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

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

These are 14 of the 19 women who have contributed to the town of Salisbury and are included in a new exhibit at the Salisbury Association Historical Society called "In Her Own Words." The show can be seen until Jan. 31.

Nineteen women who have helped make Salisbury an exceptional place

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — The community gathered to celebrate the opening of "In Her Own Words," the newest exhibit at the Academy Building by the Salisbury Association's Historical Society.

The event drew nearly 100 guests on Saturday, Oct. 23, to preview the exhibit that not only recognizes the contributions of 19 local women, but also uses technology to bring them to the immediate moment — using their own voices, collected as part of an oral history project.

Their 19 voices speak of years of service and dedication to the community through involvement with local organizations.

B. Docktor's photos of the 19 women serve as a captivating visual introduction, on large posters telling their stories.

Each poster carries a QR code, allowing a visitor to use a smart phone to hear the full oral history interviews.

These stories are part of the oral history archives, Salisbury Association President Jeanette Weber explained.

Women selected for the project are Lori Belter, Cynthia Bianchi, Gaile Binzen, Caroline Burchfield, Katherine Chilcoat, Stacey Dodge, Jean

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Selectmen candidates in contested races introduce themselves

Municipal elections will be held at Town Halls (and by absentee ballot) on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

This year, only Kent and Cornwall have multiple candidates for their boards of selectmen; candidates in the four other towns in the region are all unopposed.

Absentee ballots became available Oct. 1 at town halls. COVID-19 remains a valid reason for voting absentee.

Election results will not be available until after we go to press with our issue of Nov. 4, but we will post them online at www.tricornernews.com as soon as they are available.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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Citizens ask for civility in discourse

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At the meetings of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen in Falls Village on Monday, Oct. 18, Finance Board member Dan Silverman made a "plea for civility."

"The dialogue around the issues involving the affordable housing project and other matters have become, in my opinion, unnecessarily vitriolic and mean spirited," he began.

"While corrections have been made to positions taken, there was no intent that I can see that anyone is intentionally misstating facts. I recommend that we set aside these personal attacks and allow the processes to play out according to the established procedures. There is no problem in people disagreeing; the problem is in being disagreeable while doing so."

During public comment, which is traditionally at the start of finance board meetings, Kyle Wilkinson echoed Silverman's remarks.

Katie Keller Rule then asked why public comment is at the beginning of the meeting, before agenda items are discussed.

Finance Board Chair Dick Heinz said the board meetings are working meetings that are open to the public, and it is the board's choice when to include public comment or invite public participation.

Denise Cohn noted that the Region One Board of Education meetings typically include two public comment periods, at the beginning and at the end.

Everyone was dogging it at annual Little Guild Run and Wag

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — It takes quite a bit to get dogs up off their couches at home and out the door on a Saturday, but the annual Run and Wag, a 5K race involving a chance to run beside their owners, did the trick.

Marking its eighth year, the event held on Saturday, Oct. 16, drew record numbers of participants to the Cornwall Town Green, all to benefit The Little Guild and its programs to provide shelter, care and new homes to rescued animals.

"I'm excited," said Linda Petersen of Wilton, Conn., who at 17 was looking forward that day to her first race, competing as a solo runner. "I've been training a little bit," she added.

Coco, an extraordinarily attractive dog, was seated in the shade contemplating the event, but choosing not to participate, at least this year. Owner Ania Hubbard of Cornwall acted as spokesperson: "We walk all the time."

Taking a moment to consider the totality of the activities were Kelly Bozzuto, who served as event chairman, and Diane Mattes, who said she was there as chair emeritus. Both serve on The Little Guild's Board of Directors.

"It is a wonderful family event," Bozzuto said. Surveying the field, she added, "There are a lot of happy dogs."

Mattes agreed, adding that the Run and Wag is "a great way to celebrate the beginning of the return, when we can all be out celebrating being together in the community."

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Racers gathered with their pets at the starting line awaiting the signal at the annual Run and Wag race held on Saturday, Oct. 16, to benefit The Little Guild.

Both added a large measure of gratitude to the town of Cornwall for its help in making the event happen and to the residents for their support and volunteerism.

Key to the event's success was the volunteerism of Race Director Rocco Botto, who has spearheaded the Run and Wag each year since it began. Mattes praised Botto's dedication in arranging every detail of the race and its logistics, all with an eye toward safety, aided by the presence of the Cornwall Fire Department and the EMS crew. Attendees enjoyed his spirited announcements of the race and the activities as they unfolded.

The Coop Farmers' Market was busy throughout, and two food trucks had patrons lined up, for Meraki's and Ben & Jerry's.

Earning a first-place win, and therefore the Doggie Cup, in the category of Women with Dogs, was Brittany Telke of Bristol. This was her second win of the event, with a time of 19:32. Her first win, two years ago, set the course record for the category at 18:56. She was running with her dog, Mazikeen, who performed with speed and determination.

Dave Bozzuto of Cornwall earned the Doggie Cup in the category of Men with Dogs. His Rosie is an alumna of The Little Guild, who found a home with the Bozzutos three years ago. He said that she was out in front of him for about the first mile of the race, "and then she got tired." Nevertheless, their time was clocked at 25:59, earning them the win in the category.

"It's a great day for Cornwall and a great day for The Little Guild," proclaimed Karen Doeblin, president of The Little Guild's Board of Directors.

Having volunteered to distribute the awards for the event, CBS News correspondent Richard Schlesinger reflected on the significance of the annual Run and Wag, as he awaited the of-

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Three-day forecast

Friday.....**Rain, high 54°/low 39°**
Saturday.....**Rain, 57°/46°**
Sunday .....**Cloudy, 56°/41°**

Troop B did not provide new area reports this week. Continue driving safely!

Help with Medicare sign-up

SALISBURY — Salisbury Senior Services is hosting two Medicare events at the Senior Center at the Town Grove in Lakeville.

Understanding Your Medicare Options for 2022 will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Join Amanda Halle, a CHOICES Counselor from the Western Connecticut Agency on Aging at 1 p.m. for a discussion and question-and-answer session on Medicare Basics. Whether you are new to Medicare or currently enrolled in a Medicare plan, this session will help those individuals better understand their Medicare options including learning about state assistance programs that can help pay for some health-care costs.

Review Your Healthcare Plans for 2022 during Medicare Open Enrollment, which will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 16

Open enrollment began Oct. 15 and continues until Dec. 7. Meet with a CHOICES counselor from the Western Connecticut Agency on Aging to review your current healthcare plan to ensure it meets your needs for 2022.

This is the time when you can change your Medicare plan for 2022.

Space is limited and appointments are required for the review sessions. Contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860 435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us to schedule an appointment.

Baking, on Zoom

SHARON — Priscilla Martel will interview Dorie Greenspan about her new book, "Baking With Dorie: Sweet, Salty & Simple" on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. on Zoom. To register, go to www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

- CVS
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Green energy and church plans

SALISBURY — The Green Team of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC will sponsor a round-table discussion about moving toward "net-zero" energy consumption on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m., in support of the Global Day for Climate Justice.

The Green Team has embarked on a project to ensure that the church building's use of electricity equals the amount of electricity produced in a given year by installing solar panels, installing LED lighting and sensors, and converting oil furnaces to electric heats pumps, among other measures.

Two industry experts will be on hand to discuss solar arrays, lighting and electric heat pumps and there will be a brief overview of the church's project. All contractors, homeowners or other interested persons are invited to attend. At the end of the round-table, participants will be able to answer questions and request other topics be covered in future sessions.

Join the round table via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88487945944?pwd=YnFSNWxHdTl1U-3BRTGs1NklKbFQ2QT09. The meeting ID is 884 8794 5944 and the passcode is: 136032. For questions, contact the church office at 860- 435-2442.

The West is on fire; here's why

SALISBURY — Tim Egan's will be the featured speaker in a Zoom talked hosted by the Scoville Memorial Library, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. about the massive and dangerous wildfires in the West.

Egan is the author of nine books, most recently "A Pilgrimage to Eternity." He won the National Book Award for "The Worst Hard Time" and was awarded a Pulitzer for his coverage of race in America.

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIoc-uhqjgqGNeaniOwJHqPY-Jp5eL3Zipqa.

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Any voters who have just turned 18, just moved to town or have been on military leave, may still register to vote on Monday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The registrars of voters are in each town's town hall. Find contact information on the town website, or in The Lakeville Journal's Towns and Villages special section, which can be found online at https://tricornernews.com/towns-villages-may-2021.

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.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Salisbury Board of Education located in Salisbury, CT invites bids on lawn 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 LAWN SERVICES - SCS. Bids must be submitted prior to 3:15 P.M., Monday, November 15, 2021 at which time bids received will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bid terms & conditions and the "Official Bid Form" may be obtained online at www.region1schools.org. The Salisbury Board of Education reserves the full and unqualified right to award the bid, waive any and all bid conditions or formalities, award the bid to other than the lowest bidder, award the bid to other than the bidders, reject any and all bids received, or divide the award, should they deem any of the foregoing to be in the best interest of the school district. Dated at Falls Village, CT, this twenty-first day of October, 2021.

10-28-21

LEGAL NOTICE
WARNING
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF CANAAN

The legal voters of the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) are hereby warned that the Municipal Election will be held in the Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT on November 2, 2021 to cast their votes for municipal officers.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk' 's office, Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m.-3 PM and Thursdays from 9 AM - noon.

Dated at Canaan (Falls Village), Connecticut, this 18th day of October 2021.

Mary M. Palmer
Canaan (Falls Village)
Town Clerk
10-28-21

Notice of Application

This is to give notice that I, BRANDON SCIMECA, 179 E CANAAN RD, EAST CANAAN, CT 06024-2602, have filed an application placarded 10/19/2021 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 192 SHARON RD LAKEVILLE, CT 06039-2110.

The business will be owned by: HARVEST VENTURE, LLC

Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment.

Objections must be filed by: 11-30-2021.

BRANDON SCIMECA
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
LYNN S. OLSEN
Late of West Cornwall
(21-00462)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 13, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Carolyn Olsen
459 Route 7
PO Box 234
West Cornwall, CT 06796

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-28-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
DORIS M. CARBERRY
Late of Sharon
(21-00446)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 12, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Robert B. Carberry
c/o William Jeffrey Manasse
William J. Manasse, PLLC
27 No. Main Street
P.O. Box 460
Kent, CT 06757

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-28-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF CHARLES
EDWARD HEPNER
Late of Salisbury
(21-00424)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 7, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Elizabeth S. Hepner
c/o Dolores R Schiesel
Cramer & Anderson
14 Old Barn Road
PO Box 333
Kent, CT 06757

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-28-21

WARNING
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
November 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon, are hereby warned to meet at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing Town Officials. The polls will open from 6 am to 8 pm. Voting is in the Chapin Room, second floor.

Absentee ballots are available during normal business hours in the Town Clerks office. Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Friday 8:30 AM until Noon. Dated at Sharon Connecticut this 14th day of October, 2021.

Linda Amerighi-CCTC
Sharon Town Clerk
10-28-21

Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning
Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 18, 2021:

Site Plan Application #2021-0155 by William Boyer to construct a golf facility. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 16 as Lot 5 and is located at 250 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. The owner of the property is Salisbury School, Inc.

Application #2021-0147 by owner applicant Red Mountain Properties LLC for a 4-Lot residential subdivision. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 3 as Lot 5-2 and is located at 14 Red Mountain Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. The subdivision was approved subject to conditions.

Application #2021-0148 by owner applicant McBride Builders LLC for a 2-Lot residential resubdivision. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 23 as Lot 37-9 and is located at 64 Hammertown Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. The resubdivision was approved subject to conditions.

Town of Salisbury Planning
& Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
10-28-21

Legal Notice
WARNING
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF SALISBURY

The legal voters of the Town of Salisbury are hereby warned that the Municipal Election will be held in the Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut, on November 2, 2021 for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for First Selectman, Selectman, Board of Finance (Full Term), Board of Finance (To Fill Vacancy For Four Years), Board of Finance (To Fill Vacancy For Two Years), Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission Alternates, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, and Regional Board of Education.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 pm.- 3:30 p.m. Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut, this 20th day of October 2021.

Patricia H. Williams
Salisbury Town Clerk
10-28-21

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

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Our Towns

A color is chosen for the beloved Cogswell Road bridge

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — All opinions had been listened to carefully on the path to consensus about the best paint color to be applied to the shiny metal guiderails on the Cogswell Road bridge, according to a report heard by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19, held on Zoom.

Representing nearby property owners and other interested community members, Bruce Bennett reported that the Cogswell Road bridge should be painted forest green. Several other colors had been considered in the process.

The selectmen noted that there needs to be coordination with the Inland Wetlands Commission, who would have concern about paint being applied so close to a stream. It was acknowledged, however, that the commission will likely be eager to reach prompt resolution on that concern.

"We are ready to go," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said of the paint project, noting that the selectmen had no role in making the paint color choice. It had been a citizens decision.

Painting is understood to be the first phase of the aesthetic enhancements for the bridge. Bennett explained that the rails and the posts will be painted, but not the small black rubber cushions between the guardrails and the posts. The rubber cushions will remain as is.

The next phase of the work — removal of the top rail and installation of a wooden rail — remains in the planning stages. Cornwall resident Duke Besozzi, who supplies white oak lumber to the shipbuilding industry, has expressed interest in helping with the wooden rail. Under discussion is the type of wood that will be used, with white oak being one of the top possibilities.

Trucking as an option for disposing of trash when MIRA closes

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The state's MIRA trash disposal plant (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) is going to close in July 2022, and towns are now looking at alternative ways to dispose of trash.

In Cornwall, town officials are also hoping to find an environmentally sound method. The selectmen discussed options at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19, held on Zoom.

MIRA is a facility in Hartford where solid waste is sent by truck and incinerated.

The state has a proposal for how to proceed after the facility is closed, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said: The town's waste would be taken to the Midwest or to the South, and buried.

The state had considered making repairs at the Hartford facility but they would have been too costly, Ridgway said. The other two still-functioning MIRA facilities in the state do not have the capacity to take on any more load.

The trucking option would not be a permanent solution, Ridgway said. The state is asking towns to commit to participating for five years to enable them to go out for bid on the plan. First, state officials need to know which area towns want to sign on to their plan.

Conscious of the potential costs, Ridgway saw the possibility of up to a 30% increase in tipping fees, the cost levied to towns for disposal of municipal waste.

"The question is what to do next," Ridgway said, adding that the town is still evaluating the options. He plans to do more research into what other area towns are doing.

"Shipping to a faraway place could be an environmental disaster," Ridgway added, indicating that the town is considering the possibility of opting out of the state plan.

Ridgway said that he plans to reply to state officials that while the town might be interested in the trucking proposal, another month will be needed to provide a response in advance of the state's reply deadline of Dec. 1.

Nonetheless, he said, "It's not really complicated. It's unfortunate."

Ted Larson, transfer station coordinator, described a possible composting program to reduce the volume of solid waste, agreed generally to be a good idea.

Larson reported that a Ridgefield, Conn., company has begun a composting service. Participating towns can pay $250 per week for the pick-up service from their transfer stations.

"Composting would help our area," Larson said, opening the door toward cooperating with area towns in a future regional composting program here.

OBITUARIES

Deirdre Mead

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON — Deirdre Mead, 70, a Village of Millerton resident since 2015 and formerly of Manhattan, N.Y., died peacefully on Oct. 15, 2021, at her home in the village.

Deirdre worked as a secretary from the early 1970s through the late 1980s for United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), an agency responsible for providing humanitarian and development aid to children worldwide, founded in 1946 and headquartered in New York, N.Y., with its parent organization being the United Nations General Assembly. She then went on to work as a special assistant to American investment banker and diplomat Felix G. Rohatyn at Lazard Freres & Co. at 30 Rockefeller Plaza in New York prior to retirement in the 2000s.

Born Oct. 15, 1951, in New York, she was the daughter of the late Jennie (Nicholson-Browne) and John P. Cohane. She attended high school and graduated in Paris, France.

Her marriage to David Mead ended in divorce.

Deirdre was an avid reader with a vast book collection. She enjoyed gardening and caring for her home and her beloved cat, Jeremy, in her spare time.

She is survived by relatives in New York, France and Italy as well as her dear friend, Renee Kohn of New York and many friends locally.

A memorial luncheon in Deirdre's honor will be announced in the near future and will be held at her favorite restaurant in the Village of Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

For more obituaries, see page A5

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Our Towns

Festival brings fans together in Kent

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — Love was in the air over the weekend as Club Getaway hosted what has come to be known as Fan Fest.

The festival began several years ago as a weekend dedicated to the television series "Gilmore Girls," set in a fictional place that felt a lot like Litchfield County (and starring, among many others, the late Ed Hermann, a longtime Salisbury resident).

There was a two-year hiatus for the festival, but it's back now with a broader mission and a more inclusive name: "The Fan Fest Society, from today until forever, aims to be a place where people gather over fandoms they love to celebrate fictional characters, those who created them, real life heroes/heroines and everyone in between."

But the focus remains very much on the beloved and quirky "Gilmore Girls." This year, 15 members of the original cast came to Kent for everything from meet-and-greets to Mad Lib parties to a Saturday evening costume party and show.

Even though the final episode of "Gilmore Girls" aired in 2007, the fans remain extremely dedicated. Tickets for the Oct. 22 to 24 event sold out last June.

PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Actress Shelly Cole, who played Connecticut prep school student Madeline on "Gilmore Girls," was in attendance over the weekend with her dog in tow.

Dedication of benches in honor of Tim Riley is on Nov. 4

SHARON — There will be a memorial service in honor of Tim Riley on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 12:30 p.m. at Veterans Field, with benches dedicated to his memory in appreciation of his many years of involvement in sports in Sharon. The benches were paid for with memorial donations made to the Park and Recreation Commission in Riley's honor.

Trash costs to rise when MIRA closes

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectman Henry Todd reported at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, Oct. 18, that Tracey Wilson is going to stay on as transfer station coordinator. Todd added that the Materials Recycling and Innovation Authority (MIRA) trash-to-energy plant outside Hartford is definitely going to close in July 2022 and that the town can expect substantial increases in the cost of waste disposal. He added that a priority is to develop a composting program, as some 35% of the municipal solid waste stream is food waste.

Todd said questions were raised about the selectmen going ahead with leases of town properties on their own authority, without a public hearing. He said there is in fact a state law requiring this, but added that neither town attorney Chip Roraback nor his predecessor Judy Dixon had ever heard of it. Nonetheless, in future the town will observe the law, he said.

During public comment at the selectmen's meeting, Denise Cohn urged the selectmen to hold a public forum on housing that includes home ownership as one of the affordable housing options.

Todd told the selectmen he is looking into a way to get a "Zoom camera," or some method of making public meetings available online. He said Goshen recently adopted a hybrid system but it cost $6,500.

About 22 people (there was some movement in and out) attended the finance and selectmen's meetings, which began at 6:30 p.m. and finished at 8:40 p.m.

Also at the meeting, Todd reported that the Hamilton book company does not want to use a town-owned property for parking. This came up again later, during the selectmen's meeting, following a complaint from Sue Sweetapple of the Falls Village Inn about Jacobs Garage using the parking area next to the old firehouse and the Falls Village Inn for vehicle storage.

Todd said perhaps the issue could be resolved by making the space Hamilton had turned down available.

At the Board of Finance meeting that preceded the selectmen's meeting, Chair Dick Heinz addressed the problem of ex parte communications at his board's meeting that same evening. He warned that people cannot send emails to all members of boards or commissions and expect replies, because once a discussion begins, the emails constitute an illegal meeting.

The finance board adopted a new policy about transfers between budget lines, requiring that any transfers between budget lines that are over $500 or 10% of the line be approved ahead of time by the Board of Finance, or, if necessary, by town meeting.

Planning ahead for support in COVID and other emergencies

By Leila Hawken

KENT — To gain a deeper understanding of the work of the town's Emergency Management (EM) department, the Board of Selectmen invited two representatives to report at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Representing EM were Director David Becker and Deputy Director Eric Epstein, who reviewed a funding request to support their work for the town during emergencies and the rest of the year spent in preparation and training for emergencies. The cost analysis, described primarily by Becker, was prepared with a view toward the upcoming 2022 budget process.

Projected EM costs would total an estimated $23,800, including the cost ($10,000) of updating the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), a state-mandated document that once it is current, can open eligibility for funds to offset the plan's maintenance cost. Similar retrieval is available when the town prepares a Pandemic Insert at a reimbursable cost of $5,000, Becker explained.

The balance of the costs includes training and office expenses for phones and equipment, Becker said.

Following extensive discussion, the selectmen agreed that the EM office would be returned to the Kent Fire Department building and that the LEOP is to be updated by Becker as the Emergency Management director and his deputy, Epstein.

As the staff had already received cost estimates for the work of the update and determined that their estimate was reasonable, the selectmen agreed that those estimates might serve as meeting the bid requirement for the LEOP project.

As no funding is currently available to support the work, however, the selectmen directed that the town should look into requesting that ARPA (American Recovery Plan) funds be awarded to cover the cost. For their part, Becker and Epstein agreed to report back at the November meeting with a timeline for preparation of the LEOP update.

Discussing the duties of the EM department, Selectman Ed Matson felt that, once the pandemic subsides, the EM would return to handling occasional events, rather than anything ongoing.

"The pandemic was an overwhelming event," Becker agreed, explaining however that today's EM work "is more than just a blizzard." Modern emergency management involves preparedness and mitigation, he said.

Pumpkin Run will be Oct. 31

KENT — Register now for the 45th annual Kent Pumpkin Run, which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31, at noon from the Kent Green. Runners often wear costumes; this is particularly encouraged this year as race day is on Halloween. Prizes are given not only to top finishers in the 5-mile race but also to runners sporting the most creative costumes.

For more information, go to www.kentpumpkinrun.com. Online registration is closed; the registration fee is $32 on race day.

After many years, Timolat retires from town duties

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — When the Oct. 18 Board of Finance meeting turned to fiscal reports, Lou Timolat donned a green accountants eyeshade.

He explained it was appropriate, since the board was talking about "dollars and cents."

It was Timolat's last meeting as a member of the finance board.

Board Chair Dick Heinz, sitting next to Timolat, listed the latter's long record of service to the town. That included two terms as first selectman and terms on numerous boards and commissions, going back to 1981.

The board commended Timolat "for longstanding and outstanding service to the town."

Timolat thanked the board.

He said for most of his tenure in various positions the atmosphere has been collegial, but warned of encroaching divisiveness.

"Let the cesspool in Washington, D.C., stay there, and not in our backyards."

For more towns stories, see page B5

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The Trustees of the Library want to thank all of our donors for your generous support during the COVID-19-related challenges of the past 18 months.

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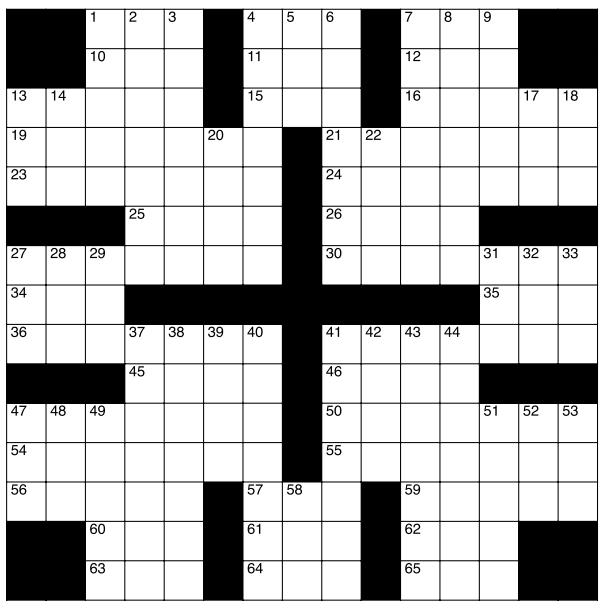


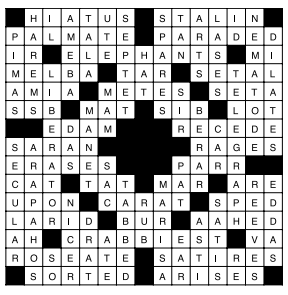
CLUES ACROSS

1. Pouch
4. Cooling device
7. Corporate exec (abbr.)
10. Antidiuretic hormone
11. South American plant
12. Adult female bird
13. Type of snake
15. Soak in water
16. Emerge
19. Church tower
21. Having solidified from lava
23. Eye parts
24. Natural
25. Swiss river
26. Require to live
27. Obstruct
30. Immobile
34. Expression of satisfaction
35. Moved quickly
36. Popular cocktail
41. Dish detergent brand
45. Waxed finish
46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
47. A place to get clean
50. Able to be rescued
54. Large, open grassland
55. Expressions for humorous effect
56. Hindu goddess
57. Beverage container
59. Long narrow hilltop
60. Sir (abbr.)
61. Data executive
62. Doctor of Education
63. Car mechanics group
64. Autonomic nervous system
65. "The Partridge Family" actress

CLUES DOWN

1. Cavalry-sword
2. Gland above the kidneys
3. Hat
4. Predict
5. A team's best pitcher
6. Countries
7. Substitutions
8. Peruses again
9. Popular food
13. Reciprocal of a sine
14. Of or relating to the ears
17. __ juris: Independent
18. Keyboard key
20. Fat from a pig
22. AC manufacturer
27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
28. 22nd star of a constellation
29. Scoundrel
31. A way to save money
32. Boy or young man
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Egg-laying mammal
38. Salt of citric acid
39. Barbary sheep
40. Actress __ de Mornay
41. Gambling hotspots
42. Wing-shaped
43. Basked in
44. Poison
47. Beats per minute
48. Macaws
49. Military vehicles
51. Elderly woman
52. Body part
53. Midway between east and southeast
58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)

Oct. 21 Solution



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Level: Intermediate

Oct. 21 Solution

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Learn about 'green' energy

SALISBURY — Contractors, homeowners or other interested persons are invited to a presentation and roundtable discussion on "green" energy in building design. Two industry experts will be on hand to discuss solar arrays, lighting, and electric heat pumps.

The event is on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. on Zoom and is sponsored by

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OBITUARIES

Ray Eli Decker Jr.

MILLERTON — Ray Eli Decker Jr., 92, a resident of Millerton since 1984 and formerly of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., died Oct. 25, 2021, at his home in Millerton.

Mr. Decker was a retired groundskeeper who worked on Murphy's Farm, a property located on Hooker Avenue in Poughkeepsie and owned by Vassar College.

He retired following a 30-year career from Vassar College.

While living in Millerton, he served as chairman of Benwood Knolls Mobile Home Park for many years.

Born Dec. 30, 1928, in Pine Plains, he was the son of the late Ina (Whitney) and Ray Eli Decker Sr. He attended school in Pine Plains and served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War. He married Alta Woodin in Ancram. Mrs. Decker passed away in 1996.

Mr. Decker is survived by two sons, Michael A. Williams and his companion, Barbara Denerstein, of Pine Plains and Frank E. Williams and his wife, Diane, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; his daughter, Raena Shaffer and her husband, Lee, of Stanfordville, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Kristy Lee Barto and her companion, Douglas Shave, Michael Williams and his wife, Marlene, Jason Williams and his wife, Tracy, Jeremy Williams and his wife, Vanessa, Jennifer Stapleton, and Neil Shaffer and his wife, Erica Montalbo-Shaffer; 10 great-grandchildren, Chloe Barto, Calli Barto, Christopher Barto, Cristian Williams, Brooke Williams, Braeden Williams, Holden Williams, Hunter Williams, Miles Williams and Madison Shaffer; his longtime companion, Donna O'Neil; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Decker was predeceased by his sisters, Nina, Marie and Hilda; and his brothers, Frank, Harold and Walter Decker.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Graveside services and burial will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30, at noon at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Olga Kennedy

KENT —Longtime resident and Kent businesswoman, Olga Kennedy, died Oct. 24 at age 99. Well known as the founder and owner of Foreign Cargo for 50 years, her life was a journey from small town girl to world traveler, and her great ability as a raconteur allowed many strangers and friends alike to go along on her adventures as she shared her stories.

Born in Adams Mass. to Austrian immigrants Anton Sommer and Olga Wurzer Sommer, Olga was the eldest of seven children. Keen intelligence and drive led to her success in school and a scholarship to the Univ. of Vt. It was there she met John Kennedy, a medical student. Upon his graduation the two were married in 1942. They lived in Colorado Springs as John trained for his role in WW II. After his return from service as a surgeon in Europe, the couple with their young daughter, Kathy, moved to Bloomfield, CT, where John acted as town health officer and general practitioner with offices in their home and Olga served as his medical assistant while raising four young children. Six years later the couple accepted a post overseas on the remote island of Palau in Micronesia, beginning decades of public health service in the Pacific, Asia, and Africa. During these years Olga worked at such jobs as postmistress, nursery school teacher, and homeschooling mother to her 7 children.

Their move to Kent in 1962 allowed the Kennedys to have a base for their large family during home leave. They fell in love with their historic house in the Flanders section of town and Olga resided there until her death. In 1967, she began her import business, putting to good use the talents she and John had developed collecting antiques and handicrafts. John sadly died in 1983 but Olga continued her career as shop owner and buyer into her 90's, engaging her customers with her effusive smile and twinkling eyes! Foreign Cargo continues under the management of her son and business partner Jeffrey.

Besides her husband and infant son, Michael, Olga was predeceased by all of her siblings except for her brother, Donald Sommer of Adams. She is survived by children Kathleen (Filmore) Enger of Edina, MN, John (Kathleen) Kennedy of Nobleboro,ME, Karen (Robert) Wilson Derry, NH, Gretchen Kennedy, of Cornwall Bridge, CT, Clytie Kennedy, Pine Bush, NY, Robert Kennedy, Kent, ,CT, and Jeffrey (Apple) Kennedy of Kent. Her life was enriched by 17 grandchildren: Olga, Filmore, Gretchen, and Gabriel Enger, Adam and Ian Kennedy, Josh and Katie Wilson, Dylan Roberts, Ben, David, and Pieter Bain, Rebecca Laycock and Emily and Sam Thaler, and Lanna and Lincoln Kennedy and numerous great grandchildren.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Olga's memory may be made to Kent Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box 355, Kent, CT 06757. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. To send an online condolence to the family please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

For another obituary, please see page A3.

Donald Joseph Hatch

NORTH CANAAN — Donald Joseph Hatch, 87, died Oct. 19, 2021, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Don was born Dec. 16, 1933, son of the late Linda (Malcarne) and Manfred Hatch.

Don proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict as a member of the USAF.

He was employed by the former Southern New England Telephone Company. He worked for the company as a linesman and repairman for 42 years. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan. He loved to travel and to research his family genealogy. He was able to trace his ancestors back to the Mayflower and Malacarne, Italy.

Don is survived by his niece and caregiver, Donna (Hatch) Guzzo of Pittsfield, Mass.; his nephews, Michael Goewey of Sellersville, Pa., Manfred Goewey of Prospect, Conn., Robert Hatch Jr. of Culloden, W.Va., Donald Hatch of Washington, Mass., and Richard Hatch of Rock Hill, S.C.; his nieces, Linda (Goewey) Nadeau of Williamstown, Vt., and Roseanne (Hatch) Cote of Hinsdale, Mass.; seven great-nieces and -nephews; and 10 great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Don was predeceased by his sister, Betty (Hatch) Goewey; his brother, Robert Hatch Sr.; his nieces Mary and Meg Goewey; his great-niece Shannon Nadeau; and his great-nephew Jason Hatch.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Don on Friday, Oct. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan, from 9:30 a.m. until the procession leaves for the church. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Geer Village. Memorial donations may be sent to the Couch-Pipa Post, VFW #6851, 104 South Canaan Road, North Canaan, CT, 06018, in Don's memory.

Barbara J. (Duntz) McGhee

SALISBURY — Barbara J. (Duntz) McGhee, 87, passed away with family by her side on Oct. 23, 2021. She was the wife of the late Tilden Richard McGhee.

Barbara was born June 9, 1934, in Hudson, N.Y., daughter of the late Nina (Wyble) and Raymond Duntz.

Barbara worked for 38 years at Becton Dickinson in North Canaan, and at time of retirement she was the longest tenured employee at the company.

Barbara was happiest when she was spending time with and caring for her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was very proud of her gardens and spent time sewing, knitting and even baking wedding cakes for family and friends.

Barbara is survived by her children, Debra Lavalette and her husband, James, Joann Garfield and her husband, Mike, Barbara McGhee, Pamela K.M. Carlson and Theodore R. McGhee and his wife, Kasey; her brother, Raymond Duntz; and her sisters, Nina Brammer and Leona Reid.

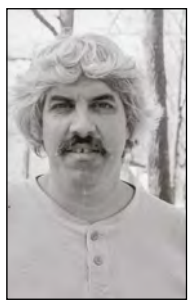
Barbara is also survived by her grandchildren, Jessica, Koren, Anthony, Heather, Dylan, Kyle, Catherine and Richard; and her great-grandchildren, William, Alyssa, Addison, Brennden, Maddison, Gabriel, Kylee and Katee.

Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Memorial donations may be made in Barbara's memory to either the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018; or the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

George Joseph Sanders Jr.

WASSAIC — George Joseph Sanders Jr., 56, a longtime area resident died Oct. 21, 2021, in Hartford, Conn., following a lengthy illness.



Mr. Sanders owned and operated Sanders Excavation and was also a professional mason at the time of his death.

Born May 21, 1965, in Mastic Beach, Long Island, N.Y., he was the son of the late George Joseph Sanders Sr. and Mary Elise (Vassil) Smith. George attended schools locally and graduated in 1983.

George is survived by his daughter, Brittany Sanders and her companion, Drew Clapper; his grandson, Logan Clapper; his stepfather, Donald L. Smith of Sharon (formerly of Dover Plains); two uncles, Philip Vassil of Jersey City, N.J., and George Vassil of Shirley, N.Y.

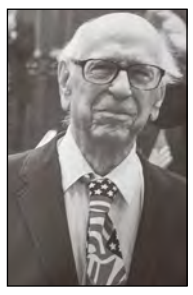
Calling hours were held Oct. 26 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Burial took place on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Center Moriches, Long Island.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

To send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Lt. Colonel Albert H. Hintenach

SHARON — Lt. Colonel Albert H. Hintenach, RET, formerly of Sharon, passed away at the age of 106 after a brief illness. He was the devoted husband of Clare Berk Hintenach for 47 years and loving stepfather to Roberta Berk Willis of Lakeville and Sherie Berk of Sharon.



Born on Sept. 3, 1915, he served most of his professional life in the U.S. Air Force. He was the Captain of a B-29 Bomber in World War II that was named "Round Trip Harry," because in 50 sorties over Nazi Germany, the only injury suffered by his crew was one cut finger. After the war, he was Commander of an island off the coast of Japan, and following the Korean War, he commanded a base in Alaska. His war memories were recorded and are part of the collection of taped World War II veterans at the Smithsonian Institution.

He worked in the aerospace industry after his retirement from the Air Force. He was a member of the team who designed the Space Shuttle.

He and his wife spent many years traveling the world. At age 80, he took up windsurfing with his wife, Clare, and daughter, Sherie, at Twin Lakes. He continued to drive and work out at the gym until he was well over 100. His energy and devilish sense of humor delighted many people and his devotion to his wife, Clare, set an inspirational example of what it is to be a stand up guy. He visited her every day at Noble Horizons for 14 years.

He will be buried later this year at Arlington National Cemetery. On his most recent birthday, his 106th on Sept. 3, the Secretary of the Air Force attended his party and personally congratulated him. He passed away peacefully in Annapolis, Md., on Oct. 18, 2021. Donations may be made in his name to the Sharon Ambulance Fund.

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Selectmen Candidates

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Kent

Jean Speck

First Selectman, Kent
Democratic, Incumbent

Managing the complex, ongoing COVID-19 pandemic was a priority for me as first selectman. Working with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, I brought a state-sponsored test site to Kent. I also focused on creating a more sustainable future for the town, joining the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management. I brought the town transfer station into state regulatory compliance and worked with Housatonic Regional Resources Authority to add glass recycling as part of a pilot program.

In my second term, I plan to continue work in these and other areas to ensure Kent continues the delicate balance of growth and resiliency through a sustainable, engaged and prepared community.

Rufus de Rham

First Selectman, Kent
Petitioning

A homeowner since 1978, I am a retired teacher who works with nonprofits. It is now time to give back to Kent. I am uniquely qualified to lead the town in a positive direction: almost 40 years of town board experience (P&Z, Zoning Appeals, Finance, Selectmen and Assessment Appeals) and 30 years as a KVFD EMT. My skills and temperament will lead Kent in a positive direction. With an open door approach, welcoming input from all constituents, my goals are to create a strong economic development plan, finish the long overdue Streetscape project, and establish an active senior center.

James Rundall

First Selectman, Kent
Petitioning

I'm a third-generation Kent resident and I live here with my wife, Jessie, and my 14-year-old daughter. I want to help keep our town attractive for families. There's no place for young children to hang out. For example; Emery Park needs some updates and new equipment; and kids have to walk along Route 341 to get there on their own. Our sidewalks need work, too. Kent is very busy, and I'd like to work on getting this job done esthetically, right and quickly. I'm a veteran member of the fire company; I'm well-known around town. I'm available to help with anything.

Glenn Sanchez

Selectman, Kent
Democratic

I am running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen in Kent because I want to give back to this town that has given me so much over the last 27 years that I have called this place home. My wife, Sarah, and I were married and raised two children in this town. We work and recently bought a house in this town. I wish to collaborate with Kent residents on important issues such as the completion of the Streetscape project, improving housing affordability, and increasing broadband connectivity. I seek to lend my voice in preserving what we all love about Kent.

First selectman candidate Ed Matson, who is an incumbent on the Kent Board of Selectmen, did not provide a profile.

Cornwall

Gordon Ridgway

First Selectman, Cornwall
Democratic, Incumbent

I am seeking another term as Cornwall's first selectman as I enjoy being in the middle of a community that is cooperatively moving forward. Our town has a sense of homegrown energy. Residents here are working to revitalize homes, businesses and civic organizations. School enrollment is up. Baby carriages and e-bikes are cruising around town. I look forward to implementing a town affordable housing plan, getting the West Cornwall wastewater project going, encouraging outdoor recreation/environmental appreciation, and helping those in need. We have an experienced team at Town Hall to assist residents. I look forward to good things happening in Cornwall during the next two years.

Janet Carlson

Selectman, Cornwall
Democratic

In 2009, my family chose Cornwall for the community. And I became an active member of it.

I'm currently chair of the Economic Development Commission, involved with the West Cornwall Library, and was elected to the Board of Finance, actively investing time and energy into this community by bringing new businesses and families into it, growing our schools, bringing free Wifi to Cornwall, and working to keep our tax rate low.

As selectman, I will continue to actively care about this community, being a fully vested member of it. You will soon have a choice. Make it the active one.

Nicholas Daifotis

Selectman, Cornwall
Republican

I care about the current state of the democratic process in Cornwall. As a selectman I will represent the voices that are not always heard. Civility and respect for the opinions of all citizens is paramount to working toward solutions. Drawing on my 30-year career in finance, I will apply independent and thoughtful analysis, and collaborative teamwork toward resolving issues. I support regional cooperation, but not at the expense of doing what's best for Cornwall. I'm ready to listen and work tirelessly to keep Cornwall unique.

Priscilla Pavel

Selectman, Cornwall
Petitioning, Incumbent

I've been actively involved in Cornwall for 46 years, leading town organizations, volunteering on committees and commissions, attending hundreds of town meetings, and as selectman for four years. I listen to what you say and want and your input guides me in my decisions as selectman. I will continue to work to attract families and businesses to our town, support economic growth and our natural environment, and put Cornwall first. I believe working with other towns is in Cornwall's best interests: together better decisions and leveraging economies of scale happen. My thinking, heart, decisions, and years of involvement are my "Cornwall resume."

Remember to vote Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Women

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Gallup, Sandra Gomez Oliver, Elyse Harney, Janet Manko, Jean McMillen, Eileen Mulligan, Denise Rice, Jacquie Rice, Kaki Schafer Reid, Tanya Tedder, Heidi Truax, Sara Wardell and Roberta Willis. Manko is The Lakeville Journal Publisher and Editor-In-Chief.

Barbara Collins, a Historical Society member, said the society has almost 400 oral histories, all taped and transcribed, accessible on their website where they are indexed for the convenience of researchers. To access the oral histories, go to www.salisburyassociation.org.

In selecting the 19 who would be included in the exhibit, Collins said they needed to be contemporary. Rather than being selected because they are illustrious (although they are), they were selected for being "illustrative" of the archived histories. Interviews represented in the exhibit were collected between 2012 and 2018.

"They all have made a contribution," Collins noted, adding, "Everyone has a story."

The oral history project was first organized in 1982. Town historian Jean McMillen revived the project in 2010. She has now completed more than 275 interviews herself. Five volumes of "Sarum Samplings" from the oral history archives have been published and are available for purchase in the Academy Building.

Collins credited the entire exhibit committee with the success of "In Her Own Words," including Lou Bucceri, Cynthia Walsh, Ken Edholm and Historical Society Chair Rich Reifsnyder.

Speaking about the exhibit, Reifsnyder described the exhibit as a showcase, recognizing last year's milestone of 100 years since passage of the 19th Amendment.

A highlight of the event was the surprise presentation of the 1741 Award by Jeanette Weber and Sarah Morrison honoring the service of Katherine Chilcoat, one of the 19 women included in the exhibit. She served as town historian between 2005 and 2014.

Run and Wag

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ficial results.

"I think about the bond between humans and dogs," he said, adding that, "We love The Little Guild."

Official timekeeping for the race was under the direction of Greystone Racing. For a complete listing of race results, go to www.greystoneracing.net.

For more information about The Little Guild, go to www.littleguild.org.

Later in the day, the Newcomers' Tea was held at the public library across the street. Cornwall Association President Gary Steinkohl noted that the town has welcomed 65 new homeowners in the past year, during the pandemic. He was looking forward to greeting the significant number of those who had registered for his association's community-wide event.

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The Salisbury RTC also recommends the re-election of the following Democratic candidates:

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

IMAGE FROM IMDB

The Korean survival drama "Squid Game" has broken all viewership records on Netflix — but reviewer Ed Ferman gives a higher rating to other foreign series.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Foreign TV

'Squid Game': Worth all the Fuss?

'SQUID GAME'

The Koreans excel at subtle art-house horror films, notably the Oscar-winning "Parasite."

But this latest Netflix sensation is a survival drama and is about as subtle as a sledgehammer to your knee. Exactly 456 — they wear numbers — miserable, debt-ridden men and women agree to be carted off to a deserted island, where they join games in which the winners get rich and the losers get brutally eliminated.

Players are controlled by masked guards with machine guns, and VIPs led by a big shot in black control them.

A few attempts to steer this ludicrous premise into a metaphor for class struggle or income inequality fall flat, and so is there any reason to join the crowds?

Maybe.

The contests — deadly extensions of kids' games — are clever, visually impressive, and suspenseful, and the players' characters are fleshed out enough so that you care for them. They form relationships that are genuinely touching at times.

The violence is nonstop and does not end with the death of the losers; they are placed fussily in coffins with bows and sent below to be chopped into small pieces and sold to Chinese organ merchants.

If you like dystopian thrillers and have a strong stomach, try carefully sticking your toe into these bloody waters. You can always back out and watch one of the other vastly superior shows I cover in this article.

'BABYLON BERLIN'

You step into another world in this dazzling German series, the most expensive foreign production to date.

It is 1929 Berlin. The Weimar Republic is collapsing into a society of roaring '20s hedonism and corruption.

The story centers on police inspector Gereon Rath (Volker Bruch) and his lovely aide, Charlotte Ritter (Liv Lisa Fries), who are investigating a train hijacking and extortion scheme.

One plot leads to another, and you may find yourself scratching your head at times. The mystery thriller is just one part of a sweeping panorama that makes most American productions seem timid.

The best comparison I can make is to the great Kander and Ebb musical "Cabaret," and part of this show's appeal lies in its wonderful dance and musical numbers. On Netflix.

'UNORTHODOX'

Esty Shapiro (Shira Haas) is a 19-year-old woman living in an unhappy arranged marriage in an ultra-Orthodox community in Brooklyn.

She flees to Berlin, where her estranged mother lives, and falls in with a group of international music students.

Meanwhile her husband and a shady cousin fly to Berlin in an attempt to track her down.

There is a lot packed into four episodes: a look inside a Hasidic sect, a pursuit thriller, and a young woman's painful road to self-discovery.

Maria Schrader, who won an Emmy for outstanding direction of a limited series, impeccably directs it all. Dialogue is primarily in Yiddish, with some German and English. On Netflix.

'PRISONERS OF WAR'

The New York Times called this 2010 Israeli drama the best foreign show of the decade, and I've not seen anything to dispute that.

Often compared to "Homeland," this spy thriller tells the story of two Israeli soldiers who return home after 17 years of captivity and torture. Although there is plenty of suspense, the thriller element is less important than the heartbreaking story of the soldiers' attempt to reconnect to their family and friends.

There are moving performances by Yoram Toledano as Nimrode, Ishai Golan as Uri, and Mili Avital(who lives in the Hudson River Valley with her husband, screenwriter Charles Randolph) as Uri's former fiancée.

"Prisoners" is no longer available for streaming on Amazon but you can buy the DVDs, or borrow Season 1 through the Bibliomation loan system at all Connecticut libraries.

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Works by Alex Katz are on display now in "The Flowers and Portraits" show at Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Portraits, Flowers by Alex Katz at Craven Gallery

The third part in a three-part series of shows of the work of painter Alex Katz opened at Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn., on Oct. 9. It remains on display in Kent and online through the middle of November.

"The Flowers and Portraits" show brings together floral prints by the artist alongside a selection of his editioned portrait work. Similar to his paintings of flowers, Katz has a distinctive approach to painting the human face. Large-scale, pared-down and cropped, the works combine elements of realism and abstraction at the same time.

The center piece of the show is a large scale portrait of one of Katz's muses, supermodel Christy Turlington, measuring a substantial 60-by-50 inches. Other highlights include a self portrait, three different renditions of another muse — his wife, Ada — and a rare aluminum cut-out.

Katz, who is now 94, continues to work in New York City and Maine and will have a major retrospective exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in New York 2022.

To see the works in the show, go to www.artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/alex-katz-the-flowers-and-the-portraits.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Rhiannon Giddens at the Bardavon Nov. 5

In our Compass issue of Sept. 30, classical music reviewer Fred Baumgarten offered enthusiastic praise for the podcast called "Aria Code," in which Rhiannon Giddens, a trained opera singer, dives deep on operas, often finding unexpected relevance in them to the modern world.

Most people have no idea that Giddens is classically trained; she is a MacArthur "Genius Grant" recipient who is best known as a country/roots performer with a rich, attractive voice. She was a co-founder of the Carolina Chocolate Drops but has also performed solo work.

Her new album is a collaboration with Francesco Turrisi, called "There Is no Other," produced in Ireland during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The two will perform together at The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at $43. Find out more at www.bardavon.org.

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STREAMING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

How To Choose a Streaming Service

Ed Ferman writes the streaming column for our Compass arts and entertainment supplement (see this week's column on Page B1). He and I generally agree on which streaming services we like; and as the holiday season lumbers slowly toward us, keep in mind that streaming subscriptions can be expensive, especially if you have a lot of them. They make a great gift — with no danger of supply chain interference.

Criterion Channel: Criterion is the place to go for people who are deeply interested in film history. They show everything from foreign and independent films to more quirky and even kitschy choices.

They also do interesting curations every month, where they pick a theme and select movies to fit the theme.

A monthly subscription to the Criterion Channel is $10.99 a month; an annual subscription is $99.99; www.criterionchannel.com

HBO Max: Some newer shows, only available on HBO, include "Mare of Easttown," "Succession" and the incredibly entertaining "White Lotus." And if you loved Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building," you can come to HBO Max for the Selena Gomez cooking show.

Ed Ferman says, "Other reasons for HBO Max: best library of miniseries, with 'Band of Brothers,' 'Chernobyl,' 'Angels in America,' 'The Leftovers' and many others. Also, they have a deal with Warner Bros to stream all their theatrical releases such as 'In the Heights' (which was wonderful) and 'Dune' (coming up soon)."

In a way, HBO Max has so much to offer that most families will choose it as their main subscription. If you only get one, HBO Max has oodles of HBO-exclusive choices for every family member. A basic HBO subscription comes with advertising ($9.99 a month or 499.99 a year); you can upgrade your loved ones to ad-free HBO Max for $14.99 a month or $149.99 a year.

Hulu: If you haven't watched "Only Murders in the Building," starring Steve Martin, Martin Short, Selena Gomez and the Ansonia apartment building on Manhattan's Upper West Side, that one show is reason enough to get Hulu.

I also recommend Derek del Gaudio's "In and Of Itself," a magic show that is a profound, surprising and moving exploration of how humans interact.

Ed Ferman says, "Additional reason to subscribe to Hulu: They have the best library of sitcoms, old ones like Mary Tyler Moore, 'Frasier,' 'Cheers' and 'M*A*S*H', as well as newer ones like 'Arrested Development' and 'Pen15.'"

If you have young children, **Disney** + is a no-brainer. This is a perfect grandparent gift; and you as the donor can get the access code to watch special adult programming such as "Hamilton."

Disney alone is $7.99 a month or $79.99 a year, but you can also get it as a bundle with **Hulu** and, for the sports fan in your life, **ESPN**. The Disney Bundle can be $13.99 a month if you get Hulu with ads, or $19.99 a month for Hulu with no ads.

Amazon Prime is also almost too obvious to mention. In addition to streaming almost everything on Earth and selling all the DVDs, there are Amazon productions including my favorite, a version of Anthony Trollope's "Dr. Thorne," written for television by Julian Fellowes of "Downton Abbey" fame. Amazon also now owns the MGM catalog.

If you subscribe to Amazon Prime, you also get other Amazon services, at $12.99 a month (plus tax, they warn) or $119 a year plus tax; a video-only membership is $8.99 a month plus tax.

Amazon also makes it easy to access other, smaller streaming services, including ones that stream foreign detective shows, such as the wonderful German version of Donna Leon's "Commissario Brunetti," set in Venice, Italy; and "Inspector Montalbano" and "Young Montalbano." There are the new French series, including "Balthazar," "Capitaine Marleau" and "L'Art du Crime." These ones and more are on Mhz Choice ($7.99 a month, $89.99 a year). You can find most of the British crime series on Britbox ($6.99 a month or $69.99 a year) and Acorn ($5.99 a month or $59.99 a year), including all the various Agatha Christie shows as well as the Vera series from the books by Ann Cleeves, and "Foyle's War," created and written by Anthony Horowitz. Don't miss "McDonald & Dodds," a new series streaming on Amazon Prime.

Speaking of Anthony Horowitz, there is going to be a new series in 2022 made from his "Magpie Murders" novels. They will air on PBS. If you don't want to support corporate ownership of entertainment, you can always make philanthropic donations in honor of your friends and family.

We haven't mentioned **Netflix** in this article, but look for Ed Ferman's article on Page B1 about "Squid Game" and other Netflix options. Netflix has the most complicated menu of subscription options; do a search for "Netflix Subscription Costs" to see their chart.

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Emmy-nominated musician Christylez Bacon is part of a lively and joyful show of jazz, classical and more on Nov. 21 at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

And Now for Something Completely Happy

The 2020s haven't been a super joyful time, so the Sunday, Nov. 21, concert called Cafe Jazz, presented by Close Encounters With Music, sounds like just the right mood brightener.

The late afternoon show, onstage at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., has happy music with soul and a spine. The program will include Paul Schoenfield's Café Music for piano, violin and cello; Claude Bolling's "Suite for Cello and Jazz Trio;" the American Master, George Gershwin, with his "Three Preludes for Piano," which has hints of "American in Paris" and "Rhapsody in Blue;" and Beethoven's "Romance No. 2 in F Major for Violin and Piano."

Adding a snappy modern touch will be an appearance by Christylez Bacon, the first Hip-Hop artist to be featured at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

The Nov. 21 concert begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 5:45 p.m. Tickets range from $28 to $52.Find out more at https://mahaiwe. org/event/close-encounters-with-music-cafe-music-jazz-rap-and-grand-reopen-ing/.

The Lakeville Journal

EDITORIAL PAGE B3 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

Editorial

Trying to find the right path to success

Sharon Hospital's plans to dramatically change the services available to its population in the region have been met with opposition from not only the community, but also the vast majority of its medical staff. And on Oct. 14, area town leaders voiced their concerns at the monthly Northwest Hills Council of Governments meeting in Goshen, especially targeting the choice to shut down labor and delivery services at the hospital.

Nobody raising their voices in dissent with the hospital's and its parent company Nuvance's decisions for cuts and additions of services would rather see the hospital close than change, it is safe to say. But when a key critical resource for area communities announces precipitous changes without prior input from its users, those plans become a very hard sell.

It is clear that having access to maternity services is very meaningful to the health of the region if young families are expected to move here and stay here. But making such services work financially seems much more difficult than anyone would have hoped after the last shut-down scare that was averted by outcry from area residents, including the group Save Sharon Hospital.

Now, with a firmer plan in place to modify services at the hospital, discussion has taken a contentious turn. But it is to be hoped that ongoing negotiations on medical care for the region can continue to happen without the polarization of opposing sides that defines so much of the country's political discourse now. This is a critically important time for the hospital and the region, so now is a time for cooperative communication and transparency on the hospital's part in order to have understanding between the community and medical caregivers, whether physicians or administrators.

Let's not use this fraught time as an excuse to demonize those whom we see as the opposition. Instead, it's time to take the opportunity to fully comprehend what is at stake for the hospital and those it serves, and to take part in the public forums that are coming up. There will be meetings between Nuvance and town officials on Nov. 4, 5 and 9, as well as a Save Sharon Hospital demonstration on Nov. 6.

It would help if all parties could avoid descending into the kind of polarization that has been so destructive to our national politics. If all come to the table to talk about the problems facing the hospital with open minds and a willingness to compromise, the outcome for medical care in the Tristate region will be better in the long run.

Be informed on the candidates, and vote

For anyone who missed notices of this in prior editions, because The Lakeville Journal has been granted nonprofit status we no longer will be running political endorsements.

Be sure to read the candidate profiles in this issue, and to read the letters to the editor. And, please do vote on Nov. 2.

PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Ready for fun in Lakeville

Turning Back The Pages

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — October 1921

SALISBURY — Little Sidney Ball had the misfortune to fall from a tree last Friday, fracturing one arm.

H.R. Brinton and family enjoyed a motor camping trip in their new motor "caravan" last week, visiting the Mohawk Trail, Vermont and other points. Mr. Brinton reports that the new equipment worked perfectly and the trip was thoroughly enjoyable.

ORE HILL — Mr. F. Robertson Jones has broken ground for his new home here.

A touring car belonging to Miss Jennie Smith caught fire from a backfiring carburetor at her garage on Tuesday evening. The car was immediately pushed out of the building and the fire extinguished with an extinguisher. The damage was slight but John Neville's trousers were somewhat scorched in the melee.

E.J. Vosburgh picked a nice mess of red raspberries from his bushes last Saturday. That's going some for Oct. 22nd.

Paul Andrews is off duty owing to an injured hand received while cranking a car.

60 years ago — October 1961

On Saturday members of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School band, dressed in their new blue and gold uniforms, will go to the University of Connecticut at Storrs to participate with 14 other high school bands in the fourth annual Band Day.

About 20 people met Friday night at the home of Donald T. Warner in Sharon to discuss the future of Opinions Unlimited, a forum for the full discussion and examination of challenging ideas and differing points of view which was started locally in the area in 1954. At the meeting Friday it was unanimously voted to reactivate the organization.

John Murtagh, a familiar figure for the past 41 years to persons living on the rural delivery mail route of Sharon, will make his last mail deliveries tomorrow. He will, for a time he says, take it easy. Mr. Murtagh started in 1920 when his route covered 23 miles and the number of boxes he served amounted to 120. Now, 41 years later, he covers 73 miles per day and the boxes he serves number 400.Mr. Murtagh changed over from a horse to a car after eight years after he started on the job. Since that time, he says, he has gone through 36 cars. He had worn out four horses before that.

Traffic is tied up with large machinery in the road as work was begun this week on the widening of Main Street in Canaan up to the Methodist Church. Increased traffic to the new Post Office and the narrowness of the road at this point were deemed traffic hazards which necessitated the widening.

Mrs. Vera Charleton, formerly of Cornwall Bridge, now living in Alma, Michigan, entered the Pillsbury Baking con-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Weiner BoE

When I was a student at Housatonic Valley Regional High School 10 years ago, I offered to join the HVRHS Arboretum and Landscape Committee, a committee of the Region One Board of Education. It is a decision I have never regretted. As a committee of the Region One Board of Education one representative of the board can serve on the Arboretum and Landscape Committee. In those 10 years there have been two Board of Education Representatives that have come to every meeting and served to their full capacity, Phil Hart of Cornwall and Stacie Weiner of Salisbury.

Stacie, beginning her service in 2019, has gone above and beyond the call of duty. She helped students design, present and get the Board of Education to approve the native plantings now planted in front of HVRHS. She continues to work with the Arboretum and Landscape Committee to execute further plantings to enhance the front of the school while assisting in fundraising for the committee.

Within the past two months, the Arboretum and Landscape Committee received a contribution from a family foundation, the first time such a contribution has been made in the committee's history. With Stacie's background in finance we have the skill set necessary to receive more contributions from other sources than the Region One budget. We need representatives like Stacie on the Region One School Board to enhance our curriculum and facility while being of service to the highest of standards.

I would encourage residents of Salisbury to vote for Stacie Weiner for Region One Board of Education.

Christian Allyn

North Canaan

Other side of the story

In the many years I have served in public office, I have made a concerted effort to avoid "party politics." However, the letter received today from the Salisbury Republican Town Committee leaves me no choice but to set the record straight for the Republican and unaffiliated voters who were the recipients of that letter.

In the early summer I talked with Tom Morrison, Chair of the Republican Town Committee, concerning his efforts to revitalize the GOP. We discussed the previous election cycle, and I expressed my disappointment that the GOP had selected another candidate to run for commissioner, effectively ousting Jon Higgins. He asked me if Jon had my support if he was to run. At that moment, I believed that at least one and possibly two of the current members of the PZC were not seeking re-election.

Fast forward to the letter of October 15th stating that Jon is running with my "encouragement and support." Mr. Morrison never extended to me the courtesy of confirming my views over five months later. Nor did he seek my approval to use my name in this highly partisan manner, which effectively pits me against three colleagues presently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Since my conversation with Mr. Morrison, all three incumbent commissioners decided that they would seek re-election. For me, that was a game changer. Each of these commissioners is highly competent and each brings their unique perspective to our work. Cathy Shyer, Marty Whalen, and Allen Cockerline are highly-valued members of the PZC, not only by the public, but personally by me as Chair. All three deserve the opportunity to continue to serve our community.

Dr. Michael W. Klemens

Chair, Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission

Lakeville

Speck for first selectman

She is whip smart, a creative problem solver, and manages to keep a sense of humor in the face of the many different problems she confronts.

Three months into her premier term as first selectman of Kent, Jean Speck's priorities narrowed to one which had not been on her agenda. She tackled management of the COVID 19 pandemic while keeping the town safe and operating at full capacity for the next 18 months. Drawing on her extensive public health background, she kept Kent residents informed. Jean was successful in setting up a free testing center in town and ensured vaccinations were available to residents.

Among her other accomplishments, Jean reorganized the transfer station, ensuring ongoing state compliance and a renewed commitment to best environmental practices. She revitalized the town's EMS. She established a Sustainability Committee and formed a Needs Assessment Committee as the first step to determine how to best utilize our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Jean Speck has my confidence and my vote.

Leslie Lillien Levy

South Kent

Language matters

Recently I gratefully read an article by M.A. Duca on the subject of a new way of speaking the English language (which is difficult enough as it is — ask anyone just learning it to explain "buy/by/bye or there/their or weigh/way" — I could go on). When I hear "No problem" in response to my "Thank you," I am always tempted to say, "I didn't ever think there was one," but better sense and some restraint win out and I just accept the tiresome phrase and move on.

To author Duca I offer my sincere thanks and assume his response would be, "You're welcome."

Ann Spoor

Salisbury

Vote for Speck

First Selectman Jean Speck is the one to usher Kent into the future. Jean formed Kent's "Sustainable Connecticut" team last spring.

"Sustainable Connecticut" is a certification program that fosters vibrant communities by encouraging municipalities to undertake projects that nurture local economies, support equity, and protect the environment. Kent's Sustainable Connecticut team is in its infancy, but we are already doing preliminary work on several projects.

Specifically, under Jean's leadership, we are planning projects relating to the arts, a composting program, affordable housing, and watersheds. Jean doesn't just think about today. She is planning for our future, ensuring that Kent continues to thrive.

Jean is the one for a vibrant Kent. Please join me in casting your vote to reelect Jean Speck as Kent's first selectman.

Lianna Gantt

Chairperson, Kent Sustainable Connecticut Team

Kent

More history

I've been following your coverage of the fate of Lakeville's "Chinese Restaurant Building."

Actually that building has a much deeper history as a thriving supermarket; first run by the Rudman Family and then by Morris Brickman who renamed it the "Lakeville Food Center." He and his family lived in the back and on the second floor.

Eventually Morris moved his very successful venue into what is now the Boathouse Restaurant. At that time his competition, a First National Market, had departed, and Morris needed the space.

The Lakeville Food Center was very good to me as I spent several summers toiling for minimum wage as a stock boy refilling the shelves and cleaning up.

Bill Knowlton

Liverpool, N.Y.

The flip side of the coin

Last week on these pages, Salisbury RTC Chairman Thomas Morrison called out the Democratic Town Committee for prohibiting cross-endorsement of our candidates by his Party. I would like to put that ban in context.

On June 16th I received this email from Mr. Morrison:

Hello Al -

As our RTC looks at the November local elections, we are most concerned about nominees for the Salisbury Board of Education and the Regional Bd. of Ed. Specifically, we are concerned about efforts by liberal Democrats in Hartford and elsewhere to introduce CRT and other "woke" subjects into the school curriculum. We would be pleased to endorse, or at least support (if they don't want our endorsement) any Dem candidate who is committed to keeping such matters out of our schools. Do you have any information on the views of your candidates on this issue?

Thanks Much, Tom

I responded that we don't screen potential volunteers on partisan wedge-issues and asked that he reconsider the use of such divisive tactics in our local elections. I never heard back.

At our July DTC meeting the issue of cross endorsing was raised by candidates who had been approached by Mr. Morrison directly. After a long, cathartic discussion it was decided there could be no cross endorsing. It was a decision based on values and principles, not Party.

We recruit, screen, and nominate qualified candidates who we think will do the job without partisanship if they are elected. The voters of Salisbury know our candidates are well-qualified without seeing their names on the Republican line.

The new leadership at the Salisbury RTC should have led to political cooperation but Mr. Morrison's email was right out of the national and state Republican playbooks. Thanks to issues manufactured by a Party blinded by partisanship, communities in Connecticut and across the country are being torn apart and distracted from the meaningful work needed to improve our lives. Good people, with much to contribute, are being driven out of or discouraged from seeking public office. The Salisbury DTC is doing its best to not let that happen here.

It is past time for local Republicans everywhere to put their Party house in order. At the very least Mr. Morrison must stop using, and at best start pushing back against, the dangerous, anti-democratic antics emanating from Hartford, Mar-a-Lago, and Washington. Until then our candidates will not appear on the Republican line.

Please vote and let your voices be heard in as many ways as you can.

Al Ginouves

SDTC Chairman

Lakeville

More letters next page.

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Viewpoint

Artificial intelligence takes to the ice

The Body Scientific
Richard Kessin

My wife does not like clutter. When she sees 50 issues of Nature, the British science magazine, piled on my desk, she gets a little peremptory. Out! she said. I decided on the dignity of an orderly retreat. I had been looking for subjects to write about in what I hope will be a post-COVID world. Call it an act of faith, or at least optimism. So, I sorted through each issue, slicing out interesting articles and pitching the rest.

In the frenzy of COVID results and explanations over the past 20 months, did I miss anything that would interest people of Northwest Connecticut and the Berkshires? Plenty, it turned out.

There has been a lot of success with gene therapy, specifically the treatment of the immune deficiency that gives rise to babies that have defective immune systems. The same for sickle cell anemia and other blood diseases. There are advances in cancer immunotherapy and interesting articles on antibiotic resistance of bacteria. Our understanding of Parkinson's disease is advancing.

There was a lot, and we will get to some of these topics over the coming year if COVID continues to recede, which is not a given. We will surely return to COVID, but let's take a break while we wait to see if the decline in COVID cases continues week to week, whether new therapies affect hospitalization and survival rates and whether mandates work.

And as always in science, there are surprises in store. Just from looking at millions of virus genomes, potential drugs, and the power of the innate immune system, new strategies will appear. See RichardKessin.com for what I have written, what I have got right and the mistakes I have made.

The Nature article that really caught my attention was comparatively frivolous. That is what I was looking for, a little writerly R&R. It was about curling — 42-pound-stones-with-handles-on-ice curling. Curling is an obsession, not a frivolity, in Norfolk, where we live. The Norfolk Curling Club, of which I am a drinking but not yet a playing member, starts laying down ice at the end of September. It is a fine art because the ice must have a certain consistency and surface.

You may have seen curling in the Olympics or elsewhere. It may be the only Olympic sport in which players can tolerate a bit of a beer belly. Curling clubs always have a bar. Curling is elegant in its own way and has its own lore. The stones, for example, are beautifully milled granite from a quarry in Scotland. Curling is slippery and the stones are heavy, but happily, there are adaptions for the aged. The game is slow and classical, even sedate, and its traditions are not to be trifled with. That is why the article in Nature was strange.

A group of people in South Korea has designed a robot that curls. It sends a rotating stone down the ice with great accuracy. It needs a few throws to get used to the ice, but after that, it is game on. In addition to the condition of the ice, it calculates how to deal with other stones that are in the way. There are no sweepers to direct a moving stone, but there seems to be no need. It is a rather sleek and attractive robot. (According to Wikipedia, the word robot comes from the Czech playwright and journalist Karel Čapek [1880-1938] who introduced it in his 1920 hit play, R.U.R., or Rossum's Universal Robots.)

How does the robot do compared to elite human competition? The robot's stones were closer to the target (called the House) in two-thirds of the matches. This is a very quantifiable sport. It is early days though. Count me a bit of a skeptic. The team from the University of Seoul has given us a YouTube video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uj3ur1uW-7Q. Maybe Curly the robot would work as a practice partner.

I look forward to competitions between artificial intelligence-powered curling robots. Or perhaps mixed matches with humans. I will not even attempt to explain artificial intelligence, although a friend, Blaz Zupan, a computer expert from Slovenia, once explained it to me. At the time I think I understood, but time is cruel to the aging. Perhaps we will get Blaz to Norfolk during curling season.

Rich Kessin is Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia University's Medical Center. He has been writing on science for The Lakeville Journal since 2010 and more recently for The Berkshire Edge and Norfolk Now. See more Body Scientific columns at RichardKessin.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Challenge of keeping Sharon Hospital open, vital

As we know, Nuvance owns Sharon Hospital. Their chief executive, Dr. John Murphy, and CFO, Steven Rosenberg, are both Connecticut-based leaders in their field, and they are well-compensated recipients of many awards. IRS 990 forms for the year ending Sept. 30, 2020, show that Dr. Murphy's total compensation was in excess of $7 million, of which $4.4 million were retirement and deferred compensation (out of an accumulated total in his retirement plan of $18 million). Steven Rosenberg earned $2.2 million in total compensation.

The people of the Sharon Hospital region have expended considerable time and effort over two decades to help sustain our hospital. When Western Connecticut Health Network merged with HealthQuest to form Nuvance in 2019, we hoped these two Connecticut-based industry leaders, Dr. Murphy and Mr. Rosenburg, would collaborate with us.

Instead, they wooed us with big statements and false promises. They promised primary care, and did not deliver. They promised to build the hospital's patient population, and have not supported surgery.

They promised to sustain obstetrics for five years, and began dismissing nurses two-and-a-half years in, prematurely announcing the closure of obstetrical services, during a pandemic no less.

This is not new in the American hospital ethos. It doesn't take highly paid executives to close a hospital. There is a formula they follow, starting with closing labor and delivery services and surgical care.

A study in the October issue of Health Affairs finds that rural hospitals still have a central role in their communities, through service and employment. However, "...merged hospitals were more likely than independent hospitals to eliminate maternal/neonatal and surgical care."

With all their experience, shouldn't Dr. Murphy and Mr. Rosenberg be able to run against the grain and create something innovative and gutsy, here at Sharon Hospital?

They could earn national accolades by collaborating with the community to build a truly sustainable hospital. The community can offer a fresh perspective from outside the industry, and we could blend that with Dr. Murphy's and Mr. Rosenberg's expertise to create a new paradigm for a community hospital. Dr. Murphy himself expressed the importance of collaboration as quoted by the governor's office: "As we continue to navigate through this unprecedented health emergency, we know our collective response for the people of Connecticut will be stronger because of this collaborative approach."

Let the Sharon Hospital be the jewel in their crown, not a stain on their reputation.

There will be a meeting on Nov. 4 on Zoom at Sharon Town Hall. Dr. Murphy will have the opportunity to speak directly with the elected officials of the Hospital's region. Sharon Selectman Brent Colley and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) will lead. Regional officials from both New York state and Connecticut and representatives from Nuvance will also be attending.

There will also be a rally in support of the nurses on the Sharon Green, Saturday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m.

Deborah Moore
Sharon

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. No more than 500 words.
More letters on previous page.

Weiner for Region One

Next week local elections will be held in Connecticut. I wanted to acknowledge the work that Stacie Weiner, from Salisbury, has accomplished for the Region One Board of Education.

She has been thoughtful and knowledgeable in her deliberations about the many issues the board has faced over the last two years. She has given her time freely, using her expertise regarding finances to help shape the annual budget, working with a small group of board members and the Business Manager to keep Region One expenses level during her term.

Her experience as a public school educator has been invaluable in providing insights, thoughtful points of view and an alternate way of looking at an issue and addressing and/or solving it. She committed to serving as an alternate on the All Boards Committee and has given her time enthusiastically to serve on the school's Arboretum and Landscaping Committee. A dedicated public servant, for sure!

P. A. Mechare
Falls Village

Thanks for the caring support

We would like to thank the employees of Geer Nursing for the wonderful care our mother received. A special thank you to our Harmony Lane heroes.

The Van Dusen Family
Norfolk

Vote for land savvy officials

If you like the way Salisbury looks and functions and you wish to thank someone, look to the land savvy volunteers on Salisbury's land use commissions, including Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. These members work tirelessly, putting in long hours, to guide sustainable development, protect our landscapes, monitor water quality, and find creative ways to encourage affordable housing in our town.

The Salisbury Democratic Town Committee is proud to have eight very experienced and qualified candidates for our land use commissions, including Cathy Shyer, Marty Whalen and Allen Cockerline for the Planning and Zoning Commission; they have worked very hard for Salisbury, and we urge your support of each of these on Election Day. With gratitude for land savviness.

Kerry Noble
Salisbury

Cartoon to the editor by Pat Moore and Daniel McMullan

Turning Back The Pages
Norma Bosworth

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test recently and won a $100 prize and a trip to Beverley Hills, California.

Thomas E. McGivern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGivern, celebrated his fourth birthday last Friday with a party of young friends at his home on Perry Street in Lakeville.

Predicting that telephone users may be able to directly dial Hawaii or Alaska, world-wide communications by satellites, automatic transference of calls and push-button dialing were a few of the telephonic developments in the next decade according to Harold E. Eiby, Canaan manager of the Southern New England Telephone Co.

25 years ago — October 1996

KENT — Berkshire Transformer, a small manufacturing firm that has done business in Kent since the mid '50s, will close its doors Nov. 15. Its 25 employees will be offered the opportunity to work at another plant in Somers, a subsidiary like the Kent plant of the parent company, PH Preferred Holdings. BT Manager George Kraemer said some employees have indicated they will accept the offer to go to Somers.

SALISBURY — Donald Stevens, known for his carved wooden duck decoys, took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for "Best in Show" in the recent Connecticut River Carving Competition in Enfield, N.H. His grebe, scaup and black duck renderings were chosen for awards.

SHARON — After negotiations with two water companies to operate the town's water system, Aquarion, a subsidiary of Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, was awarded the contract.

KENT — The Schaghticoke Pequot Indians have a long history of living in what is now the town of Kent. They were there before the white men. There aren't many Schaghticokes in Kent any more — only five families comprising about 12 people, but in other parts of Connecticut there are approximately 300 more who are descendants of original Kent settlers.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. To see more local history in the newspaper archives at the library, go to www.scovillelibrary.org.

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Our Towns

Falls Village considers how to use its ARPA funds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — First Selectman Henry Todd noted at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, Oct. 18, that there have been complaints about food odors from the Falls Village Cafe.

Todd said that raising the exhaust chimney will require approval from the Torrington Area Health District.

He suggested that this might be one of the things the town can use federal pandemic relief funds for.

A letter from Dan Shaw asked why it was the town's responsibility to address the exhaust issue at the Falls Village cafe, why it was in the town's interest to renegotiate the lease between the town and the restaurant, and the effect on the town of the cafe holding a beer and wine license.

A letter from cafe owner Adam Sarosi (who was in the audience at the meeting) stated that, while overall the response to the cafe has been positive, there have been a few residents who have been belligerent.

Sarosi said he has heard complaints about the owners speaking to each other in a language other than English; complaints about hours of operation; and he said he and his wife have been harassed on social media.

He pointed out that the cafe has only a beer and wine license, not a full liquor license, no live music and closes at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Sarosi spoke up later in the meeting, saying, "We are not a dance club, we are not a bar."

He said that a recent private event was over by 8 p.m.

Other uses for ARPA funds

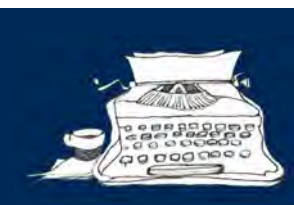
Board of Education Chair Pat Mechare told the selectmen and the Board of Finance that the Lee H. Kellogg School has two building projects and urged that the boards consider using federal pandemic relief funds to help pay for them. The areas that need attention are the heating systems in the kindergarten and grade one and two areas as well as a section of the roof.

The east wing exit door also needs to be replaced, she added.

The federal funds (from the American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA) amount to about $331,000. It is not a blank check; there are restrictions on what can be done with the money.

Amy Wynn developed a survey that will go out to all town residents, and there will be a public forum on what to do with the funds, Todd said.

He reminded the audience that the selectmen have the final say on what to do with the money.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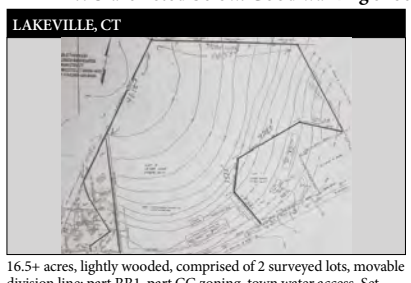
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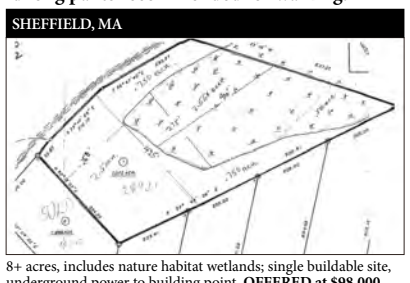
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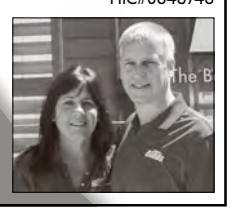

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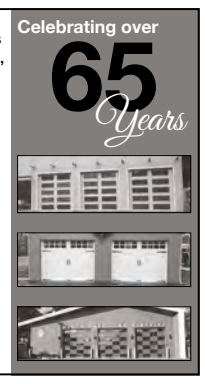

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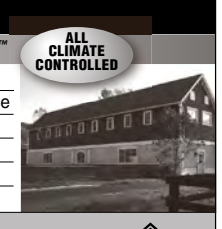

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