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## Two fatalities in residential fire in Millerton

By Kaitlin Lyle

MILLERTON — What began as a serene Saturday morning in the village of Millerton took a turn for the tragic as multiple area fire companies rushed to the village in response to a structure fire at a residence at 5902 South Elm Ave./Route 22 on Saturday, Nov. 6.

### The fire

Two people were reported to have lost their lives inside the home. At this time, the names of the victims have not been released.

A prepared statement issued by the North East Fire District on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, said the Millerton Fire Company was dispatched to the scene at 7:58 a.m. in response to a report of a possible house

fire with people trapped inside. Area residents said they could see billowing clouds of smoke from miles away; some reported hearing people screaming to get out.

Neighbors stood on their lawns and front porches and watched, unable to help. A handful of local officials stood on the grass, worry lining their faces.

According to the North East Fire District's statement, Fire Chief Jason Watson arrived within four minutes of the 911 call being dispatched and found the house fully engulfed in flames, with a report of two people still trapped inside the structure.

Watson immediately trans-

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Approximately 50 firefighters from multiple area fire companies, including the Lakeville Hose Company, responded to a structure fire at 5902 South Elm Ave. in Millerton early on Saturday morning, Nov. 6.

## Some oddities and some mysteries in the 2021 municipal elections

By Cynthia Hochswender

The municipal elections on Nov. 2 did not, for the most part, have a lot of drama, but there were a few oddities.

This year, for reasons that are not immediately apparent, there were many petitioning candidates, including a few incumbents and several individuals who are well known in their communities.

The general rule of thumb in elections is that voters don't stray from the party lines. In this election, they did, giving victories to several of the petitioners.

Overall, when there was a contest this year the seat went to the candidate who was endorsed by the Democrats.

### Cornwall

In Cornwall, incumbent Selectman Priscilla Pavel ran as petitioning and regained her seat, with 217 votes.

Incumbent First Selectman Gordon Ridgway was returned with 494 votes. Janet Carlson, who's new to the Board of Selectmen but has been very active in the community and the West Cornwall economic development efforts, won as second selectman in the Democrat line with 225 votes.

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Area residents who had either been born at or delivered their babies in Sharon Hospital's Labor and Delivery department gathered for a group photo at the Save Sharon Hospital rally on Saturday, Nov. 6

## Sharon Hospital says closing maternity will allow it to improve other areas

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — At a meeting of local elected officials and Sharon Hospital leadership at Sharon Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 5 (and online), state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) pointed out that the state Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is responsible for oversight of the hospital's operations. She asked Sharon Hospital President Mark Hirko if the hospital had applied to OHS for a modification of the hospital's Certificate of Need to allow closing the hospital's labor and delivery department.

Hirko said the hospital is working on it.

Horn said she was concerned that between now and the time OHS renders a decision, hospital employees, faced with uncertainty, will find work elsewhere.

"By the time you apply, conditions will be materially different."

Chief Nursing Officer Christine McCulloch said the plan is to phase out the unit over 8-12 months, and that it will remain staffed during that time. She said staffers will be offered an incentive package to stay on, and if necessary the hospital will bring in temporary travel nurses.

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand said that, for Salisbury residents, Sharon Hospital is by far the

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## Urging Nuvance to look at increase in young families

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Impassioned speeches urging Nuvance Health to retain full services at Sharon Hospital were aired at a community rally on the Sharon Green on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6. The event drew about 300 supporters from area towns, including town and state political leaders.

Residents of New York state and Connecticut lined up to sign letters opposing Nuvance's plans and asking state officials to assist.

The rally was organized by a citizens' group named Save Sharon Hospital, formed in 2018, when initial plans to reduce services were announced. At issue once again are Nuvance's planned reductions in services within the labor and delivery department at the hospital as well as other areas, including surgical and ICU.

Founded in 1909, Sharon Hospital now has 78 beds and serves 20 area communities and their 41,000 residents, in Connecticut and New York.

A merger in 2019 transferred ownership of the hospital to non-profit Nuvance Health, based in New York State, with the new owner pledging to retain all services for a period of at least five years.

Now in the third year of its pledge, Nuvance is seeking to reduce services. Area residents and doctors have been vocal in oppo-

sition to the reductions.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) spoke at the rally and recalled that three years before, state regulators had told Nuvance to keep labor and delivery as a condition of approval of the merger.

Horn told the crowd that Nuvance cannot make a change to that promise without the permission of state officials. She noted that a public hearing will be part of that process.

Also pledging support of the effort was Gregg Pulver, chair of the Dutchess County Legislature (R-19), who decried the "degradation of Sharon Hospital."

"We need to keep this going," Pulver told the rally supporters.

Remembering his 30 years of experience delivering babies at Sharon Hospital, Dr. Howard Mortman urged that the changes not be allowed to happen. His comments were bolstered by other speakers who evoked emotion as they recounted stories of Mortman's skill and depth of character, which saw them through some difficult deliveries, remaining by their sides until the outcome was assured.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway of Cornwall (who is also an ambulance driver for the town) observed that the rally crowd on Nov. 6 was larger than at the rally three years ago. He suggested

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## Region must face hard truths about trash disposal now

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Don Stein, chair of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), said that addressing Connecticut's solid waste management will require action from both the executive and legislative branches of the state government.

Stein (who is also first selectman of Barkhamsted and chair of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments) and MIRA President Tom Kirk spoke to The Lakeville Journal on Monday, Nov. 1.

The immediate problem is that the trash-to-energy facility in Hartford (where Northwest Corner towns send their trash) is going to close on July 1, 2022. (Kirk said there might be a few

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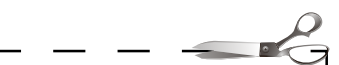
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## POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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.

### Interfering with officer

On Oct. 29 at approximately noon Troop B received a report of larceny and of a male

individual matching the description in the report walking on Route 7 in North Canaan. While being questioned, Kyle Orce, 38, of North Canaan became combative. He was charged with interfering with a police officer. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Nov. 18.

### Disorderly conduct

On Oct. 30 at approximately 4:15 p.m. on East Main Street

## Seeking winter coat donations

Coats are needed for the seventh annual Rally Day to End Hunger and Homelessness in Northwest Connecticut, which will take on a new format due to COVID-19.

This year, FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity of Northwest Connecticut and United Way of Northwest Connecticut will co-sponsor the annual Coat Giveaway. Community residents are asked to check their closets for donations. Coats are being collected at three locations in Torrington until Nov. 16: St. Paul's Lutheran Church (leave the coats in plastic bags outside the church door) at 837 Charles St.; or the enclosed back porch of the St. Francis Church Office of St. John Paul the Great Parish at 160 Main St.; or inside the front entry at the Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home, 258 Prospect St.

Neighbors needing coats may drop by at St. Peter's Church Hall, 107 East Main, in Torrington on Saturday, Nov. 20 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required.

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in Salisbury Kyle Douglas Currier, 19, of North Canaan was charged based on an active warrant for disorderly conduct. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Nov. 1.

### Rear ended making turn

On Nov. 3 at approximately 8:45 a.m. on Route 41 in Sharon a 2021 Ford Explorer driven by Shannon Murnane, 40, of Sharon attempted to make a left hand turn on Hilltop Road and collided with a 2014 Keep Wrangler driven by Anastasia Mullen, 33, of North Canaan, which was traveling behind. Mullen was found at fault for the collision and issued an infraction for failure to drive at a reasonable distance apart.

### DUI

On Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of a female driver operating a vehicle on Wells Hill Road in Salisbury while intoxicated. On Asylum Road in Salisbury, Elizabeth Macaire, 53, of Salisbury stated in the report that she had one alcoholic beverage and was driving home. After failing a standardized field sobriety test, Macaire was charged

with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Nov. 18. Macaire was also charged with violation of a protective order which the report states includes no alcohol consumption. She was also scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Nov. 5.

### Rear ended

On Nov. 4 at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Route 44 in North Canaan a 2021 Volvo Xc90 driven by James Haskel, 54, of Westport, Conn., slowed due to traffic ahead and was struck from the rear by a 2002 Mazda Protege driven by Sophie Mae Kasmar-Laforest, 20, of Unionville, Conn. Kasmar-Laforest was issued an infraction for failure to drive at a reasonable distance apart.

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

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## Help is here for seniors, Nov. 11

SALISBURY — Art Mulligan will explain how a senior advocate can help older adults and their families understand and access the services, resources and benefits that ease later-life transitions, in a Zoom talk hosted by Noble Horizons on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m.

A senior advocate can coordinate and organize medical, legal, and financial documents, including Medicare billing issues, manage and mediate communication between designated family members and other advisors, and set up and monitor services to assist and safeguard seniors at home or find appropriate care outside the home.

Mulligan has spent his entire career in healthcare administration and for 31 years served as the president of the Board of Directors of Visiting Nurse and Homecare Northwest.

More information and a Zoom link are at www.noblehorizons.org or 860-435-9851.



# Our Towns

## SHARON CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
First Selectman		<b>Brent M. Colley</b> 331
Board of Selectmen	<b>Casey T. Flanagan</b> 363	<b>Dale C. Jones</b> 274
Town Clerk	<b>Linda R. Amerighi</b> 322	<b>Linda R. Amerighi</b> 146
Town Treasurer	<b>Tina M. Pitcher</b> 313	<b>Tina M. Pitcher</b> 151
Tax Collector	<b>Donna Christensen</b> 318	<b>Donna Christensen</b> 148
Board of Finance	<b>Jessica Kirsten Fowler</b> 350	<b>Robert E. Duncan</b> 225
Board of Finance <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	<b>Cody W. O'Kelly</b> 369	
Board of Finance, Alternate	<b>Carol Flaton</b> 380	
Board of Education	<b>Anne M. Vance</b> 295 <b>Plamen Platkov</b> 267	<b>Kathleen Visconti</b> 193 <b>Douglas A. Cahill</b> 181
Board of Assessment Appeals	<b>Brent N. Prindle</b> 386	
Planning and Zoning Commission		<b>Elizabeth M. Hall</b> 335
Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternates	<b>Larry Moskowitz</b> 380	
Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>Zelina Blagden</b> 407	<b>Alphonse J. Tortorella</b> 257
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternates	<b>Suzanne E. Smith</b> 374	
Region One Board of Education	<b>Sara Ellen Cousins</b> 381	

The successful candidates are indicated with **Bold text**. In Sharon this year, all candidates will be seated.

## NORTH CANAAN CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
First Selectman		<b>Charles P. Perotti</b> 302
Board of Selectmen	<b>Christian Allyn</b> 165	<b>Craig S. Whiting</b> 241
Town Clerk		<b>Jean A. Jacquier</b> 308
Treasurer		<b>Emily Minacci</b> 290
Tax Collector		<b>Jennifer J. Jacquier</b> 309
Board of Finance	<b>Susan Clayton</b> 206	<b>Bryan R. Johnson</b> 262
Board of Education	<b>Christopher A. Jacques</b> 163 <b>Rebecca M. Cahill</b> 199	<b>Kristine Simmons</b> 275 <b>Amy Dodge</b> 249
Board of Education <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		<b>Maribeth Marchi</b> 297
Board of Assessment Appeals		<b>David W. Jacquier</b> 308
Planning and Zoning Commission	<b>Steven P. Allyn</b> 172 <b>Timothy Abbott</b> 191	<b>Dalton Jacquier</b> 285 <b>Douglas E. Humes Jr.</b> 248
Planning and Zoning Commission <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		
Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate	<b>Edward Capowich</b> 259	
Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		<b>Jesse Bunce</b> 263
Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>Brian D. Allyn</b> 246 <b>Matthew Freund</b> 275	<b>Scott Zinke</b> 272
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate	<b>Joseph P. Cieslowski</b> 258	

The successful candidates are indicated with **Bold text**.

For more election results, see Page A4.

### Smart phone camera class

FALLS VILLAGE — Photographer Jonathan Doster will present a workshop on using smart phone cameras on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Room 133.

The presentation is hosted by the Housatonic Camera Club and is open to all community members at no cost.

COVID-19 restrictions will be observed.

## 2021 municipal election results

Northwest Corner towns had their municipal elections on Tuesday, Nov. 2. For a summary of events in all six towns, see the article by Cynthia Hochswender on Page A1.

These vote totals reflect information provided by the individual towns. The state final tally is online at <https://ctempublic.pctg.net/#/selectTown>.

To all the candidates, thank you for being willing to serve your community. And to the community, thank you for voting.

## SALISBURY CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PETITIONING
First Selectman	<b>Curtis Rand</b> 954		
Board of Selectmen	<b>Christian E. Williams</b> 900	<b>Don Mayland</b> 476	
Board of Finance	<b>Joseph Woodard</b> 852 <b>Janet Graaff</b> 857		
Board of Finance <i>To fill a vacancy for 4 years</i>			<b>Richard J. Cantele</b> 586
Board of Finance <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	<b>Michael Voldstad</b> 879		
Board of Education	<b>Thomas Carter</b> 628 <b>Elizabeth Dittmer</b> 775		<b>Jacqueline Rice</b> 444
Board of Assessment Appeals	<b>William Tedder</b> 889		
Planning and Zoning Commission	<b>Allen Cockerline</b> 782 <b>Martin Whalen</b> 828 <b>Cathy Shyer</b> 686	<b>Jonathan Higgins</b> 440	
Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate	<b>Debra Allee</b> 828 <b>Danella Schiffer</b> 797		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>Roxanne Belter</b> 835 <b>M.E. Freeman</b> 780		<b>Jeffrey A. Lloyd</b> 389
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate	<b>Lee Greenhouse</b> 840		
Region One Board of Education	<b>Keith Moon</b> 811		<b>Stacie Weiner</b> 166

The successful candidates are indicated with **Bold text**.

## Cornwall BOS mulls other trash disposal options as MIRA closes

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — As part of the renovation work at the transfer station, a temporary trailer was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The brief meeting was conducted on Zoom.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said he had researched possible options in consultation with transfer station crew members. All agreed that a temporary trailer would be the best solution for storing equipment while construction work is completed to upgrade the present office building.

The total cost of renting the trailer for four months, including delivery and installation, is \$2,000, Ridgway reported.

“We may see the trailer within a week,” Ridgway said.

The state of Connecticut has set a deadline of Dec. 1 for the town to decide whether or not it will subscribe to the state’s plan to transport the town’s solid waste to one of the Southern or Midwestern states once the MIRA facility in Hartford

closes in June of 2022, Ridgway said. For more on MIRA, see the story on Page A1.

The town will be asking for more time to consider options, including a multi-town part-

nership solution.

A regional solution would be likely to implement composting. “The less we put into the waste stream, the better,” Ridgway said.




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# Our Towns

## Affordable housing plan readied for public hearing Dec. 8

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Responding to residents' comments heard at the October forum on the drafted housing plan (see story in the Nov. 4 Lakeville Journal), the Affordable Housing Committee discussed those comments at their regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 25, amending the document to include the concerns and to add clarity. The meeting was held on Zoom, drawing 18 participants.

The resulting plan carrying the changes was approved by the committee for the next step, a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8, a date that meets the required 35 days' notice to enable residents to consider the plan and provide comments either in advance of or during the public hearing. The public hearing will be held on Zoom. The plan will be posted soon on the town's website at [www.cornwallct.org](http://www.cornwallct.org).

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway noted that towns are not required to have any public comment process as they create their state-mandated plans, but Cornwall will have had three opportunities, including two forums and one public hearing.

In November, the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet to determine that the plan is consistent with the town's approved Plan of Conservation and Development. After the December public hearing, the affordable housing committee will meet again to discuss residents' comments.

After those meetings, Ridgway said that the Board of Selectmen will meet to discuss the plan, likely in January.

### Changes for clarification

Reviewing residents' forum comments, town planning consultant Janell Mullen suggested changes to the draft to reflect those comments and promote clarity.

Mullen noted federal census data showing Cornwall's total population in 2010 to be 1,420, rising in 2020 to 1,567. Ridgway added, however, that there had been a population drop during that 10-year period, indicating that Cornwall's new total had risen out of a dip, due largely to the pandemic. The influx, he noted, has not solved the population problem.

Planning and Zoning Chair Anna Timell agreed, seeing lower numbers in young adult residents.

### Accessory units and affordability

During discussion about accessory units being examples of affordable housing, Mullen provided information about state legislation that will become effective on Jan. 1, clarifying what is and is not affordable housing.

Under the new legislation, accessory apartments are not necessarily allowed to be classified as affordable. After Jan.

1, they will actually need to be rented to tenants at an affordable rate.

Focusing on accessory units and how to approach them, with a view toward requiring a special permit, all understood that one accessory unit is allowed by right. Timell noted that the state specifies that residents may have a single accessory unit, but that any additional unit could be subject to special permit.

Committee member Maggie Cooley suggested that the at-

tached unit could be designated as allowable by right, and that any detached, free-standing unit could require a special permit.

### Attainable housing

Timell also raised the subject of attainable housing, as an aspect that should be actively pursued. Attainable housing strategies would help homebuyers to purchase their first home or it could provide rental assistance for home renters, likely to bring the advantages of economic and age diversity

to the town.

"While we are speaking of a housing plan, that is what the state requires of us. But there is a need to offer housing for middle income people," Timell said.

The committee remains aware that its work in developing a plan is non-binding. The plan itself will not have the force of law. It will be the work of the Planning and Zoning Commission to give the final plan's measures further consideration and act on them through their regulations.

For more election results, see Page A3.

### CANAAN/FALLS VILLAGE CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
<b>First Selectman</b>	<b>Henry Todd</b> 143	<b>Henry Todd</b> 80
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>David R. Barger</b> 184	<b>Greg D. Marlowe</b> 86
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Linda S. Paviol</b> 184	<b>Linda S. Paviol</b> 86
<b>Board of Finance</b>	<b>Amy Wynn</b> 175 <b>Richard C. Heinz</b> 142	<b>Eric T. Carlson</b> 138 <b>Richard C. Heinz</b> 75
<b>Board of Finance, Alternate</b>	<b>David C. Wilburn</b> 145	<b>Karl L. Munson</b> 129
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Adam L. Sher</b> 163 <b>Patricia Allyn Mechare</b> 139	<b>Theresa Snyder Graney</b> 139 <b>Patricia Allyn Mechare</b> 68
<b>Board of Education</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		<b>Maria Bulson</b> 186
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	<b>Joel W. Jones</b> 189	<b>Tami Lois Reid</b> 143
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<b>John P. Holland</b> 173	<b>John P. Holland</b> 72 <b>Stephen J. Dean</b> 184
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b>	<b>G. Warren Whitaker</b> 149	<b>Lee K. Baldwin</b> 111
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>		
<b>Constables</b>	<b>David R. Barger, 187</b> <b>George F. Elling, 111</b> <b>John P. Holland, 148</b> <b>Jandi Hanna, 129</b>	<b>Louis G. Timolat, 149</b> <b>Timothy R. Downs, 171</b> <b>Daniel M. Shaw, 86</b>
<b>Region One Board of Education</b>	<b>Patricia Allyn Mechare</b> 159	<b>Patricia Allyn Mechare</b> 72

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### CORNWALL CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PETITIONING
<b>First Selectman</b>	<b>Gordon M. Ridgway</b> 494		
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>Janet Carlson</b> 225	<b>Nicholas Daifotis</b> 171	<b>Priscilla Waterman Pavel</b> 217
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Vera Dinneen</b> 450	<b>Vera Dinneen</b> 154	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Richard Bramley</b> 535		
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>Jean Bouteiller</b> 449	<b>Jean Bouteiller</b> 148	
<b>Board of Finance</b>	<b>Simon Hewett</b> 420 <b>Lisa Lansing Simont</b> 453	<b>John F. Brown</b> 194	
<b>Board of Finance, Alternate</b>	<b>Rocco Botto</b> 438	<b>John F. Brown</b> 255	
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Dean Saccardi</b> 464 <b>Martha Bruehl</b> 465	<b>Emilie M. Pryor</b> 342 <b>Christi Bodwell</b> 160	
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	<b>Richard Wolkowitz</b> 407	<b>Carl Zejke Hermann</b> 187	
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b>	<b>James LaPorta</b> 521	<b>Keith Bodwell</b> 258	
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 4 years</i>	<b>Phill West</b> 508		
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	<b>Anna Christine Gray</b> 484		
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<b>Betty Spence</b> 405 <b>George Wolfe</b> 401	<b>Daniel Hedden</b> 263	

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### KENT CANDIDATES FOR 2021

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	PETITIONING
<b>First Selectman</b>	<b>Jean Speck</b> First Selectman 469	<b>Edward Matson</b> 202	<b>Rufus P. DeRham</b> Third Selectman 404 <b>James E. Rundall</b> 47
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>Glenn Sanchez</b> Second Selectman 755		
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Darlene F. Brady</b> 713	<b>Darlene F. Brady</b> 346	
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>Deborah J. Devaux</b> 684	<b>Deborah J. Devaux</b> 327	
<b>Board of Finance</b>	<b>Jason Wright</b> 686	<b>Tegan Gawel</b> 461	
<b>Board of Education Full term</b>	<b>Naomi Joseph</b> 661	<b>John Grant</b> 376	
<b>Board of Education</b> <i>To fill a vacancy for 2 years</i>	<b>Bethany Keck</b> 792		
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	<b>Gary Ford</b> 721		
<b>Planning and Zoning Commission</b>	<b>Alice B. Hicks</b> 630 <b>David Birnbaum</b> 506	<b>Michael Gawel</b> 392	<b>Matthew A. Winter</b> 289
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<b>Stephen Pener</b> 712 <b>Daniel F. Murray</b> 642 <b>John Johnson</b> 675	<b>Anthony F. DiPentima</b> 433	
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate</b>	<b>Justin Potter</b> 732		
<b>Sewer Commission</b>	<b>Stephen Robey</b> 718 <b>Barry Enis</b> 550	<b>Jack Nelson</b> 468	
<b>Sewer Commission, Alternate</b>	<b>Vincent Roberti</b> 733		

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For the Board of Selectmen, we have indicated who is first, second and third selectman.

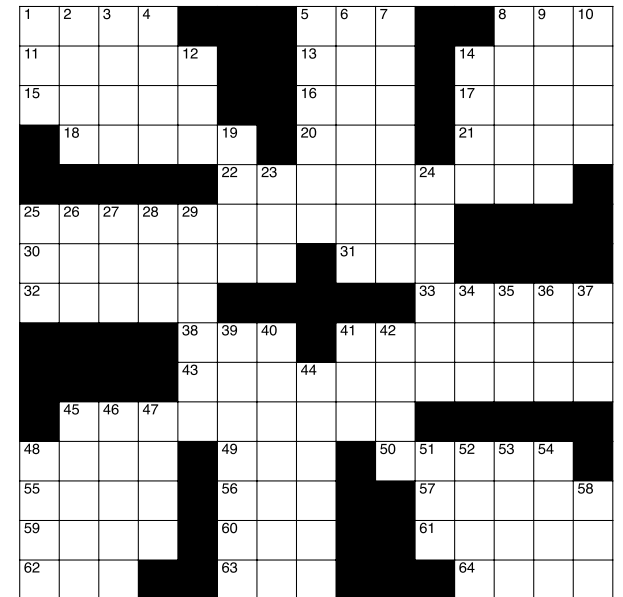
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Taxis
- Mega energy unit (abbr.)
- Single-strand break
- Combinations of countries
- Cutting tool
- Small bay in Gulf of Maine
- Actress Lathan
- Chatter incessantly
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Simple shoe
- Woman (French)
- Abnormal rattling sound
- Able to change
- Future butterfly
- Used in cooking and medicine
- A street for nightmares
- French modernist painter
- Dishonors
- Integrated data processing
- Frameworks
- Apply new materials
- Where merch is displayed
- American figure skater Lipinski
- Cycles per second
- Oohed and \_\_\_
- Dark olive black
- Peyton's little brother
- Plant in the bean family
- A wife: \_\_\_ covert
- Born of
- Arranges balls on the pool table
- Title of Italian monk
- Tooth caregiver
- American feminist poet

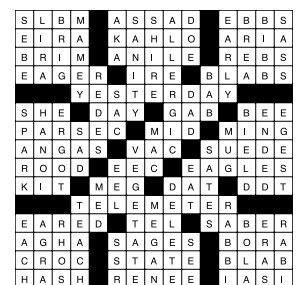
### CLUES DOWN

- Dan Rather's old network
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- \_\_\_ fide (Latin)
- Sign of healing
- Warm-blooded vertebrate
- Model
- Of or relating to plants
- Plant of the heath family
- Where to weigh something
- Internal structure
- \_\_\_ Paulo, city
- South Slavic person
- A way to record
- Have already done
- As much as one can hold
- Auburn legend Newton
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Beloved dog Rin Tin \_\_\_
- Midway between east and southeast

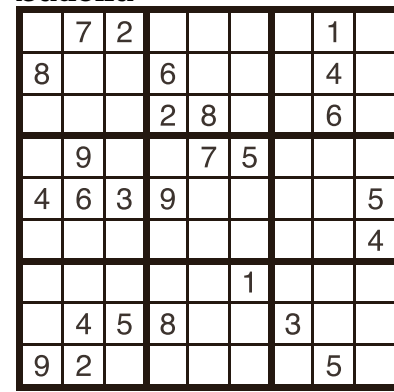


- Call it a career
- Former CIA
- American time
- Confederate general
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Travel downward
- Made red-blue
- Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
- Capital of Italy
- Small bunches of flowers
- Calvary sword
- A distinctive, pleasant odor
- A well-defined track or path
- Cereal used to make flour
- Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- Grayish white

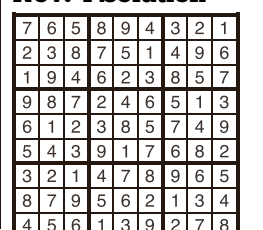
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### Sudoku



### Nov. 4 Solution



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## Sharon A. Renzetti

NORTH CANAAN — Sharon A. Renzetti, 73, of New Bern, N.C., passed away peacefully on Nov. 2, 2021, with her loving husband by her side.



She was born on Jan. 12, 1948, in Middletown, Conn., to the late Marion (Horrigan) and Merritt Ackerman. She was a 1966 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown.

On Sept. 6, 1996, after a 21-year courtship, she and Richard Renzetti were united in marriage. Together they owned and operated the LeBistro Restaurant in North Canaan. Following the sale of LeBistro, she began a career at Salisbury Bank and Trust working in the Deposit Operations Department, where she retired as the department supervisor. It was in both places that she made many cherished friends.

She loved cooking, gardening, traveling and entertaining friends in her home, and could bake like nobody's business; but her greatest love was her family.

Besides her husband Richard, Sharon is survived by her

daughters, Tina Garofalo of Hamilton, N.Y., and Laura Russin of Madison, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Samantha and her husband, Justin Bush, Emily Curtiss and Casey, Sara and Megan Russin; five great-grandchildren, Sophia, Brantley, Kinsley, Aiden and Mason due in January; her sisters-in-law, Marguerite and her husband, Michael Hammond, of Davenport, Fla., and Marianne and her husband, Robert Concascia, of Old Lyme, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Cynthia Hunt.

In keeping with Sharon's wishes there will be no services.

Sharon's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses in the Palliative Care Unit at Carolina East Medical Center for the wonderful care and compassion they provided Sharon during her final days. Please consider making a donation to Carolina East Foundation in Sharon's memory either online or by mail to 2007B Neuse Blvd., New Bern, NC 28560.

MILLERTON — Henry A. Prause, 86, of Millerton entered the presence of his Lord on Nov. 5, 2021, at Guthrie Medical Center in Cortland, N.Y. He was the loving, faithful husband of the late Elizabeth (Fitch) Prause.



Henry was born Jan. 10, 1935, in Sharon, the son of the late Milanny (Stender) and August Prause.

Henry graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School and from Baptist Bible Seminary of Johnson City, N.Y., and then entered the pastorate. He ministered for a short time at a church in Derby Line, Vt., until he was called as the pastor of North East Baptist Church in Millerton, where he served for 61 years.

He is survived by his two daughters, Lois Stupke and

Apphia Rofe and her husband, Tom; his son, Michael and his wife, Wendy; his siblings, Chris Prause and his wife, Mary, Agnes Kranwinkel, Peter Prause and his wife, Pixie, Millie Olson and her husband, Jim; 25 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son Jonathan; son-in-law Harmon Stupke; and his wife, Elizabeth.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. at North East Baptist Church in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to North East Baptist Church, P.O. Box 531, Millerton, NY 12546.

## Janeen Gae Wilson

SALISBURY — Our wonderful sister, Janeen Gae Wilson, 57, unexpectedly passed away on Sept. 28, 2021, after a long, challenging illness.

Born on July 31, 1964, Janeen was a student at Mystic Oral School in Mystic, Conn. Later, she was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School (1984) and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Gallaudet University in 2001 and 2003, respectively. She worked in The Villages as a Special Education teacher at a Charter School of the National Deaf Academy.

Janeen was fond of traveling, having visited numerous locales within the United States and internationally. She participated in many social groups in The Villages, including several deaf clubs.

She is survived by her fiancé,

Bob McDevitt, of The Villages, where they had lived together for over 20 years.

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She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Wilson, and her father, Robert Wilson, both of Florida.

Janeen will be laid to rest on Nov. 12 in a private ceremony in Connecticut. A public celebration of her life is planned for the spring.

## OUR TOWNS

### Salisbury BOS will go with MIRA plan but oppose Nuvance plan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — First Selectman Curtis Rand said the town should continue to ship its waste to the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) despite MIRA's plan to close the Hartford trash-to-energy facility by July 1, 2022, and to ship the trash out of state.

Rand spoke at the Nov. 1 meeting of the Board of Selectmen (online).

Rand said MIRA is asking its member towns to commit to the plan by next month. He added that in a recent meeting with MIRA officials, President Tom Kirk expressed his frustration with the plan, saying it put the state's policies "back 40 years."

The Hartford facility is outdated and last year the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) declined a proposal to spend \$330 million for a comprehensive upgrade. (See story, Page A1).

"I think we should stay with MIRA and hope we find a way out by 2027," Rand said.

On a related note, Rand

said a letter of interest had been sent to DEEP about expanding the food waste pilot program at the Salisbury-Sharon transfer station.

Rand reported that the state Department of Transportation was not interested in two solutions to speeding problems on Route 44: a median island on the busy state route (which doubles as Main Street) coming into Lakeville, and lower speed limits on the crosswalks.

"We got totally canned on both," said Rand.

Rand said he has told Sharon Hospital officials that he thinks the plan to close the hospital's maternity unit "is contradictory to our efforts to attract young families" to town.

"And if it's such a money loser, why did they buy it?" Selectman Don Mayland agreed. "It's really a stab in the back. They should sell it to someone who can do a better job."

Mayland said the parent company Nuvance is profitable enough to absorb any losses.

"They disgust me, to be perfectly honest."

### Food drive at Salisbury Bank

Salisbury Bank's 14th annual Fill-the-Basket food drive began on Nov. 1 at all 14 branches of the bank. The bank branches will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items and household supplies. Cash donations will also be accepted. Pantries are in par-

ticular need of canned goods, cereals, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, peanut butter and condiments. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, shampoo and soap are also appreciated.

The food drive will run through Dec. 17.

### Holiday food and wreath sale

SHARON — The Sharon Woman's Club will hold a Bake and Wreath Sale on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon in front of the Sharon Pharmacy. In addition to baked goods and wreaths, the club will also sell frozen soup.

### Submit ideas for ARPA funds

SHARON — Sharon's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee is conducting a survey of residents and will discuss the results at a community meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be both in-person at Sharon Town Hall and online via Zoom conference.

The survey is available online at [www.sharoncovidrecovery.org](http://www.sharoncovidrecovery.org). For those who prefer

to fill it out on paper, printed surveys are available at Town Hall, the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, and the Sharon Post Office.

The selectmen also approved an application for Sharon residents who would like to request assistance. Applications are available online at [www.sharoncovidrecovery.org](http://www.sharoncovidrecovery.org). Printed applications are also available at Town Hall, the library and the Post Office.

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## Energy efficient upgrades at Salisbury Congregational Church

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Congregational Church is getting a new roof with solar panels.

The roof and panels are part of a larger "net zero" upgrade for the church.

In a Zoom meeting Saturday, Nov. 8, Mark Robbins of MHR Development said the work will begin shortly.

"So when you see roofers and a dumpster, that's what it is."

Robbins described the project, which he described as comprehensive, rather than piecemeal.

Robbins said utility companies, including Eversource, offer discounts for energy efficiency improvements, and those discounts help make a solar panel plus heat pump system cost-effective.

The church has already replaced old lighting fixtures with LED lighting.

The solar panels, which face in a southerly direction, will be clipped on to the new aluminum roof. The roof itself has a weathered copper look and is more appropriate in a

historic sense than the current roof. The roofing material is both lighter and more rigid than the existing roof, and the ridges allow the solar panels to be clipped in place, for easier service or eventual replacement.

Robbins said the church installed new insulation a few years ago, and that will remain intact.

The air quality inside the church will be improved with the use of a system that circulates filtered fresh air.

The current oil heating system will be removed, and a two-way electric meter installed.

At times the church will generate more electricity than it needs, and sell that to the utility.

At other times the system will draw power from the grid. The idea is these fluctuations will balance each other out.

Robbins said the finished product will be a "showcase for environmental and economic stewardship."

The project was approved by the Historic District Commission earlier this year.

## Sharon holiday Memory Tree

SHARON — The Sharon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will offer its annual holiday season Memory Tree.

Beginning Nov. 25, anyone who makes a donation of \$5 can choose a tree, star, present, wreath, ornament or Star of David to be included in honor of a loved one on the tree.

The Memory Tree will be displayed in the lobby at Town Hall from Nov. 29 to Dec. 31.

To make a donation, complete the form available from the office of the selectmen at Town Hall (860-364-5789) or mail a check payable to Sharon Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, P.O. Box 794, Sharon, CT 06069 with a note stating the name of the person to be memorialized.

For more information, call Tina Pitcher at 860-364-0486 or Helen Carberry at 860-364-0292 in the evenings.

## OBITUARIES

### John E. Miller

WINSTED — John E. Miller, 97, passed away peacefully, in his home, surrounded by family, in the early morning of Nov. 7, 2021.

John was born on Jan. 10, 1924, son of the late John Miller and Eva Ellis.

He grew up in Winsted and attended The Gilbert School. At the age of 17, he enlisted into the army and served in World War II.

After coming home from the war and having corresponded with his love, Madeline, they were married on Oct. 17, 1945.

He worked as a carpenter and built many houses, including his own, in the Northwest Corner.

John was predeceased by his loving wife, Madeline Miller. He is survived by his daughter, Dianne Dunn and her husband, Nardy; his two

grandsons, Dino Labbadia and his wife, Patricia, and John Labbadia; his great-grandchildren, Cristina King and her husband Ryan, and Nieko, Nicholas, Drew, Alyssa, Matthew and Anthony Labbadia; and his great-great-granddaughter, Madeline King.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph Church, in North Canaan. Burial will follow after the Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery with full military honors.

Calling hours will be held at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan on Thursday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations in John's memory may be sent to the Little Guild of St. Francis 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

Send obituaries to [cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com)



## Worship Services

Week of November 14, 2021

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

**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](http://www.salisburyucc.org)  
Sharing God's shalom:  
Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy!  
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**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  
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860-435-9290

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Pastor Savage Frieze  
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Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2  
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**The Sharon United Methodist Church**  
112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green  
Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits  
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Pastor Sun Yong Lee  
860-364-5634  
[sharonumc5634@att.net](mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net)

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4 PM - St. Bridget  
SUNDAY MASSES  
8 AM - St. Bernard  
10 AM - Sacred Heart  
WEEKDAY MASSES  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday  
9 AM - Sacred Heart

**Canaan United Methodist Church**  
2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT  
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"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"  
Rev. Lee Gangaware  
860-824-5534  
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[canaanctumc@gmail.com](mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.christchurchsharon.org)

**Greenwoods Community Church**  
355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA  
Sunday Service 10:30 AM  
Kidz Connection  
K-6th grade (during Sun. Service)  
Nursery Care All Services  
Pastor Trip Weiler  
415-229-8560  
[www.greenwoodschurch.com](http://www.greenwoodschurch.com)

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
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Amenia Union, NY  
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30  
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE  
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Rev. AJ Stack  
845-573-9161  
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## FIRE

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mitted a second alarm “bringing additional equipment and manpower from fire companies in Amenia, Wassauc, Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale and Town of North East Medic 1, as well as from Lakeville, Sharon, Falls Village Fire Companies in neighboring Connecticut,” according to the department’s press release.

The Pine Plains Hose Company was on standby at the Millerton fire station.

Overall, North East Fire Commission Chairman Stephen Valyou said, about 50 firefighters were on hand fighting the blaze.

Once the first fire engine arrived on scene it immediately began using compressed air foam to suppress the fire.

Among the reported injuries, one female was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation, while a firefighter was transported for an injury.

The fire was contained by 11:44 a.m., but firefighters did not leave the scene until 7:30 p.m.

### One of the worst of all time

Reflecting on the events of the fire, Fire Commissioner Joshua Schultz said this is the largest fire the North East Fire District has responded to in years.

“It’s not my first fatal fire,” Schultz said, “but it is definitely one of the worst the first district has responded to.”

Valyou commended Watson for performing his duty as fire chief exceptionally well.

“He had everything organized; had the mutual aid that he needed, had all the bases covered.”

The cause and origin of the fire are being investigated by the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Team, which was on hand early Sunday morning and for much of that day, along with the New York State Police and the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office.

### Community response

A Go Fund Me page was set up by Millerton resident Monica Baker at around 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, Nov. 7: “Please support a Millerton, N.Y., family who experienced a tragic house fire. Amy Yang is a local business owner and mother of 4. The house fire has inflicted unimaginable pain and loss on Amy and her family. Tragically, the Yang family already lost their father when he passed away suddenly a few

years ago. Now more loss. They need our support. Please help in any way you can.”

Though the page’s initial goal was \$10,000, that goal was surpassed within a few hours and increased to \$20,000, then \$30,000. By Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, the Go Fund Me Page raised more than \$80,500, vastly surpassing its \$30,000 goal. Community members are invited to donate by visiting the page at [www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-yang-family-after-devastating-fire](http://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-yang-family-after-devastating-fire).

Amy Yang is the owner of the Golden Wok Chinese restaurant in Millerton, at Railroad Plaza near the intersection of Main Street and Route 22. On the Dutchess County 2021 Final Assessment Roll, Yang was identified as the owner of the property at 5902 South Elm Ave.

A sign was posted on the restaurant’s door, announcing Golden Wok would be closed until further notice. Contacted by The Millerton News, Yang chose not to comment.

On behalf of the town of North East (which includes the village of Millerton), North East Supervisor Chris Kennan extended the town’s deepest condolences to Yang and her family in a statement released late Sunday afternoon.

“This is a time that gives meaning to the word ‘community,’” Kennan said in his statement. “She and her family are part of ours, and we hold them all in our collective arms.”

In his statement, Kennan identified Yang as the individual that was hospitalized after the fire and announced that she has since been released. As more details of the fire come to light, he commended the “many outstanding instances of community spirit, courage and selflessness” that have emerged in response to the tragedy.

On the online Millerton Amenia Community Forum Facebook page, Cary Farrar said the village is working on identifying needs for the family per the office of Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek. Information will be posted on the village’s social media page.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., the Millerton Fire Company will hold an open community debriefing at 29 Century Blvd., to provide the community with a venue in which they can talk about their feelings over the fire’s impact.

## ELECTION

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### Canaan/Falls Village

All three incumbent selectmen were returned to the board. There were only three contested seats, which all went to the Democratic candidates.

On the Board of Finance, cross-endorsed incumbent and board Chair Richard Heinz was returned to his seat. Democrat Amy Wynn joins the board as a full member, Democrat David Wilburn joins as an alternate; Republican candidates Eric Carlson (an incumbent alternate on the board) and Karl Munson did not win seats.

Republican Lee Baldwin lost to Democrat Warren Whitaker for an alternate seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Cross-endorsed candidate Patricia Mechare was returned to the Region One Board of Education, where she is the chair.

### Kent

In Kent, four candidates ran for first selectman, including incumbent Democrat Jean Speck and incumbent Republican Selectman Ed Matson. Rufus P. DeRham and James Rundall both ran as petitioning candidates.

Democrat Glenn Sanchez was the only candidate who ran for a seat as selectman.

In Kent as in many towns, unsuccessful candidates for first selectman can win a seat as a regular selectman if they get enough votes. This year, Sanchez got more votes than any of the other four candidates (755 votes), and slid with ease onto the board.

Speck was returned to first selectman with 469 votes. Matson and Rundall did not earn seats, but DeRham, a veteran of many boards and commis-



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**In Kent, above, four candidates ran for Board of Selectmen.**

sions in town (including the Board of Selectmen, but not in recent years), won a seat as third selectman with 404 votes.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Matt Winter ran as a petitioning candidate but lost his seat, with 289 votes.

Incumbent Planning and Zoning commission member Democrat Alice Hicks was returned to the commission with 630 votes and Democrat David Birnbaum, who is an alternate on the commission, got 506 votes and is now a full member. Republican challenger Michael Gawel got 392 votes and did not get a seat on the commission.

### North Canaan

The three incumbent selectmen were unchallenged and all return, with Republican Charlie Perotti as first selectman and Democrat Christian Allyn and Republican Craig Whitling filling out the three-person board.

One candidate for Plan-

ning and Zoning was left off the absentee ballot and had to be added back in. Nonetheless, Democrat Tim Abbott succeeded in earning a seat on the commission, alongside Republicans Dalton Jacquier and former First Selectman Doug Humes.

Incumbent Chairman Steve Allyn was not returned to the board, in what was a trend for this election.

There was no candidate for the town’s representative to the Region One Board of Education, which oversees the high school and shared school services such as special education and the office of the regional administrators and schools supervisor.

The incumbent candidate had withdrawn for personal reasons. The new representative will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

### Salisbury

Salisbury was the third town to remove a Planning and Zoning chairman from

his seat. In this case, it was former chairman Jon Higgins, who had led the commission for many years, up until 2008.

Michael Klemens, who has been chair since 2010, was not up for reelection this year.

But two longtime members were: Democrats Martin Whalen and Allen Cockerline, as was Democrat Cathy Shyer. All three were returned to their seats, but Higgins was not.

Rick Cantele, who is president and CEO of Salisbury Bank and Trust and a Northwest Corner native, ran as a petitioning candidate for a vacated seat on the Board of Finance, which he will hold for the next few years.

On the Region One Board of Education, incumbent Stacie Weiner ran as a petitioning candidate and lost her seat to Democrat Keith Moon, who is at present the vice chairman of the town of Salisbury Board of Education, which governs Salisbury Central School.

Jacqueline Rice, a native of Salisbury and a former teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, ran as a petitioning candidate for the Salisbury Board of Education and won her seat, as did the other two candidates, Democrats Thomas Carter and Elizabeth Dittmer. The three candidates were unopposed.

### Sharon

In Sharon, everyone who ran for office was elected.

The full vote tallies for each town can be found this week on Pages A3 and A4.

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## HOSPITAL

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closest hospital at roughly 7 miles. Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington is next at 17 miles, Charlotte Hungerford in Torrington is 27 miles, and Northern Dutchess Hospital (a Nuvance facility, as is Sharon Hospital) is 31 miles away, in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Rand also wondered why the Rhinebeck hospital is delivering about 900 babies a year, while Sharon is only delivering about 200.

And he observed that Pine Plains is about equidistant from Rhinebeck and Sharon.

Chair of the Dutchess

County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) said he believes closing Sharon’s maternity unit will have a detrimental effect on the hospital overall.

Another speaker worried that the loss of the maternity unit will lead to additional closures until the hospital becomes “a first aid station.”

Throughout the meeting, Hirko maintained that Nuvance’s goal is a “viable and sustainable” hospital.

“Under the current system, it won’t be.”

He said at the moment the hospital is handling two or

three births per week, yet is required to have two nurses on duty around the clock, regardless of whether there are any patients.

Horn said the towns in her district have worked to attract young families and to encourage them to stay for the long term.

She said the hospital was relying on out-of-date census data and wondered why the hospital doesn’t “wait for demographic changes to work out” in the post-pandemic period.

Hirko said, “We don’t

have that time,” adding that the hospital cannot afford to continue losing money on the under-utilized maternity unit.

The meeting ran about two hours and covered a wide range of topics.

Throughout, Hirko emphasized that by closing labor and delivery, resources can be re-directed for other purposes, including more efficient use of the hospital building and adding and/or improving other medical services.

Hirko also indicated his desire to work closely with the towns and elected officials.

Nuvance has scheduled two Zoom meetings. One was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The next will be Thursday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville.

To register, email [SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org](mailto:SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org) or call 845-554-1734 with your name and phone number.

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## TRASH

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weeks’ leeway either way, but nothing that will change the fact that the facility is closing.)

The Hartford facility serves 49 towns. It burns municipal solid waste and converts it into electricity.

The facility is outdated, and in 2020 the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) rejected a proposal to spend \$330 million to redevelop it.

Which means for the short term (the next five years or so), the garbage will be shipped out of state.

This in turn means significantly higher fees for participating municipalities, an unpleasant prospect that has been on the agenda of selectmen’s meetings in Region One towns recently.

Kirk said Connecticut is already shipping some 400,000 tons of waste out of state now. The Hartford material will add another 500,000 tons.

Nobody is happy about this. Kirk said “dumping in poor rural communities” in other states will almost certainly cause environmental problems in the future.

There are four similar trash-to-energy plants in the state, but they are all at capacity, Kirk said.

Stein said that DEEP’s focus is on long-term initiatives, but “none of these things are mandated by the Legislature.”

He said he doesn’t anticipate any significant change in the

situation in the short term.

The short-term plan is to get the participating towns to renegotiate their existing contracts with MIRA so it can ship the garbage out of state.

### The urgent need to compost

Diverting organic food waste from the solid waste stream would be a step in the right direction. But Kirk said that even if every municipality in the state removed “every scrap” of organic material from the waste stream, the state would still not have the capacity to process it.

Asked what the ideal solution would be, Kirk said the state should plan now to build a “multi-stage” facility that can separate organics and recyclables.

What remains would still be burned for electricity, and the ash either put in landfills or, more palatably, used as clean fill for “engineered material,” such as road beds and concrete block.

Kirk noted that in Europe there are almost no landfills, but Stein added that European governments a) mandate these requirements and b) have higher costs.

Kirk said, “It’s not a technical question.” He said that national supermarket chains are recycling and diverting

organics.

“To be done on a large scale, you need either a carrot or a stick.”

Asked if anyone in the Legislature is working on a bill, Stein said he knows state Sen. Kevin Witkos (R-8) is thinking about the problems.

But, he added, the usual process is for DEEP to come up with a proposal, and then the Legislature considers it.

Locally, many towns are now considering ways to have homeowners compost more of their food waste, which would significantly reduce the bulk and cost of trash disposal.

### Lower cost of power hurt the plant

Kirk and Stein agreed that Connecticut residents can expect the cost of waste disposal to rise significantly.

Kirk said the Hartford plant suffered financially from a drop in electricity prices. “We used to get 12 cents per kilowatt. Now it’s 3 cents. It used to subsidize us.”

He added that the solution is “a decade-long project.”

Kirk said complacency on the part of residents and municipalities worries him.

“My biggest concern is that the garbage is out of sight, out of mind” when it is collected as usual — regardless of its final destination.

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## YOUNG FAMILIES

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pivoting the problem toward the positive. He said that he is seeing more baby strollers in the area these days.

“We are just beginning on this,” Ridgway said, noting the region’s efforts to get more young families to move here.

Pointing to increased school enrollment as an indicator of growing demographics, Dr. David Kurish urged residents to contribute to the Save Sharon Hospital fundraising opportunities, to assist with legal fees as they arise.

“The Town of North East will stand with you,” town Supervisor Chris Kennan told the crowd, having described the importance of the hospital to the area. North East is the larger town that includes the village of Millerton.

“We want to be sure that our voices are loud and clear,” Kent First Selectman Jean Speck said, pointing to the young children running about at the rally and calling them the future of Sharon Hospital.

Resident Corey Murphy urged Nuvance to listen to the community and to think creatively.

Kent resident Chris Garrity noted that the area has seen a 40% increase in population. He urged Nuvance to recognize the opportunity represented by those numbers.

Applying his forensic accounting experience to the issue, Victor Germack of Salisbury saw the plans to close the maternity services as impactful

to women’s rights.

“They must show us the numbers,” Germack said. He urged Nuvance to “put the mission ahead of the profit margin.”

For more information about Save Sharon Hospital, go to [www.savesharonhospital.org](http://www.savesharonhospital.org). They are also seen on Instagram at [save\\_sharon\\_hospital](https://www.instagram.com/save_sharon_hospital) or on Facebook at Save Sharon Hospital.

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MYSTERIES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## A Rare and Thrilling Chance To See Mystery Master Otto Penzler

It's hard to find the correct word to use when describing Otto Penzler's relation to America's greatest mystery novels and thrillers.

The first expression that pops into my mind is "the god of ..." but that would probably make him roll his eyes. So maybe "impresario" works better, even if it doesn't fully capture his importance and the reverence with which his name is treated, especially among voracious fans of crime fiction, and especially among such fans who have lived in New York City and shopped at Penzler's Mysterious Bookshop in SoHo.

To continue the religious theme, the bookstore is the temple over which Penzler presides. From it (and his love of and encyclopedic knowledge of the genre) grew the Mysterious Press, which publishes detective fiction (including 20th-century American icons such as Donald Westlake, James Ellroy and Ed McBain).

Anyone looking for the perfect holiday gift for a mystery fan need only search for Otto Penzler anthologies online; there is even a collection called, "The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries." I know, because I own a copy.

Although he mostly lives in New York City, Penzler is also frequently up here at the house in

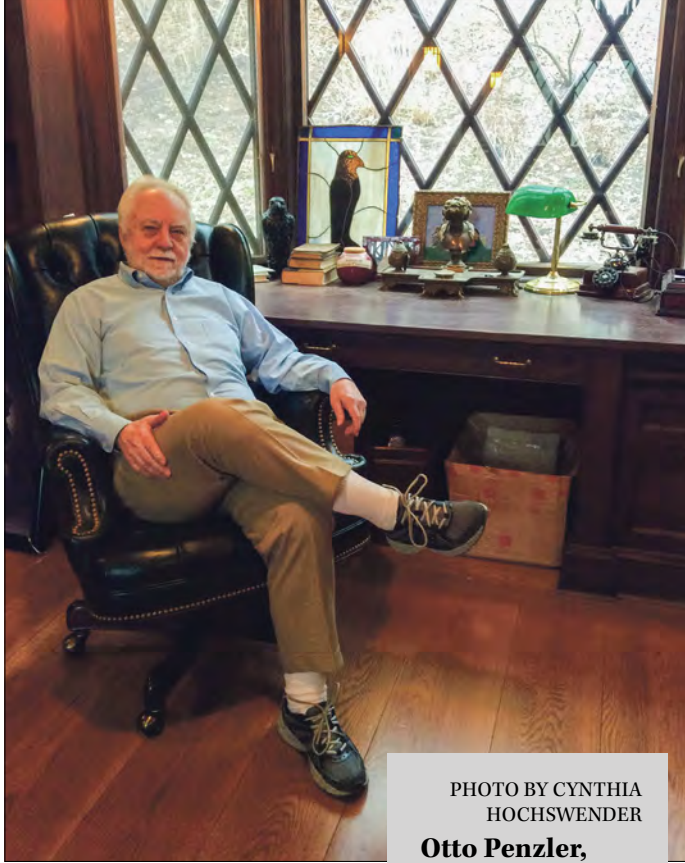


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**Otto Penzler, the award-winning and highly respected publisher/editor and anthologizer of mystery tales, will converse with author Gregory Galloway in Kent on Nov. 13.**

Kent, Conn., that he built in the 1980s (with a giant library that at one point housed 60,000 books — he auctioned most of them off a year ago).

Sadly, when he is up here in Litchfield County, Penzler says he is usually at home, reading manuscripts and sifting through wonderful tales that are worthy of inclusion in an anthology.

So you're unlikely to fulfill your dream (well, my personal dream) of finding him alone at a coffee shop and plonking down to discuss your favorite mystery tales.

However, a rare opportunity to meet Penzler in

person is coming up this weekend when he interviews mystery author Gregory Galloway in a live and Zoom event on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m.

Galloway, a resident of Cornwall, Conn., is a relative newcomer to crime fiction, with three novels including the brand new

"Just Thieves," which starts off with the memorable line: "We didn't know how it happened, but when we woke up there was a dead horse in the street in front of the hotel." And, as they say, from there you're off to the races (but no, this is not a racehorse-themed Dick Francis tale).

Galloway's writing has been described as a combination of George V. Higgins, Patricia Highsmith and David Mamet. I found "Just Thieves" to have a strong feeling of Georges Simenon and especially his Inspector Maigret police procedurals. These are stories that are less about explosions and chase scenes and more about psychology and worldview — told in this novel by the two thieves for whom the book is named.

Does Otto Penzler think Galloway is destined to join the ranks of America's greatest mystery writers? I guess I'll find out when I join the Zoom on Saturday.

For those who want to come in person, this will be the final opportunity to spend time in the cozy little boutique that has been home to the House of Books on Main Street in Kent for the past couple years, while extensive renovations were done to the (actual) home of House of Books. The date of the Grand Opening and Big Reveal for the return to 10 North Main in Kent was just announced: It will be Saturday, Nov. 27, just in time for holiday book shopping.

To reserve a space for the in-person conversation between Otto Penzler and Gregory Galloway, or to sign up for the Zoom (and to get details on the return to 10 North Main), go to <https://houseofbooksct.com>.

NATURE'S NOTEBOOK:  
BETHANY SHEFFER

## Autumn Leaves Protect Birds and the Ecosystem

While it's tempting to want to clear away the leaves in your yard, scientists urge us to keep them around because of the many benefits they bring to an ecosystem — University of Delaware Entomologist Doug Tallamy and his colleagues in particular, because of their pivotal research into insect population declines and collapsing food webs.

In terms of soil health, decomposing leaves return the sun's energy that nourishes an entire world of subterranean invertebrates, microbes and fungi that far outnumber their counterparts above.

In addition, those leaves return nutrients to the soil that trees can access through their root systems. Decomposing leaves provide a buffer that can help prevent erosion, too, by preventing the topsoil from drying out and being stripped away.

A particularly compelling argument for leaving the leaves in our yards, however, relates directly to the birds and other animals we see there. Many species of moths and butterflies spend the winter months in cocoons or chrysalises among the fallen leaves, which provide them a snug shelter in which to tough out the snow and cold.

Come spring, those insects will emerge as adults and continue their life cycles (if not eaten by hungry birds).

Think of the ghostly Luna Moth, the magnificent Great-spangled Fritillary, and the Isabella Tiger Moth (whose caterpillar is

the beloved "woolly worm" or "woolly bear"); these and other species that we enjoy seeing in the spring and summer months depend on the presence of leaf litter for survival.

Other animals that depend on leaf litter for survival: millipedes, snails and even mated queen bumblebees all do, too. Their abundance creates the critical foundation for our food webs because of the myriad species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals that eat them.

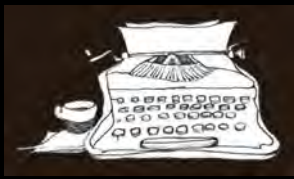
The Wood Thrush, a species whose eerie, flutelike song is familiar to many of us in New England's woods, forages almost exclusively in leaf litter in the interior forest — even though it nests 10 to 13 feet off the ground.

Many bird species exercise the same foraging behavior along their migratory routes as they do in their breeding territories — so a returning Wood Thrush is going to look for insects in leaf litter in the spring, giving us a pivotal opportunity to help this bird in our own backyard. This species has declined as much as 60% in Eastern forests in the last half century and is a conservation priority for Audubon Connecticut.

Fortunately, leaf management isn't an all-or-nothing game. If you don't want to leave fallen leaves where they are in your yard, you can either rake or blow them to the edges of your landscape, where they will continue nourishing the soil and providing a shelter for small animals.

Additionally, you might consider congregating them in piles beneath large trees on your property, where they will perform the same quiet, yet profound work. With an estimated 40 million acres of lawn in the United States (according to the National Aeronautics and Space Station), we are, as the title of Doug Tallamy's new book states, nature's best hope.

Bethany Sheffer is the Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist at the Sharon Audubon Center.



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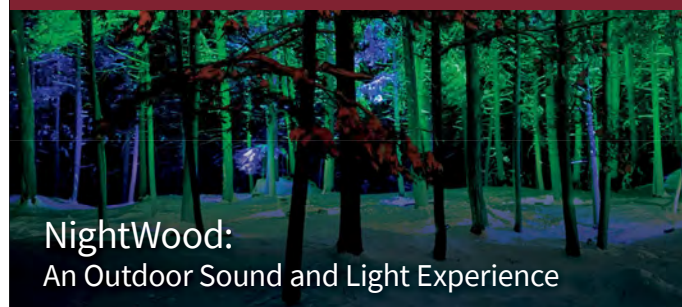
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# Old-Fashioned Holiday Glamour At Wharton's The Mount

Most know Edith Wharton as one of America's first and most famous women authors; she won the Pulitzer Prize in 1921 for her novel, "The Age of Innocence." Not everyone knows that she was co-author, with architect Ogden Codman, of one of the most influential books on home design of the 20th century, "The Decoration of Houses."

Needless to say, then, that the home she designed and built in 1902, known as The Mount, is a National Historic Landmark. More than just a museum, it's a cultural center that offers everything from ghost tours to lectures to writing workshops with notable authors.

Starting on Nov. 4, The Mount is offering a night-

time walk around the estate's manicured gardens as well as the woods, with music, lights and seven settings that evoke "wonder, mystery and magic."

NightWood continues until Dec. 31 on Thursday through Sunday evenings starting at 5 p.m. Admission for adults (separate from admission for regular tours) is \$20; ages 5-18 are \$10, admission for children 5 and under is free.

Daytime tours of the house interior are offered on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Jan. 2. Beginning on Nov. 27, The Mount will be decked out in full holiday regalia.

Tours should be booked ahead of time at [www.edithwharton.org](http://www.edithwharton.org).

To enjoy the Edith Wharton experience from home, there is a new series of writing workshops with author Courtney Maum, a respected writer of fiction herself as well as the author of "Before and After the Book Deal: A Writer's Guide to Finishing."

Once a month, Maum does an online interview

with a well-known writer in the Beyond the Writing of Fiction Series.

The first interview, on Oct. 21, was with Anne Perry, author of several long-running British detective series.

The talk on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. is with author, critic and translator Jennifer Croft.

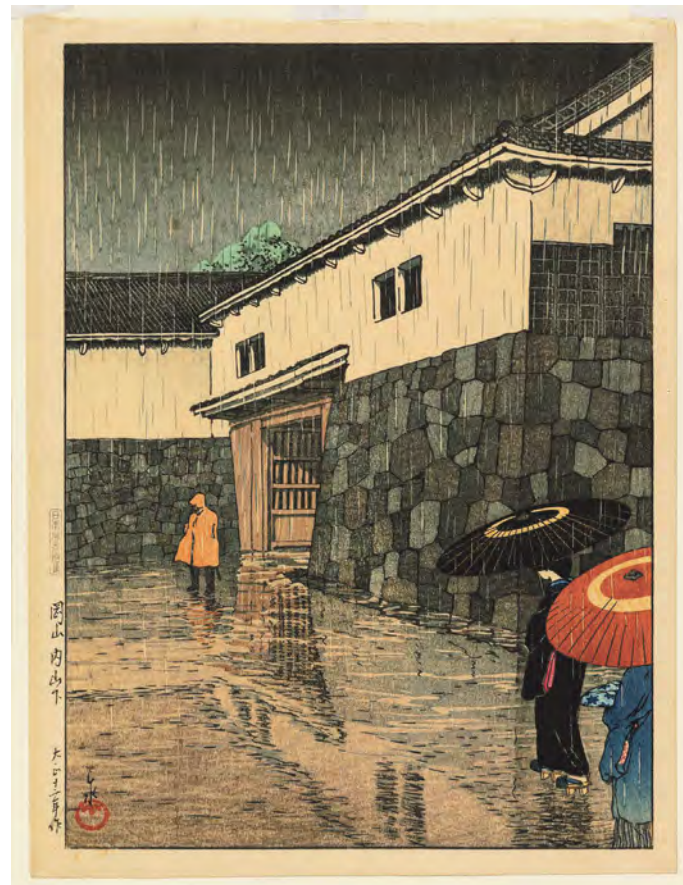


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"Rain in Uchiyamashita, Okayama District," 1923, by Kawase Hasui is one of more than 35 20th-century Japanese prints on display at the Clark Art Institute.

## A MASTER CLASS IN 20TH CENTURY JAPANESE PRINTS

The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Mass., has brought together more than 35 works that illustrate two important movements in the art of printmaking, for its new show, Competing Currents: 20th-Century Japanese Prints, which opened Nov. 6 and remains up until Jan. 30.

After the Japanese printmaking form known as ukiyo-e went out of favor in the early 20th century, two new printmaking movements came to prominence: shin-hanga (new prints) and sōsaku-hanga (creative prints). Shin-hanga was defined by a nostalgia for the premodern, while sōsaku-hanga rejected the past and embraced modernist and avant-garde sensibilities.

"Fundamentally, shin-hanga and sōsaku-hanga represented two radically different assertions of how Japanese printmaking should present itself on the widening world stage of the 20th century," said exhibition curator Oliver Ruhl.

The history of Japanese printmaking is explained extensively and completely in the exhibit.

The museum galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday from September through June. Advance timed tickets are required. Admission is \$20 (free for Clark members, visitors age 21 and under, and students with a valid student ID). Masks and proof of vaccination are required. For full details, go to [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu).

## SEEING THE LIGHT WITH THE REV. SAV FRIEZE

Photographs by the Rev. Sav Frieze of Norfolk, Conn., are on display at the Douglas Library in North Canaan, Conn., for the months of November and December.

"In a Different Light" encompasses a variety of subjects depicting light, from coastal light to the evening sky. There are also images taken on the sports field, as well as a collection of nature photos.

Frieze is a familiar figure in the Northwest Corner. As well as being a

Nikon professional photographer with images in magazines, newspapers (including The Lakeville Journal) and on record albums, he is also serves as minister to the North Canaan Congregational Church.

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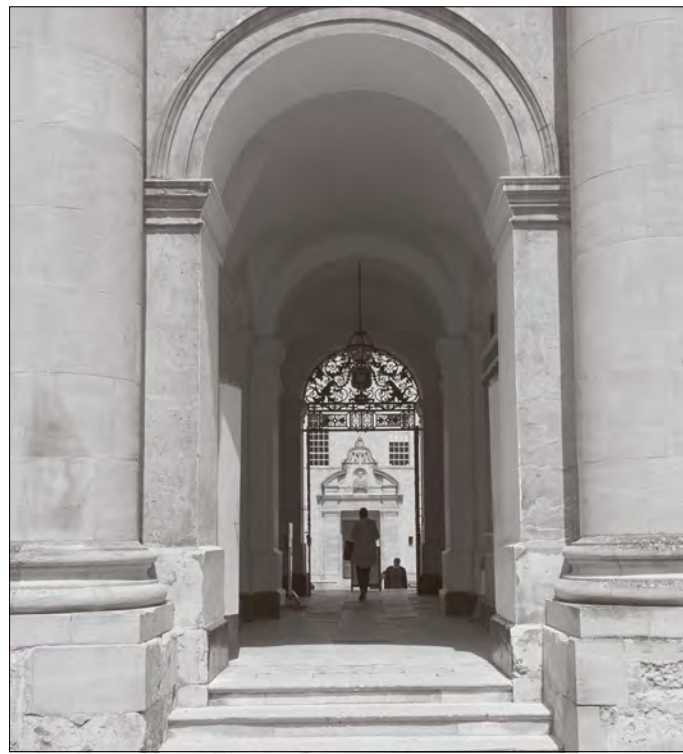


PHOTO BY SAV FRIEZE

The Rev. Sav Frieze, a Nikon professional photographer, has a show of work that focuses on light and how it changes the world around us. This photo was taken in 2016 at Oxford University.

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**Salisbury Association**, Salisbury, Conn. [www.salisburyassociation.org](http://www.salisburyassociation.org)

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## BOOKS

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American History Book Group: The Metaphysical Club: A Story of Ideas in America by Louis Menand, Nov. 17, 10 to 11 a.m.

**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)

Oblong Online Virtual Book Launch: Jeffrey Cranor & Janina Matthewson - YOU FEEL IT JUST BELOW THE RIBS, Nov. 16, 5 p.m. (online).

**Scoville Memorial Library**, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)

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## KIDS

**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org)

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**Bridging Divides**, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge, [www.berkshirefilm.org/youth-film-challenge/](http://www.berkshirefilm.org/youth-film-challenge/) Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge 2021, submission period open through Nov. 14.

## MOVIES

**MASS MoCA**, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org)

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**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)

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## MUSIC

**The Clark Art Museum**, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu)

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### EDITORIAL

## A unique Veterans Day

This year's ceremonies marking Veterans Day will be poignant and powerful, as is the case each year at this time of commemoration of the sacrifices and courage of our nation's veterans of war. November 11 at 11 a.m. is the time for such remembrances, when the armistice for World War I went into effect in 1918. But what is unique about this year? Besides having the chance to do more in-person ceremonies than in 2020 due to high vaccination rates for the coronavirus, this year will be the first in 20 years when our troops aren't deployed in Afghanistan, or engaged in a ground war in any location.

This doesn't mean that there aren't many in the military serving across the globe as well as on American soil, of course. And it doesn't mean those serving aren't in danger of injury or death in the course of doing their duty to serve their country. But it does mean that at least in Afghanistan Americans should no longer be an active part of the ongoing battle.

While there are many criticisms of the method of pulling troops out of that 20-year action, there can be no simple way to end such a longterm deployment. Those who served multiple tours in Afghanistan have been freed of that cycle, and some are rotating out of the military now.

Many of those who served there are recovering from all kinds of injuries as a result of their service in combat and struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. While those who have not served in combat cannot fully understand what they are dealing with, all of us can offer support and listen when they tell us what they experienced, and what might help them move forward now. To find more ways to help wounded veterans in need of some support, go to [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

No matter the political side of ending a war, those who fought it deserve only the utmost respect of their fellow citizens and a helping hand whenever it's needed for them to assimilate back into society at home. All those who engage these veterans need to remember the many skills and experiences they bring with them into civilian life, and think about hiring them and bringing them into social groups that will offer ongoing support.

Thank you to all veterans of war, and their families, who sacrificed their personal peace to benefit their country and their world. This is the week to remember them, their service, and their courage, and continue to welcome them back to everyday life with the same respect and gratitude shown during the solemn commemorations on Veterans Day.

## A tragedy next door

Our hearts are with our neighbors in Millerton, who suffered a devastating loss over the weekend in a house fire that took the lives of two residents and displaced and injured others. (See story, front page, by Millerton News Reporter Kaitlin Lyle.) Lakeville, Sharon and Falls Village mobilized to help at the scene and other companies were on call as well.

When such a lethal fire happens, all the volunteer firefighters in the region become as one, cooperating and offering support across town and state lines for the best outcome possible. All of those responders acted bravely and selflessly. They will feel the effects of this fire for some time.

But most affected are the loved ones of those who died and those who were in or close to the houses that burned. Deepest condolences to all those who suffered the tragic losses on Saturday morning.

## Is this the revenge of Eversource?

So often during a big storm, people lose their electricity, water, TV, and heating, sometimes for days at a time. We often complain that Eversource has taken too long to repair service. I am sure Eversource is sensitive to these criticisms and now they are taking their revenge.

Starting on Route 4 near Ellsworth, they have been cutting down all trees near the road, and not just the trees near the electric and telephone lines but on the far side of the street where there are no poles with internet and electric lines. A large chipper is following the trucks and spraying the wood chips back onto the side of the road. Will this massive tree cutting, where often there are no electric lines, really reduce the incidents in service during storms?

After finishing with Route 4, will they sweep up Route 41? There is a large piece of land with fields owned by the Sharon Land Trust and used by a local farmer. The farmer tapped the three Sugar Maples along the road for sap for syrup last spring. Will the Sugar Maples be made into wood chips to support Eversource's revenge against our complaints?

Hard to believe this sweeping elimination of mature trees along our state roads, many located far from our electric lines, will really make Eversource more efficient at bringing us electricity during future winter storms.

Liz Piel  
Sharon

## Benefit as many as possible with action

Part of permaculture is a design process to help save energy and share resources among people. We are all concerned about the needs of people for healthcare over their lifetime and especially for emergency care and being born safely.

The overall view in terms of geographical location, numbers of people served, cost of services, and other benefits to those working or using the services of a hospital, school, library, faith or other facility or service are important to map out.

Options for other hospitals, schools or facilities to meet the needs of a number of people or ways to share resources whether staff, facilities, costs, or even consumers are all parts of a puzzle or process more people



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

### Peace offering

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gratitude from nurses and staff

On behalf of the Nurses and Staff at the Birthing Suites of Sharon Hospital, we want to sincerely thank the moms, dads, and families of the Save Sharon Hospital Group. On Oct. 26 they surprised us by dropping off a beautiful bouquet of flowers, delicious pastries, and most significantly, two 5' x 3' posters adorned with each family's pictures and testimonials of their birth stories. (Special thanks to the four-year-old former patient, who did a great job writing each of our names on the hearts that bordered the posters!)

It is hard to put into words how much this means to us. Working in the Birthing Suites these past few years, especially since the first announcement of a potential closure, has been an

emotional roller coaster. Not knowing how long we will have this job, or if we will be able to continue with maternal-child nursing is incredibly sad and stressful. However, we've stayed despite the uncertainty because our unit is a very special place.

Our patients' rooms have large plate glass windows that overlook the rolling hills and farmland of Northwest Connecticut. There is something about looking out at that peaceful landscape that sets the tone for what we do, how we do it, and for whom we do it. We take pride in knowing our roles, working together, and caring for our families. It's a very special privilege to be present for the birth of a baby, and it's a great responsibility to support a family dealing with a

loss. We are all keenly aware of how fortunate we are to work in such a capacity in service to this community.

Reading the birth stories on these posters brought back great memories! To receive this loving tribute from our moms and their families has been a bright spot during these difficult times, and a reminder of why we all chose this profession and specialty. So, thank you, Save Sharon Hospital! No matter what the future holds, we are truly grateful for the opportunity we have had to serve you, and the families of this community.

Kim Beres, RN  
On behalf of the nurses and staff at the Birthing Suites Sharon

### Such an important issue for all of us

I have been reading about the proposed changes at the Sharon Hospital. It is worrisome to say the least and getting worse. I am not optimistic. Somewhere along the way the purpose of a hospital has been lost in the aim to make a lot of money for someone. Patients don't matter anymore.

Nuvance Health System feels it is too expensive to maintain the maternity department. From what I've read it is over-staffed. All of those individuals don't need to be there for each delivery. All that is really

needed is a midwife/nurse and a doctor in case of a complication. I don't know the history of complicated births at the hospital, but assume there are specialists on call.

My experience with child birth was some years ago at a Naval Air Station hospital. There was one OB-GYN who I saw on visits, but he might not be on duty at the time of delivery. I accepted whoever was in the ER at the time. I could not gain more than 20 pounds or I'd have to go to a civilian doctor. I had to bring

a package of disposable diapers as the Navy didn't stock those. I paid only for food.

My advice for any woman in the area who gets pregnant is to find out from her doctor what to do if labor starts at home. The local rescue squads know what to do and get her to the ER at the hospital. The hospital has to treat her.

It is a sad state of affairs, but remember money is the most important thing to the folks operating the hospital now.

Carolyn McDonough  
North Canaan

### Thanks to our town registrars

We would like to thank and express our admiration for Salisbury's Registrars of Voters, Karin Gerstel and Maureen Dell. These two women, one Democrat and one Republican as mandated by Connecticut state law, have spent countless hours attending to their duties which include creating and maintaining the official registry list for the Town of Salisbury, maintaining and preparing the voting machines, hiring and appointing poll workers,

training poll workers, ensuring proper set-up of the polling place, ensuring proper reporting of candidate totals on election night, and conducting post election recounts and audits.

Karin's and Maureen's attention to detail both in the maintenance of the official registry and in ensuring proper set-up of the polling place, particularly during the last two elections during the Covid-19 pandemic, is to be commended. They have worked together with incredi-

ble patience, good humor and definitely in a non-partisan manner.

Hedwig (Chany) Wells,  
Deputy Registrar (D)  
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# If the presidential election were held today... (thinking ahead)

How many times have you read a political prognostication that begins with the words, "If the election were held today?"

The words introduce an analysis of what would happen if a highly anticipated election were held, not on its legal date a year or two or three from now, but today. Its dubious purpose is to convince people the writer has an idea what will happen when the real election is held.

I mention election" call me about some crime speculation three years now — or be precise.

However, with a warning that any relationship between this prognosis and what will really happen on that date is purely coincidental.

But before we try to determine who will win the next presidential election, we'll take a shot at a much easier prediction — the outcome of the congressional midterm elections next year, which will have something to say about what happens in 2024.

With history as a guide, predicting midterm outcomes isn't very difficult. Go back nearly a century and it's hard to find a midterm election in which the voters didn't turn against the party in power — even when they liked the president they had put there.

President Joseph R. Biden, though, doesn't come close to enjoying that valuable distinction at the present time, according to the polls.

Referring to the Biden Democratic Party as "the party in power" is, in fact, something of a stretch. You may have noticed that the Democratic Party holds onto the House by just a few votes and controls the Senate with a tie that functions primarily when the vote is on an unimportant issue.

So if the midterms were held today instead of the first Tuesday of next November, it's a good bet that the Democrats will lose control of both houses. This will be a significant blow to the Biden presidency and also to the no longer important Senators Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, as they quickly become merely two of 100.

For all this to really happen depends to some extent on the course of two epidemics, COVID-19 and inflation. If we have a failing economy and voters continue to get sick and die in the next 12 months, the likelihood of the party in power losing it all becomes a certainty. Please let me know if this doesn't work out.

Which brings us to the 2024 presidential election three years from now and two years from those midterms.

If the presidential election were held today, it would be between two old men, the 82-year-old Joe Biden and the 78-year-old Donald Trump. Unless you paid no attention at all, you will recall that Trump very emphatically questioned the mental agility of a 78-year-old president in 2020, which was Biden's age then and will be Trump's in 2024. Funny how those things catch up with you.

Of course, the presidential election isn't being held today and Biden's running again is not a sure thing. Neither is Trump's.

There's a reason you don't often find octogenarians in positions of great power in this country, except in the Congress, the Supreme Court and the presidency. The private sector knows better.

But it is still not unreasonable to envision an aging Biden stepping aside at 82 in favor of his vice president, Kamala Harris. She, however, is currently best known as Biden's czar of the immigration crisis who has done nothing about that immigration crisis.

And so, if the election were held today, we couldn't be as confident as prognosticators normally are that the incumbent would be running or even if his preferred successor would be viable.

We do know that Donald Trump wants to be president again but we don't know if he, like Biden, will be physically or mentally able to pursue the office. Ranting and raving over some fancied wrong every day for the next three years and a day can take its toll. Also, with Trump, there's always the possibility he will be destroyed by past or future sins or even if he will be in jail for inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection or for a lifetime of financial transgressions.

But we also know that, as of today, the vast majority of Republicans — eight in 10 in the latest Quinnipiac poll — want him to run again. Why so many want the man who lost the presidency and Congress as their candidate for a third time isn't at all clear but they do.

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## IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

According to Axios, the well informed source of political news, Trump considers his main rivals for the nomination to be Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and former Vice President Mike Pence.

Given the polls, DeSantis and Pompeo might not have the guts to challenge Trump and may well join Nikki Haley, the best female Republican candidate so far, in deferring to Donald.

Pence, however, has shown no inclination to bow to the wishes of Trump and may turn out to be a presidential candidate every bit as compelling as that other vice president, Kamala Harris.

Having digested this much speculation and pondering so many unknowns, you may have concluded — as I have — that there is no way of knowing what is going to happen in the 2024 election or even who is going to be competing in it. We should, however, be grateful that the election isn't being held today.

Simsbury resident Dick Ahles is a retired journalist. Email him at rahles1@outlook.com.



## Letter to the community

# Sharon Hospital Board shares its perspective on changes to come

Dear fellow members of the Sharon Hospital community:

We, the Sharon Hospital Board, write today in our role as both representatives and members of our community.

We have heard from many of our friends and neighbors over the past month, as people across Sharon Hospital's service area have reacted to the plan announced by its leaders on Sept. 29. That said, we know there are many people who have not yet had the chance to hear from us directly. We would like to take this opportunity to share the reasoning behind — and the process that led to — our endorsement of the plan for Sharon Hospital, as well as to dispel any misinformation.

First, we want to emphasize that no part of this process was easy. As volunteers representing an array of skillsets and backgrounds, we all love this community and we share your deep connection to our hospital. We understand the concern voiced by some community members, and knew that any decision would have lasting effects on the health and vitality of our region. That is why we take our stewardship role seriously to ensure all proposed changes to Sharon Hospital are in the best long-term interests of our community.

This commitment drove our deep involvement in the process that culminated in the transformative plan. After a thorough review of the collected data and analysis with a variety of stakeholders, we can testify to the thorough and thoughtful consideration that informed this strategy. We believe this is the best way to allow Sharon Hospital to not only survive but thrive into the future.

While hospital leaders created this plan, our Board wanted to make sure no stone was left unturned. That is why we requested that Nuvance Health, with the support of the Foundation for Community Health, engage an independent consultant while the hospital evaluated its options. The analysis from Stroudwater Associates — a leading healthcare consulting firm — provided an impartial third-party review. This report provided helpful information about how our community seeks care, but ultimately, it falls to Sharon Hospital and Nuvance Health leadership, with our Board's guidance, to chart a path forward.

After we reviewed Nuvance Health's analysis and Stroudwater Associates' report, one point was clear: Sharon Hospital must evolve to meet the ever-changing healthcare landscape and to continue providing compassionate care to our dynamic community. Maintaining the status quo is not an option.

Our goal is and has always been that Sharon Hospital survives and remains viable to continue serving our community into the future. By focusing on targeted growth in areas of identified community need, we can enhance our primary care, behavioral

health services, and ambulatory services such as cardiology, oncology and neurology. In order to do this, however, we also had to come to terms with some difficult decisions, such as phasing out labor & delivery. We share in the sadness of this beloved service leaving Sharon Hospital — many of us started our own families in the labor & delivery unit. However, it would take nearly two to three times the current number of labor & delivery patients to make this service sustainable, and we cannot in good conscience continue supporting underutilized services that are endangering the very survival of the hospital.

The announcement of this transformation marks the beginning of a long-term, collaborative process. In the coming months, several workgroups — composed of clinical and administrative staff at the hospital — will share operational plans for the announced changes. Their deep knowledge and understanding of Sharon Hospital and of our community will help create a more efficient model for using space and resources at Sharon Hospital, without sacrificing patient care. We are also working with hospital leadership to create more outlets for discussion with our community through town hall forums, small group meetings, and the Sharon Hospital Transformation website.

Finally, we want to emphasize — in no uncertain terms — that the Sharon Hospital transformation has no relation to the quality of care provided at the hospital and the quality of our existing services has not changed or diminished. The medical staff at Sharon Hospital are extremely qualified, and we strongly encourage the community to continue utilizing the hospital's services.

We are hopeful that ultimately, all of you will share our support of this plan to strengthen our community hospital into the future. It is an honor to serve as your representatives on the Sharon Hospital Board, and we look forward to further conversations in the coming weeks and months as this transformation takes effect.

Sincerely,

Rick Cantele, Board Chairman, Salisbury, Conn.  
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# When someone passes: grief and tradition

What do you say, to friends, family and even yourself when someone precious to you passes away? Can you find the words, can you put together a telling phrase or anything poignant enough to pay tribute and, at the same time, express your grief?

Expressing your grief is, many times, a way of telling those around you how wonderful the person was. Crying out loud at a funeral, sobbing, bawling, even being overcome and almost fainting — these are true signs of grief, but they are also a demonstration to all around you that the deceased was important, not just to you, but simply important, cherished, worthy.

In the Jewish faith you sit Shiva, mourners are literally supposed to sit on low stools in the home of the deceased, for periods during seven days of mourning. That collective gathering provides spiritual and emotional healing when all are joined together — but it is also a case of see-and-be-seen to mourn — proof you care enough about the deceased and those grieving to show up and find fellowship in communal remembrance.

In the Muslim faith, mourning calls for prayers and readings from the Qur'an sing out and, while the closest family and friends can cry and allow their loss to show, mostly this is a dignified period of mourning. The mourning period lasts for 40 days, with people bringing food and flowers to the family and friends

— showing their support but never showing more grief or emotion than necessary so as not to detract from the dignified true suffering of family members.

Christianity takes the position that while grieving is not wrong, it is neither a celebration of the loved one's passing into Heaven.

"...blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted..." (Bible, Matthew). The principle is that to be so blessed with remembrance is to experience a deep sense of peace and joy — especially when surrounded by family and friends all mourning the deceased's passing. But grief is often a deeply personal emotion especially in Protestant Christianity, often not shared openly.

Buddhists mourn for 49 days with a service every seven days.

The Orthodox Church mourns for 40 days, whereas the Coptic Church usually breaks that period after three days if the priest agrees.

Interestingly, the Shinto faith observes mourning for 49 days as well.

All around the world, these past two years have resulted in many millions of unexpected deaths causing billions of people to think, worry and deal with the passing of someone they knew, liked, worked with or loved. And in that observance of grief, memories of past mourning periods have rekindled themselves in hearts and many have found the flood of grief overwhelming.

## A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

PETER RIVA

When you see friends, family, neighbors or even strangers in these weeks and months as we come to the holiday seasons, remember that everyone, yes even you, will have sorrow for those who are no longer with us, and that grief will be there, always. Have patience, sympathy, empathy and show kindness; for there, but perhaps for a little more fortitude, go you and us all.

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Now that we have had our first few nights of frost, it is a wonderful time to explore Bartholomew's Cobble at 105 Weatogue Rd in Ashley Falls, Ma. The Cobble is part of the Trustee's network of protected lands in Massachusetts and offers beautiful trails, a nature museum for the children and various programs all designed to help reconnect with nature. The trail to absolutely walk is up to Hurlburt Hill for a breathtaking view of the fall colors looking up the valley. For more information, please visit the Trustee's website at: <https://thetrustees.org>



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# New push to make HYSB sustainable

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Expect to see more events and an overall higher profile from the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) in the future.

That was the message from Harrison Ungar, HYSB's new director of development.

In an interview at the HYSB office on the Housatonic Valley Regional High School campus on Wednesday, Oct. 27, the affable Ungar sketched out the game plan.

The priority is to develop a sustainable revenue stream for the nonprofit organization, which provides a wide range of services for Region One students (including children at private schools and home-schooled students) at no charge. Ungar said HYSB currently has 97 clients.

Asked if a small fee for services was a possibility, Ungar said it has been discussed and rejected.

One way to get a dependable revenue stream is to emphasize monthly donations rather than yearly, Ungar said.

Ungar plans to raise HYSB's profile by increasing the number of sponsored events. The organization currently hosts a popular golf tournament that is a major fundraiser, a five-kilometer race, and a "community celebration" which includes the presentation of



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Harrison Ungar has joined the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau as director of development, with plans to make the organization more visible.**

the Donald T. Warner Community Service Award.

Asked if HYSB plans to bring back the Battle of the Bands, Ungar said it was among the options.

Ultimately Ungar wants to have one or two smaller-scale events per month. "We need to get our name out there."

Kelly Parker is the executive director of HYSB and Bethany Keck is the clinical director. To learn more, go to [www.hysb.org](http://www.hysb.org). The six Region One towns are Canaan (Falls Village), Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

# An increasingly common and wonderful sight

Photographer Lans Christensen was able to catch some intimate bald eagle portraits in Kent a few weeks ago, on the shores of the Housatonic River. There was also an eagle spotted flying low over Mudge Pond in Sharon in October.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did a study of the national population of bald eagles in 2020, and found that it had quadrupled since the last survey was done, in 2009.

In Connecticut, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) eagle report says the birds' population and breeding rates have exploded in the past two decades.

"By 1999, 20 years ago," according to the DEEP website, "only two nesting territories were active in the state. That

season, neither pair was successful and no chicks were produced.

"A decade later, the eagle population had begun to climb. In 2009, Connecticut had 19 territories, producing 31 chicks."

There are reports that 2020 was a particularly bountiful year for eagle births. Keep a respectful eye out, but don't approach them. The birds nest from December to February; be particularly careful around nests at that time of year. Loud noises can frighten babies and lead to them leaving the nest before they're ready.

DEEP relies on reports of sightings; Send an email to [brian.hess@ct.gov](mailto:brian.hess@ct.gov) or call 860-424-3208.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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The eagle population nationwide and locally is booming.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM, in the Canaan Falls Village Town Hall, the Canaan/Falls Village Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following application;

Consideration of Special Permit, for a restaurant use at the municipal building 107 Main Street.

Respectively Submitted  
Thomas Scott ZEO  
11-04-21  
11-11-21

### Legal Notice

A meeting of the plot owners of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, November 16th at 5:30 pm at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the

meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of the plot owners.

10-28-21  
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### INVITATION TO BID

The Salisbury Board of Education located in Salisbury, CT invites bids for snow removal services at Salisbury Central School. Signed and sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Principal, P.O. Box 1808, 45 Lincoln City Road, Lakeville, CT 06039. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the full name and address of the bidder, plainly marked **BID – SNOW REMOVAL – SCS**. Bids must be submitted prior to 3:30 P.M., Monday, November 15, 2021 at which time bids received will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bid terms & conditions

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11-11-21

### Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2021-0154 by Kerry & Erling Madsen for a 2-Lot residential subdivision at 10 North Beaver Dam Road Salisbury, Map 23, Lot 17-1

per the Salisbury Subdivision Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:45 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](http://www.salisburyct.us). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [aconroy@salisburyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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