-year-old demonstrator. A soldier with 18 incidents of misconduct would be court

martialed out of the army, but the policeman charged with the killing of George Floyd was protected by his union contract in all 18 investigations. The head of the Minneapolis police union, a lieutenant, has an even more impressive record of 29 complaints and has boasted of having been involved in three “successful” shootings in his career.

“The greater the political pressure for reform, the more defiant the unions are in resisting it,” reports The New York Times with considerable evidence supporting that statement. In most cities, police unions have the clout and campaign contributions to clear officers accused of misconduct and deny cities the right to independently investigate police misconduct.

A report by the Justice Department during the George W. Bush administration found that, “Officers in unionized police forces are more likely to be the subjects of an excessive force complaint but more likely to beat the allegations in disciplinary hearings.”

Trying to reform police unions by rewriting contracts and changing rules certainly makes more sense than defunding or otherwise eliminating police departments, the public policy equivalent of throwing out the baby with the bath water.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More letters next page.

## Sunday racing ban has been around since 1959, should stay in effect

I write to respond to the letter from Kevin McGivern June 11 on the subject of Sunday racing at Lime Rock Park.

I have several thoughts in response.

The permanent injunction that ended the possibility of Sunday racing was issued in 1959. Thus, when my parents bought their home in Lime Rock more than 50 years ago in 1965, they did so with the ban on Sunday racing firmly in place. This is, of course, true of everyone who has come to the area and put down roots here since 1959 (as I have done.)

Not only have any residents who arrived since 1959 come to a world without Sunday racing, so have owners of and investors in the track. The absence of Sunday racing does not deprive any of them of anything that they had before. The Skip Barber Racing School was founded in 1975, some 16 years after the injunction had been issued. Those who have invested in the track since 1959 have all known what they were getting.

It is perfectly true that buyers of property in the area know of the track when they buy their homes, but it is a track without Sunday racing, something any investors in the track know as well as residents. It has been this way since 1959.

Like many other residents of the area, and like my parents before me, I enjoy Sundays in Lime Rock (just as I enjoy every day here.) I love Music Mountain and the glorious concerts there. I love listening to the birds, something that cannot be done over the continuous noise of many engines circling the track.

Appreciate the fact that limited racing means limited air pollution as well, something of enormous concern in our times of disastrous climate change. My parents would not have bought what is now my house if there had been more extensive racing at the track.

I very much want the businesses in our area to succeed. I support local businesses whenever possible. But there is none that I can think of that was founded in an era when Sunday racing still took place at Lime Rock.

Ellen Wertheimer

Lime Rock

## Letting freedom ... freedom ... freedom ... ring

America has always had a complicated relationship with freedom. The comments in 1954 of Howard Mumford Jones, American intellectual, critic, and professor, are eerily prescient in 2020:

“While it is true that we in this nation remain free to be idiotic, it does not necessarily follow that we must be idiotic in order to be free!”

On one level, we have FDR’s State of the Union Address in 1941 outlining the Four Freedoms — Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear. At the time, most people considered these quintessential American values. Today, many ask: Freedom for who? Freedom from what?

Our embrace of independence and individualism has been a hallmark of our national identity that has often confounded the rest of the world, friend and foe alike. At its best, this self-identification as exceptional, can-do people has fueled an entrepreneurial spirit resulting in technological leadership that is usually lacking in countries more prone to lockstep groupthink. During times of crisis, this has

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positioned America as the entity that must be heard from before any definitive action is taken.

Less endearing is when this morphs into an entitled attitude of national swagger, particularly when it seeps into everyday life. Attending the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, I witnessed this first hand. Inevitably, as we lined up for an event, the only people cutting in line, going in the “out” door, attempting to scale the stairs marked “no entry”, were ... wait for it ... Americans. A national tragedy? No. A poor reflection on us? Yes.

The problem seems to be that a recipe that calls for both freedom and responsibility can be problematic. Temperature variations and poor timing can really throw things off. Try adding a dash of common courtesy, and


sometimes it just boils over into an inedible mess.

Perhaps another Howard Mumford Jones quote can add some insight into why we continue to fail to find the right balance between freedom and responsibility. “Ours is the age which is proud of machines that

think and suspicious of men who try to.”


The words of a man who died 40 years ago. “Ours is the age ...” I’d say we’ve hardly aged at all!

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



## Realtor® at Large

With the recent activity in our real estate market it occurred to me that perhaps the new members of our community should be introduced to our history. A wonderful introduction to life in the northwest corner can be found in the writings of two former residents, those being Christopher Rand and Hal Borland. Christopher wrote the elegant book, “The Changing Landscape” which reflects upon Salisbury’s evolution from farming to a weekend community. Hal Borland lived and wrote about the countryside up on Weatogue Road by the Housatonic River. All of his books are wonderful and chronicle the beauty of nature that surrounds us. These writers remind us why we also have chosen to live here in the hills.



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EDITORIAL

# A very different year for graduates

*And then things start to happen, don't worry. Don't stew. Just go right along. You'll start happening too.*

— Dr. Seuss

Making the most of a tough situation sounds fine in the abstract, but when life becomes so different that it's unrecognizable, that's not such a simple thing to do. When this year's graduates entered their last semester of their last year of school, wherever they were, they had every reason to expect that much of what had led them to this moment would go according to plan. Most of the hard work was likely accomplished to take them to graduation at the end of the school year.

Then came March, the global pandemic and the shutdown of Region One and other schools from March 16 on. At the time that schools closed, it would have been only the most unusually perceptive and bright people who would have known they would remain closed for the rest of the school year. The new academic system became based in online learning, and the Zoom classroom. This challenge was hard for all involved, but for those aiming for graduation and planning their next steps in life, it must have been hardest of all.

They couldn't do the face-to-face meetings with teachers, advisers and counselors who would under normal conditions help them with decisions about their after-graduation lives. And while they could easily keep in touch with their friends through online communication, whatever form that took, even that interaction wasn't quite the same, surely. They didn't have the opportunity to have the camaraderie of those last games if they played sports, that last concert if they played music. But for those who are in these 2020 graduating classes, there will be an added strength they've had to develop from dealing with the unexpected and the unknown in very real ways. This will be a trait they'll take forward to next year and that will be to their benefit if they've learned how to manage it all.

This is to wish for them increasingly interesting lives, and a hope that they will have learned what they care about most when much is taken away. If COVID-19 has done anything, it's forcing us all to focus and prioritize exactly what is most important in life for each of us, and let the other things go that may have worried us more before a disease took over human life so completely.

It's not over yet, and the coronavirus will surely continue to affect the graduates' plans for whatever they had set for next year, and perhaps the year after that, depending on the scientific community's success in finding solid treatment or a vaccine. But other generations have had such obstacles placed in their way, and this generation will find their own ways of coping and finding meaning in what they choose to do next. They should know that they have the full support of their parents, teachers and other adults in their lives as they move forward and take on the task of building a better world.

## Gap in educational opportunity for all remains today

I am grateful for The Lakeville Journal's article about my new book, "Sunny Days," in your June 4 issue. I just wanted to clear up a misconception that Sesame Street succeeded, as the article suggests, in "closing the 'achievement gap' between kids from lower-income and middle-class households."

While that was indeed a stated goal of Sesame Street's co-founders, Joan Ganz Cooney and Lloyd Morrisett, when they launched the program, I note later in the book that this goal went unfulfilled, and that Cooney came to regret using the "achievement gap" phrase. Sesame Street succeeded in giving disadvantaged children a leg up educationally as they entered kindergarten, but it didn't close that gap — to this day, kids from lower-income households face a much tougher road.

Which is not to say that the experiment that was Sesame Street wasn't a success, for it taught so many kids the alphabet and counting skills, and demonstrated how multicultural America really is. But the "gap" remains, alas. As the protests of the last two weeks have demonstrated, we still have a lot of work to do. That said, I appreciate that The Journal and the Hotchkiss Library have given me the opportunity to shine a light on Cooney, Morrisett and other activist-innovators whose work, even 50 years later, is a model for a way forward.

David Kamp

Lakeville



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## The sun shines on Housatonic Valley Regional H.S.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reflections during Pride Month and #BlackLivesMatter demonstrations

This is a moment of opportunity for our community and nation — one that comes along only rarely — to collaborate in bending the long arc of the moral universe towards justice, as described by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. This year, the lakes, mountains, gardens, hiking trails, bike routes and beautiful Northwest Corner countryside that are usually the focus of summer activities, are especially treasured. They offer solace and peacefulness in the midst of being brutally upended by several intractable diseases — the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as virulent, systemic racism, homophobia and transphobia.

As leaders and members of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC — an Open and Affirming Church — we take our responsibility as stewards of justice seriously: seeking to learn, influence and act effectively. We join with many other community organizations, decrying violence and injustice, celebrating our differences, believing that love is transforming. We seek to understand fully how racism, homophobia and injustice intersect and require strategic, coordinated, community-wide solutions.

It is disturbing that this June's celebration of Pride Month is marred by recent decisions at the national level to roll back protections on LGBTQIAP people. It is tragic to see the outbreak of increased violence against black

and brown people. However, it is thrilling to learn that more than 110 LGBTQIAP organizations across the country recently united to help combat racial violence. It will take many such coalitions — integrated by race, gender, age, and religious beliefs — to achieve lasting change.

Lofty language. What can each of us actually do?

In a recent message on www.salisburyucc.org, our pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Nelson, acknowledges the "continuing upheaval and anguish that grip our psyches and communities" and suggests that rooting out these destructive forces of our society requires at least five things: reading, listening, discussion, action, and prayer. Among many resources that Pastor John provides is a document entitled, #75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice. Well worth reading; well worth doing.

We are grateful to The Lakeville Journal for featuring discourse on these topics and for noting when and where related activities such as demonstrations and protests are planned. Your role is central.

Our church community seeks to listen, learn, and determine the best ways to take action. We currently gather for Sunday 10 a.m. worship on ZOOM. Pastor John begins each service by saying: "Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome."

## Thanks from BTCF

I write to thank the many members of our community who responded with enormous, spontaneous generosity to the economic devastation wrought by COVID-19. In mid-March, as the dimensions of the crisis became clear, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF), through its Northwest Corner Fund, established a separate COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to support our neighbors in need and the inspiring nonprofits working on the front lines to help them. In response to this appeal, one generous (and anonymous) donor immediately contributed \$50,000 in matching funds. To date more than 70 compassionate donors have contributed to the fund, and we have already distributed nearly \$116,000 throughout the nine towns in northwest Litchfield County to help our neighbors in crisis and to offer assistance to these vital organizations as they deal with the adverse economic impact of the pandemic.

To date the fund has given \$37,000 to skilled social service providers who are directing funds for food, rent, utilities, health services and other emergency needs to struggling Northwest Corner residents. One social worker told us, "I have written more checks in the last two weeks than I usually do in months." In addition, thanks to a group of local donors, 35 student families in the Region One School District received \$100 grocery cards during spring break, when the district could not deliver meals.

In a preliminary round of emergency grantmaking from late March to mid-April, the fund awarded \$15,950 to 20 nonprofits working directly with vulnerable Northwest Corner residents, including low-income families and those experiencing sudden job loss, seniors, veterans, immigrants, health workers, and people living with mental illness to enable them to cover the costs of essential basic needs, including food, utilities, rent, child-care payments, medical supplies and virtual access to counseling services. In a subsequent round of grantmaking, the fund provided an additional \$59,275 in operational support to 13 essential nonprofits in the Northwest Corner. Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, our grant-making partner, provided matching grants to every nonprofit.

None of this grantmaking could have happened without the immediate, generous support of our donors, and we are deeply grateful for their support.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to impact individuals and families in northwest Litchfield County, and the fund will continue to respond to the needs of our community. If you are able to do so, we urgently ask you to consider a gift to our Northwest Corner COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund at www.BerkshireTaconic.org/NorthwestCornerCOVID19.

Henry Putzel III  
Chair, Northwest Corner Fund, BTCF

Sharon

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA GALAISE

**100 years ago — June 1920**  
SALISBURY — H.R. Brinton was in Boston over Sunday and returned with a Dodge suburban car for Mrs. C.P. Rogers of Twin Lakes.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. M. Merriman of Torrington is ill at the home of Mr. George Belcher.

SALISBURY — The McCabe family of White Plains and Mr. John S. Griggs and family of Montclair have arrived at their summer camp on Mt. Riga for the season.

LIME ROCK — H. Amundson is wiring the Homestead for electricity.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Ritten's brothers spent the week end with her.

The house recently purchased by A.S. Martin of A.B. Hall which has been moved bodily to Mr. Martin's lot adjoining the Best Theatre is now once more reposing upon its foundations.

**50 years ago — June 1970**  
Despite threatening clouds that hovered over the oval in front of the school, 168 young men and women were graduated at the first outdoor exercises to be held at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Monday evening June 15.

SHARON — A parting party and a farewell gift were sponsored by the Social Committee of Sharon Center School at the home of Mrs. Mary Wadsworth Monday night for Anthony Costa, Sharon Center School principal.

Adv: WHEELS 1959 Jaguar XK 150 convertible in good condition. Shop rebuilt engine, new wire wheels and tires. \$950.

FALLS VILLAGE — A total of 14 students were graduated from Lee H. Kellogg School last Friday evening.

**25 years ago — June 1995**  
Arborist Jim Koneazny of Sheffield discovered the dreaded adelgid in Cornwall this week. The mite that has devastated stands of hemlock in much of Connecticut seemed to have avoided the northwest corner up until now, but experts consulted by Mr. Koneazny think, once discovered, it could spread rapidly.

SALISBURY — Salisbury School students and faculty successfully defended their Tour de Sol solar-powered car race championship title recently with their second consecutive win in the annual event.

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

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Your Guide to Tri-State Events

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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Because Everything Is Better With a Little Bit of Honey

Five Points Center for the Visual Arts in downtown Torrington opened again to the public on June 5, with a show that features the apiary artwork of Randy Orzano of Sharon, Conn.

Anyone who's driven through the outer edges of Sharon on the way to Millerton, N.Y., has seen Orzano's work, in a sense. Those are his beehives out in the middle of a grassy field behind the farmhouse he shares with his wife, Gretchen Hachmeister, who is the executive director of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

But as anyone knows who "keeps" bees, you don't really keep the bees and they're not really "your" beehives.

This is more true for Orzano than it is for most beekeepers: Rather than boldly determining that he wanted to raise a colony of bees, and buying all the gear, he just kind of found a bunch of discarded bee boxes at the town's transfer station swap shop several years ago.

He consulted with a friend who's an experienced bee expert, and then decided to keep the boxes and try to attract and care for a swarm of his own.

He succeeded. Bees live in his boxes in his yard, but really it's the bees' domain,



**Randy Orzano had been keeping bees and making art for years when he got the idea of having the bees "participate" by leaving honey and other bee products on his sketches. His work is in a new show at 5 Points in Torrington.**

one which they will of course defend with determination, as anyone knows who has ever tried to mess around with a hive. That's why there are beekeeper suits, and special protocols for visiting the hive — and trying to extract the honey that the furry, buzzing colony has grown.

Orzano views the bees



PHOTOS BY RANDY ORZANO

with wary respect and abundant appreciation. They not only provide him with honey, they also led him toward a new self image, this time as an artist and not as the civil engineer he used to be before moving to Sharon. They helped unlock the artist in him and free him to see himself in a different way, and to pursue another kind of life.

So already there's a lot of complexity in the relationship between Randy and the bees.

But there's more. Orzano is clearly a competent artist. He works in pen and ink and watercolor. His work might catch your eye but not hold it if it weren't for another layer that he adds on to the images he makes.

It started with his two children, whose lives and growth he began to chroni-

cle some 16 years ago when they were still young, by sketching them. And, as children do, they took his drawings and drew on top of them.

Orzano was fine with that, even intrigued. And when the bees came along and took up residence on his property, and as he got to know them, he began to sketch the bees and then wondered what would happen if he let them have access to his images.

So he slid some of his finished work into the hives and the bees did just what his children used to do: They added their own artistic embellishments, although instead of colored marker they did their work with honey and with something called propolis, also known as "bee glue," which is a sticky substance that acts kind of like bee plaster. It seals cracks and builds smooth walls. Sometimes they chew up the edges of Orzano's paper and use it for the beehive. It's a partnership, just as the honey is a partnership.

Through the years Orzano has added layers to the work, often literally so, by

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Works by Rodney Alan Greenblat, including "GodOverCatskill," above, are included in a visually joyful new show at Hudson Hall.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## A Show that Dares You Not To Smile

After a dark winter and spring, we could all use some bright color and whimsy. The opening of Hudson Hall in Hudson, N.Y., will offer a solid shot of both when it reopens to the public on Saturday, June 27.

Hudson Hall is a repurposed former town hall, now used for media and arts activities. Their new show, which runs until Aug. 3, features the paintings of Rodney Alan Greenblat, a New York City artist who gained fame in the 1990s as a designer of video game characters including PaRappa the Rapper and for his children's books featuring Thunder Bunny (and a universe of adorable ancillary merchandise).

Now a resident of the Hudson River Valley, Greenblat had a store

in the center of Catskill, N.Y., featuring cheerful merch based on his characters and designs. The store closed down last winter but will open sometime this year in Leeds, N.Y. There is also a "virtual" shopping experience, with products available online at [www.whimsyload.com/big-gallery](http://www.whimsyload.com/big-gallery).

To see the artwork in full size and living color, stop by Hudson Hall, while observing quarantine precautions: Visitors must make a reservation and wear a mask while taking a guided tour of the show (which is called Something To Look Forward To). Tours will be offered at 4 p.m. on weekends; the cost is \$10 for non-members.

For more information, go to [www.hudson-hall.org](http://www.hudson-hall.org).

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## We'd Like To Have A Word With You

Art galleries in Kent, Conn., are slowly unfurling and welcoming the world back in — with COVID-19 quarantine restrictions in place, of course.

Andrew Craven's Craven Contemporary opened June 6 with a show called Wordsmiths, featuring (as the name implies) art that has words and lettering. Most prominent is the work of graphic designer/artist David Shrigley, perhaps best known for designing a Scottish soccer team's perky yellow mascot, although the much-exhibited artist has also done books, videos and more — almost always with words playing a central part in the work.

Also at the gallery now are Jonas Wood, Hank Willis Thomas, Will Boone, Geof Oppenheimer, Barbara Kruger, Tony Oursler and Deborah Kass.

The show remains up until Aug. 2. The gallery is at 4 Fulling Lane in the center of Kent, Conn., and is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Appointments are not required but they are appreciated. Craven wears a mask and requires that visitors wear masks, too. Only one visitor is allowed in the gallery at a time. Hand sanitizer and gloves are provided.

For more information or to make an appointment, email [cravencontemporary@gmail.com](mailto:cravencontemporary@gmail.com) or call the gallery at 646-355-8142. Images from the show can be seen at [www.artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks](http://www.artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks).

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The Marvelwood School in Kent, Conn., is offering free summer classes to any student entering grades nine through 12 this September. The week-long courses are in a wide variety of academic and non-academic subjects including Introduction to Economics, History of Space, College Essay Writing Workshop and Theater Production.

High school graduates in the Class of 2020 may also enroll. All classes are online except Gardening, which will be held on campus in the Marvelwood Garden (all Centers for Disease Control and state of Connecticut best practices for health and safety will be in place).

All courses will be taught by Marvelwood School faculty members with two exceptions: History of Baseball will

be taught by local baseball hero Willy Yahn, who played baseball for Housatonic Valley Regional High School and the University of Connecticut, and is currently a third baseman for the Bowie Baysox, a AA affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles organization.

The second non-faculty class is taught by former Marvelwood teacher Elizabeth Radday, now of EdAdvance in Litchfield, Conn. She will offer Personal Interest Project, a mini Capstone course, which will run the full six weeks with students scheduling individual meeting times with her.

Go to the school's website at [www.marvelwood.org/summer](http://www.marvelwood.org/summer) for more information and to register. The six-week series begins June 29 and runs through the week of Aug. 3.

## RACING: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

# Auto Racing in an Age of Quarantine

Skip Barber, the owner and operator of Lime Rock Park in Lime Rock, Conn., said he doesn't anticipate the track holding any major events before Labor Day weekend because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The track has been open already for some small events, such as a private car club on Friday and Saturday, May 22-23. The activities were instructional, not racing.

Barber said the track is following state guidelines for the first phase of reopening businesses, and adding some additional precautions.

There are no meetings, he said, and only one person is allowed in a car at a time.

Moving forward, car clubs must submit detailed information about participants, so that, "We get all the contact tracing information."

Barber said nobody is



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allowed in the buildings at the track, except to use the bathroom. Participants must bring their own provisions, as lunch is not being served.

Despite the scaled-down nature of the activities, there is interest in coming to the track, he said.

"There appears to be a pent-up demand to get out and do something."

And even if some sort of event is held on Labor Day weekend, Barber expects it will be "really restricted," and likely without any spectators. That is normally the weekend of the Historic Festival, with a vintage car parade through Salisbury, Conn., and Falls Village, Conn., vintage car racing

through the weekend and a Concours d'Elegance car show on Sunday.

On Wednesday, June 10, the track held a small event for employees from Lowe's in Torrington and for the media.

Facilities Supervisor Jocko Jacopino went over the COVID-19 precautions.

He said that visitors have their temperatures taken at the gate. Anyone with a temperature above 100.4 degrees F is asked to move off to the side and wait 10 minutes, then get screened again. If that person is still above 100.4, he or she will not be allowed to enter.

So far it hasn't happened, Jacopino said that the

process of signing waivers has been streamlined, with just two signatures required, making the checking-in process a matter of 35 seconds or so.

There are hand sanitizing stations throughout the park.

There are signs everywhere, addressing subjects such as maximum people allowed in an open-air shelter as well as more general information about COVID-19.

Every alternating unit, as Jacopino tactfully put it, in the bathroom is marked as "out of order" to prevent crowding.

"We are very mindful" of the guidelines from state and federal authorities, Jacopino said.

"We want to be the gold standard."

## ... a little honey

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folding the paper and by also inserting canvas into the hive. The bees like it; they use the canvas for their own renovation projects, just as they do with the paper. Sometimes the images that Orzano slips into the hives are of the bees themselves. Sometimes they depict

plants. Sometimes they're large and portrait-like, sometimes they're small and pattern-like.

See them for yourself at Five Points, which is at the center of the Torrington renaissance.

The gallery is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from

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