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"Although the risk of COVID-19 and severe illness is starting to come down, the risks are still there for older people in nursing homes."

Dr. James Shepherd, Sharon epidemiologist

COVID-19

Nursing homes deal with new reality

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Administrators of Northwest Corner nursing homes said they are responding cautiously to updated state and federal COVID-19 infection prevention and control guidance, released last week, relaxing protocols for masking, vaccination, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), quarantine and testing protocols in areas where community transmission rates of the coronavirus are low.

The announcement was made in a 2-hour video call on Thurs-

day, Oct. 6, between the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and nursing homes statewide. Discussion centered on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) newly released guidance.

The changes come at a time when Litchfield County's community transmission rate is high, response to the reformulated bivalent boosters is low, flu season is approaching, and nursing homes are seeing a resurgence in infections

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Magician Peter James entertained the crowd Saturday, Oct. 8, during the Salisbury Fall Festival.

Fall festival returns with a bang

By Patrick L. Sullivan and Riley Klein

SALISBURY — After a two-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Salisbury Fall Festival returned over the Columbus Day weekend to fine weather and big crowds.

Friday, Oct. 7, was the warmest

day, and a casual prowl around Main Street in Salisbury turned up colorful quilts at the Congregational Church, off-the-cuff history lessons from Lou Bucceri at the Salisbury Association, and used books at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Saturday, Oct. 8, was packed. At 2 p.m., there were cars parked

on either side of Route 44 to Salm on Kill Road and beyond. It was a similar situation on Factory/Washinee Street, and on Undermountain Road (Route 41) as far north as Conklin Street.

The Scoville Memorial Library lawn was a seething mass of

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CT child care workers slated to receive \$1,000 bonuses

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont announced Wednesday, Oct. 5 he would provide \$1,000 "appreciation bonus payments" next month to thousands of child care workers to bolster an industry in crisis.

But, according to the Legislature's top-ranking budget leaders, the \$70 million lawmakers allocated was to give workers ongoing raises, not a one-time bump this fall.

"Child care staff work consistently to provide critically needed care to ensure that children are safe and their parents and guardians have the support necessary to go to work," Lamont said.

Beth Bye, Lamont's commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood, said the bonuses also would help stabilize an industry in which many earn close to minimum wage, which currently is \$14 per hour.

Bye said child care services will be notified by email soon about the program. Program operators will have to apply for the funds, and those eligible will receive the money next month, which they

then must distribute as bonuses to their workers.

This wouldn't be the first time the Legislature awarded state funding to a government-regulated industry to boost compensation for largely for private-sector employees. The state has also used funds to boost pay at nursing

homes and community-based social service agencies.

"They're doing really high-value work, and they're really not compensated, and we need to hold onto those that we can," she added.

The co-chairs of the legislature's

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Gregg Pulver (R-19), chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, spoke at a Save Sharon Hospital roundtable in Millerton on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Hospital's requested cutbacks stoke fear in Dutchess County

By John Coston

MILLERTON — A Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) roundtable on Wednesday, Oct. 5, drew residents who expressed fears that the hospital's application to carry out cutbacks ultimately will lead to a loss of critical services that will effectively turn the now five-star rated facility into an urgent-care center.

There also was concern about

whether the needs of Dutchess County residents — who use the hospital more than those in the Northwest Corner — will matter to Connecticut officials who will decide the fate of the hospital's application to eliminate labor and delivery services and replace its Intensive Care Unit with a Progressive Care Unit.

The Annex at the Northeast-Millerton Library filled with about 30 residents who came to the third of four roundtables held by SSH. Two doctors related longstanding concerns that the

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Crosstown rivalry

South Kent School's Enoch Joseph (36) and Kent School's Cameron Naples in action during visiting South Kent's 3-1 victory Wednesday, Oct. 5. For more, go to page A7.



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Three-day forecast

Friday A.M. Showers, high 54°/low 38°
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 Sunday A.M. Showers, 59°/41°

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.

Hit a tree

On Oct. 6 at approximately 11 a.m. a Toyota driven by Peter Killawee, 58, of Lewisburg, Tennessee, was heading southeast on Page Road in the town of Canaan when the vehicle exited the roadway, traveling approximately 50 feet on a grass roadway before hitting a tree. Prior to impact, the driver told a Trooper that he felt faint and dizzy. The driver and his son, 2, were transported by Falls Village EMS to Sharon Hospital. Killawee was issued a citation for failure to maintain proper lane.

Right-of-way collision

On Oct. 1 at approximately 7:45 a.m. a black Toyota, driven by Alexis Poole, 51, of Barkhamsted was traveling westbound on Route 44 in Salisbury and a gray Ford driven by John Rost, 60, of Worcester, New York, was heading eastbound. The Ford took a left turn onto Taconic Road in front of the Toyota, which caused the Toyota to collide with the Ford's right rear passenger side. Both vehicles suffered disabling damage. Poole was issued an infraction for failure to grant right of way at an intersection.

Evading an accident

On Oct. 2 at 11:50 a.m. on Upper Main Street in Sharon, a GMC Sierra K1500 Denali driven by Brian Pedersen, 46, of Sharon was traveling southbound when it moved to the shoulder to avoid a vehicle in the middle of the roadway, causing its tire to scrape against the curb and damaging its driver's side mirror. The vehicle in the middle of the road continued down the roadway and failed to stop. The accident is under investigation.

Disorderly conduct

On Oct. 4 at approximately 5 p.m. Troopers from Troop B were dispatched to 108 Sand Road in Canaan for an active disturbance. A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Ayden Kane Zucco, 22, of 108 Sand Road, Canaan, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Zucco was released on a \$500 bond.

Operating under the influence

On Oct. 4 at approximately 11 a.m. a Trooper observed a Chevrolet Trailblazer traveling eastbound on Route 4 in Sharon, when the driver's side front tire detached from the vehicle, which came to a complete stop. The tire continued rolling down the road, stopping after hitting and damaging the siding of 468 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon. The driver, Alan Durkin, 36, of Thomaston, failed a sobriety test and was taken into custody and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence.

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 johnc@lakevillejournal.com.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BURCH

Mike Burch of Boston Corners, N.Y., set a record on Sept. 3 in Oakville, deadlifting 500 pounds.

Septuagenarian lifts 500 pounds, sets record

By Elias Sorich

BOSTON CORNERS — For Mike Burch, setting a powerlifting record is something that just had to happen.

On Sept. 3 at the Steel Beach Gym in Oakville, Connecticut, Burch stepped up to the plate and deadlifted 500 pounds—a record in his class at the World Powerlifting Association (WPA), which has been hosting competitions since 1989.

The thing about Burch: He's 72 years old. Cutting a figure somewhere between a Viking and a fit Saint Nicholas, Burch's accomplishment puts him among an elite class of lifters pushing the limits of possibility. Only 10 other men have deadlifted over 500 pounds in Burch's category; most hover between 300-400 pounds.

When asked what drives him to compete at such a high level, Burch cites his grandson, saying:

"My grandson got me out of the gym and back into competition. I started him out when he was 2 years old

... he's 17 now, we've been lifting together for 15 years. He only weighs 125 and he's pulling 300 pounds deadlift. So he really inspires me."

But powerlifting isn't a recent passion for Mike Burch. He's been in the game since 1956, when a childhood diagnosis of asthma drove him to find a way to improve his lung capacity—and from there, "it just kind of snowballed."

Burch was a top-ranked powerlifter in the 1970s and 1980s, taking first place in the USPF Capital District Open in 1980 at the age of 29.

As for what's next, Burch plans to compete in the Nov. 12 American Powerlifting Association (APA) US Open Championships—and his goal is to pull 550 pounds.

"Everything's on track. I just gotta stay healthy."

Asked what motivates him to set these records, Burch answered: "I just have to do it."

Online This Week

Look for these stories and more, exclusively at www.tricornernews.com.

Salisbury's Fall Festival returns after hiatus

Music, food, a magic show, pumpkin decorating and slime-making were on hand. See video at www.tricornernews.com/multimedia

Salisbury Winter Sports Association event

"Brew-Ski" offered pumpkin-flavored beers. See video at www.tricornernews.com/multimedia

Winter clothing drive and giveaway for all ages on Nov. 5

SALISBURY — All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church will again hold its winter clothing drive. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, which is at 313 Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury.

Winter clothing may be donated and dropped off at

the church at any time between now and the first week of November.

Please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition.

We will accept winter clothing for all ages, including coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves and boots. For more information please call 860-824-1340.

Upcoming vax clinics at HVRHS

FALLS VILLAGE — There are two COVID-19 vaccination clinics coming up at Housatonic Valley Regional High School for people aged 12 years old and up.

The dates are: Friday, Oct. 28, and Friday, Nov. 18., 3 to 7 p.m.

The clinics are hosted by the Connecticut Department of Health with Griffin Health.

Falls Village sets cemetery tours

FALLS VILLAGE — On Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 to 4 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will host a tour of two of Falls Village's seven cemeteries. (Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 30, 2 to 4 p.m.)

The tours will take place at the Grassy Hill Cemetery on Point of Rocks Road and the Sand Hill Cemetery on Route 63. Please wear sturdy walking shoes as the terrain

can be uneven. Participants should come to either cemetery and meet the guides.

Correction

Sharon Hospital's radiology department sees about 90 daily visits on average. In an article in the Oct. 6 edition, it was incorrectly stated that the department sees an average of 12 people daily.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0200 by owner Ian Findlay to construct a detached accessory apartment on a single-family residential lot at 42 Prospect Mountain Road, Salisbury, Map 15, Lot 58-1 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 10-06-22
 10-13-22

LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 9:10am to act on an Application (#2022-006) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to Build a Small Porch Over Entry at

72 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The Application will be posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.
 10-13-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CATHERINE M. COLLIGAN Late of Salisbury (22-00380)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 20, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
 Maureen A. Laning
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 Hinckley Allen & Snyder LLP
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 Hartford, CT 06103
 Megan M. Foley Clerk
 10-13-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission

of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 4, 2022:

Approved — Application #2022-0193 by owners Jon and Savannah Stevenson, for a 3-lot residential resubdivision. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 19 as Lot 15 and is located at 130 Taconic Road, Salisbury.

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

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 10-13-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOAN MEGNIN CLIFFORD Late of Canaan AKA Joan Clifford (22-00363)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 27, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL THE TIME IS NOW!!

Rally to Save Sharon Hospital

Hear from our public officials, doctors, and fellow community members on how you can help save Maternity and the ICU at Sharon Hospital.

**Sunday, Oct 16 at 2pm
at the Sharon Town Green**



Testify at the Public Hearing

against Nuvance's application to close Maternity.

- Written Testimony: Email OHS@ct.gov by Monday, Oct. 17.
- Oral Testimony: Sign up via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct 18 at 2pm. Public Testimony starts at 3pm. For the Zoom login and further information, please visit our website.

**Tuesday, Oct 18 via Zoom
10am: Hearing begins
3pm: Public Testimony begins**



Testify with us in person!

Join Save Sharon Hospital at the Sharon Town Hall, where we will be watching the public hearing live on Zoom, and testifying alongside fellow community members!



The commiunity has shown up to rally before. Dr. Howard Mortman, an OB/GYN, and Dr. David Kurish, an internist and cardiologist, at Sharon Hospital.

Save Sharon Hospital, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization composed of volunteers and healthcare professionals from the Northwest Corner and the neighboring New York area who are concerned about the continued quality and availability of healthcare in our region. We are committed to supporting and maintaining the full range of services at Sharon Hospital.

www.savesharonhospital.org

Our Towns

Kent officials struggle with noise, traffic woes

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Continued irritation over speeding motorists and noise led the selectmen to consider options for remedies at their regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 6.

A report from the town's subcommittee on Noise and Traffic Control was presented by Selectman Glenn Sanchez, also a subcommittee member.

"Some people are not obeying traffic laws," Sanchez began, indicating that the committee has been attempting to devise ways to assist the resident state trooper with enforcement. Sanchez asked whether the selectmen have a say in the amount of time the trooper devotes to in-town traffic enforcement duty.

The selectmen also discussed whether the trooper is equipped with a decibel meter to measure excessive noise levels. Selectman Rufus de Rham confirmed that troopers do have decibel meters, but it is cumbersome

and time-consuming to initiate a traffic stop and then ask the driver to move the car to a quieter area for a decibel reading.

"The committee feels that something needs to be done," Sanchez said, adding that the addition of a constable might be a possibility.

Town officials are also discussing adding a second state trooper as a School Resource Officer (SRO), Sanchez reported, but his committee is wondering how that officer would serve, particularly during the spring and fall when the SRO would be stationed at Kent Center School.

De Rham thought that traffic is now returning to pre-pandemic levels and operating with a rush-mentality once again.

Sanchez raised the issue of funding required to hire another trooper or a constable.

"If we don't get another person, we need to help the current trooper," Sanchez reasoned. "People are speeding, and we need to try our

best to stop that."

First Selectman Jean Speck clarified questions about contracts and communication. The current trooper operates under a two-year contract. Speck noted that if the town were to have a constable, there would be requirements such as formal accreditation for a local police department and a system to accommodate the required body-worn camera backed up by appropriate video storage and accessibility.

"Writing tickets is not the end of enforcement," Speck noted. "The end is in the court system." She said that 97% of the population follow the traffic laws. "The trooper writes a ticket, documenting a violation of a law, but the court systems are adjudicating it."

Speck also introduced the possibility of "smart" benches and "smart" trash cans that have a capability for monitoring and documenting noise or other pollutants, employing built-in sensors to do that work.



PHOTO BY KATHERYN STODDARD

Old-time farmstand fun

Halloween antics at the Ford Farm stand in East Canaan, where a vintage truck was pulled from the barn, loaded with pumpkins — then enter a pair of skeletons, arranged by Kathryn Stoddard to simulate a roadside repair.

Region One approves planning goals, HVRHS Advanced Placement class

By Matthew Kreta

FALLS VILLAGE — The Region One Board of Education, at the regular monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 3 (online), approved funds for capital maintenance planning and added a new Advanced Placement class at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS).

Business Manager Sam Herrick, representing the board's Building Committee, presented a request for funding for the start of a capital maintenance building project.

Based on a 2020 study of the high school building, the main items on the agenda are: extensive renovations of the auditorium and cafeteria, updating the fire alarm system, and replacing HVAC components, some of which

were installed in the early 1960s.

Herrick asked for \$120,000 to fund a request for proposals with engineers and architects to draw schematics and architectural designs necessary to go to bid.

The funds would come from capital reserve expenditures.

"We would not be committing ourselves to anything in this situation other than the creation of these documents," Herrick said.

Herrick noted that it was important to put the project on the market and get word out there, as well as how typically when a project is delayed its cost goes up by about 4%.

"There's a nominal cost to go out to bid," said Herrick.

The board approved the \$120,000. The proposed

project itself would begin in summer 2023 if the board approves.

HVRHS is getting a new AP Pre-Calculus class, starting in the 2023-24 school year.

The class will offer an opportunity for students to earn college credits, and will be similar to the school's current class of Pre-Calculus Honors.

As the class is already being taught in all but name, the school will not need to hire any additional staff.

The course would be taught by Scott Fellows at first; however once the curriculum is fully set up it can be taught by any department member.

HVRHS is updating its outreach toward prospective students throughout October and November. On Nov. 3, HVRHS Principal Ian Strever will host an open house for students in grades seven and eight, which will include tours of the building, with staff there to answer any questions about the school and its programs. Strever also plans to give tours to grade eight students when they arrive on the HVRHS campus for a track meet on Oct. 21.

Medicare basics session offered by Agency on Aging on Oct. 20

SALISBURY — Join Amanda Halle, a CHOICES Counselor from the Western CT Agency on Aging Thursday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at the town Grove in Lakeville for a discussion and question-and-answer session on Medicare Basics, preparing for open enrollment and Medicare fraud.

Whether you are new to Medicare or currently enrolled in a Medicare plan, this session will help individuals better understand their Medicare options including learning about state assistance programs that can help pay for some healthcare costs.

Medicare's open enrollment period is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

Looking ahead, residents can meet with a CHOICES counselor to review current health-care plans and needs and make any changes for 2023.

Health-care plan reviews are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Senior Center.

Space is limited and appointments are required.

Contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email mcauliffe@salisburyct.us to schedule an appointment.

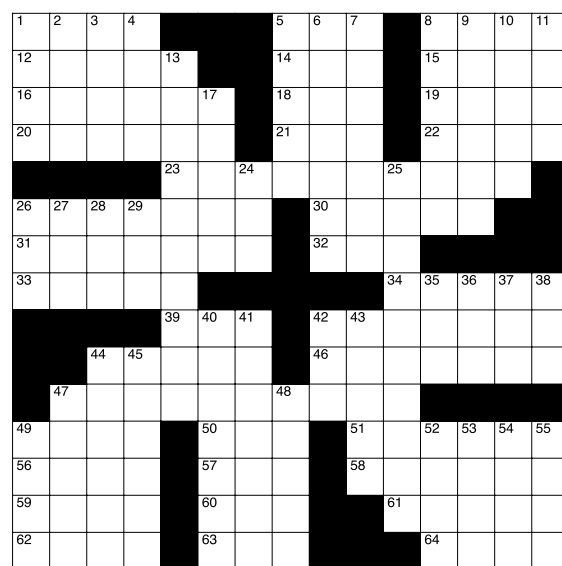
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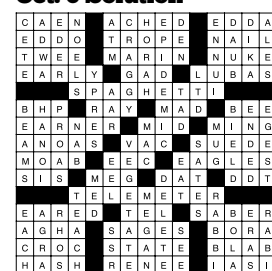
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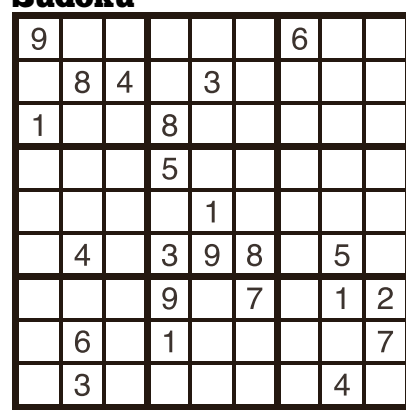


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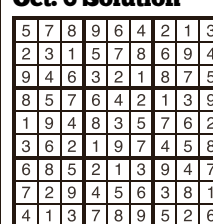
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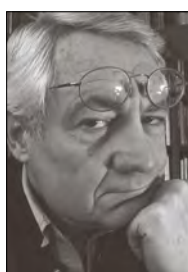
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OBITUARIES

Jane Ellen Canfield

CANAAN—Jane Ellen Canfield, 84, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, in Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie after a sudden illness. She was born Feb. 12, 1938, in Canaan to Malcom and Mary (Barry) Canfield. She attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School, graduating with the Class of 1956. She graduated from Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, in 1960. She married Jacques Andriessens and they had two children. The family lived in Belgium, Holland, France and England. Divorced in 1984, she returned to Falls Village, where she was happy to be reunited with her sister, Kathy Wohlfert. She joined the Falls Village Ambulance Corps in 1992 and became an EMT, receiving additional certification for defibrillation and IVs. She was captain of the ambulance corps, and a state EMT examiner. She retired as an EMT in 2012. While living in England, she served on the Board of Education of the Lycée Charles DeGaulle of London. She is survived by a son, Erik Andriessens, a daughter, Anne Mitton, both of whom live overseas, and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 7 in Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock. Memorial donations may be made to the Falls Village Ambulance Corps, 188 US-7S, Falls Village, CT 06031, or the North Canaan Ambulance Corps, PO Box 178, Canaan, CT 06018.

Paul McEnroe

AMENIA — Paul McEnroe, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, passed away on July 12, 2022. He was the husband of Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Hart) McEnroe. He wrote this obituary a few weeks before, which is as follows: If you are reading this, I have already gone up in smoke (hope that is the direction). No tears for me as I have had a long life filled with love, laughter, and many wonderful adventures. I began my life as the son of Florence and John McEnroe of Amenia, New York, who provided a loving home for me and my siblings — Jack, Alfred, Robert, and my sister Eileen who all have predeceased me. Although I was raised on a farm, I realized that farming was not for me. When I won a medal for salesmanship in high school, I thought this was my future. Before I started on my many adventures, I served in the U.S. Army in WWII in Europe, receiving citations for taking part in the Battle of the Bulge. After my Army experience, I had many small businesses from an ice cream stand to restaurants and working as an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. I then went on to become a partner in the Thompson and Blinn Insurance Company where I ended up purchasing the company. My next adventure was with four partners purchasing The DeLaVergne Farms Hotel in Amenia, New York. It was a landmark dating back to the 1700's. It was destroyed in a fire in 1974. I have a special place in my memories for a property named The Troll Haus in West Dover, Vermont in the Mount Snow ski area. I owned it since 1968 and had many friends there. I have had many experiences but one of the most interesting was building a house on the island of St. Maarten on the Dutch side. I had to slow down and be patient! Very hard for me! Vero Beach, Florida was also home to us for many winters. I was also very fortunate to be able to travel throughout Europe and the Caribbean. We settled in Middletown, Rhode Island in 1975, buying a house on Indian Ave and resided there for 46 years. I operated the Inn at Castle Hill in Newport, Rhode Island for 20 years where I had a won-

derful staff and many "fun" times. My Newport experiences also included purchasing property on Mary St. and Thames St. where I built a 24 room Inn named the Intown. My wife was "Chief Honcho" there. I am writing this from my most recent residence "The Atria" in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. I can no longer ski, dance, drive, or travel but I have done it all in my past years. You are probably wondering by now what charitable contributions I have made in my lifetime. I have tried to be generous to people who needed a little boost along the way. I have saved the most important part of my life for last. This was marrying my wife of 68 years, Betty McEnroe. She supported me in most of my schemes, except maybe the trip to New York to sell milk during a milk strike! My love for her has been a constant through these many years. Thank you honey! I am survived by my sister-in-law Stephanie McEnroe of Painted Post, New York, my sister-in-law Lynn Sullivan of Charleston, South Carolina, my brother-in-law Jack Hart of Columbia, South Carolina, 15 nieces and nephews and many great and great, great nieces and nephews. In ending this, you probably wish someone else had written my obituary. It would have been much shorter! This was my last chance at expressing myself. I leave you with my favorite saying: "If you are born to hang you will never drown!" My love to all my family and friends.

Graveside services and burial will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Route 22, Amenia, New York, with Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating. Following the graveside service, friends and family are invited to Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia for a repast. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Potter League for Animals, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, RI 02842, www.potterleague.org/donate. Local arrangements entrusted to Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com



Lee Minoff

SHARON — Lee Minoff, a writer and psychoanalyst, died September 29, 2022, following a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 88 years old. Lee wrote ad copy for the venerable advertising agency BBD&O as a young man in New York City. He worked as a publicist for Otto Preminger Productions during the shooting of "The Leopard" in 1964 and as an assistant to Stanley Kubrick on "Dr. Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" in 1964. His play "Come Live with Me," co-authored by Stanley Price, opened at the Billy Rose theater on Broadway in New York in January, 1967. He wrote the original screenplay for the Beatles' award-winning animated film "Yellow Submarine," which was released in 1968. Trained as a psychoanalyst in the late 1970s at NPAP (the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis) in New York, he had a vibrant practice for many decades. He was the recipient of the ABC Theatre Award for his play "Cathexis" in 1980. A gifted athlete who played varsity baseball at Brooklyn College in the early to mid-1950s, in the early 1980s Lee inaugurated the



popular Sunday morning softball game that became a Lakeville tradition. Players included news media celebrities Tom Brokaw and Jeff Greenfield. Despite the Lakeville team's loss, the highlight of the Sunday morning softball tradition in those early years was the game, played at Yankee Stadium, between Lakeville and a team of players from a women's league in the Hamptons. Born Leon Abraham Minoff in Brooklyn on August 1, 1934, Lee was the third child of Charles ("Cholly") Minoff, an inventor and the owner of the Idemin Manufacturing Company in Brooklyn, and the former Ida Lubroth. He graduated from Brooklyn College in 1955, where he majored in English. He was predeceased by his brother Philip (in 2011) and by his sister Martha Shankman (in 2016). He is survived by his wife Anne Drager-Minoff and by loving nieces and nephews. Lee lived on Low Road in Sharon since the early 1980s. In recent years, he spent his summers, with his wife Anne, in Montauk. A funeral service will be held, at a time to be determined, at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Glendale, Queens, New York.

In Appreciation

Lee Minoff

Lee Minoff, who died recently, was a Sharon near-neighbor and my therapist for many years. (I'm long past the age where it worries me to admit that, and I'm not running for office.) As one hopes for with any therapist, he guided me through some difficult times in my life, including an automobile accident that left me badly shaken though, thankfully, not physically hurt. That was the only time I ever called him outside of normal hours, and he was memorably kind and empathetic. Lee was definitely old school. We shared a Queens Jewish upbringing. He taught me a few Yiddish-isms that taught me something about myself. He was strong-willed, and more than once we clashed. Usually it was over his saying something akin to, "It could be worse," which is as New York City Jewish as it gets. But he had a point about appreciating the joys I have. As a trained psychoanalyst, he might have leaned on Freud a bit much, and he never did succeed more than once or twice in getting me on the couch — literally. I was more interested in an interactive session than staring up at the ceiling. I frequently met with Lee in the early morning, and he greeted me at the door of his beautiful Sharon house, occasionally in a bathrobe. A cup of coffee was waiting on the table in front of me, and a giant "Yellow Submarine" poster looked down on us from his wall. Lee took great pride in having been the screenwriter for the "Yellow Submarine" movie, as well as having worked as an assistant to legendary director Stanley Kubrick. Lee loved his home, his family, his work, and playing softball. He was a real mensch. Fred Baumgarten Haydenville, Mass.

Mary Tobin Kirby

SHARON — Mary Tobin Kirby, 93, of Sharon, and only recently retired in April after a long and successful career. Life with her family of five children, seven grandchildren, beloved great-grandchildren and many adored nieces and nephews was never dull. She was the daughter of Irene White Tobin and William R. Tobin, Sr. She was predeceased by her sisters, Kathleen (Peter) Marcon, and Irene (John) Toffey and brother William R. Tobin, Jr. She is survived by a brother, Joseph G. Tobin (Gail). She was the mother of Anne (Fred Kantrowitz), Kevin (Lynne), Maureen (Patrick Dore), Kaki (Charles Caulkins) and Edward Kirby, Jr. (Laurie Potter). She was devoted to her grandchildren, Gregory (Katie Van Sycle), Kevin (Jessica Zuiker), William (Brittanny Bradley), Jonathan (Samantha Tan), Kathleen (Roberto Jimenez), Thomas (Bailey Kay) and Emily (Keith Howard). She was a delighted great-grandmother to Jack and Ava Kantrowitz, Kai Bonet and Theo Kirby Tan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sharon Historical Society, Sharon Fire Department, The Edward M. Kirby Scholarship Fund c/o Salisbury Bank & Trust or Sharon Audubon Center Bird Rehabilitation Program.



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Worship Services

Week of October 16, 2022

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnsalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.FaceBook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT WE ARE NOW MEETING IN PERSON! Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoioi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
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<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday & Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutches Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3158</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaan-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>	
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 513 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

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Our Towns

Salmon Kill bridge repair gets underway

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen met Monday, Oct. 3 (online), for their regular monthly meeting and discussed updates on the various construction projects around Salisbury.

The former train station on Ethan Allen Street in Lakeville will be evaluated by structural engineers and architects next week. The selectmen are waiting for their report before the painting of the new storm windows can begin.

The report will also detail whether or not the building can be raised. The building is currently being used as an office by the Salmon Kill bridge crew.

The Salmon Kill bridge (between Route 112 and Brinton Hill Road) has been taken down and sheet piling will begin this week. The current goal is to get the abutment built before the weather gets too cold. "All things are going very well," First Selectman Curtis Rand said.

Rand noted that the state



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Salmon Kill bridge project has started. The immediate goal is to get the abutments built before winter sets in.

Office of Health Strategies is holding a public hearing Tuesday, Oct. 18 (online). It is a public meeting regarding Sharon Hospital's request to close its labor and delivery unit.

Monument Conservation

Collaborative LLC has been restoring the public cemeteries in Salisbury and has had its service renewed for an additional five years. The ser-

vice costs \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year and restores the stones of public cemeteries. Some stones date back to the 1700s. MCC is currently working on

the cemetery behind Town Hall.

The new sidewalk on Main Street from the Scoville Memorial Library to Salmon Kill Road began construction the week of Oct. 9.

The Rail Trail bike and hiking path will likely receive light maintenance soon. Its integrity as a nature walk will be preserved and will not be paved over or altered significantly. Selectman Don Mayland reminded Rail Trail users not to park near or in front of the sewer plant as it disrupts workers and doesn't allow their trucks to exit safely.

On Oct. 4, the senior nutrition program was reopened for the first time since COVID-19 began. It will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations must be made at 860-435-5197.

Robin Denny and John DeShazo will be switching roles and will be the new deputy fire marshal and new fire marshal respectively.

Multiple flu clinics scheduled this fall by VNA

SALISBURY — Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County has flu clinics throughout Litchfield County for anyone 18 years and older for the upcoming flu season.

Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious viral respiratory infection that can result in mild to severe illness, possibly requiring hospitalization, and can sometimes lead to death.

Flu vaccines are often updated to protect against new strains, so getting a shot last year doesn't ensure protection this year.

And while a flu shot doesn't guarantee one won't get the flu, it will most likely lessen the severity of symptoms.

Clinic schedule:
Falls Village Senior Center

Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sharon Pharmacy (8 Gay St.)

Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to noon

North Canaan Town Hall

Friday, Oct. 28, 1 to 3 p.m.

Lakeville Town Grove (42 Ethan Allen St.)

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost and insurance information:

Participating insurances: Aetna, Anthem BCBS, Connecticut, Harvard Pilgrim, United Healthcare, Medicare, Meritain.

Self-pay: cash or check

\$30 Regular dose
\$80 High dose (over 65)

For questions or for a full list of clinics in Litchfield County, call 860-379-8561 or visit www.vnhlc.org.

North Canaan bear-feeding ordinance faces town vote

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Residents will get to vote on an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of bears at a town meeting set for Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

The date for the vote was set by the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 3.

If enacted, the ordinance will impose fines for infractions: \$250 for the first infraction, \$350 for the second and \$450 for the third. The issue is one of public safety, particularly as bears have been observed in the vicinity of North Canaan Elementary School and Town Hall.

Affordable Housing Plan

Following a year of Affordable Housing Committee meetings that began in October 2021, First Selectman Charles Perotti briefly discussed the resulting five-year plan that had been developed by the committee's work with the help of consultant Jocelyn Ayer, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity.

Perotti noted that North

Canaan is within the requirements of offering sufficient housing in general but added that more rentals are needed.

The state mandates that each town must have an affordable housing plan and that the plan must be updated every five years. To view the plan, go to www.northcanaan.org.

Cannabis moratorium

As the town's moratorium on recreational cannabis is due to expire in February, Tim Abbott, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, sought more time to assemble and consider opinions from residents. The moratorium can be extended, if necessary.

"No one on the zoning board wants to make a decision without hearing more from the residents," Abbott said.

Following discussion the selectmen favored an option that would distribute a mostly online survey to residents to collect their views in advance of a town meeting likely to occur in November.

Save Sharon Hospital Resolution

The selectmen signed their official resolution opposing Nuvance Health's plans that would reduce or eliminate services at Sharon Hospital, including eliminating the maternity department and altering Intensive Care to become Progressive Care. Nuvance is the parent company for Sharon Hospital. The vote was unanimous.

STEAP Grant

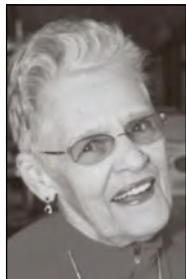
Perotti announced that the town has been awarded a STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grant. Although the town applied for \$104,339, the state program awarded \$84,471. The town will need to contribute \$20,868. The request for the needed funding will be made to the next meeting of the Board of Finance.

Perotti indicated that the grant is to be used for renovations to the Canaan Child Care Center, including an upgrade for the windows, alarm system improvements and installation of new fencing.

OBITUARY

Belle (Betty) Becker

SHARON - Belle (Betty) Becker, age 86, passed away on Oct. 1, 2022, at the Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon. She was the loving wife of the late Alan R. Becker of Sharon.



Belle was born March 27, 1936, in Greenport, Long Island, daughter of Harry and Carrie (Aakjar) Johnson. She was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Belle and Alan were long time residents of Sharon. During her working career, Belle served as Tax Collector and Treasurer for the Town of Sharon. She was also a volunteer for the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Belle and Alan loved camping in the backwoods of Maine and enjoyed the Boothbay Harbor area of Maine every spring and fall. She enjoyed her trips to Alaska, Panama and the Caribbean islands. With her

knowledge of gardening, native wild flowers and describing farmers wisdom on forecasting the weather - she could have written a book! She loved her dogs and photography. Belle is survived by her children, Linda and Tim Paviol of Falls Village, Gary

and Marjorie Becker of Wyoming, five grandchildren Alyssa and Jonathan King, Zachary and Jacob Paviol, Sarah and Jesse Becker, two great grandchildren Bailey and Cole King. She was predeceased by her sisters Arleen Blass and Claire Pedersen.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. All other services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department or Ladies Auxiliary, PO Box 1, Falls Village, CT 06031.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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Sports



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Salisbury defeats Frederick Gunn 2-1 in weekend match

Charles Barzun, in red, of Salisbury School raced downfield on Saturday, Oct. 8, at home against The Frederick Gunn School. Salisbury prevailed, 2-1.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Ben Lowy, left, of the Kent School mixed it up with South Kent's Gabriel Noering during South Kent's 3-1 victory on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

South Kent prevails 3-1 in crosstown showdown

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Cold and cloudy but (thankfully) dry conditions ruled the match between Kent School and the visiting South Kent School. Wednesday, Oct. 5. South Kent won, 3-1.

South Kent's Xahvi DeRosa scored in the early minutes, and again late in the game. A third South Kent goal was made on a penalty kick by Enoch Joseph.

Kent School's single goal was made by striker Cameron Naples.

FALL FEST

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humanity, much of it young and energetic.

The Salisbury Center School (SCS) eighth graders scored big with the popular and highly entertaining (for spectators, anyway) "Hit the Face with a Wet Sponge" game.

Indian Mountain School students guided the younger set in the manufacture of slime, in vivid colors. Slime consists of contact lens solution, baking soda and food coloring. Tiny little foam balls were optional.

Amelia Corrigan of Lakeville, age 5, showed a reporter her small tub of vivid teal-colored slime.

Elsewhere on the lawn small children decorated pumpkins under the aegis of SOAR, the SCS enrichment program.

The crowd was hungry. By 12:30 p.m., the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary had sold out of macaroni and cheese.

On a somber note, Larissa Vreeland and friends had a table in front of the General Store, dedicated to the cause of Nikki Addimando of Poughkeepsie, who fatally shot her partner to save her own life but has been sentenced to years in prison. (Go to www.westandwithnikki.com for more information.)

Magician Peter James plucked coins from ears and enlisted young assistants during his magic show by the church on Library Street, and a little later the Salisbury Band Quickstep Hotshots entertained the crowd with familiar tunes.

At 3 p.m. there was a new wrinkle for the festival. In the garden on the southwest side of the library, two iconic Martha Graham dances, "Lamentation" and "Satyric Festival Song," were performed by members of Graham 2, a "pre-professional dance company drawn from the most advanced students of the Martha Graham school" (according to the Graham 2 website).

The Salisbury Artisans were set up (mostly) in front of the White Hart. Vendors hustled to keep up with the crowds.

Things were a bit more sedate on Sunday. The crowd at the White Hart was still robust, and the Joint Chiefs band began playing around 1 p.m.

Custom chairmaker Andrew Jack was entertaining a group of small boys from his work bench — and cautioning them to stand back.

Two Republican candidates for the state Legislature, state Rep. Stephen Harding (R-107), who is running for the state Senate, and Chris DuPont of Goshen, who is trying to unseat state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), were doing some politicking on Main Street Sunday afternoon.

And at Satre Hill, the Salisbury Winter Sports Association Brew-Ski event had more than 30 breweries participating. A ticket bought access to live music, food and a tasting of the wide assortment of craft beers and



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Guests of the 12th annual Brew-Ski Fest sampled beers and ciders from over 30 breweries on Sunday, Oct. 9.

ciders.

Pumpkin-flavored ales prevailed, with such options as "Pumpkin Roadsmay's Baby" by Two Roads Brewing Company of Stratford.



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Students from Indian Mountain School ran a slime-making clinic during the Salisbury Fall Festival.

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Tour de Forest

More than 80 bikers from the Northwest Corner and from as far away as New Hampshire and Rhode Island joined Norfolk's Annual Tour de Forest on Sunday, Oct. 9, tackling either a 12.6 mile route or "The Icebox Gravel" route (28.9 miles).



Salisbury Republican Town Committee



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In addition to his law practice in Danbury and his service in the State Legislature, Steve has served on numerous boards and organizations in his home town of Brookfield, including the Board of Education and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As a member of the General Assembly, Steve has consistently advocated for lowering CT taxes, supporting CT law enforcement and protecting our open spaces. Steve will be a worthy successor to long-time State Senator Craig Miner who has ably represented the 30th District for the past six years.

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among staff and residents.

In the last month at the Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan, two residents in assisted living and two staff tested positive for the coronavirus, according to CEO Kevin O'Connell. They have since recovered.

"All had minor symptoms. Nobody really got horribly ill, although some people came down with real hard flu-like symptoms," said O'Connell.

At Salisbury's Noble Horizons Senior Community, Administrator Bill Pond reported on Friday, Oct. 7, that two nursing home residents tested positive for COVID-19 in as many days but exhibited no signs of illness.

"Both are asymptomatic, and I think that is what we are starting to see with these positive results," said Pond.

Referring to last week's call with DPH, "We went over new strategies for once the community transmission rate goes down below substantial, and when we can start to adjust to getting back to a more normal environment," said Pond. But for now, he added, it's "status quo" at Noble.

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Neither does Geer's O'Connell.

"It's a lot to digest. We are not doing anything different at this point until I can fully understand it all," particularly how CDC guidance aligns with state and local regulations, said O'Connell.

The disease has been 'steadily declining'

The CDC noted that the updates were made to reflect the high levels of vaccine- and infection-induced immunity and the availability of effective treatments and prevention tools.

Its data is not based on Connecticut's state COVID-19 positivity rate, which is trending upward. The rate was 9.55% on Thursday, Oct. 6, compared to 4.77% on April 6.

"There is a lot of virus, including the omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5, circulating out there, so I expect we'll see a lot of viral transmission heading into fall and winter, although COVID-19, the disease, has been steadily declining," said Sharon epidemiologist Dr. James Shepherd, an associate professor of medicine at Yale School of Medicine.

The rate of hospital admissions and seriously sick people has "slowly and steadily" been declining, said the infectious disease physician, "which is the data that most guidelines are based on, and not the virus, which is spreading."

"Although the risk of COVID-19 and severe illness is starting to come down, the risks are still there for older people in nursing homes and significantly immunocompromised individuals who are on immunosuppressants because they've had organ transplants or blood cancer," said Shepherd.

Some of the key changes

Under the CDC's new guidance, that agency is no longer routinely recommending quarantine for patients, or work restriction for health-care personnel for asymptomatic individuals following COVID-19 exposures. It will continue to emphasize monitoring for symptoms, series of three tests, continued use of masking for 10 days following exposure and prompt isolation or work restriction if symptoms develop or testing is positive for COVID-19

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infection.

Also, the CDC is no longer recommending asymptomatic screening testing of nursing home personnel who have not had a recognized exposure, although screening testing remains recommended for new admissions to nursing homes when community transmission levels are high.

The revised guidelines also recommend the use of PPE when community transmissions are high, and the CDC is no longer routinely recommending quarantine for patients, or work restriction for health-care personnel, for asymptomatic individuals following COVID-19 exposure.

'The public has voted with their feet'

Both Geer and Noble are in the process of rolling out the reformulated vaccination boosters, as well as flu shots, to residents and staff, according to administrators.

While the boosters are not mandated, Pond said he is strongly encouraging Noble employees to roll up their sleeves and get the jab.

In late August, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of the new COVID-19 vaccine boosters, known as bivalent boosters, which target both the original strain and the new omicron variants.

The bivalent boosters, one by Moderna and one by Pfizer, are authorized for use by individuals 12 and older who have already received the initial COVID-19 vaccine series and one or more boosters.

The CDC has recommended that all adults get a bivalent booster at least two months after they complete their primary vaccine series.

So far, said Shepherd, demand for the new boosters has been lethargic.

Poll results announced Sept. 30 by the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation found that two in five fully vaccinated adults are not sure if the updated booster dose is recommended for them, and one in five adults said they have heard "nothing at all" about the new booster doses.

"Remember, the COVID booster is not free anymore, unlike the flu shot," noted the physician.

"The numbers are very low. The public has voted with their feet. They're saying, 'Nah, we're done. We know that you are trying to scare us about COVID-19, but we think we already know what is happening and are not that bothered by it anymore, so we don't care.' I think they made the argument because of what they are seeing around them.

"And, honestly, I think they are probably right," said Shepherd. "The nursing home population would be the only groups that might have significant benefit from the booster. COVID-19 is becoming a much milder illness and right now it's near what it would be for the seasonal flu."

Noble Horizon's Pond said he views the ramping down of CDC guidance as long-awaited relief.

"We are rounding the beginning of the end in this whole thing," he said of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CUTBACKS

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hospital's application to the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) marks the beginning of a decline that threatens to transform the hospital, operated by its nonprofit parent Nuvance Health, into a stopover for transfers elsewhere.

Drs. Howard Mortman and David Kurish have practiced in the area for decades. Mortman is an obstetrician with 31 years in Sharon. Kurish is a cardiologist and internist with 43 years experience in the community. Another SSH participant, Victor Germack, who has a financial background, spoke first about the history of the hospital and then about its financial status. Nick Moore, who serves on the seven-member SSH board, also spoke and introduced the speakers.

The recurring themes presented by SSH center on concerns that a beloved community hospital, founded in 1909, where in the past patients would receive treatment without regard to financial status, and where the rate of successful patient outcomes has led to a 5-star rating, risks losing that reputation. Sharon Hospital is one of only three in Connecticut with that distinction.

"What maternity operation in the United States makes money?" Germack asked. "They are loss leaders, a gateway service."

The meeting ran for an hour and 20 minutes, during which Germack explained, based on his background as an accountant, that he doesn't believe Sharon Hospital's claims about how much it loses annually.

"We concluded that the numbers were bogus," he said.

The hospital is part of a seven-hospital network in the Hudson Valley and Connecticut operated by nonprofit Nuvance Health.

Questions from residents at the roundtable about fi-



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Dr. Howard Mortman, center, an obstetrician, spoke about Sharon Hospital's cutback plans along with Victor Germack, at left, and Dr. David Kurish at the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

nances or about the eventual outcome for hospital services if Nuvance's application is granted remained mostly focused on the hospital's decline.

"Two years from now this whole hospital could close," said Heidi Hoeller, an accountant from Lakeville.

Gregg Pulver (R-19), chair of the Dutchess County Legislature who is running for county executive, echoed the sentiment. "This idea that they could close labor and delivery. That's just a death toll for this hospital. Most people go to this hospital because they were born in this hospital. I was born there. Everything I do, I go to that hospital."

Pulver said that regardless whether it loses \$1 or \$3 million, the labor and delivery unit brings people and families into the hospital.

"Labor and delivery services are an investment in the hospital. Once they lose labor and delivery, there's no need to have 24-hour surgery, there's no need to have an ICU. If there's no need to have an ICU. Let's face it, you're going to end up with

urgent care at Sharon Hospital. "We don't deserve that. We have to have a full-blown hospital."

Nuvance maintains that with less than one birth per day, the cost to run the labor and delivery service threatens its financial viability. The hospital also has been adding services based on community input, including a telehealth kiosk allowing virtual care for oncology, neurology and infectious diseases, enhanced stroke support and care, state-of-the-art imaging and expanded senior behavioral health and women's health services.

With decades of practice in the community, the physicians presented their own accounts of the quality of care they say is jeopardized by the requested cutbacks, urging everyone to join in a planned Zoom public hearing scheduled by OHS on Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. for the public portion and to submit testimony orally or in writing. Written testimony is due Oct. 17. Details are at www.savesharonhospital.org.

Mortman referenced a White House blueprint for

addressing what was described as a "maternal health crisis" due to the outcomes before, during and after childbirth that lead to the deaths of American mothers at a higher rate from pregnancy-related causes than in any other developed nation.

"In 31 years that I've been here, we haven't lost one mom," he said. Referring to Sharon Hospital's application, he said, "Whatever the excuses, whatever the rationale, it makes no sense."

Mortman cited the goals in the White House report, which include increasing access to "comprehensive, high-quality maternal health services, including behavioral health services."

"They're [the White House] saying we don't have enough of it, and somehow we're going to go backwards here," he said.

Mortman also said that it's very hard to recruit physicians to the area. "I've been told by doctors that there's no way I'm going to be practicing in Sharon Hospital if there's no OB [obstetrics]."

Kurish told the audience that he has witnessed a decline in operations at Sharon Hospital in the last few years "because of the way the hospital has been managed," he said, noting what he said were drops in Emergency Department volume, laboratory volume and admissions.

"They're worried about transferring patients from here to Danbury and New Milford."

Referring to the wealth in the community, Kurish appealed to the community to provide the "\$3 to \$5 million difference that they need" for maternity. "We're not Appalachia," he said.

SSH plans another roundtable on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Parish in Kent. It also plans a rally Sunday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the town Green in Sharon.

CHILD CARE

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Appropriations Committee, Rep. Toni E. Walker, D-New Haven and Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague, agree with Lamont and Bye on most things, but they questioned whether bonuses are what the full House and Senate envisioned when they approved \$70 million for "wage support" as part of the \$24.2 billion state budget adopted last May.

Lawmakers wanted to boost weekly compensation so child care professionals "can maintain themselves, so

we don't end up losing these value slots," Walker said. "It's not a one-shot deal."

House Republican Leader Vincent J. Candelora of North Branford said he believes the legislative intent behind the \$70 million was clear, and it was not for the Democratic governor to provide one-time bonuses around Election Day.

"I think it's a dangerous slippery slope that this governor continues to push," Candelora said.

Merrill Gay, executive director of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, didn't weigh in on how the \$70 million should be used.

But he agreed with all state officials that the industry is in crisis and that government should help to stabilize it.

Many child care workers now possess bachelor's degrees, Gay said, and services routinely are losing those staffers to school systems, where they can secure teach-

ing assistant jobs.

Connecticut currently has one licensed slot for infant and toddler care for every child younger than 3, Gay said, adding that this represents a shortage of roughly 45,000 program slots.

The Journal occasionally will offer articles from CTMirror.org, a source of nonprofit journalism and a partner with The Lakeville Journal. A longer version of this article appears online at tricornnews.com.

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THIS WEEK IN BOOKS: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Sad rich girls can live forever

In 1852 in the Bloomsbury district of London, a young woman was laying around the studio of a famous artist.

This was Elizabeth Siddall, known muse and model to The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, an avant-garde collective of painters and thinkers who defied the rules of the established culture. They created revolutionary pieces, printed their own magazine, and scandalized the stuffy Victorians. Elizabeth Siddall was the face and body who posed for some of their greatest works, and in 1852 she was laying on her back, as if floating dead in the water, for John Everett Millais' "Ophelia."

It was a divisive piece upon its premiere. The Times (UK) wrote, "there must be something strangely perverse in an imagination which souses Ophelia in a weedy ditch, and robs the drowning struggle of that lovelorn maiden of all pathos and beauty." Today, however, it is inescapably famous, an image whose influence has spread across fashion



A new book remembers the life of Edie Sedgwick, the original rich girl influencer.

and film. Millais' Ophelia is the prototypical mad girl, the out-of-control daughter, the surrender to sadness, the toxically idealized youth in the arms of death, who never had to grow up.

"There are still people obsessed with her tragedy, her narcissism, her inability to engage, to connect," Alice Sedgwick Wohl, an art scholar and translator told me over the phone from her

home in Stockbridge, Mass. "All of that negativity. I always thought people tended to grow towards the light, so to speak. It's hard for me to imagine the idea that people are obsessed with such a fatal image."

Wohl wasn't speaking about Ophelia, or Elizabeth Siddall the artist's muse — whose anorexia and tuberculosis ended her life at 32. She was talking about her young-

er sister, Edie Sedgwick.

At 91 years old, Wohl's new book is very different from her previous work translating historic treatises on art theory. "As It Turns Out: Thinking About Edie and Andy" is a kind of double memoir. It details both the privileged but troubled childhood she and her sister shared and the journey of the present-day Wohl, coming to terms with Edie's fame for the first time. 50 years after The Swinging Sixties, Alice Sedgwick Wohl is finally reckoning with the art made her sister an icon.

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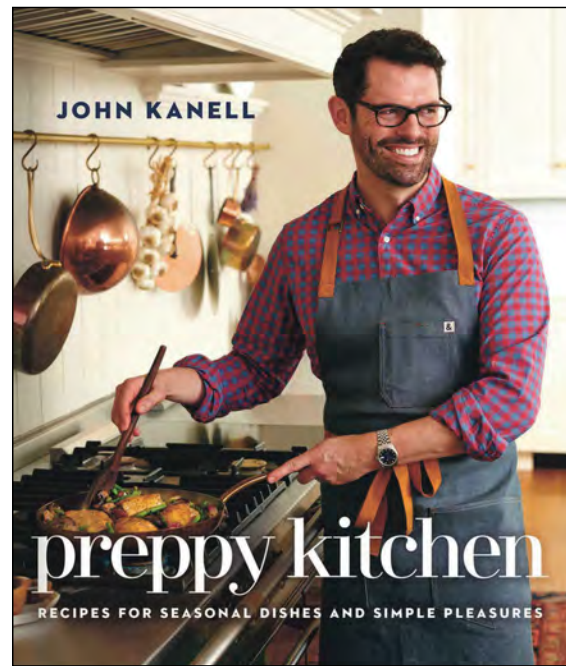


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What if I told you there was a small business, run out of a family home in Kent, Conn., that saw averages of 300 thousand people a day?

From the rural farmhouse he shares with his husband Brian Dow and small twin sons, John Kanell is refining being a local business in a small town. On his YouTube channel Preppy Kitchen, he makes weekly cooking tutorials that draw in big view counts thanks to his 3.18 million subscribers.

"It is a bit of lark that I'm able to putter around in my kitchen, upload my videos and they go to a broader audience," he told me.

Few would see Kanell's videos as "puttering around." The kitchen, for one, is enormous, think more spacious Ina Garten Hamptons house than the relatable intimacy of Allison Roman's cluttered Boerum Hill pad. A long row of spotless copper cookware line the shiplap wall, along with

an ILVE jade green range with bass trim, and a endless marble island.

Kanell himself is the ideal of a J. Crew catalog model, with perfectly white teeth and an eager, instructive manner. But his videos are also tightly edited and easy to follow. A former middle school math teacher, he puts the lesson ahead of the chit-chat. "Preppy" isn't a WASP allusion (Kanell's parents are Mexican and Greek), it's a pun on being prepared.

His new cookbook however, is opening up some new, in-person experiences. "People on Youtube or Instagram comment and will say, 'My daughter is making this cake for her birthday and she loves watching her channel,'" Kanell said. Written feedback is the way he experiences his audience, but now he'll be seeing some of the real faces who tune in to watch him in his kitchen. "It's one of the reasons I'm so excited about the book tour. I'm out here in rural, beautiful, pastoral Litchfield County, and you just don't see that many people."

John Kanell will discuss his new cookbook in person at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. For more go to www.houseofbooksct.com

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Edie and Alice grew up as members of the storied Sedgwick family, a Brahmin clan of upper-class Anglicans whose American origins trace back to the 17th-century Colony of Massachusetts Bay, arriving as part of the Puritan migration to New England. “The Sedgwick Pie” as their well-known cemetery plot in Stockbridge is called, contains Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Thomas Sedgwick, former owner of The Atlantic Ellery Sedgwick and early American feminist author Catherine Sedgwick. The girls were raised on a Californian ranch, a secluded “paradise” that kept them cloistered away and disciplined.

“If you had seen my family, there were eight children. I’m quite ordinary looking — but the others were quite handsome, and Edie was beautiful,” Wohl told me. “My family looked like a hundred million dollars. The ranch was the most beautiful place, the life we led was the most wonderful life possible.” She paused to add, “But underneath it was something else.”

Underneath was the private psychological horror the children endured, and what Wohl described to me as “a powerful code of silence” that kept them

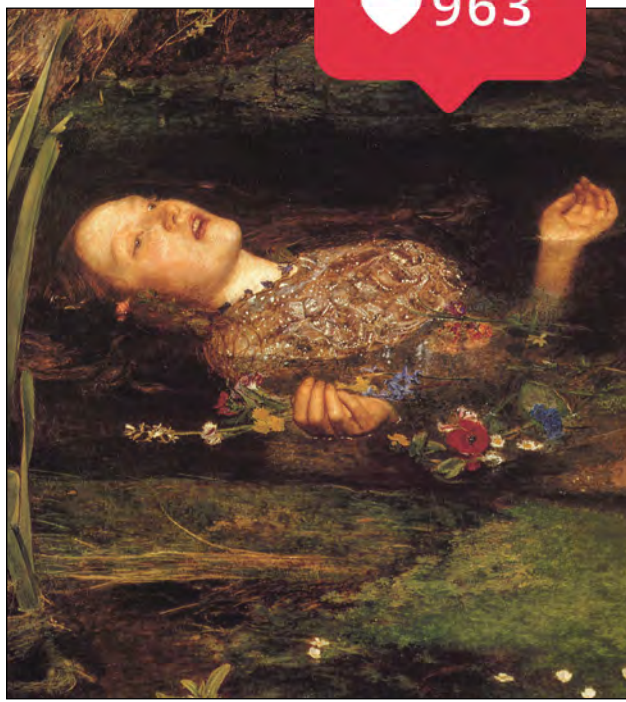
maintaining the facade that they were a happy family. Days after their brother Francis “Minty” Sedgwick hanged himself the day before his 27th birthday, another brother, Bobby, 31, died crashing his motorcycle into a New York City bus. Edie had her own demons, sent to a series of increasingly restrictive stays at psychiatric care facilities for her disordered eating.

But in 1964, with an inheritance in her bag and thick painted liner around her Sphinx eyes, Edie moved to Manhattan and within the year had caught the attention of Vogue editor-in-chief Diana Vreeland, as well as the leader of Pop Art himself, Andy Warhol.

As if it were her own downtown cotillion, Edie captured attention from all factions of the media upon making her New York debut, from the glossy print establishment to the counterculture scene of Warhol’s Factory. She was “the beautiful young blue-blooded heiress who was said to have blown through a six-figure inheritance in a matter of months,” Wohl writes.

Speaking to Wohl however, the exact nature of Edie’s appeal still eludes her. “I don’t know how to express what she had, but she had it,”

“It,” some would say, is exactly the word to



DIGITAL COLLAGE BY ALEXANDER WILBURN
'Ophelia' by John Everett Millais

express. Edie Sedgwick was perhaps the ultimate It Girl, famous for no inherent talent except possessing an indefinable, enviable quality. The moniker originally stems from Clara Bow and her 1927 film based on the Elinor Glyn novel. In the collection “It and Other Stories,” Glyn writes, “To have ‘It,’ the fortunate possessor must have that strange magnetism which attracts both sexes. He or she must be entirely unconscious and full of self-confidence, indifferent to the effect he or she is producing, and uninfluenced by others.”

There is some poetry to the sister’s paths. Despite their differences — Wohl describes herself reading Tolstoy

as a teenager, while Edie never read a book — one went on to study art, the other became art herself.

“She was an object,” Wohl said, agreeing with the assessment. “She simply existed very powerfully and vigorously in herself. She really wasn’t interested in anything else. Her mind was completely unfurnished.”

At the height of her glamorous New York days, Warhol filmed Edie in the underground short, “Poor Little Rich Girl,” a sometimes-in-focus black-and-white look at the life of a socialite; smoking cigarettes in her apartment, drinking coffee, putting on her makeup. Following the experimental film’s premiere, Village Voice critic Jonas Mekas wrote

that Andy Warhol’s “Poor Little Rich Girl”, “surpasses everything that cinéma vérité has done till now.”

Seven years later, her connections to elite publications like Vogue diminished and her artistic relationship with Warhol in the past, Edie was found in her final pose, laying still one winter morning, having died at age 28 of an overdose.

In her own memoir, “Just Kids,” Patti Smith writes about hearing of Edie Sedgwick’s death. “When I was a teenager I found a copy of Vogue with a photograph of her pirouetting on a bed in front of a drawing of a horse. She seemed entirely self-possessed, as if nobody in the world existed but her.”

With the release of “As It Turns Out,” what has surprised Alice Sedgwick Wohl is how many young women like Patti Smith, with photos of Edie on the walls of their girlhood bedrooms — or more likely, on Instagram accounts acting as digital mood boards — still exist. At a recent talk at the Rizzoli Bookstore in New York, Wohl speculated that two-thirds of the audience must have been young women, no older than Edie’s age when she starred in “Poor Little Rich Girl.”

What’s more surprising is that she would be surprised, but perhaps Wohl is simply too well-read. If you have relaxed your mind a little and let the internet worm its way between your brain’s crevices, then our 21st-century fetishistic obsession with doomed girls — conventionally beautiful, young, and cruelly disposable — is readily apparent. Their destructive burn out is as equally captivating to our vulture-like consumption of content as their rise. The dawn of the millennium saw many heirs to Edie, from the famous-for-being-fa-

mous Paris Hilton, to the darker, drug-fueled death of Amy Winehouse, to Lindsay Lohan — who exists somewhere in between them. Pop singer-songwriter Lana Del Rey has crafted her musical persona as a retrograde victim, a word-weary coquette humming sad idylls to the loss of old money glamor, her bad past, her character’s sure-to-be short life.

The dictum often mis-attributed to Andy Warhol goes, “In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes.” But in 2022 fame is more ephemeral and indefinable (Addison Rae has 88 million followers on TikTok, but you’ve never heard of her). We are little rich girls, on our phones, across our feeds — cast off gaze, lobotomized soft focus in the eyes, open parted lips, a vacant pout. Social media as it stands is an ode to these girls, an ode, not without harm, to youth, to thinness, to whiteness. They are muse without artist, or perhaps the artist as Narcissus. This year i-D magazine published a piece about the “dissociative stare,” the expression du jour of the online girl, in which negativity and coolness, sadness and vanity collide. Rayne Fisher-Quann wrote, “Selfie poses are self-conscious in the most literal sense: they necessitate an awareness of the self and a sense of purpose in controlling how it’s perceived.”

But that’s the opposite of “it” as Elinor Glyn described, isn’t it?

When everyone’s an it-girl, is there any “it” left?

Alice Sedgwick Wohl will discuss her book at Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn. on Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. live and on Zoom. In-person guests must register at www.cornwalllibrary.org.



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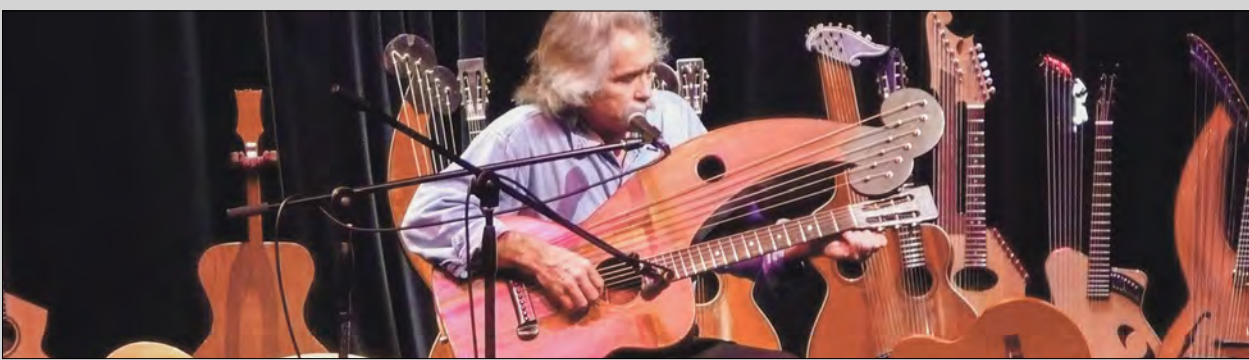
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Both will be in the building at Silver Lake called The Cedars. \$15 admission at the door.

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EDITORIAL

What will be next? Can't wait to see

To everything there is a season, from beginnings to endings and everything in between. Our readers who have kept track of The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News since 1998 will know that I have been associated with these publications that entire time, first as associate publisher then over the years as publisher and editor-in-chief, then CEO of the new nonprofit entity, the Lakeville Journal Foundation, which owns these publications.

Now, with a new board, a new nonprofit model and new editors, it really is finally time for me to move on, as soon as the search committee of the Lakeville Journal Foundation Board of Directors finds someone to step into this new expanded role.

There may be some reading this who think such a move is long overdue. After all, during those many years as I have tried to keep this local media company on an even keel, there have been many struggles and financial challenges. Surely there is someone out there who can do this better than I. And likely you have been out there all along, waiting for the opportunity to have some fun in local journalism. That is what I hope anyway. Now is your chance.

The next person will be smarter, better educated and better in many ways than I, I know. But I will guarantee they won't care more about maintaining local journalism in our small communities, in both the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and eastern Dutchess County New York. It's been my mission to keep these publications here for our readers, whatever it took. I hope the next generation cares just as much as I and those who supported and maintained these publications in the past 20-plus years did.

Onward to the exciting new time for local journalism, whatever that looks like moving forward. I, and all of us who kept it going here over the past two decades, will be pulling for you and appreciating all you do to inform those who live here about what is happening in our communities.

However you do it, just be sure you have fun. This is a great place to live and I wish you all only the best as you figure out where to take this area's local journalism next.

— Janet Manko

Correcting the record

I would like to correct a statement attributed to me in an article published on October 6, 2022 week entitled: Sharon Hospital: A rural hospital's routine.

While I did say that Sharon Hospital has increased some of its methods of communication to the public, I did not "commend" NuVance's recruitment and retention of physician's, let alone primary care physicians in particular.

In fact, Foundation for Community Health (FCH) has been sounding the alarm about the erosion of primary care access in our communities for many years. This has included many direct conversations with whom ever owned Sharon Hospital at any given time. The lack of access to primary care and behavioral health services is the basis for our work over the past 15 years or more on establishing a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) presence in North Canaan. We have invested well over a million and half dollars over the years on this endeavor to date and are excited to finally see it turn into a reality. Community Health and Wellness Cen-

ter of Greater Torrington (CHWC), under the leadership of Joanne Borduas, has been a great partner to work with on this effort. As of today, the land has been purchased and cleared (it is across the street from the North Canaan Stop n' Shop) and bids are in the process of being collected and reviewed. The State has also acknowledged the need and pledged \$3 million in construction bonding funds.

What I actually shared with the reporter was that members of the NuVance leadership have worked with Community Health and Wellness in offering space at Sharon Hospital to park CHWC's mobile primary care van and that they have also been instrumental in trying to secure a federal Health Care Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation for the area which can help recruitment and retention by making some benefits, like loan forgiveness and visa waivers, available for newly hired physicians.

Nancy L. Heaton, MPH
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Foundation for
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Sharon

Where does Horn stand on Maine statements?

According to Kevin Renne, columnist for the Hartford Courant, state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) has contributed to the campaign of Democrat Christine Maine, who is running for the 51st State House District. During a radio interview on Putnam, station WINY, a listener asked Maine how police can recruit more officers. Maine

responded that some people "joined [police departments] because they wanted to beat people up with impunity, they wanted to have sex because the uniform attracted women and they wanted to speed."

So has Maria Horn endorsed the view that officers, who all take an oath to uphold the law, are more accu-



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Hydrangea heaven

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect rights of all in Connecticut

I dispute Tom Morrison's claim in his letter of Oct. 5 that Democrats have nothing to run on but women's reproductive rights. Even if that were true, women's bodily autonomy would still be a critically important issue. Leaving abortion rules to the states is exactly why women everywhere are outraged. Women may be protected in Connecticut but not our sisters, daughters, granddaughters and friends in other states.

We in Connecticut are not off the hook. Moreover, the claim that Logan wouldn't vote for a national abortion ban if in Congress doesn't consider the pressure Republican leadership might put on him. If men got pregnant, abortion would be national law, not just a right.

To my larger point, however: Democrats are the party of "Yes, We Can." They have passed many important bills in the face of almost complete Republican opposition like the critically important infrastructure bill. (Remember the collapse of the I95

bridge.)

With the leadership of our Sen. Chris Murphy, they passed a gun violence prevention bill. The Inflation Reduction Act includes the first major funding to address climate change. This bill also lowers prescription drug costs, allows Medicare to negotiate with drug companies, caps out-of-pocket costs and penalizes companies that raise prices faster than the rate of inflation. The Chips and Science Act allows the U.S. to develop its own urgently needed supply of microchips. These are just a few examples of what Democrats have accomplished in the last two years.

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes has dedicated her life to the public good. Her inspired work now benefits our whole congressional district where she has become a knowledgeable and experienced advocate for the district's needs. She supports small farmers, small businesses, veterans; brought millions to police departments in the district, worked to ensure our

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1922

Messrs. Oliver Marston and Walter Hardisty witnessed a game of the World Series in New York last week.

— Miss Madeline Beers has given up her position as telephone operator at the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie and has gone to Charleston, S.C., where she has a position as companion to an elderly lady.

— Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Heaton motored to Pearl River, N.Y., on Saturday to visit their daughter Miss Louise, who has a position in a chemical laboratory in that place.

50 years ago — October 1972

New regulations returning the control over most open burning to town governments are under preparation in the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, it was learned this week.

— Arrangements for the transfer of the former Children's Colony property on Long Pond to the Town of Salisbury proceeded several steps further this week with the signing of the option for the sale. Gifts totaling \$160,000 have been promised to cover the purchase, including a \$100,000 contribution from Anthony J. Peters, but some paper work remains to make them official.

— Winter gave unmistakable signs in Northwest Connecticut this week that it is on the way. The temperature fell to 24 in Lakeville Wednesday morning after touching 28 on Tuesday. The high Tuesday was only 44. Points in nearby Massachusetts reported as low as 17 Wednesday.

— Arson is suspected in two fires which hit the Canaan business district during the small hours of Wednesday morning. Volunteers from five towns fought the second and larger of the fires, which heavily damaged the rear of the recently abandoned Canfield Hotel.

25 years ago — October 1997

Mary Moore, a longtime supporter of Town Hill School, and Thomas Blagden, one of the original founders, dug the first shovel of dirt for the school's new building on Interlaken Road in Lakeville.

— Four area residents have successfully completed a forest and wildlife conservation course and are available without charge to help land owners who want to improve and enjoy their woodland. Lloyd Garrison of Norfolk, Jake Thompson of Colebrook, Ann Cuddy of Lakeville and Tom Farrell of Sharon were among 30 people who completed the intensive three and a half day course at the Yale Forestry camp in Norfolk.

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Viewpoint

One birth that could have been very different



If I were to describe the experience of delivering my first child in August 2021, I would probably say “quick and pretty smooth.” I had a good experience. My daughter was born healthy: the most important thing. But faced with the thought of not having Sharon Hospital during her birth, I start to question the details and what could have been.

My water broke on a Saturday evening, two and a half weeks before my due date. My doctor advised I get to Sharon Hospital quickly to reduce risk of infection. My husband and I rushed out and drove barely 10 minutes. I was admitted immediately, and moved to a beautiful room by wonderful nurses. My doctor arrived; the baby wouldn't be long. Suddenly, alarms were ringing — the

baby's heart rate was dropping. It was a blur, the nurses and doctor worked together so quickly. A few minutes later the monitors stabilized. The nurse explained that the umbilical cord had likely been wrapped around the baby's neck, and the doctor had maneuvered me to relieve that. My baby was born, a vision, at 1:01am.

Was this a smooth birth? Yes. A doctor with decades of experience had been at my side. Specially trained, caring nurses supported every step. But what might have been, or will be, if Nuvance is allowed to close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital? Would I have arrived to the hospital and admitted in such a short time? No. What if I had to deliver in the ER to doctors who, despite best intentions, had only 2 days of delivery

training? What if I needed the OR on a Saturday night and it wasn't open? What if I had arrived at the ER only to wait for an ambulance to a distant hospital? How much time and money would that cost? What if my baby's heart rate dropped while driving with no monitor to alert anyone to what was happening? Would my baby be alive?

Suddenly, a “quick and pretty smooth” delivery doesn't look the same. Almost everything has to go right, and literal lives are on the line. Experienced, trained doctors and nurses are vital. Even better at an advanced, comfortable environment like the Birthing Suites. It's a beautiful enterprise to bring a baby into the world, but one with risks. As a first-time mother, you can only prepare so much, and then trust that

the professionals helping you make up for what you don't and can't know. Nuvance's plan is dangerous, leaving families with doubt and fear. Sharon Hospital is already the gold standard for Labor and Delivery. Why does Nuvance want to erase this beacon from our area? For whose profit, and at whose expense?

What kind of state does Connecticut want to be? One that puts its residents' health and safety above profit? I urge other residents to write to the Office of Health Strategy ohs@ct.gov by Oct. 17 and reference Docket No. 22-32511-CON to voice your opposition to Nuvance's planned closures.

Emily McGoldrick

Sharon

More letters on previous page.

SH: The view of a family doctor

Like virtually every practicing physician in Sharon Hospital's catchment area, I am alarmed at the possibility that maternity and obstetrical care will no longer be available if Nuvance Health's plan is approved. As a family physician that has served northwest Connecticut and northeast Dutchess County for 37 years, there is no doubt in my mind that such a loss would represent far more than an inconvenience as Nuvance appears to be framing their justification for their plan.

There will undoubtedly come the day when a woman in a true obstetrical emergency that is threatening her life and the life of her baby arrives at the door of the Sharon Hospital Emergency Department. There will no doubt come the day, if obstetrical care is no longer available at Sharon Hospital, that a pregnant person or a baby will die. Might it be a frozen February night when transport over icy, hilly roads to Torrington or Poughkeepsie is simply too far, and the death occurs in an ambulance? Or in a family's car who decides to make the dash on their own to a distant facility? The idea that our Emergency Department physicians (Nuvance's plan for obstetrical emergencies) might be called upon to manage a potentially devastating birthing complication like a shoulder dystocia or attempt some other non-operative emergency obstetric maneuver borders on the absurd. All local clinicians know this and see it this way. In the 21st century in a nation with the best health care in the world, we should not even contemplate ED docs doing this. Aside from the sheer recklessness of the idea, talk about a lawsuit waiting to happen...

Beyond the discussion of the sheer dangers that would attend closing the maternity

unit, the fact is that in ensuing years, hundreds and eventually thousands of families will be denied care at Sharon Hospital's... THEIR hospital's... state-of-the-art birthing facility. It may now be underutilized but could one day be full. All health care providers practicing “on the ground” in our region know that our patients, the residents of our community, don't want this. Sharon Hospital's mission is supposed to be, first and foremost, about providing essential health care services to the community. There is nothing more essential than being able to have a baby, safely, close to home.

The idea that some financial losses from one particular hospital unit are unmanageable given the enormous budget Nuvance enjoys belies the understanding, in the world of retail (sad that we are talking business and not health care) of “loss leaders.” Supermarkets take losses on a sale item to get folks into the store and the revenue comes back in other ways. Nuvance, if it keeps maternity at Sharon Hospital, will “get it back” by keeping the trust of its health care providers and the residents of our communities...our patients...by proving that it is acting in the best interests of all of us. Nuvance will lose far more than a few dollars if they are no longer willing to provide this vital function, which every community hospital ought to provide. It will have lost our trust and it will have lost part of its humanity.

Robert Dweck, MD

(The views expressed here by Dr. Dweck represent his own and may not represent those of Sun River HealthCare.)

Millerton

Competence, compassion, community

The late Dr. Paul Farmer dedicated his life to bringing about health equity. As Harvard Medical School recognized in its tribute to Dr. Farmer, “He opened a path to the future of health equity by pioneering a practice of medicine for those most in need that combines world-class clinical care with a holistic and deeply moral dimension to preventing illness... to building a healthier, more just world.”

We live in a community in which lies this small community hospital at its center with its open doors, compassionate doctors, staff, caregivers, and all sorts of volunteers who are giving of their time and talent to prevent illnesses and protect and improve lives of the children, women and men of the community and its surrounding areas.

It has been offering health equity as described by Dr. Farmer. The doctors, nurses, and other caregivers of Sharon Hospital are dedicated to caring for us. The owners and administrators of the Sharon Hospital should continue to make the hospital a responsible, caring hospital that can meet most of our needs.

I am surrounded by Emergency Service Workers who are described by the CDC as vital to disaster response, EMS workers including first responders, EMTs, paramedics and others whose titles may not always suggest their EMS duties.

These dedicated people are ready to leave their families in the midst of dinner, give up a trip to their own children, ignore other of their needs and necessities to devote their time to the needs of our community, the greater Sharon Hospital community.

When arriving with my husband suffering what was found to be double pneumonia, last year with the strictest COVID prevention rules in place, he was swiftly, compassionately and thoughtfully taken from place to place for his X-rays and care in the Intensive Care Unit. During the weeks of not knowing whether or not he would survive, medical care had to be administered with protective gear, meaning that even when he dropped a pencil, it took minutes for the nurse or other caregiver to prepare to enter his room and help him.

Never did he hear a complaint about his requests nor find he was neglected. The staff at that time was limited by COVID-caused absences.

Everyone came across as compassionate. From entry into the hospital to his release to a nursing facility across the street after weeks, what was very apparent was the importance of not only having immediate access to his medical records, but also having an understanding of what the patient was experiencing in order to best help him to recovery.

A hospital cannot expect to have a “holistic and deeply moral dimension” if it fails to comprehend and respond to its patients' needs.

Just as you cannot remove an arm and expect a person to function as if having two arms, a hospital cannot remove essential services, in the case now being addressed, its ICU or its maternity services and expect to meet its responsibility to those of us of its greater community.

Janine M. H. Selendy
West Cornwall

Not the meaning of life: using God to justify political power, bad action

Here we go again.

Once again we have a high level religious leader claiming he knows God's will — about politics. “God put you in power so that you could perform a service of special importance and of great responsibility for the fate of the country and the people entrusted to your care,” the patriarch said, joining a chorus of Russian officials congratulating Putin on his birthday.

Are we still going down this road of “deifying” polit-

ical leaders and their machinations? Does humankind really still need to confer the imprimatur of blessed religiosity to the mere mortals that win, buy or steal our political elections?

Is that the sterling example of how civilization brings humanity up from the tribal rivalries that have festered, boiled, and caused untold carnage for millennia?

It doesn't just happen in Russia. Here we dress it up a bit differently, but it conveys the same subliminal message

“good is not good, good is what we say is good.” Come on.

In our political culture (and world in general), the “oxi”-potent addiction to power has run amok and now mixes freely with the spiritual aphrodisiac of culturally intolerant superiority.

This has created a matrix of hardening boundaries that makes communication about all things political nothing more than a competitive blood-sport, with crippled winners and losers.

To many, politics has become a carnival-like three legged race where personal opinion is strapped to religious intolerance creating a mutated species of overzealous denizens inhabiting “you're less than me -land.”

Claiming that “God is on our side” camouflages a multitude of human failings. The most prominent: That any individual has figured out, with absolute self-assurance and certainty, the meaning of life. Give me a break.

One of the great things about traveling is that you get to experience the many different ways people have figured out how to be good

humans — for each other. As well, traveling lets one see, if you're honest, how sometimes you don't measure up in that department.

Isolation within one's own subgroup of like-mindedness breeds suspicion, fear and intolerance to difference. It's in our long evolved biological makeup to fear differences within our species. That's part of tribal survival. But, we have also evolved the abilities to learn and teach — about ourselves and others.

By claiming that “God is on our side” we indulge in a fantasy that may have worked in centuries past, to thwart egregious manmade humanitarian catastrophes

by uniting disparate tribes (nations) in a commonality of purpose toward cultural survival. But, get real. In today's world the word “pandemic” is resonating clear as a bell, as is “climate change.” They are relentlessly rolling 'round the world, and are becoming ever louder, heard even over the constant din of selfish corporate nationhood and consumerism.

Will we survive as a species? I dunno. But, the way we're going lately, I can't tell if it is love for humankind or the love of power over humankind that will determine our fate.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

Student loan debt change a transfer

On Aug. 24, President Biden announced a plan to provide up to \$20,000 in debt cancellation to Pell Grant recipients with loans held by the Department of Education, and up to \$10,000 in debt cancellation to non-Pell Grant Recipients making less than \$125,000 (\$250,000 for married couples). The projected cost of this plan is \$400 billion over the next 30 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Moreover, as of June 30, federal student loan debt (as estimated by the CBO) is approximately \$1.6 trillion among 43 million borrowers.

This loan cancellation plan will add to the country's deficit and we must consider the cost of this plan. Nothing is totally free; someone

always pays for it. The move completely disregards the millions of Americans who paid off their loans, didn't take out loans, or chose not to go to college. Where is their relief? It certainly is NOT in the price of gas, groceries, school supplies, or housing and rental prices.

Our current representative in Congress is supportive of this measure and even said this will deliver relief to “Americans most in need.” There are other Americans most in need as well. Consider those who are working two or more jobs to make ends meet, struggling to put food on the table every night, and trying to figure out how they can afford next month's rent.

George Logan, Republican candidate for Congress,

said it perfectly. He said he would argue that this is a “transfer onto the backs of hard-working Americans.” That's precisely what it is. It also sends a bad message to our youth that you can take out a loan for your own personal education, and it will be forgiven and paid for by someone else. George Logan is a reasonable and fiscally responsible candidate for Congress, and while he believes we need to find solutions for the rising cost of college, he knows a short term transfer of debt certainly is not the way to go. George Logan will be a much needed check on the one-party rule in Washington.

Marcia Ramunni
Salisbury

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Cupcake challenge set Nov. 5 to benefit local food pantry

NORTH CANAAN — The Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, which supports families in need, will hold a cupcake benefit on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The location will be The Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., North Canaan, during the annual Calico Fair.

Prizes will be given. The entry fee is \$12.

Beginner or expert bakers, adults or children, can enter one dozen of their best or favorite cupcakes.

Cupcakes will be judged on taste, overall appearance, creativity and texture.

Contact Fran Chapell at 860-824-0597 or email fchapell@comcast.net to participate.

Bingo for education returns Nov. 4 after hiatus

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Scholarship Association (FVSA) announced that the popular Bingo for Education event will return to the Lee H. Kellogg School Friday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., after a two-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's event will honor the late John Allyn, who was the FVSA Bingo caller for many years, a generous donor to the schol-

arship fund and a longtime FVSA committee member.

"This event really embodies the saying that 'it takes a village' because people of all ages from the community gather and enjoy taking a break to have some fun together for a good cause, and this year to also honor our friend, John Allyn" said Amy Wynn, FVSA committee chair.

Since 1954, FVSA has granted scholarship awards

to students living in Falls Village, and graduating from a public or independent school, to continue his or her education at a vocational technical school or a two- or four-year college or university. FVSA has award-

ed scholarships to almost 150 students. To make a donation to the scholarship fund for 2023 applicants, to donate an item for the Bingo event on Nov. 4, or for more information, go to fallsvillage-scholarship.org



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